

Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.

N E W S L E T T E R



MARCH 2017



THE POEM OF BEES

by Zachary Creitz, Age 5
(grandson of Lori Hinchey)



Bees like to sting,
and they like to sing.
B-z-z-z B-z-z-z B-z-z-z

They make honey in a beehive.
When they see a flower they dive.
B-z-z-z B-z-z-z B-z-z-z

Bees make honey.
They are funny.
B-z-z-z B-z-z-z B-z-z-z

OUR NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston, 2nd floor Parlor. There has been a change in the scheduled speaker for this month. Our new speaker will be Sara Baral, Queens Outreach Coordinator for the NYC Partnership for Parks. (Partnerships for Parks is a public-private program that supports and champions a growing network of leaders caring and advocating for neighborhood parks and green spaces. They equip people, organizations and government with the skills and tools they need to transform these spaces into dynamic community assets.)

REMINDER. The church requires that the entry door remain locked at all times. For this month's meeting **Claire Goldstein** will be providing security at the door from 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM. After that time, or prior, you will need to ring the bell for Madeline (church secretary) to buzz you in. And, **DO NOT PARK** in spots numbered 1-10.

MEMBERSHIP. Welcome to our newest members Karen Lai, Arlene McGillick, Cecilia Cody and Mary Eileen Maloney. We look forward to their participation.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING. Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 10 AM - 4 PM. St. Anastasia's Church parking lot. Volunteers from the DGC are needed for registration (no lifting). Anyone can drop off old phones, printers, computers, TV's, anything electronic. Contact Douglas Montgomery 917-482-5234 to volunteer or if you need assistance in getting your discards to site.

POETRY. Young Zachary Creitz's poem this month insightfully highlights our friends "the bees" with a comical twist! We wish Zachary good luck in this year's FGCNYS poetry contest (he won last year!). Hopefully you'll get this newsletter in time to submit poems to me written by youngsters you know from ages pre-school through high school by the deadline of March 15, 2017. Send poems to me at: presa@nyc.rr.com and include the child's name, address, age, grade and school. Please follow the theme: *Bees, Bugs and Butterflies*.

TRIPS. There are 2 spots available for the trip to Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park, on **Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM.** If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

SECOND DISTRICT SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON. Monday, April 24, 2017 10:00 AM at the Crest Hollow Country Club, 8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY 11797. Boutique sale tables open at 9:15 AM. The speaker/floral designer is Andrew Pascoe who is renown throughout local GCs for his designs. Lunch will be served at 1:15 PM. Cost: \$50 (make check payable to: Douglaston Garden Club). RSVP with payment no later than April 14, to Gloria Brehl, 49-16 Hanford Street, Douglaston, NY 11362-1038. Or bring your check to this month's meeting.

FLOWER SHOW. Please see attached updated schedule for the floral design portion of our flower show on which will be held on **May 16, 2017.** After each of the classes listed on the attached, I have noted the opening slots that still need to be filled. For those of you who think they cannot participate because a fresh flower arrangement is inconvenient/unattainable, all these categories can be done in dried flowers weeks before the show. Carolyn will even have bunches of dried flowers available for purchase at this month's meeting. Also everything is named which is also hard to find. So no excuses - each and every one of our members should be able to participate to make this a spectacular Flower Show.

WORKSHOP for Flower Show. **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Room of the CCD (the morning of our general meeting). Anyone who is interested but has not signed up yet is welcome. For more info or to register in advance, please contact Rosemarie Robertson 718-224-3999. Walk-ins welcome. Bring ideas, containers, if possible plant material & flowers (look for bunches of flowers in your local supermarket). Review the schedule attached. We will have another workshop in April. By the way, our speaker for the April meeting, Marion Romeo, will give examples of designs adaptable to our Flower Show in her presentation.

BAKE SALE. Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10 AM - 2 PM. Bake sale table will be at 40-60 Douglaston Parkway (in front of Douglas Montgomery's office). Drop off baked goods on Friday, April 28 between 4PM - 6PM and Saturday in the morning (on day of sale). Volunteers and bakers needed. Contact Annette Aloisio 718-225-2986. Signup sheet will be available at March and April meetings. **ALL BAKED GOODS MUST BE WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, LABELED AND READY TO BE PUT ON THE TABLES.**

IT'S MY PARK DAY. Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9 AM - 3 PM. A note from our Civic Beautification Chairperson Catherine Touwsma: "It's My Park Day Cleanup is coming soon at the Catharine Turner Richardson Park. The date is confirmed with the NYC Parks Dept. and Boy Scout troop #255. Several meetings took place with Joe Block (he is responsible for the park with the NY City Park Department). After careful review and consulting with a local expert, a list of actions were presented to the NYC Parks Department and accepted. The timing will depend on weather and volunteer forces. On April 29 we will concentrate on finishing the cleanup (raking and bagging leaves). The NYC Parks Department will provide all necessary tools and tee shirts on that day. They will also install signs on all garbage pails for dog owners to use them appropriately.

We are hoping to be able to purchase 10 knock-out rose bushes to be planted on each side of the main staircase. A good cleanup of the front island for plants to draw bees and butterflies, like milkweed and Catmint nepata. Volunteers from the Club are welcome and needed. The more the merrier and the more that participate, the less work it will be for each and every one! It will be fun, I promise! Please contact me, Catherine Touwsma, 718-229-6557 or c.touwsma@gmail.com if you can be one of them. I am truly looking forward to reinforce and continue a good relationship between the DGC and the NYC Parks Department. As a matter of fact, we are happy to announce that due to a speaker change on for this month's meeting, Sara Baral of Partnership for Parks will come to present what her organizations do for neighborhoods in Queens and NYC."

MARCH HOSPITALITY.



COOKIE AND SANDWICH CONTRIBUTORS: USE DISPOSABLE PLATES, please!

Suggested donations per hospitality donor:

- Cookies: THREE dozen
- Sandwiches: TWO loaves of sliced bread (filling of your choosing). Cut into 4. Crusts removed.

Please deliver hospitality offerings by 12:30-12:45 PM as hospitality time begins promptly at 1:00 PM.

Centerpiece	SARAH MILUNEC			
Cookies	ERIKA PALAFOX	RITA PASQUA	MARILYN STONE	
Sandwiches	ROSEMARIE ROBERTSON	MARIA SANTALES	JANE STEWART	MARY TAYLOR

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. This month I must appoint a nominating committee. Sandy Hart has agreed to serve. I need two more volunteers. Please know that the slate for the 2017-18 year is already formed (we just lack a 2nd VP/Graphics Designer) so this year the responsibilities of this Nominating Committee is pretty much pro forma. Please come forward to add your name to the Nominating Committee.

Happy Anniversary! This month we celebrate the Douglaston Garden Club's 96th Anniversary. Let us all take delight in our rich record of impact, always promoting a culture of conservation, floral design and gardening, while fostering new and endearing friendships. As we continue towards our centennial, I encourage you all to speak with your neighbors and friends about becoming a member of our organization.

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att. 1) Horticulture Tidbits 2) Flower Show schedule

Here's a synopsis of our upcoming Calendar which includes a summary of above info:

- Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Trip to Queens County Farm Museum
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 9:30 AM - Flower Show Workshop. CCD Basement.
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 11:30 AM. Board Meeting. CCD Basement. Board members only.
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM. General Meeting. CCD Parlor Room (2nd Floor). Members and guests.
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- Saturday, May 13, 2017 - DGC Mother's Day/Spring Plant sale (more info next month)
- Tuesday, May 16, 2017 DGC Flower Show
- Monday, May 29, 2017 - MEMORIAL DAY PARADE