

*Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.*  
**N E W S L E T T E R**



June 2017



**"Dirty hands, iced tea, garden fragrances thick in the air and a blanket of color before me, who could ask for more?"**

Bev Adams, *Mountain Gardening*

**JUNE LUNCHEON.** Our next meeting is on Thursday, June 15, 2017. It is also our end-of-year luncheon. We have received only 20 "yes" responses from our membership (out of 96 members) for the luncheon. Our luncheon committee works very hard organizing and promoting this annual luncheon - it's been a tradition since 1925. Please be supportive and join us. This end-of-year luncheon always proves to be a lovely, social occasion amongst old friends and new friends alike. Guests are welcome, too. If you are unsure where to be seated, please contact Martha Gotz (718-225-3615). We will find you a seat at a welcome setting - which will be easy to do because we're all friends here!

So I hope you will join us at the luncheon. Here is the info:

**Douglaston Garden Club Annual Luncheon & Meeting**

Thursday, June 15, 2017  
 Douglaston Club  
 600 West Drive  
 Douglaston, New York, NY 11363

Cocktails at 12:00pm    Luncheon at 1:00pm  
 Reservation : \$52 pp (guests are welcome)

RSVP by June 9, 2017

Please send check made payable to "Douglaston Garden Club" to:  
 Gloria Brehl, 49-16 Hanford Street, Douglaston, NY 11362-1038

Any questions: please call Martha Gotz @718-225-3615

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**RAFFLE PRIZES FOR LUNCHEON.** Completed raffle baskets should be brought to the Douglaston Club the day before the luncheon on June 14<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM or the day of the luncheon on June 15<sup>th</sup> between 9 AM - 11 AM. This will give some time for the raffle committee to number and place each basket before the luncheon begins at noon. If you are willing to create and donate a raffle prize basket, please contact Pam Timoyanis 718-578-1190 or presa@nyc.rr.com or Martha Gotz 718-225-3615. This must be a completed basket/prize. No odds and ends.

**ANNUAL AWARDS.** This year's annual awards, announced at the May 16 general meeting, were most deservedly given to:

GLITTERING GLOVE	FIVE FLOWER	GOOD MEMBER	ANGEL AWARD
(outstanding service and accomplishments in flower shows, aid other members, held office)	(member for 5 yrs or less who has provided outstanding service)	(services provided to the club beyond the normal duties of a member)	(helpfulness, reliability, zeal and grace)
<b>ROSEMARIE ROBERTSON</b>	<b>JANE STEWART</b>	<b>CINDY McCANN</b>	<b>MARTHA GOTZ</b>

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.** Monday, May 29, 2017 (1:30 PM at the Starbucks Parking lot). Most likely by the time this newsletter reaches you, the parade will be a lovely memory. Hopefully, we had enough marchers representing the DGC in honor of those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy in this country. Thank you to Sandy Hart for the leadership of our contingent, and thank you to Douglas Montgomery who as co-chairperson of the Little Neck - Douglaston Memorial Day parade ensures that this wonderful 90-year-old tradition of honoring our fallen heroes goes on.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING.** Douglas Montgomery reports that the Electronics Recycling event - sponsored in part by the DGC - was an all-out success with over two truckloads of electronics (some of which contain potentially hazardous materials) collected for recycling and kept out of our landfills.

**BAKE SALE** netted \$710. Thank you to Annette Aloisio and Jeri Lynett, and all bake sale helper angels. The volunteers had a good time mingling with neighbors and friends (old and new) while offering a delicious array of your baked goods masterpieces. And much appreciation to Douglas Montgomery for opening his office & facilities, providing tent, tables, seating, and signage. We were very comfortable!

**PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER** netted \$1,107. Our appreciation goes out to Gloria Brehl for her hard work over many days and many trips to the nurseries pulling this together. The raw, wet weather on the day-of-sale was made all the brighter by the beautiful selection of plants. Thank you to all plant sale volunteers and patrons. A special thanks to Mike Gannon for the use of his property.

**FLOWER SHOW.** Our “*Up, Up and Away*” flower show on May 16 was amazing! We had wonderful volunteers who made the effort to help with the setup the day before the show - we couldn't have done it without you! And a heartfelt appreciation to all those members on the Flower Show Committee - some of whom started on their responsibilities months ago - you were a great team and it showed! It came together seamlessly. The setting in the sunny and cheerful Parlor Room of the Community Church served well to showcase the beautiful floral arrangements and horticulture entries from our talented and green-thumbed participants. While we all supported each other through the judging process, some of us came out with ribbons and the rest of us, in fact all of us, came out with better appreciation of the enjoyment and importance of participating in the personification of our club's purpose: *to promote the study of practical gardening and flower arrangements*. Congratulations to all our participants and to the following members who received top awards:

<u>DESIGN DIVISON</u>	<u>HORTICULTURE DIVISION</u>	
<b>DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD</b> Sara Coman	<b>COLLECTOR'S SHOWCASE AWARD</b> Pamela Timoyanis (Display of Succulents)	<b>ARBOREAL AWARD</b> Johanna Abramo (Weiglia) Fran Bello (Manenia Pied)
<b>PETITE AWARD</b> Rosemarie Robertson	<b>GROWER'S CHOICE AWARDS</b> Jane Stewart (Orchid) Luana Gallo (Haworthia)	<b>AWARDS OF MERIT</b> Jeri Lynett (Azalea) Ann Cavaseno (Allium) Mike Gannon (Clematis) Mary Tobacco (Hosta)

A special thank-you to **Carolyn Brink** and **Cindy McCann** for the planning and implementation of this huge endeavor. With their knowledge, talent and dedicated untold hours of planning, this flower show sprung forth and blossomed!

**AWARD.** The Douglaston Garden Club is the recipient of two FGCNYS Second Districts awards for our 2016 Flower Show "Gardens of Creation": 1st Place for our schedule and 1<sup>st</sup> Place overall for a Small Standard Flower Show. Kudos to all. And may we see more District awards for this year's beautiful Flower Show. I know the judges were impressed - weren't we all!

**TRIPS.** Queens County Farm Museum history/cooking demo will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM for those who have reserved. There is now a wait-list. Cost \$9. Contact Marylyn Mackay 718-229-2136. And thank you to Marylyn for arranging the May 18 tour and high tea at the *Orchard Hill* estate located at Westbury Gardens. After a sumptuous tea, our guide took us around to many beautiful secluded gardens that, without this excursion, I wouldn't have known existed.

**DUES.** Please submit your \$50 dues payment by July 1st to Gloria Brehl: 49-16 Hanford St. Douglaston, NY 11362-1038.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Per bylaw procedures, the slate of officers will be voted on at our Annual Meeting/June luncheon.

As President of the DGC for the past 2 years, I've enjoyed getting to know all of you better. I have been amazed at the gardening and floral design talent that comes natural to some and can be coaxed out in others. We are quick to learn, share and enjoy each other's company. Ultimately, it's all about our shared interest in the beauty of flowers and horticulture. It doesn't get more special than that! Come September, I am looking forward to sitting in the audience with all of you – my dear friends in the Douglaston Garden Club.

I hope to see you all at our June 15 meeting and luncheon. Enjoy your Summer! It goes by too quick.

**Pamela Timoyanis, President**

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