

Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.

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Happy 97th Anniversary to the Douglaston Garden Club, Inc!



*"Each leaf,
each blade of grass
vies for attention.
Even weeds
carry tiny blossoms
to astonish us."*

- Marianne Poloskey, Sunday in Spring

OUR NEXT MEETING is on March 20th, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston, 2nd floor Parlor.

PROGRAM: How to build a Terrarium and Dish Garden by one of our member: Mrs. Patricia Griffin Yoon. Patricia is an Independent Consultant at Arbor Consulting and a retired NYC Park Dept. Ranger and as everyone knows by now, she is also co-chairing beautification with me.

Feel free to invite a friend or a family member!

2018 FLOWER SHOW: On Tuesday May 15th, the Douglaston Garden Club will present a National Garden Clubs, Inc. Standard Flower Show "Islands in the Sun". Feel free to invite families and friends! We need to achieve maximum member participation, so anyone who is interested in doing a design should attend our next workshop on March 20th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and bring their own container.

"We have: 8 petite openings, 7 botanical arts open (p.94-95 handbook) In the Botanical Arts, we have 3 openings in decorated flip flops and 4 openings in a raffia fan. There are 3 openings in creative line mass design (p 74 handbook) 2 cascading design (p.73) and 3 featured plant material design (p74) Fans and flip flops and hats will be given out at workshop, containers will be available on loan."

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS:

Do you remember It's My Park Day

Carolyn Brink) who with his father, Catharine Turner Richardson Park hundreds of bags of dead leaves.

Well, this industrious and brave

Congratulations to you Chase from all of us at the Douglaston Garden Club! Along with your grandmother, Carolyn, we are all very proud of the young man you have become and we know you are on your way to more achievements!



of April 2017? - Boy Scout Troup # 255 led by Chase Brink (Grandson of our Russ Brink and several other Scout Leaders tackled a huge clean up at the from pulling out a huge cypress stump, scrubbing benches and bagging

young man just became troop #255 - 150th Eagle Scout!

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Back to the future! In March 2018, we received a letter from the Director of Partnerships for Parks, Sabine Saragoussi announcing that the Douglaston Garden Club was nominated for the Golden Trowel Awards for the entire season of 2017

"As a nominee, your group is considered to embody the mission and vision of Partnerships for Parks by effectively partnering with local residents and decision makers to transform your neighborhood green space into a dynamic community asset". While your group was not selected for an award this year, we encourage you to continue your important work, and know that Partnerships for Parks will continue to support you in making a positive impact on our parks and neighborhoods."

As a result of this nomination, Catherine Touwsma and Patricia Yoon attended a wonderful Award reception on Tuesday March 13th at the Prince George Ballroom in New York City during which we were able to compare our beautification efforts with other groups and I had the pleasure to officially meet Mrs. Lewandowski, the NYC Parks Borough Commissioner. A very interesting and rewarding experience!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the confirmed 2018 It's My Parks dates – Flyers attached to our e-Newsletter only.
I hope that the number of outside volunteers will only be matched the volunteers from the Douglaston Garden Club!

- **Saturday April 21st @ Glenwood Landing Park**
- **Saturday April 28th at Catharine Richardson-Turner Park**

SPRING BAKE SALE: Our semiannual Bake Sale will take place on April 28th in front of Douglas Montgomery, Home NY Real Estate Office. This is a very important fund raising event for the Douglaston Garden Club, so this year more than ever, we will need members to bake a lot of goodies! -- **A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our March meeting. Volunteers will be needed setting up around 9AM and to help during the sale.** Come forward and contact Jerri via email: jlynett@optonline.net

MEMBERSHIP. We are happy to welcome a new member who was voted in in February: Her name is Lois Toscano. Each and every one of us is our best ambassador to attract new members. All applications should be addressed to maura.wrynn@gmail.com

MARCH HOSPITALITY: 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	Cynthia McCann			
Cookies	Arlene McGillick	Pat McKenna	Sandy Hart	Dorothy Mullholland
Sandwiches	Sharon Lee	Bridget Mladinich	Karin Rubernacker	Nancy Salvia

PHILADELPHIA March 2018
was attended by 6 intrepid travelers enchanted and came back with our Website. A great thank you to trip organization!



“Wonders of Water” FLOWER SHOW:
who braved the aftermath of the March 7th Nor’easter. Everyone was beautiful memories and pictures that will be shared and posted on Terry Sajewski of www.garden-expeditons.com for a most perfect

OUTREACH. Please continue to bring new small toiletries to Gloria Brehl for the Madonna Heights Women's Shelter.

AROUND TOWN:

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018 -- Queens Botanical Garden--Compost Giveback program.

It's time to get your garden started, and we're giving away FREE compost to celebrate! Bring your own bags and bins (we'll bring the shovels) and stop by the QBG Parking Garden (42-80 Crommelin Street) 10am-1pm. Although staff will be present to assist if needed, please come prepared to fill and carry out your own containers. Our compost is made from residential food scraps collected locally and processed at QBG. Registration required: qbqcompostgiveback.eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 -- Queens County Farm--Veggie Gardening Basics

from 10:00 am–1:00 pm -- \$30 Non-members; \$25 Members. Back by popular demand, our Veggie Gardening Basics class for beginners returns this spring to get you growing with confidence! Our farmers will show you useful tips on how to pick the ideal site, plan your crops, differentiate between direct seeding and transplanting, the how-to and why of weeding, harvesting, watering, and more! The class emphasizes organic methods so you can grow fresh, healthy food that's good for you and good for the planet. Learn more about all our upcoming Adult Education <http://www.queensfarm.org/queensfarm.org>

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018: FGCNYS Second District President Council meeting

with Open Executive Board meeting from 10:am @ Old Bethpage Village Restoration 1303 Round Swamp Road- Old Bethpage Presidents' Council meeting as you know is a valuable time to meet and mingle with other Club Presidents and the District Board and to share info. The program always features an outstanding floral designer: Mrs. Evelyn Lee in the AM and Mrs. Susan Strauss in the afternoon. Bring your own lunch and they supply coffee and desserts. For any further information, please contact Sandy Hart, our 2nd District Representative.

SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2018: Alley Pond Park 228-06 Northern Blvd-<http://www.alleypond.com/adults>

Bringing Your Garden to Life Workshop --TIME: 12:30 – 2:00 PM FEE: \$10 MEMBERS, \$16 NOT YET A MEMBER – LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS
Join Ms. Patricia Yoon, Douglaston Garden Club member and former Urban Park Ranger, as she teaches you the basic on how to bring your garden to life using native species over invasive plants. Native seed planting activity will follow a brief power point presentation. Please bring a small container. End this workshop with a hike along our nature trails.

Catherine Touwsma, President

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