

Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.

N E W S L E T T E R



MAY 2017

PRETTY DAFFODILS

By Riley Harrigan, 9 years old, 3rd Grade
(daughter of Ruth Harrigan)



Pretty daffodils, what a sight,
They come in colors, yellow and white,
The daffodils provide pollen and nectar,
For busy bees that buzz by,

Daffodils are so vibrant and bright,
They are beautiful and come in different sizes,
The daffodils stand in the raised beds,
And make a wonderful touch to the lawn,
They are a fabulous sight for all to see!

OUR NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston, and will be held in the 2nd Floor chapel located across from Parlor room. This is also our flower show. **REMINDER.** DO NOT PARK in spots numbered 1-10. The church entry door will remain unlocked for our Flower Show event.

FLOWER SHOW SET-UP. Monday, May 15, 2017 at 12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM. Please come aboard to volunteer for about 1-2 hours to help with the set-up for our flower show. It is quite the undertaking and we need many helping hands. Please let Carolyn Brink, 718-767-2352 or elisecarolyn@yahoo.com, know if you can assist in this endeavor.

FLOWER SHOW. Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. We hope all of our members participate in the horticulture part of the flower show. Our chances of winning a district flower show award are nil-to-none if we do not have enough horticulture entries, so please do your part. Go out to your gardens and clip away (see horticulture rules that were mailed to you last month). Be sure to identify your horticulture entries by correct name/genus. This is very important. Douglas Montgomery has extra entry cards that you can pick up at his office. These entry cards **MUST** be filled out **PRIOR** to bringing your horticulture to show.

Reminder: Dismantling of the flower show will begin at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 16 (after the show concludes and not a minute before.) It is VERY IMPORTANT that you do not take your entry cards from the table as these cards will be collected by Joan Hellmann to tally points towards a special DGC award to be given at our June luncheon.

FLOWER SHOW TIMES TO BRING YOUR ENTRIES. Entries for all divisions (DESIGN and/or HORTICULTURE) will be accepted on Monday, May 15th from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM and Tuesday, May 16th from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Late entries will be displayed, but marked "not for competition." Anyone planning to participate in Section J Collections & Displays (see FS schedule booklet) must inform Carolyn Brink (718-767-2352) or Cindy McCann (718-225-0113) by May 9th.

JOSEPH HELLMANN OVERLOOK PARK DEDICATION on Thursday, May 18 at 11:00 AM (location: Douglaston Parkway and 243rd Street). Prior to his passing in 2010, Joe Hellmann was a devoted member of the DGC and the Douglaston community. His commitment to the beautification of Douglaston has been duly recognized by the naming of this park after him. It would be a wonderful gesture to his memory, and warm support to his wife, Joan, (also a dedicated member of the DGC) if our members would be present at this dedication ceremony. While some of us cannot attend due to the DGC Trip to Old Westbury Gardens on this same day, for those of you who are not attending the trip I hope you will represent our club at this ceremony.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. Monday, May 29, 2017. We will be marching as a group to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy in this country. We will meet at 1:30 PM at the Starbucks Parking lot. Please let Sandy Hart, 516-297-8081, know if you you'll be able to march. She'd like to purchase the appropriate amount of festive beads. Please march with us to show pride in our club, neighborhood and the USA.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Claire Goldstein, Sandy Hart and Johanna Abramo). Per Article XIV, Section 2 of the DGC Bylaws, provided below is the written copy of the slate of the proposed 2017-18 Executive Board that will be presented aloud by the Nominating Committee at the May 16 meeting:

2017-18 EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS

President	Catherine Touwsma	Treasurer	Gloria Brehl
1st Vice President	Jane Stewart	Corresponding Secretary	Annette Aloisio
2nd Vice President	Ruth Harrigan	Recording Secretary	Patricia McKenna

Voting will take place at our end-of-year luncheon on June 15, 2017. Independent nominations to any office may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting or by any ten members who shall send to the Recording Secretary (Patricia McKenna) at least two weeks prior to the June 15, 2017 Annual Luncheon Meeting.

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

PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER - just in time for Mother's Day - will be on **Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 10 AM - 3 PM**, to be held at 132 Park Lane (Mike Gannon's front yard). If you are willing to volunteer to unload delivery, sort out orders or assist on sale day, please contact Gloria Brehl 718-229-9006. **A pre-order form is enclosed (make copies as needed to share with neighbors).** **Flyer enclosed is for posting.**

LUNCHEON. Thursday, June 15, 2017 @ 12 Noon at the Douglaston Club. Cost: \$52. **Invitation enclosed.** This is also our annual meeting and induction of our Executive Board.

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR LUNCHEON. Completed raffle baskets should be brought to the Douglaston Club on the day of the luncheon on June 15, 2017 between **9 AM - 11 AM** so that the raffle committee can number and place each basket before all the guests arrive. Please be mindful that this fundraiser portion of our June luncheon is necessary to keep our programs and landscaping committee alive during the year, and it also adds some fun to our luncheon. 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 718-225-2135 or mggotz@yahoo.com. Thank you to those members who have already signed on to make a completed basket for this raffle. It would be helpful if you attach a card on your basket donation notating a theme and basket contents. Again, this must be a completed basket. No odds and ends.

TRIPS. Old Westbury Gardens - high tea and garden tour on Thurs., May 18 at 12:30 PM. \$40. featuring tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts accompanied by a selection of teas. A seasonal garden tour led by a volunteer docent follows the meal. RSVP to Marylyn 718-229-2136 by May 10. Guests invited. Drive on your own or carpool. We will meet in main parking lot at 12:30 PM - promptly. A guide will lead us in our vehicles to the Orchard Hill country estate home on the property where we will have our high tea. After the tea, a docent will provide us with a 30-45 minute tour of the surrounding gardens of this country home.

Queens County Farm Museum history/cooking demo will be held on **Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM.** Not to worry that weather might be too warm - the room we will meet in has air-conditioning. There is a wait list. Cost \$9. Contact Marylyn Mackay 718-229-2136. Drive on your own or carpool.

YOUTH GROUP/POEM. Riley Harrigan wrote this month's poem about the daffodil's blooming in front of her school, PS 98. As you know, the DGC teamed up with PS 98 to plant the daffodil bulbs this past autumn. And now the school children and neighbors get to enjoy the burst of color after a long winter. I hope Riley's expressive and sweet verse encourages all of you to continue to support and nurture our youth group in the importance of horticulture.

DUES. If you have not already done so, please send your \$50 dues renewal payment to Gloria Brehl, DGC Treasurer, 49-16 Hanford Street, Douglaston, NY 11362-1038. In the memo section of your check, please write "DUES".

NEW HANDBOOK FOR FLOWERS SHOWS 2017. The National Garden Club (our parent club) has created a new handbook for Flower Shows. It is imperative to the function of a garden club that all members have this handbook. If you have not already done so, please send \$25.50 to Gloria Brehl, DGC Treasurer, 49-16 Hanford Street, Douglaston, NY 11362-1038. In memo section write "Handbook." Gloria will bring handbooks to May meeting for distribution to members who have paid or will pay at meeting.

MAY HOSPITALITY. For this month's meeting, also our flower show, the DGC will provide only cookies and beverages to our members and guests. There will be no sandwiches. Therefore, please be sure to have your lunch at home before coming to the flower show & meeting.



"Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure" ~ President Abraham Lincoln

God Bless America,

Pamela Timoyanis, President

att. 1) Horticulture Tidbits 2) Plant Sale Order Form 3) Plant Sale Flyer 4) Luncheon Invitation

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

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 11:30 AM. Board Meeting. CCD Basement. Board members only.

Saturday, May 13, 2017 - DGC Mother's Day/Spring Plant sale

Monday, May 15, 2017 - Flower Show set-up 12-3PM. Flower Show entries accepted 3-4PM.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM. General Meeting. CCD Chapel Room, 2nd Floor (across from Parlor) Members and guests.

Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM - Joseph Hellmann Overlook Park dedication ceremony (Douglaston Pkwy & 243rd St)

Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 1:00 PM - Trip to Old Westbury Gardens for high tea and garden tour

Monday, May 29, 2017 - MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM - Trip to Queens Country Farm Museum for history/cooking demonstration

Thursday, June 15, 2017 - Annual Luncheon at the Douglaston Club. Invitation is enclosed.

AROUND TOWN

Visiting Nurse Service Tea. Friday, June 2, 2017 from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Location: Caline Thomas's home at 2 Hillcrest Avenue, Douglas Manor. Mail RSVP by 5/27/17 to: VNSNY, Douglaston Volunteer Committee, Attn: Volunteer Services Dept., 107 East 70th Street, NY, NY 10021 with your \$25 check made payable to *Visiting Nurse Service of New York*. Let's support the good deeds of Douglaston Committee of the VNSNY in their efforts to ease the lives of children and families in need.