

MAY 2018

May Day
by Nellie Edge

*May first is the day
And hang a basket of flowers
and mine!*



*When children play,
On your doorknob—*

OUR NEXT MEETING is on May 15th 2018 to start promptly at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston and it is also our Annual Flower show from 1-4pm- open to the public. Our general meeting will be held in the 2nd floor small chapel located across from Parlor Room. It will be a brief meeting at which guests are welcomed. Please be reminded NOT TO NOT PARK in SPOTS numbers 1-10. The church entry door will remain unlocked for our Flower Show event.

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 you have your lunch at home before coming to the flower show & meeting.

FLOWER SHOW SET UP will start Monday May 14th from 12:00 NOON – 3:00PM. 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.

FLOWER SHOW TIMES TO BRING YOUR ENTRIES:

- All educational and botanical art displays are to be brought in on Monday, between 2-3pm.
- If you have a floral design that will stay fresh till Tuesday, please bring it in on Monday. All potted plants, planters, dish gardens and terrariums entered in the horticulture division are to be brought in on Monday. It will be much easier on Tuesday morning if we have the designs etc. in place so we just have to deal with horticulture.
- If you have any horticulture that you know will last till the next day, please bring that in Monday. Experiment so that you know it will last.

FLOWER SHOW DISMANTLING: It will begin at 4:00pm on Tuesday, right after the show concludes and not a minute before! For this also, we need all hands-on deck to help out clearing up the room!

DOUGLASTON GARDEN CLUB 2017 AWARD REPORT:
THE FOLLOWING WERE ANNOUNCED AT THE SECOND DISTRICT SPRING LUNCHEON:

Show Schedule Citation Award
Second Place Medium Club
"Up Up and Away"

Show Staged in a Public Building Award
First Place "Up Up and Away"

Special Recognition Award - Planting the Seeds of Membership
(Increase in membership)

We should all be VERY PROUD!

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS:

➤ Saturday April 21st at the

A message from Patricia Yoon, President in charge of effort at Glenwood Landing Park participants, 31 bags of garbage & the park as well as the small 1 Azalea & 1 flat of creeping phlox, of the Westmorland Association, Thank you, Mathew Olesh of delivering compost which was to all the new plantings. Thank you, Jeff, owner of TOSKANA Pizzeria in Little Neck for the delivery of 3 pizza pies & sodas to our famished volunteers. Thank you to all our neighbors who participated today to help beautify our neighborhood park!



Glenwood Landing Park

Douglaston Garden Club, 2nd Vice Beautification: Our 2nd Clean-up was a success! We had 28 leaves were cleaned up from inside adjacent tri-angle park. We planted purple. Thank you, Walter Mugdan for your hard work & dedication. Queens Botanical Garden, for spread throughout the park & added

➤ Saturday April 28th at the

Patricia Yoon and I have the successful Park Clean up at started the day before with a compost from the Queens Then early Saturday came the flats of Creeping Blue Phlox department and by the Campese up to help, some from the from Middle Village, Bayside and the St. Anastasia Boy Scouts troop #153 and their families, led by Nam Yoon and let's not forget that we also enjoyed a record number of Douglaston Garden Club members! Schah Tariq, our charming Manager from Partnerships for Park made sure we had all the necessary tools, paper bags, gloves and T-Shirts, Justin Argo, our efficient NY Parks Department Manager lend us 2 Leaf Blowers and gave us advice on how to rake leave more efficiently. In all at the end of the day, we accounted 71 Bags of leaves, branches and various debris, we composted, mulched and planted. Jeff of TOSKANA Pizzeria fed our famished volunteers, donating 6 pizza pies and soda for all. We also need to thank Mrs. Gloria Bodie for her donation of extra water bottles as we ran out of our supply mid-day. In all it was a day to have fun, make new friends while definitively contributing to the beautification of this lovely Park.



Catharine Richardson-Turner Park

pleasure to report another very Catharine Turner Richardson. It all delivery of 800 Gallons of "fresh" Botanical Garden delivery of 2 flats of Day Lilies, 6 donated by the NY City Parks Family. In all, 35 volunteers signed surrounding neighborhood, some Juniper Valley and the rest all from

SPRING BAKE SALE:

That is not all the good news Saturday April 28! While the park Sale Committee was busy selling cookies. **Our Spring Bake report a profit of \$850!** A thank you to everyone involved.



happening on that wonderful was getting a face lift, our Bake out your delicious cakes and **Sale Committee is happy to** huge success indeed. A great big

2018-19 EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS:

President	Catherine Touwsma	1 st Vice President	TBA
2 nd Vice President	Patricia Yoon	Treasurer	Gloria Brehl
Corresponding Secretary	Annette Aloisio	Recording Secretary	Patricia McKenna

Voting will take place at our end-of year luncheon on June 14th

JUNE ANNUAL LUNCHEON: Thursday June 14th is confirmed to take place at the Douglaston Club, 600 West Drive, Douglas Manor NY 11363. Cost pp will be \$55 – Invitation is attached to this current Newsletter. Extra copies will be made available at our May 15th meeting. Please be sure to invite friends and or family

-- Raffle Prizes for Luncheon: Completed raffle baskets should be brought to the Douglaston Club on the day of the luncheon between 9 AM – 11AM so that the raffle committee can number each basket before all the guests arrive. Please be sure to attach a card on your basket donation notating a theme and basket contents. For any further questions, kindly contact Martha Gotz, 718 -225 2135.

NOTE: Please be reminded that the fundraiser portion of our June Luncheon is necessary to keep our programs alive during the year and of course AND it adds loads of fun to our luncheon. The Luncheon Committee counts on your creativity and production.

2018-19 - MEMBERSHIP DUES: IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR! Please find attached to this Newsletter our Membership Dues Renewal form. It is very important to fill out and attach this form to your check payment to be addressed to Gloria Brehl: 49-16 Hanford St. Douglaston, NY 11362 NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.

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

AROUND TOWN:

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Monday May 28, 2018. We will be marching as a group behind our banner to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy in this country and to show pride in our club, neighborhood and Country! We will meet at 1:30pm at the Starbucks Parking Lot. **If you will be marching, please let Maura Wrynn know as soon as possible - maura.wrynn@gmail.com / 917-533 20 28.**

VISITING NURSE SERVICE OF NEW YORK: The Douglaston Committee invites you to their Spring Tea Friday June 8th 2018 – Noon 3pm - 7 Hollywood Ave, Douglas Manor, NY- \$25 each. Make checks payable to Visiting Nurse Service of NY – to be mailed out to the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. Douglaston Volunteer Committee
Att: Volunteer Services Dept. 107 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021 --R.S.V.P. by June 1, 2018.

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Horticultural Tidbits for the month of May 2018 -- by Mary Tobacco

Have you finally seen and smelled the beautiful budding flowers? The magnolias are one of them.

They come in three varieties. The STAR MAGNOLIA [MAGNOLIA STELLATA]. it produces white star-like flowers in March/April one of the first magnolias to bloom. It matures to 15'-20'high and 8'10wide The LILY Magnolia {magnolia liliiflora} Narrow, upright goblet-shaped flowers all most like a trumpet tulip. Dark purple to magenta pink blooms with white inside, 3-4 inches in diameter. Blooms after Star Magnolia and before Saucer Magnolia.15'-20'high and wide: The SAUCER MAGNOLIA {magnolia soulangeana} It has two-toned pink, or purple and white blooms, 6-10inches in diameter in April. Blooms do not do well with frost and will turn brown. Large spreading branches, open ihabit,25'-35'high and wide.

Our tulips, daffodils and hyacinths are breaking ground right now. Let's Consider planting another batch of flowering bulbs. Get these in the ground now, and they'll reach full size and peak color in just weeks and will continue all summer. The 'Lucifer' crocosmia- it's a beautiful fiery RED it also comes in a range of colors. The 'STARFLOWER' [triteleia laxa] The 'FOXTAIL LILY' [eremurus stenophyllus] The 'PERUVIAN DAFFODIL' [hymenocallis narcissiflora] The 'MONTBRETIA' [crocosmia masoniorum] The 'DWARF ASIATIC LILY' [lillum hybrids].

AS THE GROUND THAWS THESE BULBS START BLOOMING. If you want constant blooms of gladiolus plant your bulbs every two weeks through the end of June, to ensure constant bloom. Other bulbs to consider to full your gardens are dahlias, the dahlias roots have to be 5' deep, mound the soil around them as they grow. These Planted rights after the ground thaws will start sending up shoots.

DID YOU KNOW? THERE ARE NO BLACK TULIPS, THERE ARE NO PINK DAFFODILS, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A BLUE TULIP. THESE ARE BULB MYTHS.

Don't forget select annual flowers to fill in the empty spaces of your perennial garden. For best results, select short stocky plants with dark green foliage. Plants that are in full bloom ARE NOT A GOOD IDEA. An interesting around the clock show from your garden is to plant flowers that open between dusk and dawn like the moon flower, it's a fast-growing annual vine, that comes alive at night. Another is the four o'clock, a fragrant perennial they both usually bloom between 4 and 8 pm.

NOW that we've gained all that knowledge and we have beautiful gardens, let's not forget to prune your forsythia and lilacs, do it after they have bloomed. Remove about half of old thick branches-cutting them to the ground. The newer, younger growth produces better flowers.

Now is the time for spring lawn care, re-seed bare spots in a SUNNY LAWN with Kentucky bluegrass. For SHADY LAWNS, RE-SEED WITH RED FESCUE. Fertilize the lawn and compost your grass clippings.

DON'T FORGET IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ANY HELP WITH YOUR GARDENING PROJECTS CALL: CORNELL UNIVERSITY #1-516-565-5265. OR GET PROFESSIONAL HELP DON'T HURT YOURSELF.

PLEASE USE EVERYTHING NATURAL TO HELP PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT.

HAPPY GARDENING. GOD BLESS.