

Douglaston Garden Club, Inc.

N E W S L E T T E R



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"Late February, and the air's so balmy snowdrops and crocuses might be fooled into early blooming. Then, the inevitable blizzard will come, blighting our harbingers of spring, and the numbed yards will go back undercover.

In Florida, it's strawberry season— shortcake, waffles, berries and cream will be penciled on the coffeeshop menus."

By Gail Mazur

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

PROGRAM: Gardens of Eden: Douglas Manor and Kensington in the Early 20TH Century presented by Kevin Wolfe, Architect, Author and Historic Preservationist Kevin Wolfe will present an illustrated talk on the planned communities of Douglas Manor in Douglaston and Kensington in Great Neck, created by the Rickert Finlay Realty Company more than a century ago.

2018 FLOWER SHOW: This year, on Tuesday May 15th, we present a Standard Flower Show with the theme "Islands in the Sun". Our Flyer designed by Cynthia Mc Cann is attached to this newsletter. Feel free to invite families and friends! A very productive Flower Show Committee has met on January 24th during which various responsibilities were allocated to volunteers. This committee will continue to meet and work very actively to prepare our best show ever! If you have not volunteered yet and feel you can be of help, please contact Carolyn Brink. eliseCarolyn@yahoo.com

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS: Mid-January, I had the pleasure to receive a thank you letter from Dorothy Lewandowski, the Borough Commissioner for Queens (see back of page 2). acknowledging the Douglaston Garden Club productive hands-on volunteer work both at the Catharine Turner Richardson Park and at the Glenwood Landing Park. This should make us all proud! Consequently, Patricia Yoon and myself have been invited to attend an Award reception on Tuesday March 13th at the Prince George Ballroom in New York City. We are also scheduled to meet with our new CB 11 Park Manager, M. Justin Argo. Justin is replacing Jo Block who has been reassigned to another location. We will miss Jo greatly as he has proven to be very supportive and helpful with all our Community Beautification endeavors. We are confident that the same productive relationship can be established with Justin.

Moving on with our 2018 Civic Beautification, Patricia Yoon and myself are actively working on reserving dates for our next Spring It's my Park Day Clean up at both location. We are targeting the last 2 weekends of April with a possible overlap for a rain date early May. I will be sure to keep you updated of the dates as soon as they are agreed upon by all parties.

SPRING BAKE SALE. The date and location is to be determined and will most likely be linked to our It's my Park Day at the Catharine Turner Richardson Park. Stay tuned for more information.

DOUGLASTON GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE NEWS: www.douglastongc.org

It has successfully been updated with Newsletters, pictures and various announcement with the help of David Lohle, a young Douglaston Resident who will majors in Computer Science. Please check it out and refer it to anyone who might want more information on what the Douglaston Garden Club does for this neighborhood.

MEMBERSHIP. No new members since December We remain at a very healthy headcount of 104 members. Continue to help advertising and recruiting new members within your social circle. If you know anyone who might be interested to join, please send their information directly to our Maura Wrynn our Membership Chairperson: maura.wrynn@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 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	Fumiko Gabriele			
Cookies	Bernadette Gabriele	Sharman Gumer	Ruth Harrigan	Amparo Minogue
Sandwiches	Loretta Maher	Juliana Krivicic	Jerry Lynett	Mary Mahoney

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

NATHAN HALE TRIP: Proposed to us and organized by Garden Expeditions, this is a one day trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 7th 10am-6pm. It features a one day Garden Getaway to this fabulous Flower Show features this year "The Wonders of Water". There will be lots of extra time to enjoy the Fantastic Floral Displays, Horticultural Exhibits, Lectures, Garden Shops, Wine Tastings and Reading Market, too! The cost is \$99 per person, check should be made out directly to Gardens Expeditions. This cost does not include lunch but snacks are provided on the bus as well as complimentary Wine & Cheese on the way back. (always with moderation of course. : +)!

At this point in time, if you are interested, you will need to log on the website www.garden-expeditions.com and enter your name and email address **OR alternatively** and as soon as possible, call Terry Sajewski at 516- 456 4991. She is the person in charge of that trip within the Garden Expeditions organization. To accommodate the Douglaston Garden Club, Terry will come at our next meeting on February 20th and collect your checks at this time. Also, a new Pickup location has been added: 7:30am at Christopher Morley Park has been added to the Huntington town original stop.

AROUND TOWN:

Westmoreland Association, Inc.

The annual Little Neck-Douglaston Memorial Day Parade is one of the oldest and finest traditions of our community. The Parade is among the largest in the nation (perhaps THE largest), but it requires funding to make it happen. The all-volunteer Parade Committee is having a kick-off fundraiser at Monahan & Fitzgerald's (214-17 41st Ave. in Bayside) **on Saturday, February 24, from 1 to 5pm. \$20 at the door -- food, raffles and good fellowship!**

For interesting conferences and informative newsletter, always refer to the Queens Botanical Garden site : <http://queensbotanical.org/> and the Bronx Botanical Garden <https://www.nybg.org/>

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