

X District NEWS

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Welcome 2026, a milestone year as America commemorates its 250th anniversary.

As we reflect on this significant moment in our nation's history, we are reminded that gardens have long been part of America's story—quietly reflecting changes in our environment and advances in horticultural knowledge. From early homesteads to public landscapes and community gardens, they show how climate, growing conditions, and plant science influence what we grow and how we care for the land.

In celebrating America's 250 years through gardening, let's remember to honor the roots of our past, appreciate the lessons of the present, and plant seeds of stewardship for generations yet to come.

The [District](#) is looking forward to the many programs our clubs have planned for the year ahead. In recognition of America's 250th anniversary, [National Garden Clubs \(NGC\)](#) encourages garden clubs to commemorate this milestone by planting red, white, and blue flowerbeds in celebration of our nation's birthday.

In keeping with this spirit of celebration and stewardship, the [Federated Garden Clubs of New York State \(FGCNYS\)](#) theme invites us to continue growing our gardens with pollinators and wildlife in mind, supporting healthy ecosystems today and for generations to come.

LOOKING BACK 2025 The District finished the year with many clubs completing projects and meeting for holiday luncheons at members' homes or local restaurants. This is always a wonderful way to celebrate the end of year and our accomplishments!

LOOKING AHEAD 2026 Many clubs take off the colder months and work on programs for the upcoming year. Yearbooks will be updated and speakers and programs finalized. Here are important dates to add to your calendars for the upcoming year--

February 20: Executive Board Meeting (Officers only)

SAVE THE DATE

April 8, 2026

"BIRDS & BEES"

Annual SPRING MEMBER LUNCHEON

Erie Trackside Manor, Port Jervis NY

Cost P/P \$45 Cash Bar

SPEAKER, RAFFLE BASKETS, 50/50 Host: Artful Gardeners

SAVE THE DATE

June 14-16, 2026

"Sowing the Seeds of Growth"

FGCNYS Annual Board & Member Meeting

Desmond Hotel, Albany NY

Judges Council Meetings: Feb. 2, May 4, Aug. 3 and Nov. 2

Flower Show School COURSE 3 April 20-22, 2026

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Important Items:

The [District X](#) website has been updated and now has a password protected page just for members. The Password is **DX2026** On this page you'll find current DX Officers, 2026 Calendar, DX Yearbook and Bylaws as well as the Club Recognition Award which is due March 1, 2026 and is downloadable for convenience.

Please send upcoming program information and pictures for the newsletter. I'm including a picture from Artful Gardeners January Paper Flower Workshop led by AG member Dusanka Marusic. These flowers are beautiful for a cold and snowy January and no sneezing!



Join Artful Gardeners at their next meeting, Thursday, February 26 at 1 pm at the Port Jervis Free Library Community Room when AG member Rachel Armstrong speaks on Gesneriad. Rachel attended and entered some plants in the National Gesneriad Convention and took home some ribbons including "Best Old World Gesneriad" and "Runner up to Best in Horticulture". She has been collecting and caring for houseplants for almost a decade and has 180 houseplants! Do you want easy care houseplants that can flower year round? Come and learn about the many types of Gesneriads and some tips for their care. There is a Gesneriad out there for everyone! Contact artfulgardenerspj@gmail.com for further information or to let us know you'll be joining us!

Please submit club info & pictures to district.x.fgcny@gmail.com

Join Middletown Garden Club on their next trip

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**CASTLES OF NEW YORK
& THOUSAND ISLANDS**

4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

\$889.00 Per Person Double Occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights Lodging at the Edgewood Resort on the St. Lawrence River
- 3 Breakfasts
- 1 Boxed Lunch
- 3 Dinners
- Uncle Sam's Boat Tour along the St. Lawrence River, with Visits to: Singer Castle with Guided Tour
Boldt Castle with Self-Guided Tour
- Antique Boat Museum
- Thousand Islands Museum - The History Place
- Visit to Alexandria Bay
- Tasting at Thousand Islands Winery
- Souvenir Gift
- Baggage Handling
- Taxes & Standard Gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation

Cancellation insurance is available & highly recommended;
See reverse side for details.

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