

District X NEWS

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Hello Everyone.

It was great seeing everyone at our District X Fall Meeting. It's always nice to see old friends and meet new members.

I can hardly believe summer is over. It's official, Fall arrived in late September. Looking out my window the leaves on the trees are shades of red, orange and gold. It's a perfect opportunity to expand our gardens in anticipation of next summer's blooms. Native plants are hardier and tolerant to NY's weather. They also benefit our local wildlife like birds and pollinators.

Fall is a great time to recruit new members. Spread the word about your club meetings at your local library, attend a PTA meeting, garden with children and place flyers about your meeting time with contact information. At your sporting events, talk to people who are cheering with you. You will be surprised to find gardening is an interest of theirs.

Betty Jessup
District Director



Greetings, fellow gardeners! Our District continues to grow in creativity, knowledge, and camaraderie! Our luncheon was a success with over 50 members in attendance. Beth Walker, our FGCNYS President, was there and she was warm and welcoming! Dot Chevert, our guest floral designer, "WOWED" us with her ease of creating floral designs that we enjoyed - and some of us were even lucky enough to take home!

In this issue you'll find some pics from the luncheon, our DX club's 3rd Quarter reports, and information to ponder...Until January; have a safe, healthy and restorative Fall.

Sue Trager, Assistant Director
Newsletter Editor

CLUB QUARTERLY REPORTS (July, August & September)

Artful Gardeners (Jane Madis & Sue Trager Co-Presidents) AG's annual pot-luck luncheon and plant swap in July was hosted by member Dona Bertsch. In August, a workshop on how to make seed bombs was presented by Co-President and Master Gardener Susan Trager and held at the Port Jervis Community Garden. Club members and ARC citizens participated. The long-neglected Community Garden is being revitalized with the help of a grant from the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway. The vegetables grown will be donated to the Port Jervis Food Pantry. September Books-in Bloom were displayed by club members who created designs based on book titles that were placed throughout the Port Jervis Free Library. Children's and gardening books were donated to the library.

Clarkstown GC (Helen Delargy, Co-President) The annual "Summer Reunion" luncheon and meeting was held in July. In August members made decorated grapevine wreaths that were distributed to Meals on Wheels recipients. The September presentation was by Master Gardener on "Bee Friendly Back Yards." The club continues working on the Pollinator Garden in the park and is enthused about getting the garden registered as a "Pollinator Pathway". A program by Dana Harkrider from Nyack Pollinator Pathways spoke on pollinator-friendly gardening practices. Plants from members and donations were sold at the St. Francis Yard Sale. The New City Children's Librarian is educating children in the preparation, planting and maintenance of flowers in the walled garden at the Nanuet Library. The Member-to-Member Garden Tour was a club highlight.

Community GC of Liberty (Dana Schelin, Co-President) Co-President Judith Brennan presented the report. In July new member Karen Land spoke about Lasagna Gardening and showed a model of one. At the August meeting Master Gardeners Edna Sherman and Pam Stockton gave a presentation on Keystone Native Plants and insects. September found the members traveling to Justin Sutherlands' Farm in Parkside where he described how he farms.

Community GC of Pine Bush (President Lucy Bojsiuk) Club member Jennifer Thibodeau opened her garden to club members who enjoyed a plant swap and an evening among the flowers. In August, the Scarecrow making tradition continued and members enjoyed an educational trip to Flying Trillium Gardens and Preserve in Sullivan County, NY. In September Chris Gendron, Head of Horticulture at The Hudson Yards in NYC, spoke to the club on pruning shrubs in the fall.

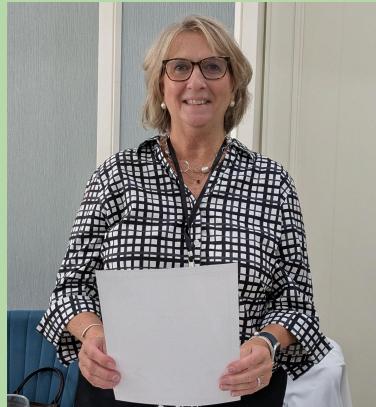
Cornwall GC (Co-President Nancy Faust) Nancy Faust, Co-President reported on a field trip to Blooming Hill Farm where Guy Jones, farmer and founder, discussed the formation and workings of the farm. In August, club members enjoyed a guided boat ride to Bannerman's Island and Castle and gardens. A guest speaker, Master Gardener Edie Sherman, presented a program on Hummingbirds at the September meeting held at the Waterfront Pavillion at Donohue Park, Cornwall-On-Hudson.

Roscoe-Rockland GC Co-President Karen Bowers reported. On this quarters' events. In July the club met at the studio of Gail Hascha for a talk on Mandalas and then painting Mandalas on river rocks. Club members were educated on the history of Fly Casting in Roscoe-Trout Town USA and a demonstration on Fly casting by Joe Rist of Trout Town Flies. Liberty GC and Roscoe-Rockland GC held a joint workshop at "Somewhere in Time" farm in Parksville, NY and were treated to a talk by the owners, the Sutherlands, on organic gardening.

The Garden Lovers' Club, Middletown (Co-President Antoinette Sardella) The Annual Garden Tour was discussed at the July meeting. In August Lorie Lotitto and Patti Martello spoke on decorating birdhouses and in September the club hosted a meet and greet for potential new members. At the September meeting, speaker Gerda Krogslund spoke about creating a fragrance garden. The club enjoyed a field trip to Innesfree Garden in Millbrook, NY. The club continues to work on the gardens at Thrall Park, Hill Hold and Mulberry House. Club members designed 30 floral arrangements for the SUNY Orange 75th Anniversary Gala. Field trips included Midsummer Farms and The Mount, home and gardens of Edith Wharton. The club hosted their Annual Hidden Gardens Tour on June 28. A Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 was presented to Francescha Valencia, a student at SUNY Orange.

Warwick Valley Gardeners (President, Pat Reinhardt) The club continued the maintenance of nine community Gardens. In June club members went on a trip to Boscobel. They held their Annual Garden Tour in July. Garden Therapy with residents at Schervier Pavillion continues to be supported by the club. On September 11, members attended the service at the Memorial World Trade Center Garden maintained by the club. In September, Lynn Cheney, club member and Master Gardener spoke on the Spotted Lantern Fly. The club held a luncheon in appreciation for member Patti Hoeg for her contributions to WVG.

Fall District X Meeting Yearbook Awards given out to Club Presidents Congratulations!





The District Fall Luncheon Centerpieces were varied and educational. Judges, Jane Madis and Sue Trager, wanted guests to get an idea of the type of designs that may appear in a flower show. Each table had a different design with bullet points on what each design entailed. Designs were raffled off at the end of the luncheon. **District X is having a flower show in 2026 and every club's involvement is necessary to make it a success.**

Remember: the purpose of an NGC flower show is

1. Educate club members and the viewing public
2. Stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design
3. Provide an outlet for creative expression
4. To communicate NGC goals and objectives

If you have any questions about DX's upcoming flower show, feel free to contact either myself, Sue Trager or Jane Madis at district.x.fgcnys@gmail.com. We're happy to come to your club to answer any questions and demonstrate a few designs that may be in the upcoming flower show.

Be part of our DX Newsletter!

Send information and pics to district.x.fgcnys@gmail.com

The next newsletter is scheduled for mid-January 2026

Let everyone know what your club is up to!

November Club Calendar

Artful Gardeners	Thursday Nov 20 1 pm	Port Jervis Free Library
Gen'l Meeting w/Horticulture Craft		Contact: janemadis@gmail.com
Clarkstown GC	Saturday Nov 8 11 am	Street Community Center
General Meeting with MG Program: Put the Garden to Bed		Contact: kdelargy@hotmail.com
Cornwall GC	Wednesday Nov 12 6:30 pm	Munger Cottage, Cornwall
Flights of Fancy:Hands on Workshop		Contact: bwexler15@gmail.com
Community GC of Liberty	Tuesday Nov 18 1 pm	Liberty Presbyterian Church
Craft Project		Contact: kathiwidmann@aol.com
Community GC of Pinebush	Wednesday Nov 19 6:30 pm	Town of Crawford Town Hall
Boxwood Tree for the Holidays-\$20 Bring a small can		Contact: mslusher@gmail.com
Garden Lovers Club Middletown	Wednesday Nov 12 1 pm	Middletown Thrall Library
Business Meeting & Program Xeriscaping: Creating a Low Maintenance Water-Wise Landscape		Contact: gardenclublovers@gmail.com
Roscoe Rockland GC	Tuesday Nov 18 1 pm	Roscoe Community Center
Making a Holiday Basket Centerpiece		Contact: jevans32001@yahoo.com
Warwick Valley Gardeners	Tuesday Nov 18 7 pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Program: Winter Seed Sowing		Contact: latkinsny@gmail.com

Most clubs finish out the year with hanging or laying greens around the community in addition to having their own holiday luncheons. Some clubs will take off January due to the weather or meet to plan the upcoming 2026 programs. Whatever is on your club's agenda, the District X officers wish you and your family-



And a SAFE, HEALTHY & PEACEFUL 2026!

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