

Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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75th Anniversary



SGC Elections

The Executive Board is now official! Over fifty percent of the membership eligible to vote did so and the election of the candidates was unanimous. The officers are: President, Victoria McLane; Vice-President, Karen Blumer; Secretary, Gloria Affatato; Treasurer, Linda Black; Program Chair, Dawn Madigan; and Newsletter Editor, Bill Schiavo.

Midsummer Night Garden Party (*Vicki McLane*)

Please join us for our Mid-Summer Night Garden Party and **75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** to be held on **Friday, June 24** in Vicki McLane's garden from 5:30 to about 10:00 p.m. Ladies are invited to wear their best "period" (circa 1929-1940) garden party outfits, flowered dresses and wide-brimmed hats, men are invited to wear boaters and striped jackets, or wear whatever is most comfortable for you. Tours of the gardens will be offered, weather permitting.

We will also be having the installation of the newly elected Executive Board members, plus some surprises.

The cost for members and one guest is \$15 or a dish to share (an appetizer, side-dish, or salad). The cost is \$25 for additional guests. Please let Vicki know by June 10 if you will be coming, and, if you are bringing a dish, what it is so we can coordinate. After June 10th please contact Karen Blumer (growinwild@aol.com or 821-3337). Main dishes, drinks, a cake, soft goods, *etc.*, will be provided by the Club.

There will be a Chinese auction, so come with money! If you have items in top condition to donate, please contact Ronnie Schiavo (rxluvprn@optonline.net or 929-3827). If you are willing to try to get donations from some local merchant, or if you have a good candidate for donations to suggest, please also give Ronnie a call.

Southampton Garden Club Flower Show

The Southampton Garden Club is presenting a Flower Show "Museum Inspirations", tea and garden tour on Thursday, July 7th. The fee is \$30 or \$20 per person for a group of 10 or more. The Suwasset Garden Club has invited us to join them in making up a group. We need to contact them by July 1st so they can pre-register for the group. Please let Vicki McLane know if you are interested in going (vmclane@optonline.net or 744-8765).

Garden Club Events

- June 24** Midsummer Night Garden Party, Vicki McLane's home, 15 Circle Dr., Shoreham. 744-8765.
- July 8** Visit to Bill & Ronnie's Water Garden in Wading River. **6-8:30 p.m.** Rain date: Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 9 Hunters Trail, Wading River. 929-3827.
- Aug.20** Members workshop
- Sep.17** Meeting with speaker
- Oct. 15** Meeting with speaker
- Nov.** 3-Village Luncheon
- Dec. 10** Holiday Party, Gloria & Ed Affatato's home.

Suwasset Garden Club June Meeting

Four Shoreham Garden Club members accepted the invitation of the Suwasset Garden Club to attend their meeting on Wednesday, June 1 at the Peconic Herb Farm. Gloria and Ed Affatato with their grandson Nickolas, Georgiana Bisceglia, and Vicki McLane listened to Luccio Costanzo's presentation – "Organic Gardening". He reminded us that the first principle of organic gardening is preparing the soil. We came away with a large collection of hand-outs; however, none of us took up his offer to inspect the worms in his mulch.

The Stonington Garden Club has published a pamphlet, "Earth Friendly Alternatives". For more information go to: www.stonington-gardenclub.org. It can be ordered for \$6 a copy. We can save on shipping for multiple orders (free shipping for 10 or more copies). If you are interested, contact Vicki McLane (vmclane@optonline.net or 744-8765).

2005 Plant Sale (Sandra Bowman)

At the end of May, I started collecting all the wonderful plants our members potted up for our Plant Sale, along with various items that were not plants: books, vases, pots, etc. By the time we started setting up our little stand in my driveway on the 21st, we had quite a showing! There were many, many plants, big and small. Along with the tables there was Karen Blumer's dear Little Red Wheelbarrow (which we could have sold several times over) and my Cruddy Old Wooden Wheelbarrow, both filled with items which added to our driveway decor. In addition, we set up our Treasurer, Linda Black, as Cashier at a small table which gave us a very "official" look, and (more importantly) ensured that all items were added up correctly!

I am proud to say that we made well over \$300--and this largely for plants selling for \$1 apiece! I so very much thank Linda Black, Karen Blumer, Florence Caramihas, Cynthia Deiterich, Kathy DePierro (who adopted that rainy Sunday as her day and sold plants to the last of the die-hards who stopped by), Barbara Foley, Helga Guthy, Dawn Madigan, Michael Madigan, Barbara Schmidt (who made gorgeous signs), and Elaine Squires. My deepest apologies to anyone that I might have left out. Let me know and you will be mentioned in the next Newsletter with great fanfare because you deserve it!

We also spoke to many people about joining our Garden Club, which I think a couple did, and we told people about our Fall Bulb Fundraiser, took one order that I know of, and gave out a some flyers.

So, THANKS AGAIN to everyone--especially those of you who worked so hard to get those plants out of the ground and onto my driveway!! It was a huge job very well done and wonderfully successful.



Ways and Means Committee

Please contact me, Ronnie Schiavo, at 929-3827, or rxluvprn@optonline.net, if you have items in top condition to drop off for the Chinese Auction to be held at the Midsummer's Night Garden Party on Friday, June 24 (directions to my house appear below). The auction tickets will cost \$5.00 for five chances and \$10.00 for twenty-five chances.

Anyone interested in including their garden for next year's Garden Tour can also contact me. The tour will be held at the end of May or early June of 2006. It has been suggested that this event be combined with the plant sale.

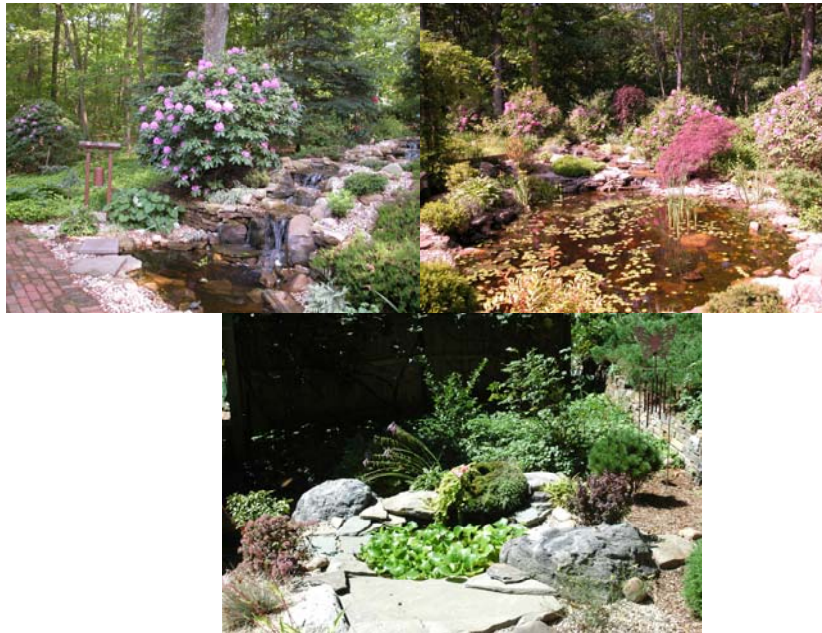
Also, if anyone is interested in donating their crafts such as knitted or crocheted items, ceramics, or art work to be used in fund-raising raffles at our monthly meetings, please let us know. We know there are many talented and creative people among us.

Visit to Bill and Ronnie's Water Garden

The visit to Bill and Ronnie's water garden (see pictures below) is Friday, July 8 from 6–8:30 p.m. Take **Route 25A east** until you see the entrance to the Shoreham-Wading River High School on your right. Shortly after that, you will see **Randall Rd. on your left** (there are two new houses being built on the right-hand side of the road). **Make a left onto Randall Rd.** Stay on Randall Rd. until you can make your **first left turn onto Fawn Meadow Path.** Go up Fawn Meadow Path and then make the first right turn onto **Hunters Trail.** It is a cul-de-sac; go to the end of it and you will see a traffic circle and a green mailbox with the **number "9"** on it (if lost, call: 929-3827).

Please park from the mailbox on down the road and **not behind the traffic circle**; service trucks need to use it and your car will be in jeopardy. Also, please, **do not park in the driveway** (you will understand why when you see it)!

Go to the front door (the second door on your left) and ring the brown Chinese gong by the pond and someone will let you in. Drive safely, and we will see you on 7/8.



DID YOU KNOW?

The first president of the Shoreham Garden Club in 1929 was Florence Finn, who is also the grandmother of current members David & Michael Madigan.

Member's Garden of the Month

(Editor's note: I would like to have a monthly column focusing on a club member's garden. It can be just pictures, or pictures with whatever information or background that you might think is appropriate. If many pictures are sent, preferably by e-mail to my computer at cptwilly@optonline.net, I will attempt to file them and use them in the newsletter as space and deadlines permit).

The pictures below are from Georgianna Bisceglia's "Spring Garden, 2005."



Other Events of Interest June/July

Riverhead Garden Club

June 11 ***As Time Goes By***, a standard flower show, 1:30 – 5:30 pm, Geoge M. Young Community Center, S. Jamesport Ave., Jamesport. Donation \$5. 631-929-8776.

Shelter Island Garden Club

July 13 “Great Escapes” – A Standard Flower Show and House Tour, 2 – 5:00 p.m. For information and Tickets call: 631-749-5073 Or 631-749-3137 Donation \$30, (\$25 if purchased before July 13). American Legion Hall (Route 114).

Garden Conservancy Open Days

June 25 East Hampton, Montauk, Southampton

July 16 Amagansett, Cutchogue, East Hampton, Mattituck, New Suffolk, Southold, Wainscott

July 17 Sagaponack, Shelter Island

Hidden Garden Tour

June 25 Middletown, NY, 9 am; self-guided tour and plant sale; \$10 advance, \$12 day of tour. Ann Muller, 845-726-3631, mefc@citlink.net.

Patchogue Garden Club

July 9 5th Annual Garden Tour. Tickets \$15 per person. Pre-sale price \$12. For information call Paula at 631-289-0234, or send your check to: Patchogue Garden Club, P.O. Box 3030, Patchogue, NY 11772-0887. Gardens open at 10 a.m. and close at 3 p.m.

Summer Blooms Garden Tour

July 10 1-5 p.m., 93 Marion St., Lynbrook, NY. \$10 fee, reservations required; contact Pat Sympson at 516-887-9094, or at psympson@optonline.net.

FGCNY District II Fall Luncheon

October 22 Monday (other information to follow).



From left to right at the En Japanese garden in Stony Brook during the May 7 garden tour, are Pat Charles, Peter Kahn, Vicki McLane, and Linda Black. Picture by Charles Thompson.

Budget Update (*Vicki McLane*)

The Executive Board has made some additions to the annual budget. We will be voting on most of these at a short meeting during our visit to Bill and Ronnie Schiavo's Garden. The additions to the budget are as follows.

1. FGCNY District II spring luncheon: \$10 donation to Suffolk County North raffle prize, \$115 for 3 officers' attendance (President, Vice-President, Treasurer).
2. FGCNY District II fall luncheon: \$10 donation to Suffolk County North raffle prize, \$115 for 2 officers' attendance (President, Secretary).
3. LI Gardener subscription for Board members and appointed positions (Ways and Means, Hospitality, Sunshine Fund, *etc.*): \$45.
4. New Post Office box key: \$5.50.
5. Garden Party subsidy: \$300.
6. FGCNY District II scholarship to SUNY Farmingdale horticultural student: \$100.

Regarding items 1, and 2: The President has traditionally had a budget to attend these luncheons. However, I feel, and the Board agrees, that it is very important to understand what benefits we derive from belonging to the FGCNY and to forge closer ties with the other Garden Clubs in Suffolk County. (I will write about this in the next newsletter).

Regarding item 3: It is important that the Club reward those who volunteer to make the events we all enjoy possible.

Regarding item 6: Last year we took in over \$600 for the scholarship fund and are spending only \$300 on the Agnes Allen Award. The \$100 would come from the surplus.

Items 1 and 4, of necessity, have already been spent.

