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President's Message

~Stephanie Hockensmith



This is State of the Union Tuesday as I write, and I am inspired to compose a 'State of the Federation' address as my final message to you as your President. The Federation is financially solvent, in spite of these difficult economic times. We have had a fairly healthy operating balance for many years, which we have been able to keep from decreasing too much by the careful budgeting and trimming of expenses. Because our assets are all in certificates of deposit and not in equities or bonds, we have no exposure to market risk and therefore our assets have not decreased. Our income has been affected for several years by decreasing interest rates, which we do not expect to recover fully anytime soon. We were pleased to receive almost \$800 from proceeds from the NER Annual Meeting at Stratton Mountain, and we thank Chairman Sue Robinson and her committees for organizing such a successful conference. We are also stepping up fundraising

efforts to help balance the budget, and we have begun inviting vendors to our state meetings. It may be necessary at some time in the future to raise dues, but we are currently trying other measures to keep the Federation's finances in the black.

In the area of scholarship, we have been successful in continuing to offer a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving student in Horticulture or related fields even though the Mabel Mayforth Scholarship Fund yielded only \$350 in interest last year. The difference was made up by contributions from several clubs and from outside organizations. We are increasing our efforts to gain State Life Members, whose donations go entirely to the scholarship. I encourage you to become a State Life Member if you have not already done so. The amount of the donation will increase to \$50 after the Annual Meeting, so now is the time to join. New State Life Members will be honored at the Spring Meeting.

The key to an enduring future for the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont is growing the membership, and 2009-2010 was a very good year. We were awarded the Mildred Black Pettit Membership Award and the Helen Hussey Champlin Bowl at the NER Annual Meeting. These awards were given to us for increasing our state membership by 41 members, or 4%, the best record of any New England state. Nationally, Vermont was one of only 13 states experiencing a membership increase in 2009-10. This is particularly remarkable considering the fact that we added no new clubs during that year. It is clear that our clubs are doing a masterful job of attracting new members through the excellent quality of their programs and civic projects. Our goal should be to retain this excellent record, and I will even be so bold as to suggest that those clubs with a waiting list should consider spinning off a new club. Several veteran members skilled at mentoring could attend the meetings of both clubs, and it would be a proud achievement to be the first club in many years to be a 'parent' club.

FGCV Spring Meeting	Apr 4, 2011	Hilltop Restaurant, Barre, VT
NGC Annual Convention	May 26-29, 2011	Washington, DC
FGCV Annual Meeting	Jun 6, 2011	Mt. Anthony Club, Bennington, VT
NGC Fall Meeting	Sep 22-25, 2011	St. Louis, MO
FGCV Fall Meeting	Oct 3, 2011	Central District, TBA
NER Annual Meeting & Symposium	Oct 17-20, 2011	Radisson Hotel & Suites, Chelmsford, MA

FGCV Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont
NER New England Region
NGC National Garden Clubs

**Don't forget the FGCV Standard Flower Show
March 4-6, 2011
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Continued from page 1. Sharing successful ideas among clubs has been the result of "Spotlight on a Club" at our Federation meetings. From the Springfield Club's report of their Festival of Trees came the Randolph Club's new venture of their own Festival of Trees. Both were successful. The Randolph Club netted \$4200, which will be divided between their Endowment and Scholarship funds for students in Vermont Technical College's Landscape Development and Ornamental Horticulture Program. The club was delighted with the outcome of this event and has decided to do it again next year. The Springfield Club reports that its net profit of \$9,200 will be distributed back to the community through civic beautification projects, scholarships to high school seniors going into horticulture or environmental studies, garden therapy and junior gardening projects, support to community projects, and programs for members and guests. Springfield has 18 years of experience with the Festival of Trees and is very willing to help another club get started.

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your President. I have visited with, gardened with, or hosted in my gardens almost all our 17 clubs, and I will be scheduling visits until our Annual Meeting on June 6. Please contact me if you have an upcoming installation or program you feel that I might like to attend. Gay Gaston is now your President-elect, and she is busy making plans for her administration. I know that you join me in wishing her well. Let us pledge to assist Gay in keeping the state of our Federation strong!

Garden Therapy Pays \$\$\$\$\$
~Joan Gates

YES, REAL DOLLARS! As well as the happy feeling you get when you know you have made a difference in the lives of others. HOW IS THAT? FGCV has a Garden Therapy Trust Fund and each year the accrued interest from this fund is awarded to the Vermont garden club with the garden therapy program/s judged to be the most effective for the size of the club. If your club already has one or more garden therapy projects, it should apply for these funds.

Enter your club in the competition for the award. Sometimes more than one club wins, and the cash is divided between them. The 2010 cash grant was divided between the Bennington and Springfield clubs, who each had projects that made a big difference in their communities. Also, the Arlington club received an award of appreciation for their dedication to making a difference in their town.

Garden Therapy chairmen, please send me the following information about your club's project/s before April 30, 2011: What your club does? Where? With what group of individuals? How many club members participate? The number of members in your club? The number of clients served by your project/s? The yearly budget for the project/s and where the funds come from? (Is the facility served contributing to the cost of the program?) Pictures are not required, but are a definite plus! Please be sure to include your name, telephone number, and email.

Send this information to
Joan Gates, FGCV Garden Therapy chairman
2247 Ferry Road, Charlotte, Vt. 05445
or email: gatesajar@gmavt
Questions, please call 802-425-2083.
The cash grant will be awarded at the FGCV
Annual Meeting on June 6, 2011.
Please apply---it's easy to do!

By any chance, if your club does not have garden therapy program, I would be happy to help you start one. Garden therapy's purpose is to use garden-related activities to improve the lives of people who are physically, mentally, emotionally, or chronologically challenged. Projects are either activity or service projects. Activity projects are those done WITH the challenged individuals, actively involving them in doing the project. Service projects are those conducted for challenged persons who do not actively participate in the project (such as tray favors for Meals on Wheels). Both kinds of projects contribute to the well-being of the individuals they serve. I have ideas to help your club start a garden therapy project. Please email or call me. Your club could be future recipient of the FGCV Garden Therapy Award \$\$\$\$\$, and you will know that you made a difference in the lives of individuals in your community!

Coming soon to our website...
vermontfgcv.com

A complete Revision of the
FGCV By-laws and Policy and Procedures

The Ad Hoc Committee has spent countless hours updating these documents and organizing them in a more readable format. It is incumbent upon every member to read them carefully, to bring questions to the Spring Meeting or suggestions to the Committee, and to be prepared to vote on the Revision at the Annual Meeting.

Grandma and Grandpa's Garden
 ~Jan DeSarno, Chairperson
 phone: 802-372-4058
 e-mail: jandesarno@gmail.com

This heirloom garden of perennials, annuals, and vegetables was established by FGCV with a SHELL/PETALS Grant in 2002 on historic farm property owned by the City of South Burlington, now the Vermont Garden Park, at 1100 Dorset Street.

The garden is planted and maintained by all FGCV members within a reasonable driving distance on the first Thursday of each month from 10 am. to noon, when we stop to picnic (dessert provided!) on the nearby pavilion.

Besides many admiring visitors, several college and elementary classes use the garden in their educational programs. In addition to being beautiful and educational, 802 pounds of vegetables were delivered to the Food Shelf in 2010. We can all be very proud of our garden!

Please mark your calendars now for the gardening dates for 2011:
 (all at 10 a.m. to noon) June 2 ~ Spring Planting
 July 7
 August 4
 September 1
 October 6
 November 3 ~ Fall Cleanup
 See you in the gardens!

**IN MEMORIUM
 ADAIRE McKEAN**

Adaire Margaret Downing McKean, 88, died December 15, 2010, at her home in Lincoln. She joined the Middlebury Garden Club in 1972 and was an active and involved member, serving in many of the following offices for more than one term: Club Publicity Chair, Conservation Chair, Club Historian, Club Treasurer, Club Awards Chair, and Club President 1977-79 and 1999. She also served on the Club Nominating Committee and was a willing hostess and photographer. Adaire served the greater Vermont gardening community as well, as a member of FGCV, in the following chairperson capacities: World Gardening, Public Relations, Program Committee, "Leaf" Editor (for seven years), Recycling and Litter, Treasurer and Historian from 1992 through 2009. She was a State Life Member, National Honorary Life Member and Middlebury Garden Club Honorary Life Member.



Adaire McKean receiving her Middlebury Garden Club Honorary Life Membership 2010.

Life Membership

~Carol Miner, Chair

New FGCV Life Members (since the 2010 Fall Meeting) will be honored at our 2011 Spring Meeting. This is a first event! New Life Members are invited to sit at a table together, their membership will be announced and each will be presented with a special certificate of membership and a butterfly pin (if they have not received one).

FGCV Life Membership is available to any member wishing one. It may also be given by any club wishing to honor any members. The onetime fee of \$25 for membership supports the FGCV Scholarship Fund. I sincerely hope that clubs will promote this membership within their club at each meeting.

The one time contribution for a National Life Membership is \$200. This money is divided between the National Life Scholarship Fund and the Permanent Home Endowment Fund. A National Life Member receives a subscription to the National Gardener for life.

If you have questions or desire a membership, please call me at: (802) 583-5816.

**FGCV Congratulates
 The Springfield Garden Club**

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce honored the Springfield Garden Club as the **Organization of the Year** at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Thursday, February 3.

Standard Flower Show

~Elaine Dates

The Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont will hold a Standard Flower Show entitled “**Sweet Dreams**” on **March 4-6, 2011, at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction**. The show will be held in conjunction with the Vermont Flower Show, sponsored every other year by Green Works, The Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association. There will be Design, Horticulture, and Special Exhibits Divisions, including entries for youth up to age 18. Amateur gardeners, garden club members and young people throughout the state are encouraged to register to enter the show. Plants grown in containers to be entered into the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor 90 days prior to the show or December 3, 2011. Combination plantings must be planted six weeks before the show. Plants grown in containers to be entered into the Special Exhibits Division by youth must be in the possession of the exhibitor 60 days prior to the show and combination plantings must be planted three weeks before the show. Rules and the full schedule may be accessed on the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont’s website www.vermontfgcv.com. Remember the public may enter Horticulture! Contact Elaine Dates at 802-658-4061 for more information.

The Afterlife of a Christmas Plant

~Shari Johnson, Horticulture Chair

The Christmas tree has been taken down: put out for town mulch, set near the bird feeder to provide shelter, dragged to the burn pile. But the Christmas gift plants remain as reminders of the season. Is there life after Christmas for them? Some can provide years of winter beauty while others are spent when the flowers wither. A Christmas cactus, for example, can be kept going for years, whereas paperwhites are tricky. Amaryllis is another popular holiday gift that can be successfully brought back to life year after year. And the colorful cyclamen should not be ignored. What follows is a brief attempt to relay my experiences with several gift plants in hopes that you too can enjoy the pleasures of plant propagation and rejuvenation in the cold, dark days of winter.

The Christmas cactus comes in a variety of bright colors and can be bought in many places. It almost thrives on neglect, thus its popularity as a gift plant. After the blooms fade and drop off, a bit of fertilizer may be just the boost it needs to re-bloom later in the winter. This bloom will not be as prolific as the first, but it is still a welcome sight. I put my cactus plants out in the summer in a shady spot, water them on occasion, and re-pot them if necessary. As the fall

nights become longer and colder, I leave them outside being very careful to bring them in when frost is predicted. That period of colder weather is what they need to re-bloom after they are brought inside. I have never been able to get them to bloom successfully at Christmas. My veteran Christmas cactuses are more like Halloween or even Thanksgiving cactuses but bright spots in the house nonetheless. Finally, cactus can be propagated by cutting off stems and rooting them in potting soil. Just look for stems that already have short roots.

Paperwhites happen to be a favorite plant of mine to grow in time for Christmas, for myself and to give as gifts. I put them in a variety of containers, with or without winterberry stems as supports. In my last home in New Hampshire I had a sort of “paperwhite graveyard” where I planted the bulbs the following spring and had some success with re-bloom. The tricky part was letting the bulbs rejuvenate after the flowers had died. Just as with a spring flowering bulb that needs to naturally die back, the same should be done with your Christmas paperwhites.

This winter I am going to attempt to re-plant amaryllis bulbs that I received as gifts last year. They spent the summer in pots outside in the sun growing leaves to nourish the bulbs for re-bloom. Last fall I brought them inside, cut off the foliage to the bulb and stored them in a cool, dark place. I plan to bring them back to life by re-potting them all in a large container filled with fresh potting soil. I’ll put them in a sunny spot (south facing), water them and then keep the potting mix almost dry until I see new growth, hopefully after 2-8 weeks, just as winter white outside really becomes monotonous.

Cyclamen come in a variety of colors as well, and I have been successful in getting them to re-bloom. Last winter I bought several and grouped them together as a centerpiece. They bloomed happily through the winter, but come spring were spent. As with amaryllis, they need some cool, dark place to re-charge. After a few weeks of rest, take them out of their pots and plant them in a shady part of your garden to rejuvenate. The corms will produce several leaves and maybe even a seedpod (mine did). Before the first frost, dig them up, re-pot them and bring them inside to a spot with indirect, filtered light. By early December, they should be back and flowering once more filling your home with bright colors.

As a gardener, the winter season can be a challenge. Reading seed catalogs or gardening books and looking at the pictures can only take one so far. But actually watching a plant grow after you have properly nurtured it can be very rewarding and a bridge to the seasons ahead.

Bennington Garden Club ~Consie West, Conservation Committee

A Paper Flower Workshop

What does making paper flowers have to do with a garden club? We, after all, pride ourselves on our growing skills and using only fresh or dried material at our flower shows. So, I was more than somewhat skeptical when it was announced that the Bennington Garden Club would hold a winter workshop on making paper flowers. But the chance to get together with my co-members on a cold winter morning in what is normally our 'off season' was too tempting to allow me to give voice to my skepticism.

I arrived armed with my scissors and an attitude of "well, at least I'll enjoy catching up with everyone after the holidays". What I soon learned was that this old art (one could even call it an "heirloom art") was both intriguing and immensely satisfying. We spent the morning making paper roses, and in good fellowship. Then, it came to me in a flash, that not only was this an entertaining winter pastime, but that it was a very "green" way to decorate our homes in the fallow season. We all enjoy the cheer of a bunch of cut flowers in the wintertime. But, how often do we stop to think where these flowers come from, what resources are expended in getting them to us in perfect shape, and at what cost to the health of those who grow them.? Roses are some of the most pesticide-laden flowers in the cut flower market. (For a brief overview of the cut flower market and pesticide use: www.worldwatch.org/system/files/J-F+07+Life-cycle.pdf).

Karen Trubitt, our able instructor, said, she was "delighted to see the healthy embrace of a paper winter garden in this era when we are newly challenged to think on the value of the 100-mile diet... Too bad we cannot source the paper locally!" Karen and her husband know about local sourcing, as they operate an organic farm that produces beautiful vegetables and flowers.

Paper flowers may never completely replace the real thing in our winter homes, but by making and decorating with them we can bring a healthy and useful dialogue on the international cut flower market to the table. A good starting point for that conversation is [Flower Confidential](#) by Amy Stewart.

Instructions on how to make paper flowers can be found at: <http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/loclist/periodicals/bittersweet/sp83g.htm>. For materials, good quality crepe paper and fancy stamens: http://blumchen.com/craft_shop_crepe_fancy_paper.html.

Brattleboro Floral Arts & Garden Club ~Jil MacMenamin – Fundraiser Chair



2010 was a year of fulfillment for our club. The historic Creamery Bridge in Brattleboro, Vermont, became pedestrian only after completion of the new traffic bridge this summer. The Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club has been planting and maintaining the flowers at the Creamery Bridge since 1972 on the west side and from 1996 on both sides of the Bridge. The expansion of the park has been planned for many years under Chairperson Frankie Gibson's watchful eye. To see our nearly doubled garden area, expanded fence, tree plantings, sign erected, and cobbles in place – is so gratifying.



To fund the garden expansion – we thank our local businesses and the Cobble Stone buyers for their donations.. On our web site, there is a beautiful slide show of the Cobbles, and Cobble information. <http://www.VermontGardenClubs.org> Click the Cobble and select from the left-navigation "Cobble Pictures & Locations."

To promote our fundraiser, Cobble Stones are on a "Rock Tour" at local businesses. The "Rock Tour" participated at the New England Regional Flower Show held in Stratton, VT in October. Brattleboro and Springfield Garden Clubs (Sue McCausland) had a joint entry: VERMONT GARDEN CLUBS Transforming Community Landmarks, DIV III Educational Exhibit where we placed 3rd. We are eager to continue our work in the coming year.



Creamery Bridge Chairperson, Frankie Gibson is a pictured in front of the “Transforming Community Landmarks” exhibit.

Burlington Garden Club
~Jan DeSarno and Wendy Oppenheimer,
Co-presidents

A new venture for our Club in 2010 was our first Holiday Tea on November 9 for members and invited guests. The complimentary tea sandwiches and desserts made by members were outstanding, as were the donations of plants, special garden-related treasures, and hand made crafts. Club members enthusiastically agreed that the event was a great success and look forward to the next one.

Throughout the 2010 gardening season, members planted and maintained the civic projects at the Burlington Police Station; the Burlington City Hall; Hope Lodge; a public pocket garden with the South End Arts and Business Assoc.; the Ronald McDonald House; the Sara Holbrook Community Center; the South Burlington Library; and the Butterfly and the Grandma-Grandpa’s Gardens at the Vermont Garden Park. Many compliments and gardening questions are received from passers-by whenever we’re in the gardens.

Another rewarding project is by the members who provide materials and assist residents in creating floral arrangements at the Birchwood and Starr Farm Seniors Homes, and Green Mountain Rehab and Nursing Center. The Club also creates handmade gifts for the December Meals-On-Wheels trays, and two wreaths for Hope Lodge.

All members participate in the annual Plant Sale and Silent Auction that provides funds for the civic projects, philanthropic donations, and for two \$1,000 Scholarship Awards in horticulture at UVM. The 2011 Plant Sale is on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the UVM Horticulture Center on Green Mountain Drive (off Route 7) in South Burlington. Our Horticulture Chairperson Glenda Clarke enhanced the Club meetings with creative and artistic table displays of horticulture information, and also organized visits to public and private gardens.

We look forward to another new season filled with flowers and learning opportunities!

Covered Bridges Garden Club
~Jaye Secor, Corresponding Secretary

In 2010 our garden club received the honor for having the highest number of new members within the State.



Covered Bridges and the Newport crew on the green.

We had some wonderful new speakers including Robert Gillmore, who is a landscape designer and author. Our annual meeting was at Mountain Spirit Herbals owned by Lauri and Edward Ellis. Our fundraiser “Harvest Fest” was a success with the help of Stacy Manosh, who is also the owner of Johnson Woolens. We were honored with the help of the Newport Garden Club and our own members in weeding out and beautifying “The Green” in Montgomery.

For our April meeting, Ken Secor will give a demonstration on the care and maintenance of power and non-power tools for gardening. On May 14th we have Charlie Nardozzi speaking at the Grange in Montgomery. It will be open to the public.

We continually look for ways to have more “active” members. If anyone has any ideas please let us know.

Four Seasons Garden Club ~Fran Batchelder, President

Our club is proud to have answered the call of Renee Blaschke, NGC President, by planting a Golden Days Daffodil Garden and a Plant-it-Pink Garden. In June we designed and planted a pink garden in the shape of the Susan B. Komen ribbon at North Country Hospital in Newport. The ribbon consisted of perennial Veronica, Dianthus, Neon Sedum and Geraniums, outlined with sixty-two annual begonias. A beautiful birdhouse adorned with the pink ribbon was built and donated to the project by area artist Debbie Johnson.



Plant it Pink

At the Annual Meeting of the FGCV, Mike Metallo of the National Gardening Association issued a challenge for garden clubs of Vermont to send ten members to assist another club with a project. On August 16 ten of us traveled over Jay Peak to Montgomery Center, where we joined six members of Covered Bridges GC to weed and spruce up gardens in the town green. It was fun and rewarding, and the appreciation shown by our new friends at Covered Bridges, as well as the \$100 from NGA, made it very worthwhile.

Each year Four Seasons brings environmental programs to area elementary schools in the spring and fall. This year NorthWoods Stewardship Center gave a wonderful presentation on Northern Forest Birds at Charleston and Brighton Schools in April and another on Winter Tracking at the Troy School in October. Lots of learning occurs as children are actively engaged and have authentic hands-on experiences. Oberon, a resident barred owl, was the hit of the April program!

We await the arrival of Spring and look forward to continuing the care of our above mentioned gardens, along with our perennial project at the Old Stone House in Brownington, Vermont. We are in the process of updating our flowers and identification system and hope to have that project completed by summer's end.

Manchester Garden Club ~Jane P. Davis, Co-President

The president's goal for the Garden Club of Manchester in 2010 was to educate and involve members in club programs and activities. From the formal programs, Scout Proft taught us about the family farm, Judith Irven shaped our ideas about gardens in winter, the Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Park representative gave us a sense of history, and the trip to Stateline farm taught us about farm fresh fuel. One of the highlights of 2010 was Gordon Hayward's inspirational program, "Art and the Garden."

Our fundraisers were the spring plant sale headed by Susan Cole-Everson, Claire Genser and Liz Van Dyk and the Christmas Greens sale led by Brenda Madkour and her committee. The success of these events was due to the hard work of both the individual committee members and the club as a whole.

Major recognition goes to the members who took leadership roles in our club's activities and programs. Thanks and appreciation go to Horticulture Chair, Jane Bridges for educating us in the Latin names of plants and for organizing, with the help of Ann Bennett, our member's garden tour and writing a synopsis of each garden. The informative wildflower walk was led by Jane Davis. Carol Berry's knowledge of edible and medicinal wild plants added to the interest of the walk. Barbara Powers and Martha Pfeiffer wowed us with their expertise in bird sightings and songs. Liz Van Dyk's presentation on herbs was most impressive and Sue Robinson's grapevine wreath workshop was a treat for all who attended. We are fortunate to have so many talented people as members of the club.

This year we welcomed provisional members Christina Nichols, Connie Stewart, Barbara Zapin and Carol Dupont who have all become active members. In November, we welcomed Cara Boshart as a new provisional.

Middlebury Garden Club ~Shari Johnson & Lynne Boie

Summer brings with it a variety of garden tours which this past year included Marijke Niles' Perennial Gardens Plus in Starksboro, the King's Garden in Fort Ticonderoga, NY and a wonderful group of home gardens in Lincoln, VT, as well as a tour of Lincoln Peak Vineyards in New Haven, VT. During the course of the program year, Middlebury Garden Club members learned about exotic and invasive insect pests from Jon Turmel, the VT State Entomologist, what birds live in Otter View Park from Joshua Phillips, how to design a shade garden from landscape designer Greg Green, and toured the Middlebury College campus from the tree's point of view, led by Tim Parsons.

Community involvement has always been an important part of the Middlebury Garden Club and was exemplified by club members' participation in the re-design and re-planting of the gardens of the Sheldon Museum. The museum was made handicapped accessible last spring, necessitating the removal of an entire garden (see photo) and after the ramp's completion, successfully re-planting it under the very capable leadership of members Esther Howlett and Jane Burton. Other community service activities included making Thanksgiving tray arrangements for the Helen Porter Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, decorating both the Sheldon Museum and the Community House for Christmas, and holding a junior flower show at Middlebury's Mary Hogan School. Other annual events held by our club include a "Creations and Donations" luncheon where members and their guests can purchase a variety of crafts/antiques, as well as our plant sale held in June on the village green in Middlebury.



It's in the bag!

Mountain Gardeners ~Carol Miner, President

The kickoff for our new year of programs began this past January at our annual Potluck Luncheon. The meeting highlighted the Vermont Master Gardener Program. Winter meetings were about the how and why of decoy making, taking care of lilacs and other flowering shrubs and new ideas of landscaping with unusual and edible plants. Beginning in April, we dig, divide and pot plants from our gardens for our annual June Plant Sale, followed by a member Luncheon and Garden Party. All summer, our club members will be on the move to Hidden Gardens in Hinesburg, touring a new vineyard in the Mad River Valley and touring the Eurich Pond area to discover the world of fungi. By fall, we will be cleaning up all of our community gardens, discussing the challenge of growing house plants and learning how to plan, develop and construct various landscape designs.



Potting plants for the annual plant sale.

Saint Albans Garden Club ~Pat Gagne, President

The Saint Albans Garden Club has had another successful year filled with much of the same, but also many new and fun expeditions. On top of our usual activities, such as aiding in the Franklin County Field Days Flower show, up-keeping our flower bed in Saint Albans' Taylor Park, wreath making, and decorating local nursing homes, we added pumpkin carving, a successful plant sale, and a very successful garden tour to our list of activities this past year. 2011 is shaping up to be even more adventurous and active with the club undertaking another garden tour and plant sale, but most importantly we will be aiding in a huge renovation of our Saint Albans Taylor Park. We have also scheduled a little yummy fun with edible flower arranging to start off our year. We look forward to keeping you updated about Taylor Park's new makeover!

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF VERMONT, INC.
Registration for Spring Meeting – Monday, April 4, 2011

Name _____

Address _____ Club _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

- Please check applicable title(s):** National Board Member District Director
 National Life Member State President Club President
 State Life Member State Board Member Past State President
 Club Member Past District Director Guest

PLEASE CUT ON THE LINE BELOW AND MAIL WITH YOUR **\$32 CHECK** MADE OUT TO **FGCV**.

Fee: \$32 Includes coffee/tea, pastry, speaker, and luncheon
 \$15 For meeting and speaker only
 \$12 Additional for non-members and/or late fee

PAYMENT DEADLINE MARCH 25

Send to: Glenda Clarke, 797 Terrace Drive, Williston, VT 05495

FGCV SPRING MEETING, Monday, April 4, 2011

Hilltop Restaurant, 241 Quarry Hill Road, Barre, VT

9:00-9:30—Registration

9:30-10:45—Business Meeting—*with By-laws and Policy and Procedure discussion
and recognition of State Life Members*

10:45-11:15 Roundtable—*FGCV Communications—The Leaf and Website*

11:15-12:00—Program—Rebecca Lindenmeyr

Using Native Plants to Create Beautiful and Functional Landscapes

12:00-12:30—Social Time

12:30-1:30—Buffet Lunch

(including salmon with Béarnaise sauce, vegetarian lasagna, and stuffed chicken breast)

1:30-2:00—Spotlight on a Club: Granite Center Garden Club

2:00—Adjournment

Directions

The Hilltop Restaurant is located in between Interstate 89 Exits 6 and 7. In order to avoid traveling through downtown Barre, take Exit 6, merging into VT-63 towards South Barre. Drive 3.9 miles. Turn left onto VT-14 and drive 0.9 miles. Turn right onto Quarry St. which becomes Quarry Hill Road in 0.3 miles. Continue 0.7 miles to your destination which is on the right.

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF VERMONT, INC.
Registration for 2011 Annual Meeting – Monday, June 6, 2011
Mt. Anthony Country Club Bennington, VT

Name _____
Address _____ Club _____
Phone # _____ Your email address _____

Please check any and all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> National Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Past District Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |

Menu- Please select one entrée: Baked Scrod Almondine
 Chicken Marsala
 Roasted Vegetable Crepes in a Vodka Sauce

If you have special needs, please call The Grille @ Mt. Anthony County Club 802-442-2617

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Please cut here and mail above information along with your check payable to FGCV to:
Dot Closs 293 Birch Grove Arlington, VT 05250

FGCV ANNUAL MEETING, Monday, June 6, 2011 at: Mt. Anthony Country Club

Program: "The Eccentric Garden: The Wonder of the Personal" by David Chinery

Registration:	9:00 – 9:30 A.M. (Coffee, Tea & Assorted Goodies)
Business Meeting:	9:30 – 10:30 AM
Speaker:	10:30 – 11:30AM
Spotlight on a Club	11:30 - 12:00 Noon
Social:	12:00 - 12:30 PM (Cash wine bar available)
Luncheon:	12:30 – 1:30 PM (Luncheon and dessert includes Warm Peach Melba)
Installation of New Officers And State Awards:	1:30 – 2:00 PM
Closing	2:00PM

Fee: \$32 Includes coffee and continental breakfast, speaker, and lunch
\$15 For meeting and speaker only
\$12 Additional for non-member and/or late registration fee

PAYMENT DEADLINE: Saturday, May 28, 2011. Please register early, if possible.

ROOM RESERVATIONS: Please call for reservations and directions.

1. Hampton Inn – 802-440-9862
2. Paradise Inn – 802-442-8351
3. Best Western – 802-442-6211

Directions: From downtown Bennington, Intersection of Routes 7 and 9 (Main Street) head West for 0.9 miles, turn right onto Catamount Lane, slight right onto Bank St. and Country Club will be on your left.