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President's Message

~Gay Gaston



Greetings to all members! I am truly excited to have started on this journey with you for the next two years as your president. I was pleased to represent you in May at the National Convention in Washington as your President Elect. On June 6, I was sworn in by former FGCV President Sue Robinson and took on the yoke of leadership. Since then I have visited with and been welcomed with warm hospitality by the Middlebury, Burlington and Four Seasons Clubs. What wonderful things they are all doing! I also represented you at the New England Region formation meeting in Bow, NH, on July 14. I will be going to St. Louis on September 22, for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board Meeting.

Then on October 17, I'll be attending the 77th annual Meeting of the New England Region in Chelmsford, MA. This meeting is open to all of our members, and those who attended the annual meeting last year at Stratton know what an informative and fun time this can be. Every time we meet and greet other garden club members we come away with interesting new ideas for our own clubs and communities. I urge you to check out the program and consider attending. Click on www.ngcner.org, go to Meetings, then 2011 Annual Meeting and print the registration form.

The Executive Committee met on Monday, August 1. The committee approved a proposed budget for 2011-2012 which will be presented for your approval at the Fall Meeting in Chester on Monday, October 3. (The registration for the meeting is the last page of the *Leaf*.) The Finance Committee happily announced that there was a budget surplus from last year and presented, in response to a request by me, a proposal to invest the endowment funds to produce more income than the less than 1% being earned from CDs. A motion was passed to reinvest the funds in a risk-free vehicle.

I have called a special informal meeting of the Board on Monday, September 12. I am looking forward to meeting those Board members I don't already know and learning of their plans for the next year.

NGC Board Meeting	September 19-22, 2011	St. Louis, MO
FGCV Fall Meeting	October 3, 2011	Fullerton Inn, Chester
NER Annual Meeting	October 17-18, 2011	Radisson Hotel, Chelmsford, MA
FGCV Spring Meeting	April 2, 2012	Manchester Country Club, Manchester
NGC Convention	May 16-19	Buffalo, NY
FGCV Annual Meeting	June 11, 2012*	East Side Restaurant, Newport
FGCV Fall Meeting	October 1, 2012	Central District, TBA

*Note that the Annual Meeting in 2012 will be held on the 2nd Monday to accommodate our NGC President, Shirley Nicolai, who will attend. Details for a different format will follow, and the registration form will be in the Spring 2012 *Leaf*.

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

(You can find names and contact information for current members of the Board, which includes Club Presidents, Committee Chairs and Executive Committee members, listed on our website, www.vermontfgcv.com. The password is *sugarmaple*. I know that we have a very strong and capable team, and I am looking forward to working with them to bring new programs and opportunities to our Vermont clubs. At the present time, only nine of our seventeen clubs are linked on our website. One of my objectives is to have all clubs represented with names of officers, dates of meetings, special events, and programs. If your club does not have a website and would like to have one, please let me know, as Stephen Dates is very willing to train one of your members to set up a website and keep it updated. The training is about two hours. And we want pictures of your members at work and play for our website. Please send me your photographs, and keep checking the website as the photos are changed often!

Please put the Fall Board Meeting date, Monday, October 3, on your calendar now, and plan to attend at the Fullerton Inn in Chester. Everyone is welcome! The program will feature our own Pam Hebert, member of the Rutland Garden Club and the newly appointed Historian of the National Garden Clubs' Executive Committee. Pam will present some exciting opportunities to expand our knowledge by continuing our life-long learning through four National Garden Clubs' Schools. These include Environmental Studies School, Flower Show School, Gardening Study School and Landscape Design School. She has indicated that FGCV might consider offering the first course in the Gardening Study School right here in Vermont! I'll be signing up for sure!

My theme for the next two years is "Keep Vermont Green." You'll be hearing more from me on this subject including ways in which we can all practice sustainability in our daily lives. Please contact me with any concerns, great new ideas, wonderful speakers' names to be shared, or fabulous field trips your club has taken. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on October 3. Happy gardening, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

FGCV and NGC Life Memberships ~Carol Miner, Chair

Life Members gathered for lunch and a garden tour on July 27, in the Mad River Valley in the Central District. It was a beautiful day for eating on the porch of Hogan's Pub and for touring the spectacular gardens at Sugarbush Ski Resort. All who came had

a good time! We hope to have you join us next summer for our annual get-together - this time in the Northern District.

If you have not made an FGCV or NGC Life Membership contribution, I urge you to do so. The one time contribution for a National Life Membership is \$200.00. This money is divided between the scholarship fund and the permanent home endowment fund. FGCV Life Memberships are a onetime contribution of \$50.00 which supports our scholarship fund.

With questions or a contribution, please send me a note at PO Box 526, Warren, VT 05674. I sincerely hope that clubs will promote these memberships at each meeting.

FGCV Awards

~Carol Miner, Chair

Applying for FGCV, NER and NGC Awards has become much easier. A new listing of all awards and applications appear on each of the three websites. Check it out!

Each of our garden clubs in Vermont needs to have an Awards Chair to sift through these many, many awards and choose those that are appropriate and begin the application process. As soon as your club has selected the chair, please inform me so that communication between us can begin. I would love to hear from anyone with comments regarding this process. I am new to the job as Awards Chair and believe that it is a learning process for all of us. Email me at: jackbminer@gmavt.net.

Scholarship Winners Announced in June ~Jennifer Hanlon, Scholarship Chair

This year we had two scholarship winner, one for our state and one at the national level. It was a difficult choice as there were very qualified applicants, both the winners were students with double majors. At the annual meeting in June, all the club presidents and attendees were given a copy of photos and thank you letters from the winners along with the information below. Both winners were extremely appreciative of these monetary gifts to help them pursue their educational goals. These are the 2011 winners of their respective scholarships:

Mabel Mayforth \$1000

Liam Madden is a 26 year old male from Bellows Falls currently attending Northeastern University in

Boston, MA. He is pursuing a dual major of environmental studies and international affairs and is planning to graduate in 2012. GPA 3.69 Attended Bellows Falls Union HS 4 years, graduated 2002, served in USMC from 2003-2007. Expenses: Tuition alone, not including housing, board, books, etc.. \$35,100 Occupational objective after graduation: "At first, wilderness guide, eventually I will be a political advisor or public servant."

NGC Scholarship \$3,500

Jamie Yousten is a 20 yr old female from St. Albans currently attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. She is pursuing a dual major of landscape architecture and fine arts - photography

and will graduate in 2014. GPA 3.88 Attended Rice Memorial HS, graduated in June 2010. Worked at Hamlen's Garden Center. Completed 4 out of 7 AP courses Rice offered. Expenses: Tuition alone, \$16,515 Occupational objective after graduation: Landscape architect.

As scholarship chair, I thank you all for your interest and donations so we can continue to offer these opportunities to the next generation of those who care about the environment and the future as much as ourselves. It is my pleasure to continue to serve in this role under our new state president.

GRANDMA & GRANDPA'S GARDEN

This heirloom garden was established by FGCV with a SHELL/PETALS Grant in 2002 on historic farm property owned by the City of South Burlington at 1100 Dorset Street.

The garden is planted and maintained by all FGCV members within reasonable driving distance on the first Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. 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, last year 291 pounds of vegetables were delivered to the Food Shelf. We can all be very proud of our garden!

Please mark your calendars now for the gardening dates this season (all at 10 a.m.) :

**September 2
October 7
October 28 ~ Fall Cleanup**

For Clubs a distance away: please come visit ! You'll arrive by 11 a.m., have an hour's tour through the many other Vermont Garden Park Gardens (always beautiful from June through October), a picnic on the Pavilion, and a visit to at least two very special gardens of Burlington Garden Club members, to leave for home by 3 or 4 p.m. Please phone or e-mail me for a reservation: 802-372-4058, or: jandesarno@gmail.com

Hope to see you in the gardens ~~ Jan DeSarno, Chairperson

Heirloom Plant Propagation ~Shari Johnson, Horticulture Chair



The rose

My late mother was an avid gardener all her long life, as was her mother before her. That interest had been nourished in generations before them, as evidenced by the propagation of a “family rose bush” which has had numerous iterations through the decades. The original rose, a soft pink tea rose with no scent, came with my ancestors when they immigrated from Germany in the latter part of the 1800s. It landed in New York City and was kept alive by my great, great, great grandmother. Its descendants have lived in such varied places as Jersey City and Westfield, NJ, Winston Salem, NC, Concord, NH, and Middlebury, VT, following family members around. That same rose now resides in Cornwall in two places in my new gardens, as well as in my daughter’s home in Catonsville, MD.

After my mother’s death, I wanted to be sure to keep the family “tradition” alive by moving the rose to my gardens. Digging up a well established rose looked almost impossible, and it would leave a large space in the garden. I decided to try to propagate the rose from a cutting, a fairly simple task as it turned out. What follows is a step-by-step description of the propagation of an heirloom rose.

- Make a cutting about 6” long and include some old “wood” (stem) as well as some new “wood”.
- This cutting should have some leaves but no flower buds.

- Dip the cutting in Rootone or another rooting medium.
- Using a pencil, make a hole in a small flowerpot filled with a mixture of half Perlite and half soilless potting medium which has been thoroughly watered.
- Put the cutting in this hole.
- Place a plastic bag over the pot securing it with a rubber band. This will create a sort of terrarium and help with humidity levels. I use a gallon size Ziploc bag because it doesn’t fit tightly and allows a bit of air movement as a result.
- Place the pot in a spot that gets indirect light.
- In 4-6 weeks you should see some new growth on your cutting. Last fall I started a cutting and by spring it even had a flower bud! It transplanted very well this spring and has flowered outside also.
- Spring is the best time to plant your new rose bush but I planted a cutting last fall and it survived the winter. Of course it was well insulated under 3-4 feet of snow! Make sure to mulch your new rose bush well for its first winter because Mother Nature doesn’t always provide that much snow (fortunately)



in the garden.

Using this method will insure that you can keep the plants you love or that have historical value to your family through the various moves you may make in a lifetime. It’s certainly easier for you than it was for our ancestors who brought cuttings with them on long sea voyages or trips across the country in covered wagons.

Arlington Garden Club ~Nancy Boardman

The gloves, like the dresses, were both long and short. Every hat was festooned with ribbons, flowers, netting--or all three. (There were even two fascinators in attendance!) And everyone came bearing a floral design in a teacup, as requested on the invitation to the Arlington Garden Club's 70th anniversary celebration on July 19th at the Arlington Inn's events barn.

It was a festive afternoon indeed, with about 50 members and their guests on hand, including several teenage granddaughters who seemed mesmerized by the older generation's finery. The event's hostesses had provided fancy tea sandwiches on tiered servers, there was a beautiful homemade birthday cake, and at either end of the long banquet table, club members Ellen Lipshutz and Jill Roosma were pouring tea from their heirloom silver tea services.



Barbara Weakley admires her award.

The highlight of the party was the presentation of the FGCV's Golden Trowel Award--the new lapel version--along with a certificate of appreciation and achievement, to Barbara Weakley, who attended with her husband and daughter. Co-president Marge Maas read the list of Barbara's many and varied contributions to the club over her 44 years of membership, including but not limited to running standard flower shows, archiving our 70 years' worth of history, designing posters and program covers, and serving in a host of officer positions.

As the group socialized, they viewed the teacup floral arrangements on all the tables and voted informally for their favorites, which were identified only by number. Fran Shepherd, awards chair for the club and the organizer of the party's miniature competition, announced the three winners.

First prize went to Noelle Smith, second to Wendy Bucchieri, and third to Nancy Hadley, the club's vice president and chair of the anniversary party.



Noelle Smith's first prize arrangement.



Wendy Bucchieri's arrangement (above) and Nancy Hadley's (below).



All agreed that it was a lovely way to mark an historic anniversary, and to celebrate 70 years of friendship, as well as promoting conservation, teaching floral design techniques, enhancing landscapes and creating beauty and environmental awareness throughout our community.

Granite Center Garden Club **~Sue Talmadge**

The Granite Center Garden Club began the year with new officers who were installed by then FGCV President Stephanie Hockensmith at our end-of-the year dinner last December. Clara Geist is our president. She will be helped by Vice Presidents Lee Rousseau and Coralin Mackey, Secretaries Shonnie Foran and Jean Harris, Treasurer Joan Corrigan, and FGCV Delegate Susan Barrett. With Glenda Clark's invaluable assistance, our club hosted the FGCV Spring Meeting at The Hilltop Restaurant in Barre in April. The "Spotlight" was on the GCGC, and Sue Talmadge gave a brief history of the club highlighting our past and present activities. A tri-fold of pictures and an on-going scrapbook were on display. Our busy year was underway!

Club members worked hard in April and May finding and potting plants for our annual plant sale. We spent all day Thursday May 26th at the Granite Museum setting up tables, pricing plants, and preparing for our 6:30 AM opening the next day. As we closed the doors at 7:00 PM, it began to rain. Torrential rains, thunderstorms, and extensive flooding occurred all night. By morning we found that although the plants were high and dry, so many roads had been washed out in central Vermont that our customers were unable to reach us. The sale was postponed to Tuesday May 31st. Customers began lining up at 6:00 AM as usual and though we felt the sale was a success, it was not as lucrative as sales in the recent past. We had many plants left -- the Rousseaus turned their driveway into a plant shop for five days after which the remaining plants were sold on the library lawn (in the rain) for a dollar apiece. A lot of extra work this year but in the end our treasury looked healthy.

The recipient of the Granite Center Garden Club's annual \$500 scholarship was Darienne Chouinard, a graduating senior at Spaulding High School. Sue Talmadge made the presentation at the school's Awards Assembly on June 7th. Darienne's interest is in sustainable agriculture. She will attend Sterling College and hopes to one day own a small organic farm.

Main Street in Barre City is undergoing a huge reconstruction and renovation over the next two years. This project has affected some of the traffic island beds that the GCGC plants and maintains. Nevertheless, in spite of the noise, dust, and detours, we are continuing to make every effort to keep our civic plantings well maintained and the city looking as colorful and vital as possible. Meantime, for our monthly meetings, Christine and Lee Rousseau,

Chairmen of the Program Committee, have planned a series of inviting talks and programs on a variety of gardening topics to foster our enjoyment of gardening for ourselves and for the public. Join us for one of our meetings at 6:30 PM on the second Monday of the month!

Newfane Garden Club **~Alice Freeman, President**

The Newfane Garden Club is growing and thriving! We currently have 50 active members, 6 associate members, 14 alumnae and 4 FGCV Lifetime Members. We are proud to report that among our active members are four Master Gardeners and one certified flower show judge.

Our President, Janis Pereira, and her Executive Board led us admirably and cheerfully for two years. This year we had an array of fascinating programs and went on some interesting field trips. A program on the cultivation of orchids was a particular favorite, presented by Sally Winchester, proprietor of Windham Flowers in Brattleboro.

One of the duties of the Newfane Garden Club from the very beginning has been beautification of the town's public gardens, including the flowering annuals in the old horse trough on the Common, the Shakespeare Garden at the Moore Free Library, the plantings at the Town Offices, and the historic rose garden at the Museum of the Historical Society of Windham County. The work is done by volunteers, and though it is often difficult to find enough workers at one time due to the number of members who have jobs, it always gets done cheerfully. We are also charged with helping to maintain the plantings at the NewBrook Elementary School, with the aid of the strong and enthusiastic eighth graders. Sally Topitzer has been a leader in organizing these projects, and deserves recognition for her continuing efforts.

Other duties we performed were: purchasing, preparing and hanging wreaths on public buildings in Newfane; making tray favors for patients at Grace Cottage Hospital in February; and fashioning May baskets for the hospital at our meeting in May.

Club member Joyce Orgera secured a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation to fund a well-received school program which provided participating children with spruce seedlings to be taken home and planted. Our annual Plant and Bake Sale on Memorial Day weekend was again a success, with many participants, bakers and gardeners contributing time, food and unusual plants.

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our club, celebrated with a gala dinner at the home of one of our longtime members, Rosalind Fritz, including displays of photographs and memorabilia from years past.

We are proud to announce that in June 2011 we awarded the first Newfane Garden Club Anniversary Award to a member of the class of 2011 at Leland and Gray Union High School in Townshend, VT. The recipient was Lauren Scott, who will continue her education at Lewis and Clark College in Oregon. In August the club voted to establish a fund to support this award for many years to come, in recognition of our seventy-five years as a club.

The aftereffects of Hurricane Irene in Newfane village in August will present challenges to many of us in our home gardens, and also in the public gardens the club maintains. Perhaps we may look upon the damage as a starting point for positive changes, new designs, and new plants; and in our club, new members, more exciting programs, and more fun together.

Onward and upward!

Rutland Garden Club Martha Baker, Co- President

Rutland Garden Club had a busy, fun year. Sue Casella, Marty Leon and I initiated our new Co-Presidencies with a celebration luncheon to honor our past presidents, Esther Swett and Pat Kent, their full Board attending. We wanted to start our new administration on a high note. It was just fun - no business, except to toast our former leaders.

Next, as new Presidents, we decided to meet with each Board Member, independently, to share new ideas, answer questions, and talk of plans for the year. This proved to be time well spent and very helpful to us all.

Our window box project, initiated by Leslie Brenner and Gwen Allard, was one of our greatest achievements for the last year. An anonymous donor allowed us to have eighteen window boxes constructed for our downtown. Filled with annuals, they created quite a stir with our merchants. When fall arrived, the flowers were replaced with winter boughs and pinecones. In spring, Jane Mahoney took on the job of creating a new floral design. Again the boxes are in place and enhancing the merchant area of Rutland.

Our Annual Greens Sale, skillfully chaired, as always, by Nancy Beauchamp, includes the sale of wreaths, roping, kissing balls, etc. and generates \$2,000 for our club. This year we plan to add custom bows using a variety of ribbons, available to those who wish to purchase them.

Early December brought our first Victorian Tea, held at the Chaffee Art Gallery, and ably chaired by Susan Resnick and Robin Shmitt. A Silent Auction, as well as creative items made during a demonstration by Valerie Cleary, added another very profitable fund raiser to our club's events. The food was made by our members and was a delightful and DELICIOUS combination of tea sandwiches, savories, and special desserts that our guests clearly enjoyed.

Our Annual Christmas Party and Yankee Swap was held in December at Chrisanver House, the home and B&B of our member Carol Calotta. A picture perfect country, "White Christmas" setting.

RGC's "Open Meeting" was held in the Fox Room at the Rutland Library, featured a speaker from the Audubon Society, who was knowledgeable and entertaining. The theme was reflected in our luncheon menu, featuring lovely arrangements by Luncheon Chair, Marty Leon, and cookies shaped and painted to look like cardinals, by Ann Clark, delicious, but almost too special to eat.

Spring brought our Annual Plant Sale again chaired by our own Carol Kenlan and netting a generous amount for our treasury. All club members were asked to donate 8 plants from their gardens.

The Annual Meeting at the Rutland Country Club, featured Mary Huntoon, a lead judge at the Boston Flower Show, and a creative designer in her own right. She was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.

Summer brought a special trip to the gardens of Kerry Mendez, in Ballston Spa, New York. I was told the gardens were outstanding and it was a special outing for all who made the trip. As many of you know, Kerry is an amazing gardener and a great and informative speaker at many garden club events.

Seed and Weed Garden Club of St. Johnsbury and Surrounding Towns ~Mary Beausoleil

This year the Seed and Weed Garden Club focused on solidifying previous years' initiatives rather than starting new ones. We continued to improve and standardize the labels for our plants at our annual plant sale, which we hold on the lawn of the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury in early June. For two years now we have also used that day to plant the flower bed at the Museum that the club has designed and taken care of for years. This is a gain in efficiency for our far-flung members.

Our programs began in October with a talk on shrubs by Chris Wilson from Brown's Nursery in Thetford. His talk reminded some of us of one several years ago on low-maintenance gardening, the keys to which were trees, shrubs and ground cover.

In November we had a demonstration of holiday flower arrangements by Emily Herzig of Littleton. She incorporated some unusual materials, such as raw figs, and many commoner ones in imaginative groupings. In December we made small arrangements to be delivered to hospice clients of the Caledonia Home Health Care Agency.



Seed and Weed members plant the flower garden at of the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury

We didn't meet during January and February, and we used our meeting time in March for planning. In April, artist Dorian McGowan showed us portfolios of his flower artwork and demonstrated some of his techniques. In May we potted up plants for our sale in June, when we also took a field trip to greenhouses and gardens in Cabot.

We skipped a trip in July, and in August we had a work day at a historical park in Lyndon Center that we care for. We also had a plant swap for members.

Our new year begins in September with the installation of new officers and our annual meeting. Then, in October, we will review the fund-raising and membership-enhancement activities of other Vermont clubs, thanks to the survey undertaken by past president of FGCV Stephanie Hockensmith. The responses were full of good ideas; thank you, Vermont Garden Clubs!

Springfield Garden Club ~Sue McCausland, co-president

Once again, the Springfield Garden Club has had a fun and successful year! For the last 18 years we have held one fundraiser to support all our efforts in Springfield and area towns. We host a Festival of Trees the Friday before Thanksgiving at a local historic inn; it takes us a week to decorate it with garlands, lights and trees; the profits from our silent auction, extensive raffle and decoration sales provide the money for our year-long town-wide events. Guests are treated to two hours of wine, hors d'oeuvres and shopping for wreaths, centerpieces, etc. that were made by club members. The decorated rooms at the Inn stay for the entire Christmas season where they are enjoyed by guests at the Inn and where we can enjoy our decorating efforts at our Annual Christmas Luncheon.

This year our profits were distributed back into the community in the following ways:

- Civic Beautification – gardens and planting around Springfield, Weathersfield and Chester
- Scholarships to area high school seniors going into the horticultural or environmental area of studies
- We have a memorial garden with a walkway of pavers attached to the Toonerville walking path; the pavers are purchased in memory of or to honor a loved one
- We support garden therapy by providing flower arrangements to Meals on Wheels recipients, Sr. Housing clients and at the Adult Day Care where we also plant and maintain their outdoor patio area with flowers and vegetables
- We support community efforts by co-coordinating activities with the Gallery at the VAULT (Visual Arts Utilizing Local Talent); Miller Art Center; Herricks Cove Wildlife Festival; and this year we are a Gold Sponsor donor towards Springfield's 250th Celebration

- We maintain gardens at Springweather Nature and Conservation Site and the Dan Foster House in Weathersfield, at on the town green in Chester
- We provide educational programs for club members and guests as well as fun activities like our annual pool party; this year we held a very successful garden tour of members gardens
- We support a Jr. Gardening program with local grammar school children

Ours is a very active club of talented members who are ready and willing to support these endeavors. This year we were honored with the nomination by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce as the “Organization of the Year”...a surprise and thrill for all of us!



Planting Day – all with our “down and dirty” Springfield Garden Club T-shirts on

P.S. TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

~Gay Gaston

In the wake of this past weekend's storm, many of us are all still in shock over the devastation Irene brought to Vermont and to many of our friends, families and community members. I hope that you were spared and that the power is flowing into your home again! There will be a special informal Board meeting on Monday, September 12, at Vermont Tech, and I invite you all to be thinking about how the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont might work together to provide something positive to the communities that were so adversely affected. Please think outside the box about how we might enhance and beautify their spoiled places. Any ideas are welcome! Send them to me so that I may present them to the Board for discussion. My email is ggaston1@myfairpoint.net and my mailing address is 650 Sarum Hill Lane, Randolph, VT 05060-9261. My cell phone number is 802-272-6766 and home is 802-728-5690. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing your ideas with the Board. Many thanks.

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF VERMONT, INC.

Registration for Fall Meeting – Monday, October 3, 2011

The Fullerton Inn, Chester, VT

Please print your information

Name _____ Address _____
Club _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Please check applicable title(s): State President Executive Committee Member
 National Board Member Past State President State Committee Chair
 National Life Member District Director Club President
 State Life Member Past District Director Club Member Guest

*Coffee, tea, and breads and muffins will be available upon arrival.
Lunch will be a buffet which includes soup, salad, assorted wraps, croissants, dessert and beverages. If you have special dietary needs, please call the Fullerton Inn at (802) 875-2444.*

**PLEASE CUT HERE AND MAIL ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR
\$26 CHECK MADE OUT TO FGCV.**

EGCV ANNUAL MEETING, Monday, October 3, The Fullerton Inn, Chester, Vermont

Program: Pamela Hebert, Rutland Garden Club and National Garden Clubs' Historian will present the opportunities for continuing education with the NGC Schools.

Registration:	9:00 - 9:30	Coffee/Tea/Breads and Muffins
Business Meeting	9:30 - 10:30	
Speaker	10:30 - 11:30	
Social Time	11:30 - 12:00	
Luncheon	12:15 - 1:15	
Spotlight on a Club: Rutland	1:15 - 1:45	
Closing	2:00	

Fee: \$26 Includes coffee/tea, breads and muffins, speaker, and luncheon.
\$10 Additional for non-member and late registration fee

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: FGCV

Mail To: Shari Johnson, 535 Sperry Road, Cornwall, VT 05753-9451

PAYMENT DEADLINE: Friday, September 23 **ROOM RESERVATIONS :** Rooms are available for a special rate of \$99. Please reserve early, as it is foliage season, and identify yourself as a FGCV member. getaway@fullertoninn.com or (802)875-2444.

Directions to the Fullerton Inn, 40 The Common, Rt. 11, Chester:

- From the North via the Interstate, Exit 7 on I-91, follow Rt. 11 for 13 miles to the Inn. The Fullerton Inn is on the right across from a park.
- From North - Traveling on Rt. 103, turn Right at the T onto Rt. 11 and go 150 yards. The Fullerton Inn is on the left across from a park.
- From South - On I-91, Exit 6, follow Rt. 103 for 10 miles which turns into Rt. 11. The Fullerton Inn is on the left across from a park.
- From the West - Follow Rt. 11 into Chester. The Fullerton Inn is on the left across from a park.