



# Garden Basket

## ACFGCMD District I

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### 7 Days till Spring 2023!!!

Good day to all of you! As I write to you today, I find it very hard to believe that Spring is only 7 days away....it is 42 degrees, gray and just cold. We have been spoiled this winter with so many non-winter days, and here on the shore we haven't had any snow.....I will take this anytime!

My garden, like many I have seen, hasn't been reading the calendar - I have had daffodils blooming since February 5.....I picked my first bouquet that day and have been enjoying the many varieties planted in my naturalized area and garden beds ever since. Looking out my window just now I see an abundance of yellow moving gently on the breeze - that certainly will lift anyone's spirits. But I do look forward to more blooms from by tulips, yes, I plant tulips.... flowering magnolias, redbuds, and the varieties of viburnum.....yet to come!



Trish's Garden - March 2023

I have given into the temptation on warmer days than today to get out into my gardens and do a bit of work.... winter pruning, mulching, garden cleanup....but beware, March can be tricky....windy, up and down temperatures and maybe a touch of snow!



This issue of Garden Basket is devoted to change.... change in the District I administration, changes in club leadership, and finally the Installation of Susie Middleton on March 27 as President of FGCM, a time of transition to new leadership in many groups!

We are covering in this issue the District I Annual Meeting hosted by the Kent Island Garden Club. Awards were presented, new Club Presidents were introduced, the new District Board was installed, a quiet ceremony reflecting on lost members with our Moment of Remembrance was held. Terry presented outgoing Jeanne Bernard with a gift from her Board, along with BIG thank you to outgoing.

Director Jeanne Bernard and her Board. And much more....so read on and enjoy for those of you that could not attend, and for those of you that did, hopefully it will bring back a few memories of that day.

We have also included announcements about the FGCMMD Annual Meeting on February 27 when our own Susie Middleton will be installed as the new FGCMMD President, and the FGCMMD sponsored Earth Day event. Our Calendar of events is also included.

Next month we will return with our usual format and encourage Club Presidents to send us pictures of Club events so we can spread the word on all that is going on in District I.

*Irish Reynolds*, Gardenews/Publications Chair



### **Director's "Mini Basket"**

(Editor's Note...as mentioned for those of you that could not attend the District I Annual Meeting we are including in this issue Jeanne's final report as District Director).

### District I Annual Meeting – March 1, 2023

#### Director's Report

District I was sad to see one of our constituent clubs, Greenfingers GC of Cecil County, leave our fold this past December. They are in a very rural area with a small, aging population which made it very difficult to recruit and retain members. They were, however, a great group who were always engaged with our district. They just couldn't sustain themselves. Their members were encouraged to find other District I clubs to join.

Two separate donations for the Penny Pines Program were sent in after the collection of donations at the October Semi-annual Meeting. These funds were designated for the planting of trees in Florida after the devastation of Hurricane Ian.

District I clubs *all* participated in Governor and Mrs. Hogan's Statehouse Christmas Display this past December. The trees and wreaths were stunning and remarkably reflective of all the interesting counties on the Eastern Shore. Thank you all who volunteered for this activity.



Finances are often barriers to activities for a number of our clubs. I'd like to remind everyone that a number of grants are available to support your projects, specifically civic beautification, historic preservation and flower shows. Go to the FGCMMD website for more information. Oxford GC recently was selected to receive a \$1000 grant from the NGC Plant America program. Other district recipients of this grant have included Dorchester and Chestertown GC. Clubs undertaking flower shows in District I are very fortunate to have access to the Dottie Howatt Grant Fund, also \$1000, to help underwrite flower show expenses. Somerset GC has received this funding for their July Herb Show. Recently announced is a source of funding—the FGCMMD Mae Scott Food Bank Donations award. These are monies to be awarded for contributions of food grown by an individual club and donated to a local food bank or for a club working with a community garden

which donates to food banks. This could be something new to consider for your youth gardening or, perhaps, garden therapy activities.

All our clubs are preparing new programs for the 2023-2024 year, yearbooks are being produced and new administrations are poised to step into their responsibilities. It is an exciting time. Exciting for me too as I have concluded my two year term and look forward to stepping back in a supportive role and spending more quality time in my garden. I very much appreciate the honor of leading this amazing district. I have made many friends, learned a lot and continue to be amazed by how much we accomplish and the level of excellence we consistently achieve. We have held four top notch district meetings with engaging programs and great participation. We held an incredible flower show last September which employed some very successful new strategies for fundraising, attracting visitors and educating members and the public. I believe our communications, while sometimes voluminous, with district members, including an excellent monthly newsletter, Garden Basket, kept everyone informed and afforded opportunities to participate in many statewide events.

We created a comprehensive handbook of district policies and procedures to help clubs understand the benefits of our affiliation with FGCM and help everyone navigate district and state business. I can't even begin to tout the stellar achievements of so many of our members who have received awards and accolades—how about one of our members stepping up as president of FGCM! Likewise, I am awed by the impressive, often creative and innovative achievements of our clubs. I am confident I am about to turn over a strong, healthy and resilient District to our incoming Director, Officers and Board members. **Thank you to every one of you!**

*Jeanne*



(Editor's Note: As of March 1, 2023, a new administration took over the reigns for District I. We welcome Terry Holman and her new Board as well as the new Club Presidents).

### **Installation Speech– Terry Holman**

There's something you should all know.... I don't like gardening. I LOVE it! I'm happily married to Richard Holman for 32 years. We have two children, both grown and (finally) out of my house. I am a grandmother of 1 with 1 on the way in May. I have a tenacious terrier dog named Duncan who gardens with me, typically digging up every seed and bulb that I plant.

**I'm a very misplaced Californian but have gardened all my life in many different states:**

I grew up on a dairy farm in central California (zone 9b) with my family of 6. I learned how to work hard.

I learned to garden from my grandmother from the time I was two. I helped maintain the ½ acre garden of my family in-between milking cows and tending calves of our herd of 100 Holsteins. I graduated from California State University, Stanislaus, with a BS degree in Chemistry and moved to San Diego where I worked as a chemist for a division of Eli Lilly creating over the counter pregnancy test kits and later programmed robotics.



In San Diego (zone 10a) I ran a community garden with 60 plots called The Pacific Beach Community Garden. We moved to FL (zone 11) where I learned to grow horticulture in a tropical zone for 9 years.

The next move was to NJ (zone 6a) where I was a member of the Long Valley Garden Club for 10 years in and served as president and became a master gardener in Morris County, NJ

I fell in love with flower shows and started NGC Flower Show School in NJ in 2003. I am currently a Life level NGC Flower Show Judge. We moved to the Eastern Shore of MD in 2013. The Eastern Shore was very different from NJ. Your district members even had cool names like Bozy, Boots and Cookie. I was charmed. Plus, I was now residing in zone 7 and it felt like “home”.

I am here now ready to serve as District I Director of the FGCMMD. I see an incredible source of brilliant people housing a variety of skills and talents. I'm convinced that together, we could do anything! I plan to keep our organization functioning smoothly. I will do my very best to assist each and every president and garden club with any difficulties that might arise.

My Theme for my term is: **“Sustaining the Eastern Shore – Gardening for Wildlife.”**

Gardening for wildlife is a brilliant way to restore our native insect and wildlife populations in a small but meaningful way. The world doesn't revolve around us.... we are but a small part in a large, complicated ecosystem and we can all do better to understand this fact. This will help our members to **garden smarter**.

I'm all about flower shows. The Somerset Co Garden Club will host this biannual event. We are hoping to have a spring standard flower show. Stay tuned!

On March 28 District I has the privilege of creating the floral arrangements for the head table and all tables at the upcoming FGCMMD annual meeting where District I will celebrate the installation of one of our own as FGCMMD president, Susie Middleton, and Patricia Reynolds as the corresponding secretary.

We will soon schedule a day in May for our orientation meeting for the incoming District I officers, Club Presidents and our District Board. We will introduce ourselves, define responsibilities, hand out our new district directories and share our District Schedules. We will review leadership tips, share information for best practices for secretarial minutes and treasurer duties. We will also get to know each other and work together, which I am really looking forward to!

On October 4, 2023, we have scheduled our Semi-Annual District Meeting. It will be hosted by the Oxford Garden Club at the Oxford Community Center and our Program Chairmen have already booked the presentation.

I'm always percolating on innovative and fun projects so if you have ideas, please share them with me! I believe all clubs can prosper by sharing of our successes and failures. With that, I thank you for electing me as your new District Director and I look forward to gardening smarter with all of you.

*Terry*

## **DISTRICT I AWARDS 2022**

The following awards will be presented at the Districts' Annual March Meeting.

- CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD
  - Kent Island GC Honorable Mention Small Club - Kirwin House Gardens Preservation
  - Talbot County GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Large Club - Celebrating Frederick Law Olmstead's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Arbor Day with a Tree Planting
  - Dorchester GC Honorable Mention Large Club - Harriet Tubman Statue Dedication Beautification Project
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
  - Kent Island 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Small Club GC - Gold Star Marker Ceremony/Dedication
  - Queen Anne's County GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tie Large Club - Floral Arrangement Project for Compass Hospice
  - Dorchester GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tie Large Club May Day 2022- Judging Window Displays
- JOANNA TILGHMAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD
  - Kent Island GC 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Small Club - Arbor Day Tree Planting at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center
- HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AWARD
  - Talbot GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place Large Club - Preservation of the Talbot County Historical Society's Joseph's Cottage
- DECORATING HISTORIC HOMES
  - Kent Island GC Honorable Mention Small Club - Holiday Decorating of Historical Kent Island Sites
  - Queen Anne's County GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Large Club - Holiday Decorations for Town of Centreville, MD

## GARDEN THERAPY AWARD

- Dorchester GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place Large Club - Floral Therapy at Community Nursing Home Facilities

## YEARBOOK AWARDS

- Kent Island GC 1<sup>st</sup> Place 21-50 Members
- Worcester County GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 21-50 Members



- Four Seasons GC Honorable Mention 21-50 Members
- Chestertown GC Honorable Mention 51+ Members
- Talbot County GC Honorable Mention 51+ Members
- Dorchester GC 1st Place 51+ Members
- Queen Anne's County GC Honorable Mention 51+ Members

#### ANNETTE RICHTER PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

- Queen Anne's Garden Club Doris Key 2<sup>nd</sup> Place '*Karma Dahlia*'

#### DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

- Chestertown Garden Club Susan Flanigan 1st Place \$50.00 'Field Pumpkin'

#### HARRY C. REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

- Queen Anne's Garden Club April Walter 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 'White Swamp Oak at Sunset'

#### MARY FITZPATRICK PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

- Queen Anne's Garden Club April Walter 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 'Under the Tuscan Sun'
- Chestertown Garden Club Susan Flanigan 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 'Altar Flowers'

#### GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKER(S)

- Kent Island GC in cooperation with Kent Island American Legion Post 278. Dedicated on June 14, 2022, the third Gold Star Memorial Marker placed at the 800 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD location.
- Somerset County Garden Club, in cooperation with sponsor, Crisfield American Legion dedicated on November 11, 2021, the second NGC Gold Star Memorial Marker in the state. The marker is located at the library, 100 Collins St., Crisfield, MD.

Federated Garden Clubs of MD, Inc. dedicated on October 12, 2021, the first Gold Star Memorial Marker in Maryland. The Marker is located at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery, 6827 East New Market Ellwood Rd., Hurlock, MD.

#### FLOWER SHOW EVALUATION - FGCMD CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

- DISTRICT I "Harvest Highlights" - NGC Standard Flower Show September 24, 2022

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- Oxford Garden Club 20 Years

#### YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

POETRY THEME: SEEDS, TREES, AND BEES.... OH MY-CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF NATURE

- Worcester County GC
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Marcie Groves Stephen Decatur MS – "*The Harmony of Nature*"
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Areti Gjiguria Stephen Decatur MS – "*The Bee's Garden*"

#### SMOKEY THE BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

- Chestertown GC
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Reagan Pettitt HH Garnet ES
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sophie Clark HH G

## Awards Presentation



Jeanne Bernard, David Adams, Pres. DGC,  
Anna O'Kelly, Pres. FGCMMD



Jeanne Bernard, Karen Brimer, Pres. Somerset  
GC, Anna O'Kelly



Jeanne, Doris Key – Photography Award  
Anna O'Kelly



Anne Foss; Jeanne Bernar; Diana Bonner,  
Pres.; KIGC; Anna O'Kelly, Pres. FGCMMD



Jeanne Bernard; Maribeth Lane, VP TCGC;  
Anna O'Kelly, Pres. FGCMMD



Jeanne Bernard; Dorothy Williams,  
Past Pres. OGC; Anna O'Kelly,  
Pres. FGCMMD

### **Marguerite Willey Bowl Award – 2023**

Presented by Jeanne Bernard, District Director

*“It is my privilege to present this year’s Marguerite Willey Bowl Award. This award is given annually to the club which has best served the District in promoting one of the State or National objectives of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.*

*The award’s namesake, Marguerite Willey, was President of Somerset County Garden Club from 1969-1970. She emphasized Community Service and Garden Therapy by setting an example for other garden club members. Her special interest was daffodils, and thus the bowl is always presented filled with these lovely spring blooms.*

*This year's award winner is a vibrant, highly engaged club whose activities have been particularly emblematic of the priorities embraced by Marguerite Willey. As I outline why this club was selected, it will be impossible to keep the winner a surprise. This club, which has been around for over a century now and whose membership is the largest of most clubs in the State of Maryland, is committed to serving their community in many important ways. First, they educate their members and the public at large by regularly offering the highest quality programs and activities. They, every year, sponsor a Winter Lecture series, open to all, presenting timely topics and quality speakers. This Spring they are hosting an exciting and elegant luncheon and garden symposium featuring exceptional presenters. They alternate this program every other year with the Maryland Home and Garden Pilgrimage which is a huge undertaking and open the most beautiful properties for the touring public.*



*Marguerite Willey Bowl Award*

*This club prioritizes civic beautification regularly designing, funding, and maintaining multiple gardens throughout their county—the Historical Society, the Free Library, the Gardens at 5 Corners at Idlewild Park and the Frances Plate Memorial Children's Garden in this same park. Through their new Project Grants Committee, they will soon design, fund and plant a new garden as requested by the local Post Office. Outside of their regular civic beautification projects, they recently approached their County about providing flowering trees, benches and periodic garden oases along the pathways of the Rails to Trails Project. The Rails to Trails Conservancy is a national, non-profit organization based in Washington DC whose mission it is to build a nation connected by trails. They seek to reimagine public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active outdoors. Planting trees and providing the opportunity for the community to connect with nature is a perfect garden club contribution.*

*During the past several years when it has been difficult to safely serve vulnerable populations, this club has maintained an active Community Garden Therapy program. On a regular basis, particularly for holidays, garden club members convene to create arrangements for patients at the Hospice House as well as for clients of the Interfaith Shelter.*

*Finally, this club has a very engaging Young Gardeners program whereby, monthly at the Public Library, they teach students up to age ten from public, private and home-schooling environments. As an example, the children have planted bulbs in the library garden and have helped create a book on gardening.*

*I am sure Marguerite Willey would be pleased with our Director's selection of this year's award recipient. It is my great honor to present this award to the Talbot County Garden Club for the breadth and scope of incredible work they do. I would like to invite incoming President, Maribeth Lane, representing current President Carolyn Rugg, to come forward to accept this bowl of daffodils, with the congratulations of all of District I for a job well done".*



*Anne Foss, Awards Chair; Maribeth Lane, TCGC VP; Jeanne Bernard, District Director*



**Moment of Remembrance** – At each Annual Meeting we take a moment to remember those members we have lost, by lighting a candle and placing a flower in their memory in a bouquet.



*Susie Young, Pres. Worcester CGC lighting a Remembrance Candle for deceased members.*



**Installation of District I Officers**



*FGCMD President Anna O'Kelly installing Terry Holman as District I Director*



District I Executive Board - l.to r. - Anne Foss, Corresp. Sec.; Linda Elias, Rec. Sec.; Pat Jessup, Treasurer; Ann Street, VP; Terry Holman, District I Directo

**Program** – After finishing all the business of the day and a delicious lunch, we all enjoyed Claire Jones and her very special program, “*Sculpted By Nature*”. Claire used spring flowers, branches and weathered wood, to create spring-themed arrangements, along with commentary and tips for flower arranging. At the end of Claire’s program, the designs were raffled off to some very lucky guests!



*Claire Jones, assisted by Ingrid Blanton, OGC and TCGC*



*Claire Jones and her designs using weathered wood, twigs, vines and spring flowers.*



*More of Claire's Designs*



*Ingrid Blanton, Claire's "Assistant for the Day", and her design*



**FGCMD News**

**94th ANNUAL MEETING  
FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF MARYLAND, INC.  
Turf Valley Resort & Hotel  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

**The business meeting** will be in the Cameo Room, located directly behind the Grand Ballroom and accessed via the main hallway to the left of the Grand Ballroom, or by entering through the automatic doors under the convention center portico.

**Registration and vendors** will be in the Ballroom lobby which is to the left of the main entry lobby.

Registration (Ballroom lobby)	8:00am - 11:45am
Vendor shopping	8:00am - 3:00pm
Silent Auction	9:45am - 12:00 noon
Business Meeting	9:30am - 11:00am
Cash Bar	11:00am - 2:00pm
Luncheon	11:45am - 12:45pm
Program	1:00pm - 2:00pm

National Garden Clubs President, Mary Warshauer, is our special guest.  
We are honored to have Mary install the New Officers for 2023-2025

***MENU***

Market Salad  
Herb Roasted Chicken, Brown & Wild Rice Medley, Sauteed Squash, Creamy Dijon Sauce  
Apple Walnut Crumb Cake  
~ \$50.00~

**The luncheon program “Creations from the Garden” will feature floral designer Kaye B. Vosburgh NGC Master Flower Show Judge and Sogetsu Ikebana teacher of the highest rank. Kaye has recently published a book entitled “Creations from the Garden – Growing Plants for the Art of Flower Arranging” and signed copies of her book will be available for sale at the annual meeting.**

Overnight Accommodations at Turf Valley are \$131.00 + Tax (single or double rate).  
Use Code 28D1NM to receive this special rate until February 24, 2023.

Annual Meeting Chairman: Betty Reeves, [BReevesdesign@aol.com](mailto:BReevesdesign@aol.com), 410-893-5027

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**2023 FGCMD ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

GARDEN CLUB

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Tables will be assigned as payments are received  
**SEATED!!**

**FIRST PAID...FIRST**

**PLEASE: NO WALK-INS**

**Credit Card reservations by Eventbrite available at this link until March 22, 2023:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-fgcmd-annual-meeting-registration-519331744227>

If paying by check, please register and pay by garden club, when possible, to facilitate your seating and registration processing.

**ATTENDEES NAMES (Please Print)**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club President**
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club Delegate**
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>AGENDA:</b>		
Registration	Lobby, Outside of the Grand Ballroom	8:00 am – 11:45 am
Business Meeting	Cameo Room	9:30 am – 11:30 am
Luncheon	Grand Ballroom	11:45 am – 12:45 pm
Program	Grand Ballroom	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**REMITTANCE:**

# of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person for your group/club reservation  
is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) Phone and/or  
email: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS BY CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 17, 2023, \$3.50 LATE FEE  
ADDED AFTER DUE DATE**

**Make checks payable to FGCM, Inc.  
line of check**

**Please add *Annual Meeting* to the Memo**

**Mail to: PO Box 65172, Baltimore, MD 21209**



**Credit Card reservations by Eventbrite available at this link until March 22, 2023:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-fgcmd-annual-meeting-registration-519331744227>

Directions to Turf Valley are available at [turfvalley.com](http://turfvalley.com).

**For Turf Valley Room Reservations: Group Code 28D1NM**

**Online reservations: [Turf Valley.com](http://TurfValley.com), **Book Now****

2700 Turf Valley Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Cut-off Date: 2/24/2023**

Telephone Number: 410-465-1500

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From our Director - This is always a nice event, with a delicious lunch, vendor shopping and a terrific speaker. If you do plan to attend and would be willing, district volunteers are needed for the registration booth (8-10 am and 10-12 pm) and one to usher during the morning business meeting. Thank you in advance!

Also, Susie Middleton will be sworn in as the new President of FGCMD. As she is a member of three clubs in District I, **we** will be doing the table arrangements for this event. If you have any interest in helping, please let me or Terry know.

## FGCMD Special Earth Day Event

Please join us for a day full of learning and fun as we gather to hear speakers share their knowledge about our environment.

- Several **conservation/environmental organizations** will have exhibits with information about their activities and missions, with staff members available to answer questions.
- **Vendors will be available** for shopping as well as fundraising items provided by FGCMD
- This Earth Day Event has been approved as **"Advanced Training"** for University of Maryland Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners



For information or questions contact:  
Linda Harris ([lindaharris355@aol.com](mailto:lindaharris355@aol.com))  
FGCMD Earth Day Event Chair

*"In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water."*  
— Doug Tallamy

### Special Earth Day Event



Thursday, April 27, 2023  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Vollmer Center - Cylburn Arboretum  
4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209

Sponsored & Hosted by  
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland



#### Schedule

- 8:00 – 8:45 Registration & Vendor Shopping, Refreshments
- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome & Announcements
- 9:00 – 9:50 **Biodiversity:** why we need it; evidence that we are losing it; how to rebuild it; and the key role of gardeners in that process.  
**Dr. Sara Via**, Professor & Climate Extension Specialist  
Department of Entomology, University of Maryland, College Park
- 10:00 – 10:50 **Beavers as a keystone species** and the work being done to restore wetlands through the "Beavers Working Group".  
**Claudia Donegan**, Habitat Restoration & Conservation, Chesapeake & Coastal Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- 11:00 – 11:50 An artistic vision of the National Audubon Society's report "Survival by Degrees: 389 Birds on the Brink". Using glass, photography, and information technology, this documentary, titled **"For the Love of Birds,"** highlights projected changes in bird populations because of climate change and other factors.  
**Caroline Blizzard** is a retired ranger of the Maryland State Park Service, having spent her career promoting natural surroundings, teaching thousands of residents and visitors to appreciate and care for the flora and fauna. **Julie Turrentine** has been working with glass for decades and operates the Snowbird Creations Studio at Deep Creek Lake.
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 – 1:50 **The Importance of Old-Growth Forests**  
**Brian Kane**, Outreach Coordinator & Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager for the Old Growth Forest Network
- 2:00 – 2:50 **An update on the Clean Water Act** "Five Decades of Clean Water"  
**Jen Mihills**, Regional Executive Director of Mid-Atlantic Regional Center of the National Wildlife Federation

TWO FORMS OF REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE: mail-in registration form (below) with check, or Eventbrite registration online

#### MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

**Pre-registration is required & must be received by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Limit: 100 registrants.**

**Cost to attend: \$40** (includes morning refreshments and lunch)  
**Note:** Fees are non-refundable

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **FGCMD Earth Day Event**

**Mail this registration form and payment to:**

FGCMD, PO Box 65172, Baltimore, MD 21209

Use this Eventbrite Link  
To Register and Pay Online:

[Special Earth Day Event Tickets, Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-earth-day-event-tickets-511316470327)

Or enter this information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-earth-day-event-tickets-511316470327>

## Club News – Open Programs

I would very much like to “advertise” your club’s upcoming “Open Events”, so please be sure to let me know of any for April, May and June. Also don’t forget, Club Presidents to send me a copy of your new Yearbooks.....Trish Reynolds, PO Box 425, Oxford, MD 21654.

### ❖ Talbot County Garden Club – Open Programs

MARCH 29, 2023 - 11 AM

Talbot County Garden Club Winter Speaker Program

**KIM EIERMAN, Founder of EcoBeneficial LLC:  
“The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline”**

Free Program - Open to the Public

Talbot County Free Library  
100 W. Dover St., Easton, MD



KIM EIERMAN is author of the book *The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline with Ecological Gardening*. She will share her insights as an environmental horticulturist and ecological landscape designer who specializes in native plants.

Based in New York, she teaches at the New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, The Native Plant Center, Rutgers Home Gardeners School, and several other institutions. In addition to being a Certified Horticulturist, she is an Accredited Organic Landscape Professional, a Steering Committee member of The Native Plant Center, and a member of Garden Communicators International and The Ecological Landscape Alliance.

Questions? [connellypaige@gmail.com](mailto:connellypaige@gmail.com)

**Editor’s Note:** If a District I Club has a flyer for an Open event and would like it included in Garden Basket, please forward it to me, [pk26998@gmail.com](mailto:pk26998@gmail.com)

## **Connections:**

### **Editor's note:**

This issue of Garden Basket is so full of Garden Club, District and FGCMD events that I will not have our usual links for readings, podcasts, trip, or webinars. We will however, return to some of our favorite items next month.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **Announcements/Reminders**

February 28 – April 29, 2023 - **Juried art show at Adkins Arboretum**—*"Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore"*

**"Create a New Climate for Action"**, a newsletter of science-based information about climate impacts and solutions. Find webinar videos from 2020-2022, Dr. Via's blog and other climate resources, on her website [www.climatecorner.org](http://www.climatecorner.org); [svia@umd.edu](mailto:svia@umd.edu).

March 28, 2023 – **FGCMD 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** at Turf Valley featuring a luncheon program, **"Creations from the Garden,"** presented by floral designer Kaye Vosburgh. See website for details.

March 29, 2023 – **"The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline"** presented by Kim Eierman, founder of Ecobeneficial LLC. This is a free program, 11 am, at the Talbot Free Library, part of the Talbot County Garden Club Winter Speaker Program.

April 12 – 13, 2023 - **NGC Gardening School, Course II** at the Vollmer Center.

April 14-15, 2023 – **2023 Spring Garden Market** presented by the American Horticultural Society at River Farm.

April 27, 2023 – **"Sustaining Mother Earth....One Action at a Time"** – A special Earth Day event at the Vollmer Center sponsored by the FGCMD

May 2 -5, 2023 – **NGC Annual Conference** at the Greenbriar Resort in West Virginia. See website for details.

Go to [www.Pegplant.com](http://www.Pegplant.com) to sign up for a free, subscription-based, on-line newsletter for gardeners in the DC metro area. Her current post provides a listing of over 100 gardening events in March alone.

- NGC continues offering its **Membership Mondays** virtual programming which is now focused on the four NGC Schools. Upcoming program for—Environmental Study School on April 17<sup>th</sup>. You must register in advance for the live presentation, but the good news is that you can find recordings of all these excellent programs on the NGC website under Member Resources. So, if you missed the discussions on Flower Show School or Landscape Design School it is not too late to check them out.

- NGC Gardening School, Course 2, is being offered at the Vollmer Center, April 12 & 13. See registration flyer attached on FGCMMD website. These schools are really wonderful. You will learn so much and upon completion, you can join the Council associated with a particular school and participate in tours and events.
- A special **Earth Day event** will be held at the Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Flyer with Registration Form can be found on the FGCMMD web site or see flyer in this newsletter.
- UME Master Gardener Coordinators are presenting various programs that might interest you so check out their website for date, time and topics. <https://go.umd.edu/getgrow>
- Native Plant Month 2023-Senate resolution sponsored by the Garden Club of America which, if passed, will influence the buyers' choices and nursery offerings, and to create activities and education of choosing natives and how this benefits our environment, Go to <https://nationalnativeplantmonth.org/> to register support for this.
- **Trip to France—June 29-July 11, 2023!** Claire Jones' FGCMMD/MD Horticulture Society-sponsored trip to England is already full, but the France trip (*Splendors of Northern France*) has some openings. The travel company for this trip is Pathfinders/STITA Tours of Cheltenham, UK. This tour will include Monet's home and gardens at Giverny. Versailles, Bayeux, Villandry, Agapanthus, D-Day Beaches, Paris and Chartres. Having attended one of these excursions last year, I heartily endorse the trip, A flyer is attached. You can contact Claire (District III Director) at 443-927-6285 or [jonesb1@comcast.net](mailto:jonesb1@comcast.net).

### **"Terry on the Road"**

Terry jumped right into her "new job" .....first order of business – Installation of New Officers for the Kent Island Garden Club!



*l to r - Bobbie Bell, President; Pat Spinella, Treasurer, Linda Rzepkowski, Recording Sec.; Ellen Rice, Corresponding Sec.*





### Trish's "Tiny Basket"

Spring is a miraculous time. It seems that the whole world comes alive after the long, cold and unpredictable winter months. A time when the trees are barren, the grass is no longer green, the songbirds are wintering far from here, and flowers are sleeping.

But, when Spring comes, everything just seems to come alive again – the songbirds return, the trees start to bud, the grass is greener, the early blooming spring flowers start to pop up with their happy faces shining in the beginning warmth.

Spring gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives as well. Spring is a time to renew the excitement and zest for life the lives inside each of us. So welcome Spring in 7 days.... enjoy the beauty around you that is coming back to life.....remember "*The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul*" (Alfred Austin)

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of the District I's newsletter – *Garden Basket*. See you again next month and stay warm and dream about your spring gardens!

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