

YOUTH NEWS

There are some wonderful web sites on the Internet that contain excellent gardening and science related processes for burgeoning gardeners. One of them of particular interest is a web site called Garden Mosaics at www.gardenmosaics.cornell.edu sponsored by Cornell University. Once on the site there are many well-composed projects described in great detail, which makes planning easy for the youth group leader.

Some projections can be reached by checking the link "i. m. science" that describes projects such as interviewing a local gardener, taking inventory of the plants in a community garden or conducting a weed watch in this area.

The beauty of the web site is the youth group can become fully involved and share results of their activities and projects with the website. Or use the model for a single exploratory project kept within the group.

Thanks to Solita Stevens, Kings County Chair for providing information about this web site.
Marge McCarthy, Youth Chairperson

"One sure way to lose another woman's friendship is to try to improve her flower arrangement."

Marcelene Cox



Director's Message

All through the long winter, the promise of spring beckons to us. Is it really here?

Presidents Council was well supported by our clubs. It turned out to be a day of learning and fun. I know how busy all of our clubs are in the springtime. Please support your District Flower Show at Hofstra University Arena, April 7, 8, 9, 2006. Enter the show, be a hostess, man the raffle benefit table or come to help put it together, anytime (10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. April 3 -6). We need you. This shows is yours. With your help, it can be the best yet.

I thank the Club Presidents who sent their community garden pictures and types of scholarship awards given in their clubs. They were displayed at the annual meeting in Albany, which was very special. Legislators and Assembly members from our areas in Second District were invited to view the exhibits in the Well of the State Legislature. What we do as garden clubs is no small thing and it is now better known by our state representatives and those who attended the meeting. Are you coming to the Spring Luncheon? Try to have a few members come who may not have been to one recently. It is always a fun day. Hope to see you there.

Joan Prior, Director

A sustaining thought by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

"Arranging a bowl of flowers in the morning can give a sense of quiet in a crowded day, like writing a poem or saying a prayer".

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY ARBORETUM FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Second District Spring Flower Show
"Long Island Bridging the Past to the Future"
April 7, 8, 9, 2006
at the
Hofstra University Arena

It is time to look forward to the awakening of spring. Our spring bulbs, breaking through the cool ground, remind us once again of the wonders of nature. Start to plan which of your favorites you will want to "show off" at the fifth Second District Flower Show.

Participation by every District garden club would be ideal.
Questions? Contact the Show Chairman: Victoria Bellias (631) 689-7337
Advanced Design Entries: Eileen DeRicco (631) 878-1481
Advanced Horticulture Entries: Joan Corbisiero (718) 224-9757

A Victorian Christmas At Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Each year the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, former home of William Bayard and Olivia Murray Cutting, is dressed out in holiday decorations by Second District Garden Clubs of Suffolk County. Approximately 10,000 patrons visited the park during this season and enjoyed the artistry of those who participated.

Flaye Stahl of the Bay Shore G.C. suggested the theme of music. The Cutting family was quite musical, therefore this theme was appropriate and well received. The Arboretum would not be able to present such a program without the hard work and talents that the club members bring.

Bay Shore (Main entry way), **Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society** (Library), **Honey Hills** (Parlor), **Sayville** (Formal Dining Room), **Sumpwams** (Breakfast Room), **Smaller areas** by Debbie Gardner and Barbara Reitz.

All of your efforts mean more than words can express not only to the Director, Brian Feil and me but to the public whom we serve.

Lillian Wykert, Assistant Director Bayard Arboretum