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***2023-2024 Dorchester Garden Club Annual Awards' Winners
First Place left to right, Helen Saum: Rosa Award,
Cookie Brohawn: Division I Horticulture Lednum Cup,
Kay Karminski: Division II Design Tawes Bowl***

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From DGC President, Kay Karminski



The month of May was almost magical as the Dorchester Garden Club members perused LaDew Gardens in Harford County, Maryland. Enormous vignettes formed and carved by man from nature were fantastic. The Bus journey provided time for some fun and getting to know each other better. Thanks to Connie Glover and Kara Linthicum who spearheaded the plans.

Helen and Jack Saum once again invited our DGC to appreciate their beautifully landscaped gardens and home to enjoy homemade delicacies provided by members. The annual picnic in June was a delight this year. Thank you once again to Jack for his humor and his willingness to share his extensive art collection. Helen's smile and hospitality cannot ever be surpassed.

Not all of the summer was perfect. Our treasurer, Barbara Massetti, faced some health issues. She is recovering nicely and sends us her greetings, indicating that she should return home soon. In the meantime, we were so very blessed to have two new members of our group step up to the position of interim Treasurer, Cindy Burns, and her assistant, Mary Ann McNamara. The expertise of Barbara, Cindy, and Mary Ann means our finances are well managed. Thanks to all. We also extend our love and prayers to our member, Judy Slaughter, on the death of her dear husband, Graham.

A marvelous patriotic District I Flower Show is taking shape for October 5. I would encourage all of our members to plan to attend and participate for fabulous displays of creative talent. This is the first time I have known that youth gardeners will be represented. Please read the schedule carefully which was sent out via email and join in the fun of presenting your designs and horticultural achievements. GO DORCHESTER!

The August 9 DGC meeting at Immanuel United Church of Christ will give us a chance to catch up on lots of coming events and of course, some chatter. Don't forget your design and horticultural entries. I love seeing the creativity of DGC.

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A Beautiful Day at Pleasant Day...



Garden Therapy at Pleasant Day with DGC members Karen Cartwright, Pat Beck, Beth Burton and Gloria Brake. We don't do enough to recognize the wonderful contribution these members make to enrich the lives of the Pleasant Day residents with Garden Therapy. If you'd like to participate or learn more, contact Pat Beck 410 596-5663

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March 1, 2024 District I Semi Annual Meeting – Prospect Bay Country Club

The District I Semi Annual Meeting was held at the Prospect Bay Country Club on March 6th and, as always, was well attended by Dorchester Garden Club Members.



District I Director, Terry Holman, welcomes meeting participants and guests and calls the meeting to order

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Kay is busy assembling the 2024-2025 Yearbooks to distribute to members in attendance and Susie Middleton and Linda Easter are having a fun conversation!



The lovely tradition of remembering passed club members at the March District I meetings with flowers and candles that was started by Jeanne Bernard continues. Kay Karminski, is doing the honors for Dorchester Garden Club.

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Awards were presented by Terry Holman and Susie Middleton. Here were awards for Dorchester Garden Club...



Mari Stanley receives photography award for her beautiful Still Life.



Award for 2023-2024 Yearbook 3rd place presented to Dorchester Garden Club

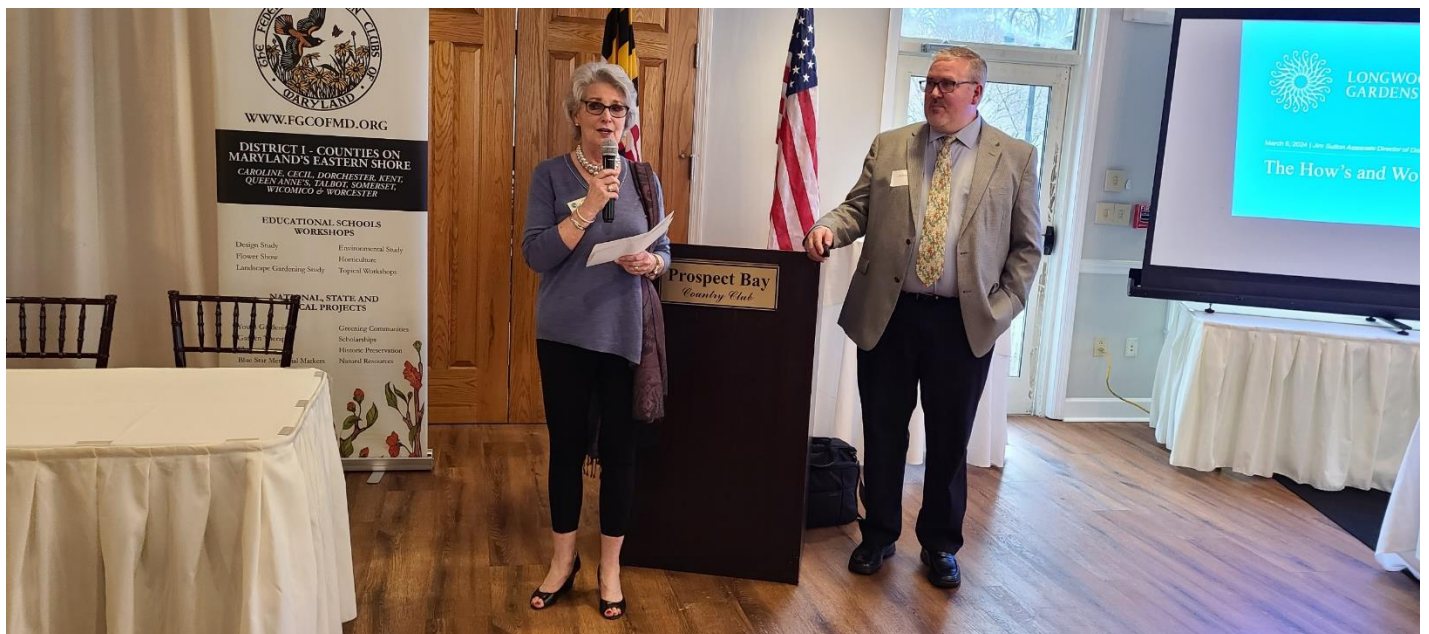
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Nice recognition from Terry Holman to Jeanne Bernard

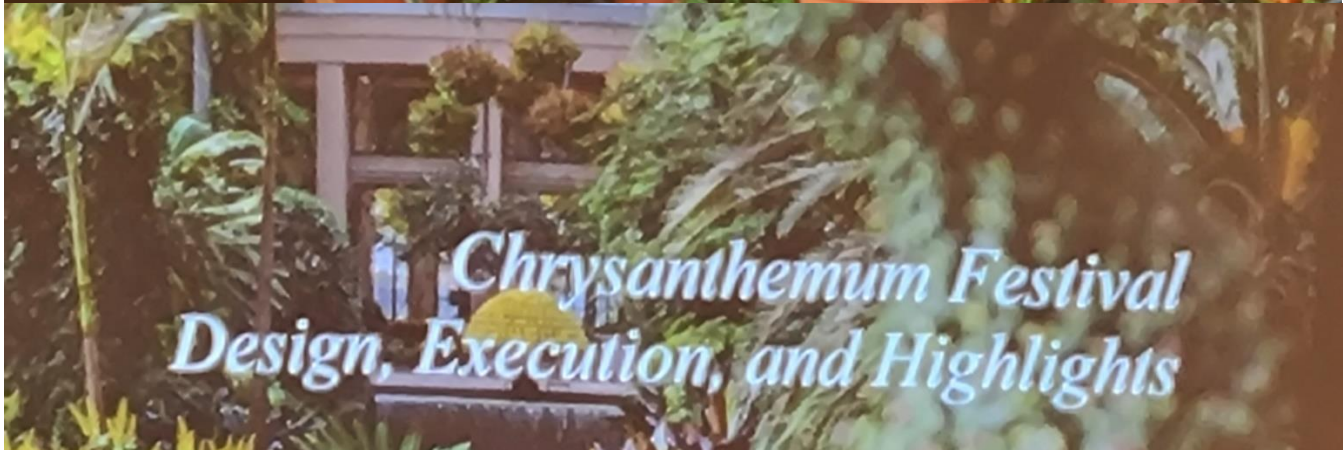
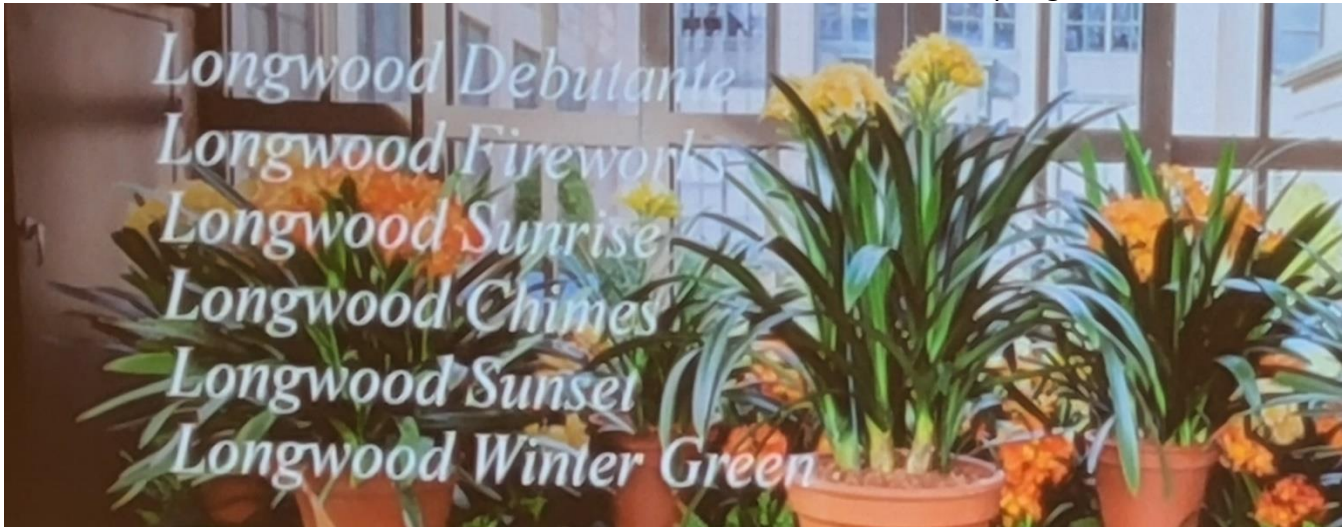


DGC club member, Judy Slaughter introduces guest speaker Jim Sutton, Head Designer of Longwood Gardens for his presentation "The House of Wows of Longwood Gardens".

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It was a show stopper. If you have never attended a District I meeting, you need to!

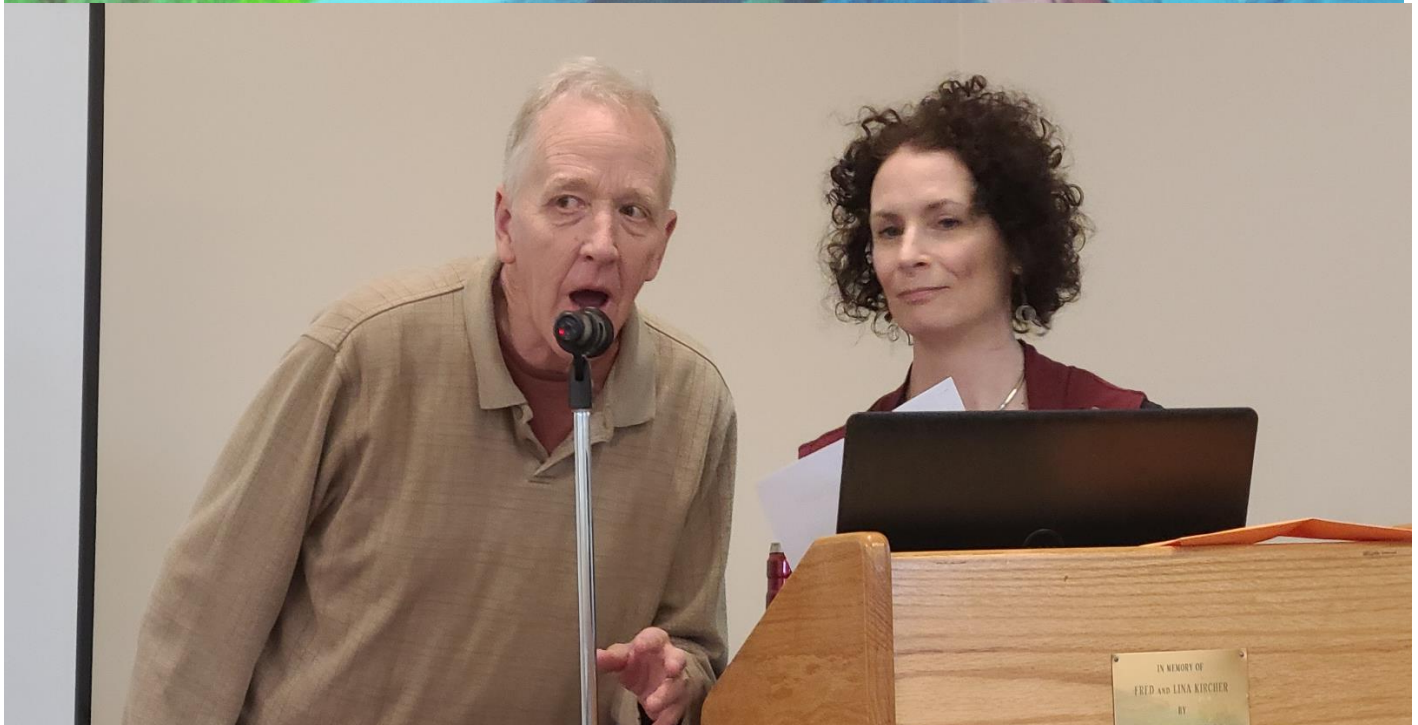
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April 2024 DGC Meeting at Immanuel Church of Christ

"Exploring the Eastern Shore Through Photographs and Tall Tales" was the theme of the April meeting and guest speakers Jim Duffy and Jill Jasuta did not disappoint. What a fun couple they are! Jim told so many amusing and informative Eastern Shore stories and Jill shared her beautiful photos and the inspiration behind them.



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Sue Jones checks out all the wonderful prints and books available for purchase. Many members went home with beautiful new treasures that day.



Mari Stanley is presented with the prestigious National Garden Clubs' 4 Star Certificate of Merit Award in acknowledgement of her completion of NGC's Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening and Landscape Design Schools. Way to go, Mari!

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Here are some of the beautiful Horticulture entries and the Design award winners in April...

Division I Horticulture



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Division II Design Class I "A River Runs Through It" Underwater Design



1st Place, Rege Butler



2nd Place, Julie Bryan

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Honorable Mention, Karen Cartwright



And as always, a delicious lunch was served by the men and women who volunteer in the kitchen at the church and do such a wonderful job!

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New Member Orientation for Dorchester Garden Club held May 2nd at English Hall at Eastern Shore Hospital Center



Cookie Brohawn, Judy Slaughter and Sandy Lucas



Mother's Day 2024 with Cheryl Willey supporting One Mission to fundraise

DGC Club Member Cheryl Willey has been an active volunteer for One Mission in Cambridge and was named as their volunteer of the month earlier this year.

As part of her involvement with the Mission she invited DGC members to help put floral arrangements together to be sold for Mother's Day as a fundraiser.

And DGC members came through to create the wonderful floral bouquets that were sold and then presented at Simmons Center Market. Here are a few photos. Our hats off to Cheryl for always being such an inspiration to all of us for her loving heart and so glad she was recognized for her contributions.

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Dorchester Garden Club Awards Scholarships to two Dorchester County Students

The Dorchester Garden Club presented College Scholarship Awards to two high school graduates from Dorchester County at a ceremony at Dorchester Career and Technology Center on Monday, May 20th. This year's recipients were Myra Lehn of Cambridge South Dorchester High School (left), who will be studying biology at Towson University with plans to pursue a career to become a dermatologist and Peter Lescomb of North Dorchester High School (right) who will be studying meteorology at Salisbury University. This year's Dorchester Garden Club scholarship committee included club members Billie Norton, Patti Hopkins, Becky Wozny and Julie Bryan. "Both Myra and Peter have had outstanding academic achievements and are well deserving of these scholarships as they continue on in their studies", noted DGC committee chair, Billie Norton.



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LaDew Bus Trip was a winner by all accounts!

The DGC hosted a bus trip to LaDew Gardens on May 14th and all who attended had rave reviews. Looks like everyone had a great time! I was not able to be there but am grateful to Kay and Cheryl for sharing photos!

A big thank you to Connie Glover and Kara Linthicum for all their work in making this happen!



On the road again!!!

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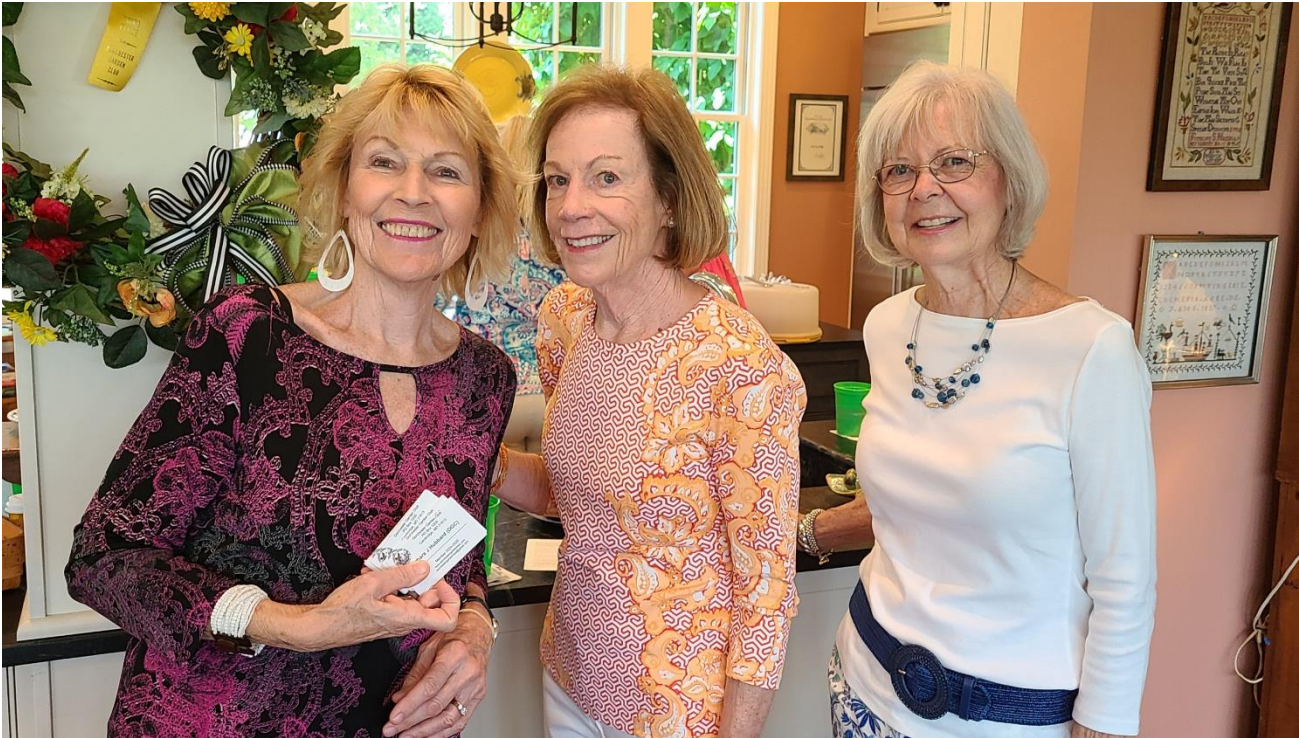
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June Annual Picnic and 2023-2024 Awards Ceremony

Once again, Helen and Jack Saum opened their lovely home and gardens for the DGC Picnic and Awards Ceremony. The event was well attended, and as always, the food was delicious and plentiful!



Gloria Brake, Susan Matthews and Diana Brooks enjoying some together time



Kay and Ching sharing a moment!

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The Annual Picnic is all about sharing laughs and stories with each other.
And of course, THE FOOD... !

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Following lunch, Kay Karminski gets the awards underway with a special thank you gift from the club to our host and member, Helen Saum



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**Sandy Lucas presented the newest DGC club members with their new member kits.
Left to right Karen Acosta, Carol Williamson, Mary Ann McNamara**



**This year's Rosa Award winners 1st place Helen Saum, center, 3rd place Cheryl Willey on right.
Honorable Mention Lynne Davis on left. Not pictured Jane Parks 2nd Place**

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Division I Horticulture Lednum Cup 1st place Cookie Brohawn on right, 3rd place Cheryl Willey on left. Not pictured Joan P Johnson 2nd place, Susie Middleton Honorable Mention



Division II Design Tawes Bowl 1st place Kay Karminski on left, 2nd place Mary Ann Moore on right, 3rd place Diana Brooks, center. Not pictured Judy Slaughter, Honorable Mention

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American Daylily Society Hillstead Gardens Open House and Daylily Sale held June 22-23

DGC Club Member Karen Collins held what she believes will be her last Daylily open house and sale at her home, Hillstead Gardens, in Easton in June. Karen's gardens were lovely, as always. Many of our Dorchester Garden Club members have purchased daylilies from Karen over the years. Rumor has it that she and her husband may be moving to South Carolina which is great for them but a loss for us. Karen took orders for the "wish lists" of the attendees and will be dividing her beautiful daylilies to fill those orders in August. I'm hoping I get what was on my wish list!



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“Spirit of America” District I Standard Flower Show October 5th

Kay has been forwarding information about this show to all of us via email and it will be discussed further at our upcoming August meeting. ***Please look over the program that Kay sent out prior to the meeting and plan on participating!***



*An NGC Patriotic Flower Show
Saturday October 5th 1-4 pm
Elks Lodge, Dutchman's Lane
Easton MD*



The Zinnia “Stars and Stripes” challenge is part of the show and if you haven’t gotten your seeds yet, Billie Norton may have a few packets left to sell at the meeting! Time’s running out! The winner of the growing challenge will receive The District Director’s Award of \$50 and will be entitled to all bragging rights!

Lots of important information will be shared at the August meeting. Hope you will be there!

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Where in the world are David Adams and Andre Duerinckx?

In Brussels, with the dogs, for a six month stay. And based on Facebook posts, they are eating well and enjoying family and friends!

Sorry it's not the best view of the dogs at the airport, but Andre reports that they have adjusted well to their new surroundings.

