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## District Director's Message Anthony R. Antes

The temperatures these last few weeks don't even hint at the oncoming fall, but I'm confident it is just around the corner. There have been some important events in our VI District since my last letter.

The VI District Flower Show Course 1 has been completed! Under the meticulous guidance of Chairman Nancy Haswell, the 3-day course ran July 10-12<sup>th</sup> with 18 students registered. One was from out of NYS and 4 were from out of our District. There were 13 registrants who tested.

The first day included the Horticulture Curriculum and Horticulture Point Scoring on Hosta and Roses. Thanks to Enchantment Acres for supplying hostas for the classes, as well as Ways and Means for students to practice Growing and Showing Horticulture. The Syracuse Rose Society provided many rose specimens for Rose Point Scoring instruction. District Members and Judges from 6<sup>th</sup> District as well as our neighboring districts supplied Horticulture specimens.

The second day was Flower Show Procedure and Design Curriculum (Line Design and Line Mass Design). District Members and Judges from 6<sup>th</sup> and neighboring districts supplied designs for instruction.

The third day, written exams for Horticulture, Design, and Flower Show Procedures were held.

Our wonderful mentors, Pauline Filsinger, Jean Hayes and Donna Pair would be so proud and elated that their vast treasure trove of books, containers, mechanics, material and components were coveted by the students! The good news is we have more for Courses 2, 3, and 4! A BIG "Thank you" to the Judges Council and the 6<sup>th</sup> District for their support of our first Flower Show School in over a decade! It was a success.

Course 2 is scheduled for November 12-14<sup>th</sup>, as provided by FSS Registrar Sharon Vazquez. The dates for 2019 have not been finalized.

Labor Day was the culmination of our annual "Great New York State Fair Flower Show". Many outstanding examples of floral designs, horticulture, artistic design and photography entertained the hundreds of thousands of visitors at this year's fair. The overwhelming success of this year's show was totally due to the great volunteerism of our VI District. Many participated in a wide variety of tasks. I want to specifically thank Joy Coletta, the chairman, Tracy Welder, Joy's assistant, the individual show chairs, one - Margaret Bryant, two - Annemarie Ramirez, and three - Nancy Haswell, and hostess chair Evelyn Baldwin. Another successful show!

Our fall meeting at the Orchard Vali Golf Club, Route 20, LaFayette, NY is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. All the details are in the attached invitation, but to pique your interest, we have election of VI District Officers for 2019-2021, a great morning presentation on sustainability, and an exceptional afternoon program titled "Three Clowns and the Prez" - Monica Hansen, **FGCNY President**; Jeanne Nelson, **former FGCNY President and former Central Atlantic Region Director**; Barbara Campbell, **former FGCNY President**; Ellen Webster, (cont'd page 2)

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## MEMORANDA

**Glenda Pugh  
VI District Memoranda Editor**

Fall - warm days, crisp evenings, a time to prepare your gardens for a long winters rest!

Be sure to check out the club news, events and articles for upcoming programs and ideas.

If you have any memoranda suggestions or questions, send to [glendapugh@icloud.com](mailto:glendapugh@icloud.com) or phone: 315-815-4149 cell: 315-415-4987. For VI District information, visit our [website: www.fgcnyvi.com](http://www.fgcnyvi.com)

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## Calendar of Events

**VI Districts Fall Luncheon - Tues., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Orchard Vali Golf Club, LaFayette, NY**

**FGC of NYS - Fall Conference - Sept., 11-13<sup>th</sup>  
Corning, NY**

**FSS Course II-Winter - November 12 - 14<sup>th</sup>**

**former 5<sup>th</sup> District Director and current FGCNYS Treasurer** will be doing a "Challenge Design" Each of the four will be given an identical set of materials and identical containers. Then, before your very eyes, they will each create their own unique arrangement. After the completion, we will ask them to describe the creative thinking that led to their designs. And, of course, we will be selling tickets for the drawing to see who among you will win their outstanding creations! Hope to see many of you there!

**BROOME COUNTY**

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**BINGHAMTON GC -** It's been a busy summer for the Binghamton Garden Club! In addition to our annual picnic and plant sale, we have visited our favorite plant nurseries, made wind chimes, learned to sprout seeds to eat, and learned all about the process of keeping bees.

Recently we took a trip to Montrose, PA to visit Ken Ely, who has owned Good Neighbor Walls since 1996. Ken is a builder and restorer of traditional dry-laid fieldstone walls. We were given a demonstration on the proper way to stack a stone wall while learning the history and geology surrounding them. Afterwards, we took a drive to see some of the beautiful local stone walls that Mr. Ely had restored. What a pleasure to know someone who is keeping America's traditional skills alive and well!

**CHENANGO BRIDGE GC-** Well, what a summer! If it wasn't pouring rain, it was hot, hot, hot! I don't know about you, but my garden really struggled. Another thing that struggled were our two town gardens that we maintain for the summer months. After a few false starts, we got some plants producing, and a big thank you goes to our member, Karen Holman, who did more than her share of weeding.

Our club had a fabulous private garden tour in July on the west side of Binghamton, thanks to Karen Anderson, who made the arrangements. It was as nice as I've seen in England, so inspirational!

Our next meeting is to be a joint meeting with Hill-n-Dale in October, and we are looking forward to that. Let's hope for a nice autumn!

**ENDWELL GC-** We had some wonderful workshops and tours including M&Z Flowers, Baker's Acres and The Story Garden at the Discovery Center in Binghamton, NY and a presentation on ticks by the Broome County Health Department.

Our Club continues to work on growing membership and friendships within. Things that we have done include welcome letters when a member joins, small gifts to new members and assigning hostesses to welcome members at meetings and assigning a present member to help them adjust to their surroundings. We will continue brainstorming ideas related to recruitment and retention, membership has increased substantially. It is a great way for strengthening friendships and relationships between club members.

In July we had a wonderful luncheon with a fabulous speaker from Renaissance Florist. This year included basket raffles which were popular and raised money for the club.

A fundraiser was held at Burger King in Endwell and raised \$400 for the club to use for beautifying our community. It

was such a success that we are going to repeat a similar fundraiser but this time at Friendly's. In addition we also had a fundraiser at M&Z Flowers in Owego.

The Garden Club of Endwell has maintained beautiful gardens this year throughout the community. We continue to make a difference, there have been requests that next year we pick up two additional gardens. Members have done a great job with these gardens.

**Hill 'n' Dale GC -** Well, we blinked and summer literally blew on by leaving a good portion of our area sweltering and wet. We were forced to schedule a rain date for our July tour of Cutler Garden, but we dodged the storm threats and enjoyed the beauty of summer flowers, toured by our own master gardener, Diane Marble. In looking forward to cooler weather and the colors of fall, we were very pleased to welcome Wendy and Guy Gillette from "Big Guy's Farm" in Sherburne, to speak on all things maple. Guy shared his family's generational "sugar house" history in processing maple products, and Wendy shared her first generational farming experiences, which included the care of beef cattle and Friesian horses, and distributed samples of delicious maple syrup varieties and their new maple skin products.

We are looking forward to a program presented by Bakers Acres on succulents on September 24th, and we are pleased to partner with the Chenango Bridge Garden Club on October 29th, for a talk on medicinal plants by Cutler Gardens' Elaine Gregory. We have also scheduled a November 26<sup>th</sup> program on the fascinating subject of intelligent plants presented by Tony Antes. We will again celebrate and honor our armed forces with our Wreaths Across America Memorial program on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Chenango Town Hall, and close out 2018 with our holiday dinner party at

the Grandee Restaurant.

**CHENANGO COUNTY**

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**GREENE GARDEN CLUB-** Greetings -our annual tea was held on May 8<sup>th</sup>. as the club's only fundraiser it was a delightful and successful evening.

Our June meeting was a program on Edible Flowers, presented by Pennsylvania Master Gardener, Donna Goff. A succulent frame workshop was also held in June at Sticks and Stones Nursery in Binghamton.

In July members made small clay ornaments with grass or leaf designs.

Members enjoyed the clubs summer picnic on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> at member Lisa Delaney's home, a delicious assortment of foods were shared and plans finalized for the annual Labor Day exhibit. Floral arrangements will be made and displayed to coordinate with a favorite book.

Summer flew by....but many wonderful moments were enjoyed. A Happy Autumn to all.

**NORWICH GARDEN CLUB-** One beautiful summer evening we gathered for a garden tour at a log home in the forest. The setting and landscaping were lovely - it felt like we had been transported to a whimsical and woody

wonderland. After we wandered and toured, we had a meeting and good conversation on the deck overlooking gardens and the surrounding woods.

Our tradition has been to begin the summer season in June with our big 'Green Elephant' Sale. This year we have a 'plot twist' and are taking a new direction. Norwich Garden Club will be part of the very popular 'Saturdays in the Park,' a harvest market in downtown Norwich for six Saturdays in the fall. We view it as a fund-raiser and a friend raiser. We plan to raffle a lottery ticket tree, and sell seasonal baked goods and plants/plant-related items. We will report back on our experiences with this new endeavor.

We gathered for our annual family picnic in July at Rogers Conservation Center in Sherburne. The picnic was well attended with an informative program on Garden Pests and Solutions by the Rogers Center Educator.



**OXFORD GARDEN CLUB -** Our club has had a very interesting summer despite the up and down weather. Fun with succulents, Edible Weeds, growing Colchicums are some of the new things we tried.

The Chenango County Fair Flower Show was a big success this year despite the terrible heat. It was a great effort by all the clubs members and the judges. New classes were introduced and stirred the imagination of club members and the general public.

Oxford GC is working on a new project with several other organizations and Loews. Lafayette Park in the center of the village will get a new look around the fountain. Old shrubs are to be removed and Oxford GC members will plant a new garden and a military memorial circle will be installed. Paving bricks will be purchased by the public and engraved with the military record of a person who has Oxford ties. This is a new way for our club as we usually do a whole project but with aging membership and fewer new members, we have to think out of the box. We were invited to join in this renovation and it will be a worthy tribute to our military, past and present. Thank you to Debbie Bohringer and Edith Holtz who attended meetings to help with the design and installation phases.

**TOWN & COUNTRY NORWICH –** Town and Country Garden Club has been busy during this hot summer.

In June we visited Shirley Girton's enchanting gardens in the woods. Shirley used found objects to highlight the trees and flowers on her property. It was delightful.

Our annual picnic in July was held at Liz Johnson's cottage at Plymouth Reservoir. The food, friends and gardens were a great way to spend a summer evening.

In August the Chenango County Fair *Snapshots of the USA* was a showcase of horticulture and designs from around the country. From Hawaii to NYC, from floor designs to Bed

and Breakfast trays it was a floral treat. The nearby clubs of Oxford, Norwich and Town & Country worked well together to create this show.

We look forward to creating a fall door decoration at our September meeting. Guests and new members are always welcome.

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**HOMER GC-** No report submitted

**TOWN AND COUNTRY CORTLAND/HOMER –** No report

**MADISON COUNTY**  
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**CAZENOVIA GC -** Our June meeting was held at Cross Creek Nursery in Manlius, NY. A brief business meeting was followed by a presentation about deer and other animal resistant annuals, perennials and bulbs. The weather didn't cooperate for our plan to tour their property, but we were at least able to peruse their lovely greenhouse and choose plants for purchase. Our scheduled "Plant the Village Day"



was postponed due to a cold, wet June. Despite the variable weather we have had this summer in CNY, most of our plants have flourished and have beautified our quaint village.

(planting the village

tubs)

Residents and tourists often comment and thank members as they see us tending pots and hayracks in our business district and entryways to our town.

Our July plans to visit Steve Chamberlain's Hosta garden at his home in Manlius had to be cancelled due to a family emergency, however, we are hoping to reschedule for next summer. We have no meeting in August but members will be entering the flower show at the NYS Fair, as well as assisting with hostessing duties.

Our September meeting will give us a chance to discuss and share successes (and sometimes failures) in our gardens. As much as we dislike summer drawing to an end, we welcome the magnificent colors of autumn as we work to put our gardens to bed for the season.

**CHITENANGO –** No report submitted

**ONONDAGA COUNTY**  
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**HOME GC of SYRACUSE-** On June 6th members met for an introduction to "What's New at Cross Creek Nursery". Cross Creek's buyer showed us many new varieties of annuals and perennials available at the Manlius nursery. Shade tolerant petunias? Sun and drought tolerant



begonias/coleus/fuchsia? Who KNEW? Members received materials and plants for a workshop in Kokedama. We lunched and learned about Horticulture-Hostas.

July 10-11, members answered the call for hostesses, providing baked goods, salads and beverages for those attending the FGCNYS and 6th District Judges Council Flower Show School Course 1, held at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in DeWitt.

For August members are preparing to enter in the Fair Club Competition. Good Luck!!!

September 11th will be a Gourd Workshop in Ithaca at Gourdlandia!

October 2nd members will meet at the Fayetteville Senior Center for lunch and work in the Fayetteville Memory Garden.

November 6th, mark your calendar for Holiday Designs with Teresa Plaza of St Agnes Florist Shop! We so enjoy being able to host this event each year which is open to the public. There will be refreshments and gifts to purchase as well as an auction of Theresa's creations!

The Annual Greens Workshop will be held Sat., December 1, 2018 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church from 10am-1pm.

**ONONDAGA-** Our July meeting was at Sorbello's Gift & Garden Center in Chittenango. We were given a history of the changes the family business has gone through over the years, starting as a fresh produce distributor and then expanding into the Garden plant business. Going through the greenhouses, many of us were able to find that plant we couldn't leave without.

August took us to our Co-President Freda's new home in Jamesville. There we enjoyed as guest speaker, our own VI District Director, Tony Antes, as he presented his program "Hostas - Lurking in the Shadows". Following the program, Freda treated us to a delightful lunch overlooking her gardens.

September brings us to our Plant Challenge Judging meeting. It will be interesting to see who has the greenest thumb when it comes to raising the dwarf Dahlia we received at our May meeting. This is also the meeting when we hold our auction of plants and plant related items to supplement our treasury. It is also a good time to get something new into our gardens long before the white stuff flies. We will be enjoying a pot luck lunch to follow.

Enjoy the fall as we prepare our gardens for winter.

**SKANEATELES -** Where did the summer go? Fall Memoranda time already! Seven members attended National Garden Club's Flower Show School Course 1 in Dewitt, NY. We had

two very good teachers; David Robson for horticulture and Julia Clevett for flower show procedures. We all supported each other and had a good time! Thank you to Nancy Haswell and Sharon Vazquez for working so hard for us to be able to take these courses. Course two will be in Nov.

Our annual picnic was held at The Lockwood Lavender Farm in Skaneateles owned by member Karen Lockwood. We had a nice turnout and lots of delicious food! Our Summer Street Scape award went to Mary Beth Gleason. Our hanging baskets, library flowers and The Shirley Feldmann Urn looked lovely this year and added lots of color to our downtown district. Happy Fall Ya'll!

Skaneateles Garden Club New York State Fair News:

The 2018 NY State Fair is in the books. First time Entrant, Nancy Easter received TWO "Design Excellence" Awards, which is awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division. Nancy also received the "Director's Award for the "Artist Amongst Us" Class. Congratulations Nancy! Other members receiving ribbons were: Ceme Curley (4 classes), Gretchen Lapp Hamlin (2 classes), Anne McElroy (2 classes), Pricilla Pultz (1 Class, Designer's Choice) and Linda Arthur (1 class). Thank you to all the exhibitors, Pricilla Pultz for judging, clerks, and Ann Neibert for arranging all the luncheons.

Nancy Easter -

Class: Thomas Cole  
"Pastoral Romance"  
Awards: Blue, Novice Award and Design Excellence.



Nancy Easter -

Class: Invitation at the Everson  
"Artist Among Us"  
Awards: Blue Director's Award and Design Excellence.

**SPADE & TROWEL** – No report submitted

**SYRACUSE STUDY GROUP** - Does not meet regularly. ♦

**WOMEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF BALDWINSVILLE-** At our June meeting, new member Bertie Prockup made flower arrangements and explained how to enter them in the NYS Fair. It was very inspiring. At that meeting we had 9 new people who attended and 7 have joined the club. Since that meeting we have had a number of additional members, it has been a banner year!

Three of our members opened their gardens in June for tours, Lisa Campagna organized the tours for us. Also in

June two of our members, Kay Ptak and Katie Leroy organized a 60th Anniversary Garden Club display at our local museum, the Shacksboro Museum. It was a huge undertaking that involved collecting photos from years of the garden club and putting them together for the display. There was also a garden tea open to the public in conjunction with the opening of the display. Anthony Antes made an appearance at the tea with friend Barbara.



(60th Anniversary Tea--l to r--Terry Ferrigan, Anne Snell, Cathy Loperfido, Lori Nojaim Thomas, Kay Ptak, Katie Leroy, Diane Hardt and Pam Cecil)

July was our yearly garden club picnic. Member Jan Beal was able to procure the Onondaga Yacht Club. I heard it was a fun event.

Lastly on August 11th, member Claudia Preston's husband, Howard, opened his vegetable garden for members who wished to see how he produces such wonderful and vast quantities of vegetables. His two gardens are a total of 2000 square feet.

## OSWEGO COUNTY

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**OSWEGO GC -** The extreme dry summer months challenged our Oswego gardeners this year. Therefore, plants and flowers purchased at our plant shopping trip to Grandpa's garden center needed special care. After our purchases were safely stored in our cars we continued to Orchard Place for lunch. As every year in June, we invite our scholarship recipient with parent to our annual summer picnic. At the June regular meeting we discussed helpful garden hints.

July 14th we opened and showcased some of our gardens on a member garden tour. The tour ended with a delicious English high tea at Donna James Enchanted Acres Flower Farm.



The month of August is best for dahlias to bloom. Nancy Evale invited us to her dahlia garden and taught us about the care and propagation of these beautiful flowers.

The New York State Fair arrived soon and many of our members lent their support by either entering a design or offered to host. While hostessing Martha Torice decided to share her many hollyhock seeds with fair goers. We handed out over one hundred seed packages to some happy visitors. Now we are looking forward to some beautiful and cool autumn days.

## OTSEGO COUNTY

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**BUTTERNUT VALLEY GC -** In June, the Butternut Valley Garden Club had a speaker explain how to select, dry and prepare gourds for decorating. We learned that gourds grown in warmer locations e.g. in the South, have thicker walls than those grown locally and are thus easier to dry and prepare for use. We saw many beautifully decorated gourds and a variety of shapes to consider when purchasing.

July was our annual picnic at a club member's home. It was a lovely day and the fellowship was enjoyed by all. Each member contributed a dish to pass and the result was a delicious fare. Our program was spent reviewing the proper way to complete entry cards for a standard flower show and the use of scientific names for entries of horticulture specimens. Joy Colletta, VI District Judge, gave us helpful tips and tricks for a successful flower show.

"A Day at the Museum" was the name of our standard flower show held from July 31st to August 5th at the Otsego County Fairgrounds, Morris, New York. The show had three divisions, horticulture, design and educational. There were also two youth classes in the design division as well as an invitational. We received a score of 90 or above by the judges which allows us to compete for district awards. Many hands made light work.

**ONEONTA GC -** No report submitted -

## TIOGA COUNTY

From: Diane Arthur, County Chair  
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**APALACHIN GC-** We celebrated our year end picnic at M&Z Flowers. Members brought a dish to pass and we created herbal and flower containers. We were in recess in July and August but members volunteered to maintain the gardens that were planted in Apalachin and Hickories Park in Owego. Our first meeting for fall will be in September.

## TOMPKINS COUNTY

From: Dona Clark, County Chair  
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**ITHACA GARDEN -** Throughout the summer months, members of our Club have remained active tending their own gardens and traveling to tour others.

Recently, several members attended a reception held at the Boyce Thompson Institute. Our Club has provided funds for a summer internship for a local high school student to study and work at BTI. The reception is an opportunity to view the work of the students and to learn about their summer projects. A brief presentation by Alice Hu, the 2018 Ithaca Garden Club Scholar, describing her research is scheduled to be given at our September luncheon.





(Carolyn Sampson, Susie Backstrom, Alice Hu, Nancy Ridenour)

Once more Diana Nathanielsz has created a fabulous Yearbook, Meeting topics for the fall season include: Designer Alchemy, Garden Favorites, Holiday Tablescape, Climate Change, and New Varieties of Hydrangea, Lilacs and Other Shrubs.

The Ways and Means Committee will be planning and orchestrating our exciting annual fundraiser to be held on October 17th at The Country Club of Ithaca. The luncheon speaker will be Rochelle Greayer, author, landscape designer, and creator of the magazine, "Pith and Vigor" and co-editor of "Leaf Magazine". A silent auction and farm stand will be included. For more information about the fundraiser contact Co-Chairs, Sue Hamilton or Adrienne Posner. Sue's email address is: sh@twcny.rr.com and Adrienne's is: adrienneposner7@gmail.com.

Several Ithaca Garden Club members, including one husband, will serve as hostesses at the New York State Fair. This was Linda Kabelac's 40th year floral designing for the Fair. She won first place for her Corning Table Design, she also won the "Table Artistry Award", and the "Design Excellence Award". Congratulations Linda on your four decades of achievements.

Summer also brought us sad news that a long time former member, Margy Zelko had passed away and more recently, Patricia Patrick's death was announced. We will long remember Margy greeting guests at the Holiday Tea held at her beautiful home, and we will always treasure memories of Pat's lovely smile and warm presence.

## ARBORICULTURE

By: Mary Connors  
District VI - Chair

There was a tree in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden called a London Plane Tree. It was a 10 foot stump with a hollow inside big enough for a person to stand in. The tree had many friends, including children and adults. It served as a shelter from the rain. On July 23, 2018 the garden cut the tree down. They deemed it unsafe.

An arborist named Alex Baxt who worked for the garden for 8 years tried to save the old tree and campaigned by asking the Botanic Garden members to sign a petition and to cancel their memberships for a year. The next day he was fired.

A former educator at the garden said she missed the tree-house already. "It was just the sweetest thing", she said "the way people gathered around it and just sort of fell in love with it as a miniature bonsai version of its former self." Being inside a tree, she said, "brings you a lot closer to nature."

I hope you will take the time to Google "He Tried to Save a Tree but the Ax Fell on Him Too by Andy Newman. The

article is in the NYT August 10 paper page A17 and contains several photos of the tree.

## Birds and Butterflies

By: Linda Vick  
District VI- Birds & Butterflies Chair

Binghamton Garden Club provides a Garden Therapy program for the fall. In late August to early September, Monarch chrysalis are collected and prepared to be delivered to our Garden Therapy members. What a delight for those members to observe the change from a chrysalis to a butterfly. Once the butterfly wings dry out a bit, the members get to release the butterflies for their flight to Mexico. If anyone would like further information on this project please contact Linda Vick at [birder65@gmail.com](mailto:birder65@gmail.com).  
(chrysalis)



## State Fair

By: Joy Coletta  
District VI – State Fair Chair

### 2018 NYS FAIR FLOWER SHOWS "ARTS AND THE NY CONNECTION"

The NYS Fair Artistic Design Flower Shows are now history. The addition of horticulture in the third show was a big success. It consisted of three classes of Combination Plantings and two display classes. This gave our horticulturists an opportunity to enter. We also included two Club Competitions; a vignette in design and an herbal display in Horticulture. Even though the shows are presented by VI District, many garden club members from surrounding districts participated as well. It takes many hands to put on these shows. A big thank-you to my assistant, Tracy Welder, individual show assistants and all the committee chairmen who helped make this year's shows a success. Also a special thank-you to judges, clerks, hostesses and let's not forget all those who entered. All are winners! The following is a list of the top awards.

#### SHOW 1

Club Competition: Spade and Trowel GC  
Novice and Design Excellence: Nancy Easter  
Designer's Choice: Ceme Curley  
Invitational: Joy Coletta

#### SHOW 2

Table Artistry and Design Excellence: Linda Kabelac  
Invitational: Joy Coletta  
Artistic Crafts: Laura Davidson  
Photography: Elizabeth McDermitt

#### SHOW 3

Directors and Design Excellence: Nancy Easter  
Designer's Choice: Priscilla Pultz  
Growers Choice: Nancy Haswell  
Invitational: Andrea Markham  
Club Competition: Home G C

**Conservation/Protected Plants**  
By: Anne Redfern  
District VI – Chair

The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World

Jeff Goodell

Little, Brown and Company, New York, 2017

Jeff Goodell, an editor at Rolling Stone and author of several books about climate change, looks in *The Water Will Come* at the issue of anticipated rising sea levels and their effects around the world. The book is very readable. In non-technical language, Goodell reviews the mechanics of ocean hydrology in a warming world. He travels to Alaska, Greenland, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Venice, the Marshall Islands, and lower Manhattan to assess what is happening in 2017 and what is anticipated over the coming century with regard to sea level change. He reports on measures designed to mitigate the threats of flooding and the costs of these measures. He contrasts the response of some governments with the lack of response in others.

The recurring focus, however, is south Florida, especially Miami and Miami Beach. He interviews scientists and government officials trying to respond to the challenge of flooding in these cities, as well as talking with developers and real estate agents worrying about threats to property values and the local economy in general.

The book begins and ends with Goodell's imagined scenario of Miami at the end of the twenty-first century as a tourist destination for divers who can "swim among sharks and barnacled SUVs and explore the wreckage of a great American city." These are difficult issues to think about. I recommend this book as a place to start.

The Central NY Orchid Society Presents

# Orchid Show & Sale



## Beaver Lake Nature Center

Baldwinsville

**September 29 Noon to 5**  
**September 30 10 to 4**

Featuring: Marlow's Orchids, Piping Rock Orchids,  
Main Street Orchids and Kelley's Korner Supplies

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