



## FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF NYS, INC.

Victoria Bellias, President

### VIRTUAL SPEAKERS LIST

Programs available for clubs to present at Virtual Club Meetings during the COVID Pause of in person meetings.

Meeting selections will be updated as they are submitted. Check the [fgcnys.com](http://fgcnys.com) website under the Directory tab, password is bloom



Information for FGCNYS Board & Club Members  
Victoria Bellias, President  
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*Dear Club Members,*

*We hope that your club will enjoy using this new Virtual Speakers' List to add quality programs to your virtual meetings. Club members have volunteered to participate, and we thank them! FGCNYS has subscribed to a teleconference call and a Zoom service. These programs are available to your clubs either free of charge or with a small fee payable to the county cooperative extension for programs sponsored by Master Gardeners. Please contact the office for an appointment for your club. We are happy to help you get started.*

*Stay Safe and enjoy, Vikki Bellias*

NGC Information: Username: member  
NGC Password: conserve

CAR-SGC Information: username: member  
CAR-SGC website password: FLOWERR

FGCNYS Information: username: member  
FGCNYS website password: bloom

FGCNYS Teleconference call information

\*\*\* Benefit of membership for all chairmen, districts and clubs. Please contact Linda Zell at the office to register your teleconference call. She is keeping a log so that each group may have its own time slot, contact [fgcnys@verizon.net](mailto:fgcnys@verizon.net) to register your meeting.

For Chairmen: The Dial-in-Number is (515) 604-9099  
You will then be asked to enter this Meeting ID number 506-777-957 followed by the # key.  
Host Chairmen: to set up the conference call the PIN # is: 4731

For meeting attendees: The Dial-in-Number is (515) 604-9099  
You will then be asked to enter this Meeting ID number 506-777-957 followed by the # key.

At this point, you will be connected. Give your name and say "Hello". This will allow the chairman to keep attendance. You may call from any phone. Therefore, if you are on vacation or not able to call from your residence; use any available phone, including your cell. It is really a very simple and effective way to have a meeting.

## Zoom meetings

A benefit of membership is the ability to host Zoom meetings. This can allow your Garden Club to hold a virtual meeting. Members can connect via smart phone, tablet, laptop, computer or phone. You can continue to enjoy most of the same things you love about meeting regularly. Change could be good? Imagine your next meeting when you can show your favorite garden plant virtually with the whole club?

To schedule a meeting contact Linda at the office: [fgcnys@verizon.net](mailto:fgcnys@verizon.net) or 518-869-6311.  
To ensure space for all clubs, the meetings should be 2 hours or less.

If you have a member who is comfortable with technology, it would be good to have them available to help other members.

Assign a Zoom host to run the meeting - good practice to have someone other than the officers if possible. Each member will need to download the Zoom app and create an id. <https://zoom.us/signup>  
After that, all you need is the date and time of meeting, meeting ID and Password!

This is an example below of a sample meeting invitation:

Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 676 555 4667

Password: Rose

Topic: Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc's Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 16, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6765554667?pwd=V2xxamR1QWhCMG11dG5yZVZVb21ZUT09>

Meeting ID: 676 555 4667

Password: Rose

One tap mobile

+19292056099,,6765554667#,,#,556313# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US

+1 253 215 8782 US

Meeting ID: 676 555 4667

Password: Rose

Find your local number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/u/ffYC4GKJc>

We hope that your clubs will be able to take advantage of this service to keep in touch.

Stay safe, Vikki Bellias, FGCNYS

# Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.



## Speaker Offering Zoom Programs During COVID-19 Shutdown

**Name: Anthony R. Antes**

**Address: 545 Conklin Forks Road, Conklin, NY 13748-1631**

**Phone: 607-775-3831**

**Email: [aantes@stny.rr.com](mailto:aantes@stny.rr.com)**

1. **Bulbs, Corms, and Tubers** – Which is which?
2. **Caladiums Fantastic Foliage!** – Let us put some amazing color in the shady part of your garden. And, it lasts all season long.
3. **Climate Change in NY State** - What does the future hold for NY State related to Climate Change? In 2050? In 2100? Are we responsible?
4. **Creating a Butterfly Garden** - Would you like to see more butterflies in your garden? Some basic guidelines through step-by-step pictures, with some pre-planning on your part, can achieve just that.
5. **Cutler Bird Garden** - Plants, trees, and shrubs that make Cutler Botanic Garden's Native Habitat Area "bird friendly".
6. **Grasses - Good!** - Ornamental grasses belong in everyone's garden! Deer-proof, low maintenance, and virtually pest-free, not to mention beautiful.
7. **Growing Miniature Violets** - Beautiful leaves and blooms in a small space. Easy care, too.
8. **Growing Scented Geraniums** - Lemon, rose, chocolate and more fragrances from the foliage. Hardy as well.
9. **Hostas** - Lurking in the Shadows A wide variety of foliage size and color for that shady corner in your garden.
10. **House Plants** - Enjoy gardening in the comfort of your home, 365 days a year.
11. **Intelligent Plants** - Can plants think? Can they hear? Feel? Organize. Some fascinating research is attempting to answer exactly these questions.
12. **Perennial Gardening** - Gardens that return year after year, in a bewildering variety of size, color, and beauty.
13. **Plant Diseases** - Some really ugly stuff is ready to threaten the very existence of your garden unless you remain ever vigilant.
14. **Putting Your Garden to Bed** - The best thing you can do for a beautiful spring and summer garden next year is to properly put it to bed in the fall.
15. **Shade Gardening** - A wide variety of perennial plants, in both size and color, for that shady area in your yard.
16. **Starting a Perennial Garden** - Convert some of that green turf into a beautiful garden that will be the envy of your neighbors.
17. **Taxonomy** - Learn to understand the correct scientific names for plants and what they mean.
18. **Tomatoes/Peppers/Onions/Garlic** - Grow the four most desirable veggies in your garden.
19. **Unusual Perennials** - Tired of the "same old" in perennials? Plant and enjoy something different.
20. **Who's that "Shady Lady"?** - Ferns are the best plants to fill in that shady corner in your perennial garden.

## Speaker Anthony R. Antes – continued

### 21. Non-Gardening presentations:

- a. **Kayaking in the Adirondacks** – Trips, flora, and fauna.
- b. **Japanese Woodblock Prints** – Their history, how are they made, and great examples from one of their Masters.
- c. **Monumental Brasses of England** – How the English in the Mediaeval (and later) periods honored their ancestors.

Times vary. Most can be adjusted to suit the venue. Minimum would be 30 – 35 minutes; maximum 75 minutes.

Someone other than me would act as host. They will mute all participants. Questions would be asked as text to the host. I will, periodically, stop and ask for questions. The host reads them to me one-by-one, and I answer.

Our Master Gardener program indicated that there is no “admission”, but a donation of \$2.00 Per Attendee is considered satisfactory. It should be made payable to Broome County CCE

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**Name: Lynne Arnold**

**Address: 68 Merritt Lane, Newburgh, NY**

**Phone: 845 787-5220**

**Email: [larnold@ix.netcom.com](mailto:larnold@ix.netcom.com)**

**Topic: Karner Blue Butterfly**

**Length of program: 45 minutes**

**The above program is free of charge to clubs.**

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## Speaker Offering Zoom Programs During COVID-19 Shutdown

**Name: Sue Avery**

**Address: 20 Hawks Nest Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790**

**Phone: 631-675-1803**

**Email: suea483@gmail.com**

**Topic: Native Pollinators**

**Length of program: 45 minutes**

**Topic: Waterwise Gardens**

**Length of program: 45 minutes**

**Topic: Sustainable Horticultural Practices    Length of program: 45 minutes**

The above programs are **free** of charge to clubs.

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## **Speaker Offering Zoom Programs During COVID-19 Shutdown**

**Name: Victoria Bellias**

**Address: 11 Black Duck Drive, Stony Brook, NY 11790-1123**

**Phone: 631-689-7337**

**Email: [vikkibellias@gmail.com](mailto:vikkibellias@gmail.com)**

**Topic: 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows      Length of program: approx. 1 hour**  
**An overview of what is new in the handbook from the previous edition**

**Topic: Low Profile Design      Length of program: approx. 1 hour**  
**A look at the low profile design and techniques for successful design entries in the flower show.**

**Topic: Characteristics of Creative Design      Length of program: approx. 1 hour**  
**Overview of basic creative design techniques to execute them. Creative line, creative line-mass, creative mass, and group mass are reviewed.**

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## Speaker Offering Zoom Programs During COVID-19 Shutdown

**Name: Joel Heffner**

**Address: 156 Getz Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312**

**Phone: 917-327-5720**

**Email: joelheffner@gmail.com**

**Topic: Garden Photo Tips**

**Length of program: 30-60 minutes**

**Topic: The Techie Gardener**

**Length of program: 30-60 minutes**

**The above programs are free of charge to clubs.**

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## **Speaker Offering Zoom Programs During COVID-19 Shutdown**

**Name: Nancy Kalieta**

**Address: 3166 Clearview Way Blasdell, NY 14219**

**Phone: 716-826-7462**

**Email: [nancyk212@aol.com](mailto:nancyk212@aol.com)**

**Topic: Victorian Language of Flowers**

**Length of program: 45minutes**

**The above program is free of charge to clubs.**

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## **Speaker Offering Zoom Programs During COVID-19 Shutdown**

### **Water for South Sudan**

**Name: Lynn Malooly**

**Email: [Lynn.Malooly@waterforsouthsudan.org](mailto:Lynn.Malooly@waterforsouthsudan.org)**

**Phone: 585-419-5070**

**Topic: We have donated to the Water for South Sudan organization for years as part of our World Gardening project. Lynn will arrange for a speaker to join your club's zoom meeting to share insights about their organization, share photos/videos of their work and answer any questions. The time can vary depending on what you are interested in hearing about and how much time you have allocated for a program.**

**Length of program: 10-30 minutes**

**The above program is free of charge to clubs.**

## Other Useful Information

- **District VIII has asked members to send pictures of a special area in their garden or a specific flower. A volunteer then turns them into a slide show which is saved as a PDF file. Their corresponding secretary emails them on Monday morning for members to enjoy.**
- **Enjoy virtual tours offered by:**
  - **New York Botanical Gardens as a page of videos and articles:** <https://www.nybg.org/read-watch/>
  - **Brooklyn Botanic garden:** [https://www.bbg.org/news/rose\\_garden\\_visit\\_video](https://www.bbg.org/news/rose_garden_visit_video)
- **Explore the National Garden Club website:**
  - **Three free Power Point presentations under Gardening Schools for download:** <http://gardenclub.org/schools/gardening-study.aspx>
  - **Explore the many affiliates listed on the site from The American Daffodil Society to Yew Dell Gardens:** <http://www.gardenclub.org/clubs/national-affiliates.aspx>
- **Hold Outdoor club meetings**
- **Share your favorite Youtube garden videos**
- **Here is a link to an AARP article and little video on zoom:** <https://www.aarp.org/home-family/personal-technology/info-2020/how-to-use-zoom.html>

**As a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, you have member access to the following sites. Explore them!**

**National Garden Club:** <http://gardenclub.org/securemember/default.aspx>

**Username:** member

**Password:** conserve

**Check out the free Powerpoint for members only: NGC social media workshop**

**CAR-SGC Member only page:** <https://www.car-sgc.org/>

**Password:** FLOWERR

**Information on updated Awards Manual & Awards forms. Photos of events, meeting info.**

**Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Directory**

**password:** bloom

**Board minutes, Judges, and current administration directory**