



“DGC 2021-2023 in Review”

Summary of Events and Programs at
The **Dorchester Garden Club** (DGC)
By David A. Adams, President

Greetings:

We enjoyed wonderful events and programs during my two-year presidency of the Dorchester Garden Club, after a COVID19 interruption. This “DGC 2021-2023 in Review” will summarize and highlight some of the events and programs we had. I hope you will enjoy reading it, and it will help all of us remember the wonderful times we had.

Many more details and photos can be found on our website www.dorchestergardenclub.com , and in the BUZZ and the DIGGER publications (which are also available on our webpages).

I would like to thank several people for helping me during my Presidency: Club Officers Cheryl Willey, Barbara Massetti, Lynne Davis, Dee Terry, Linda Chandlee, and Advisors Susie Middleton, Jeanne Bernard, and Fran Collins. I could not have managed without your help and support. As well as numerous others who helped tremendously with our club activities, publications and fundraising.

We are looking forward to the next two years (2023-2025) with Kay Karminski as our new DGC president, and a new team and many volunteers on different committees.

It was a great honor to serve as your president for two years. I want to thank all of you who helped to make these a great two years for DGC.



From: David A. Adams,
President of DGC, 2021-2023.

March 2021: First in-person meeting

Our first post COVID activity with an outdoor meeting at Great Marsh Park, and passing of the DGC leadership Baton from Jeanne Bernard to David Adams.

Our first 2021 Post COVID-19 Event:

Friday, April 9, 2021: Outdoor mtg at Gerry Boyle Great Marsh Park (due to COVID19 restrictions in state of Maryland)

A bit chilly still, but very happy to start meeting again.



DGC members braving the weather in our first outdoor meeting in 2021: the installation of officers for 2021-2023



Socially distanced in the bitter cold at Great Marsh Park

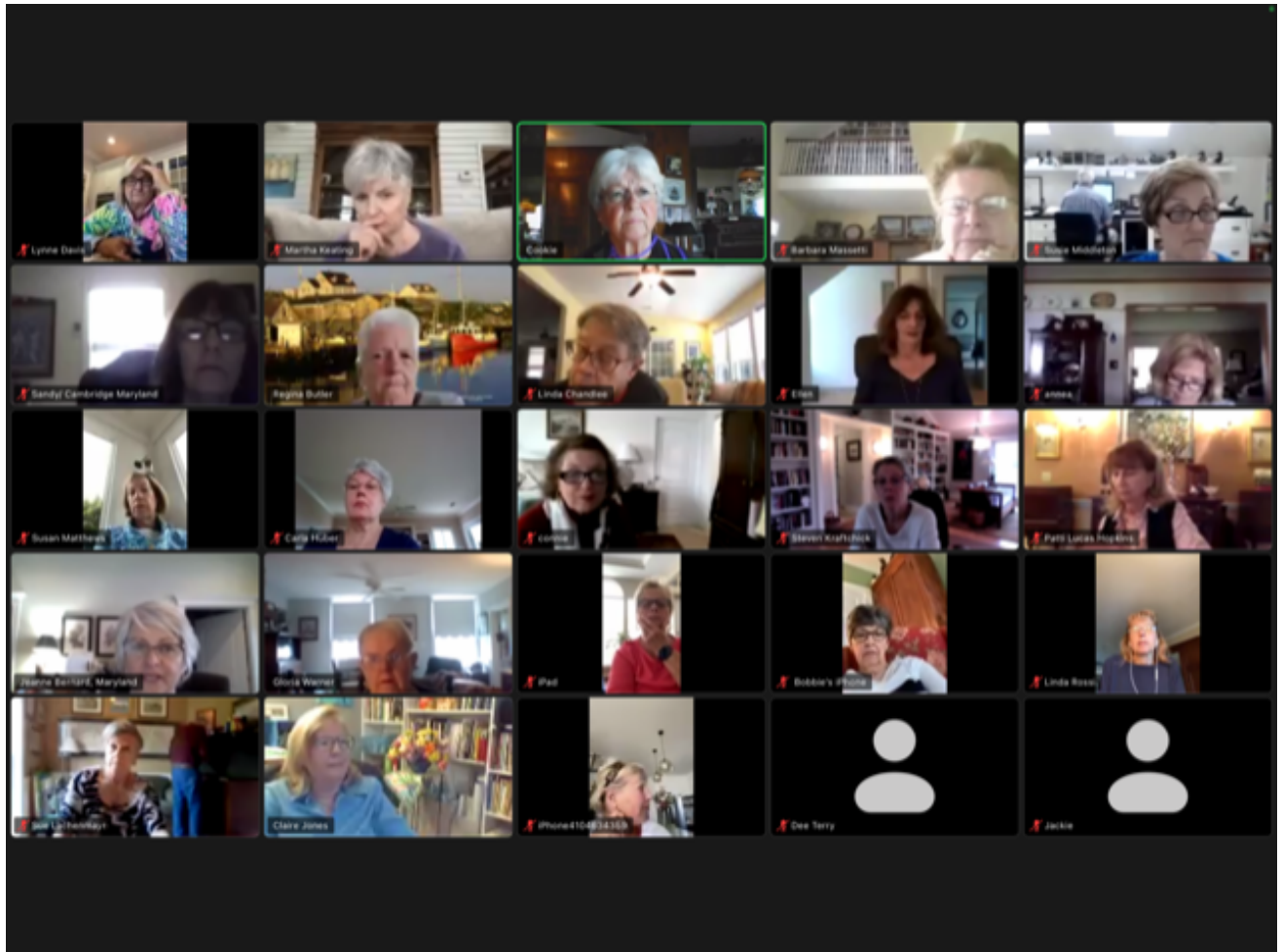


Past President Jeanne Bernard did a wonderful job with the installation of officers (David and Barbara)

April 2021 : Zoom Meeting

April 9, 2021
A ZOOM Mtg,

Screen shot shows some of
the participants.



May 2021

Friday, May 14, 2021

**Second Outdoor mtg
at Gerry Boyle Great
Marsh Park**



Suzanne Pittinger-Slear discussed Vital Habitat for Monarch Butterfly



**Judy Slaughter discusses
parallel design**



Several members participating in the meeting

June 2021: Annual Picnic and Visit to Lavender Farm.

Friday, June 4th, 2021 was our Club Annual Picnic and Awards.

The Dorchester Garden Club held its annual picnic and club awards presentation on June 4, 2021 at the home of club member Helen Saum and her husband Jack.

Due to the pandemic, last year's event was cancelled and since regular meetings for 2020 were suspended, this year's program recognized the design and horticulture top awards recipients for 2019-2020.



A delicious potluck lunch was served at the Annual Picnic in June 2021



The Division II Top Design Competition for the Tawes Bowl 1st place was awarded to Mari Stanley, 2nd place Kay Karminski, 3rd place Judy Slaughter, 4th place Cheryl Willey.



2021 visit to LAVENDER FARM
On Monday, June 7th, 2021 over 30 members carpoled to the **Smoky Cat Lavender Farm** in Federalsburg. We enjoyed a really delightful afternoon which featured picnicking with an intense lavender aroma in the air. We picked lavender bouquets in the fields and shopped for plants and other lavender goodies in the gift shop on site. Jeanne was very relaxed in the lavender garden.

July 2021

DGC July 9th Meeting at Cambridge Yacht Club

July 9, 2021 was a great day for DGC: our first “almost normal” meeting in over a year, held at the Cambridge Yacht Club!!! There was a nice turnout and a lovely lunch. Susie Middleton presenting a program “Growing for Design” focusing on things you can plant in your house and garden to use in flower designs.



David leading first indoor meeting in over a year at CYC



We had a great turnout at CYC



Susie Middleton presenting “Growing for Design”

Yes, we met in July 2021, and not in August 2021

September 2021

On September 10, 2021, we met at the Cambridge Yacht Club.

Terry Holman, District 1 Assistant Director presented an interesting program on Microgreens in the Kitchen. Many of us were amazed at the ease of growing “microgreens” and were anxious to try it at home.



Terry Holman, District 1 Assistant Director, presented a program on Microgreens in the Kitchen.



Cheryl, Martha and Mary Etta enjoying lunch



Karen and Beverly enjoying lunch

October 2021

October 15, 2021

Ken Morgan, owner of the Robin's Nest Floral and Garden Center in Easton, MD and author of "Ken-Do Attitude", a monthly article on gardening that is published in the "Shore Home & Garden" magazine spoke about "Preparing our gardens for winter".



Ken Morgan - "Preparing Our Gardens for Winter"



A design entered in the Mini Flower Show



Always a great lunch served at CYC

November 2021

DGC November 12, 2021 monthly meeting at CYC

We had a great demonstration on Tablescapes by Faye Phillips, Judy Slaughter, Linda Easter and Guest Designer Midge Ingersol was a big success and enjoyed by all those attending.



Four beautiful Tablescapes were presented



BIG is better with Linda Easter's Tablescapes



Faye Phillips discussing her elegant Tablescapes

December 2021: OUR HOLIDAY GALA

“Holiday on the Choptank” Gala, Thursday, December 2, 2021



**The tables were beautifully set by the Hyatt
DGC Gala Committee created the centerpieces**



Pat Beck and Cookie Brohawn



**Trish Reynolds, Barbara Massetti, David Adams,
Cheryl Willey and Nancy Johnson**



**Sue Betz, presenting
Sogetsu and
Ikebana Designs**

December 7, 2021: Wreath Making Workshop



Gloria Brake and her beautiful wreath



**New Member Linda Robbins
and her lovely wreath**

Civic Improvement and other club Projects 2021-2022



Dorchester County Courthouse dressed for holidays



**Bulb planting with youngsters at the YMCA with
Cookie and Gook Brohawn**



**Arlene, David, Helen, Jack, Billie & Cheryl
Doing cleanup at WWII Memorial**



Cookie was also a part of the cleanup group

February 2022

Mtg Canceled because of COVID-19 spike

(so here are a few more photos from events in 2021-2022)



Cheryl and David at the 2021 Holiday Gala



Martha, Cheryl, Anne, Sue, David & Karen at the 2021 Holiday Luncheon & Gala



Goodies for our first outdoor meeting in 2021



The snow owl visited Cambridge

March 2022: Back to Basics

How to prepare for a mini flower show

DGC met in March 11, 2022 at CYC

With a special program “Back to Basics”.

Patti Hopkins and Kay Karminski educated us on how to prepare for and participate in a Mini Flower Show.



Patti showing proper staging techniques



Patti sharing more tips



Kay giving pointers on how to be a successful exhibitor

April 2022

April 8, 2022

“Native Plants and Wildlife”

**Speaker: Mikaela Boley
at the Cambridge Yacht Club.**

It marked the first time that the club held its traditional mini-flower show since the start of the pandemic two years ago, and members enthusiastically welcomed back its long-awaited return.

In Division I Horticulture, a lovely array of daffodils grown by club members, along with other horticultural entries, graced the room.

Mikaela Boley presented a program on Native Plants and why we should all be using them in our gardens.



Carol Smith on a trip to purchase plants for the containers at the Courthouse



Mikaela Boley: Using Native Plants in our gardens



A lovely array of daffodils grown by club members

May 2022

Friday, May 13, 2022
“Our Beautiful Chesapeake”
Speaker: David Harp

What a wonderful presentation to our club by renowned photographer, David Harp. Mr. Harp’s photographs and personal anecdotes about each one of his amazing photos - along with his observations for the future of the Chesapeake Bay watershed - made for a very memorable experience. It was a wonderful gathering, with VP Cheryl Willey leading the meeting while David Adams was away. And for the 2nd month, the Mini-Flower Show was back and fantastic!



Renowned photographer David Harp with VP Cheryl Willey



Members lining up with their entries



A beautiful selection of roses

June 2022 : ANNUAL PICNIC

Our Annual Picnic was held on June 17, 2022 at the lovely home of Helen and Jack Saum.

After a wonderful pot luck lunch a short business meeting was held and Jeanne Bernard was presented with the Perennial Bloom Award.

Thank you to Helen and Jack for their hospitality.



Jeanne Bernard winner of the Perennial Bloom Award



A delicious potluck lunch



The lovely gardens of Helen and Jack Saum

August 2022

Our August 12, 2022 DGC meeting was held at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Cambridge.
“Horticulture, A Growing Habit”
Speaker: Jeanne Bernard.

There was a wonderful display of Horticulture and Design entries from club members for the mini-flower show.

A delicious luncheon was served followed by a program by Jeanne Bernard: “Horticulture, A Growing Habit”



Jeanne giving a Horticulture presentation



Members admiring flower show entries



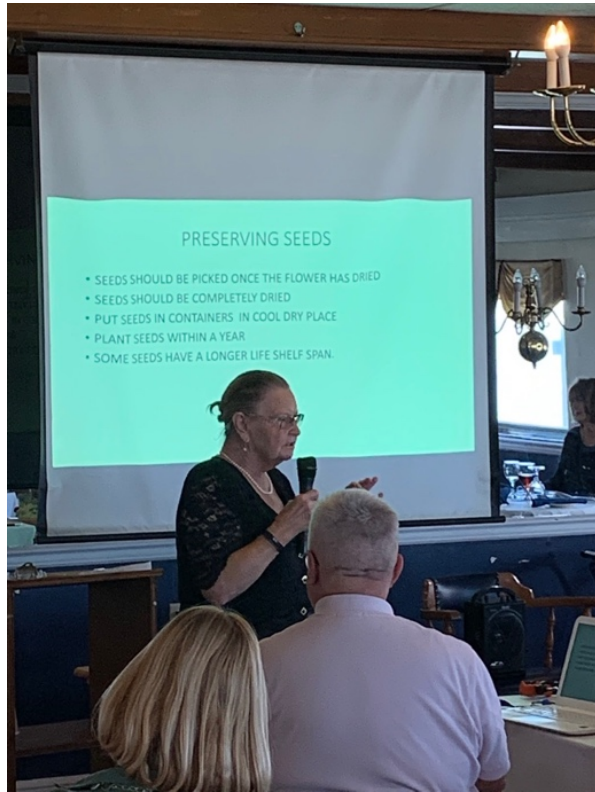
A group of flower show entries

September 2022

Our September 9, 2022 at the Cambridge Yacht Club.
“Saving Seeds”
Speaker: Christiane Williams.

In addition to our mini flower show, the “Diggers” boutique offered a “gently used jewelry” sale.

Christiane Williams presented a program on “Saving Seeds” from your garden



Christiane Williams: “Saving Seeds” program was very informative



Rege and David hamming it up



The “Diggers” offered a gently used jewelry sale

October 2022

Friday, Oct 14, 2022 at CYC
“Ghost Forests: Redefining conservation in a changing climate”

Guest speaker: Matt Whitbeck, Wildlife Biologist at Blackwater Wildlife Refuge.

Matt documented the dramatic changes that have occurred to the marsh landscape at Blackwater and elsewhere and the consequences of rising sea levels and climate change to date and what the models predict for the future. Matt and his team are doing truly amazing work.



Matt Whitbeck, Wildlife Biologist



Entries for the Mini Flower Show



A “Plaque Design” submitted in the mini flower show

November 2022

November 11, 2022 DGC at CYC.
“Holiday Floral Designs”

After a successful mini flower show and luncheon, Judy Slaughter, Kay Karminski, Mari Stanley and Jeanne Bernard presented “Holiday Floral Designs”, creating beautiful designs giving us all ideas for the holidays.

David Adams was proud to announce that the NATIONAL Garden Club has bestowed the status of Master Judge Emeritus to Faye Phillips.



Judy Slaughter with her holiday design



An entry in the Design Division of
the Mini Flower Show



A beautiful, stately holiday design
by Kay Karminski

December 2022 : Our HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Dorchester Garden Club Holiday Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Resort on Fri, Dec 2, 2022 was a huge success, with a performance by the Chorus of Dorchester, vendor shopping, silent auction, and a delicious lunch.

Claire Jones, noted floral designer, created beautiful holiday designs which were raffled off at the end of the program.



Full house at the 2022 Holliday Luncheon



Claire Jones doing her magic designing



One of the designs offered up for raffle

February 2023

The February 10, 2023
Special program by
Susie Middleton on
“Leaf Manipulation”.

Who knew you could create
works of art from a leaf!

Susie has been a DGC
member for over 18 years, is
currently 1st Vice President of
the FGCM and will soon
become the President of
FGCM.

We are lucky and proud to
have Susie as a member of
DGC.



Susie working her magic on a leaf



Completed design



Members thoroughly enjoyed the program



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