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Celebrating 91 years of Love,
Laughter and Fellowship*



President David Adams and Vice President Cheryl Willey at the "Holiday on the Choptank" Gala

From DGC President, David Adams

Even though 2021 got off to a rocky start, I am happy to report that for the last four months, the Dorchester Garden Club (DGC) has returned to a full schedule of meetings and activities. Let us recap some of these events.

In September 2021, Terry Holman, Assistant District 1 Director, introduced us to Microgreens, crops you can grow and harvest in weeks.

In October 2021 we held a Fall Garden Tour of 6 local gardens, and through donations, collected \$463, which was allocated to the Scholarship Fund.

At our October meeting, Ken Morgan, owner of Robin's Nest Garden Center, spoke on "Preparing Our Gardens for Winter". A definite crowd pleaser.

The Dorchester County Circuit Court donated money to purchase new planters for the front of the courthouse. The new planters are in place, and we have begun the planting process.

November's program "Tablescapes", presented by Judy Slaughter, Faye Phillips, Linda Easter, and guest designer Midge Ingersoll inspired many of us to try different styles of table settings.

December 2021 was our knockout month. The "Holiday on the Choptank" Gala, held at the Hyatt Regency, was a huge success. We had record attendance (close to 200 people), a delicious meal, shopping, The Chorus of Dorchester, and a program on Sogetsu and Ikebana Designs for Christmas. To top off December, the Wreath Making Workshop was very popular (it always is) with incredibly decorated wreaths and centerpieces created by DGC members.

All of this was made possible by you, DGC members, who donated your time and supported our activities. I would like to thank all of you for your support during this unpredictable year. We may have come in like a lamb but have finished the year like a lion. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your families.

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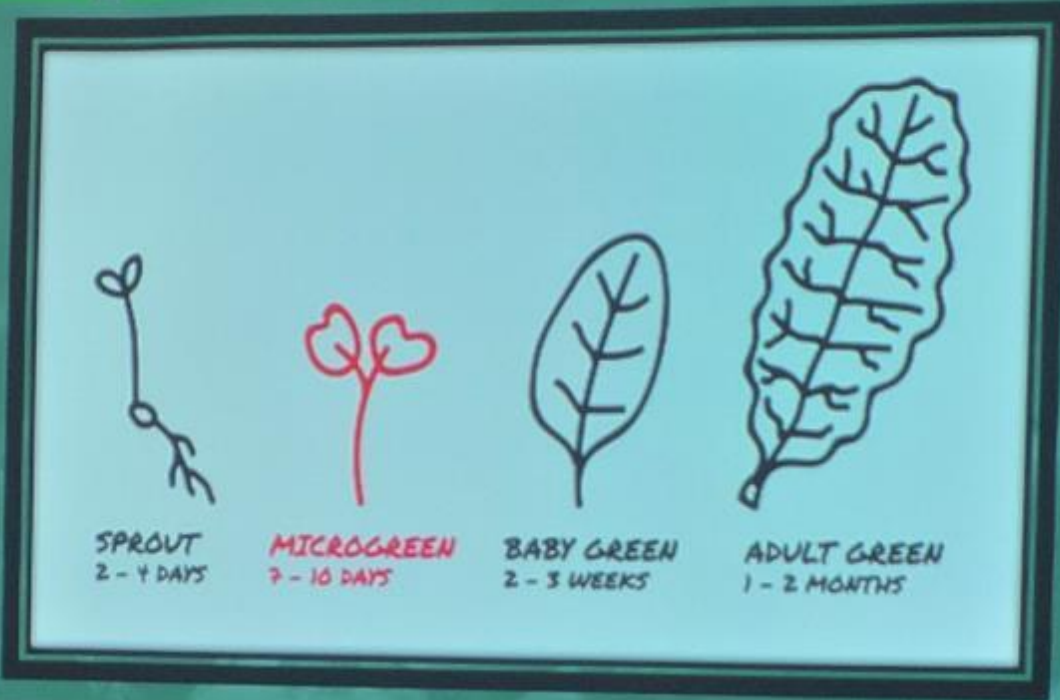
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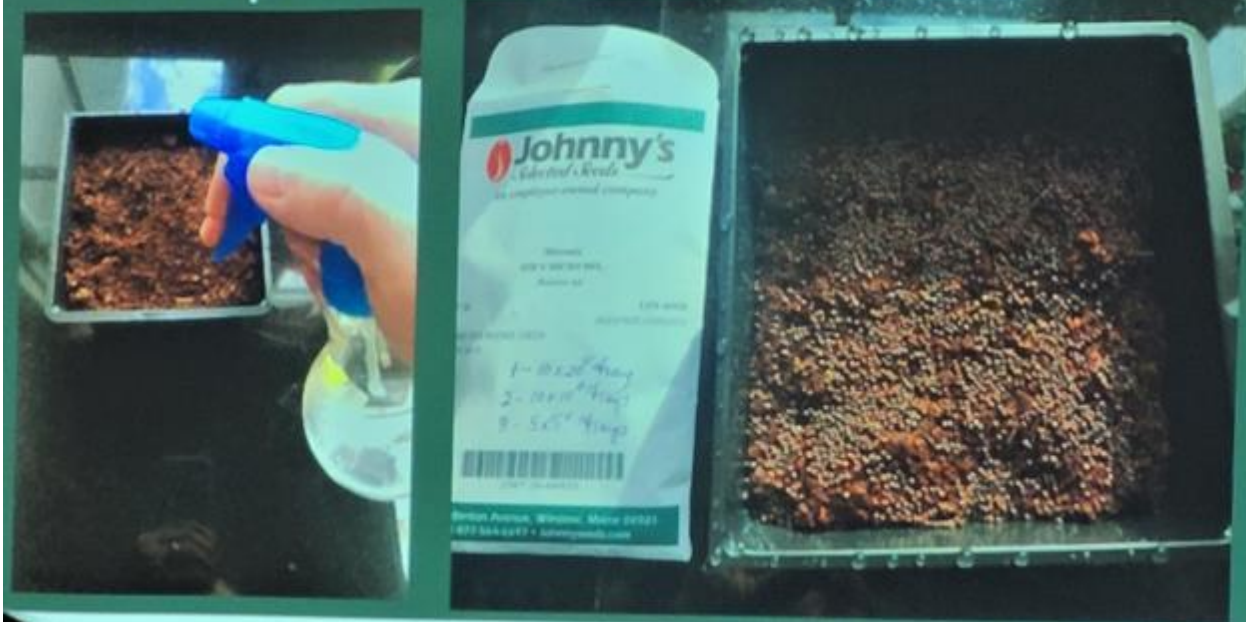
The Fall of 2021 was marked by several great presentations to the Dorchester Garden Club at the Cambridge Yacht Club, starting with a wonderful hands-on demonstration and tutorial “Microgreens in the Kitchen” by Terry Hollman...



Stages of Plant Development



Let's plant some Microgreens:



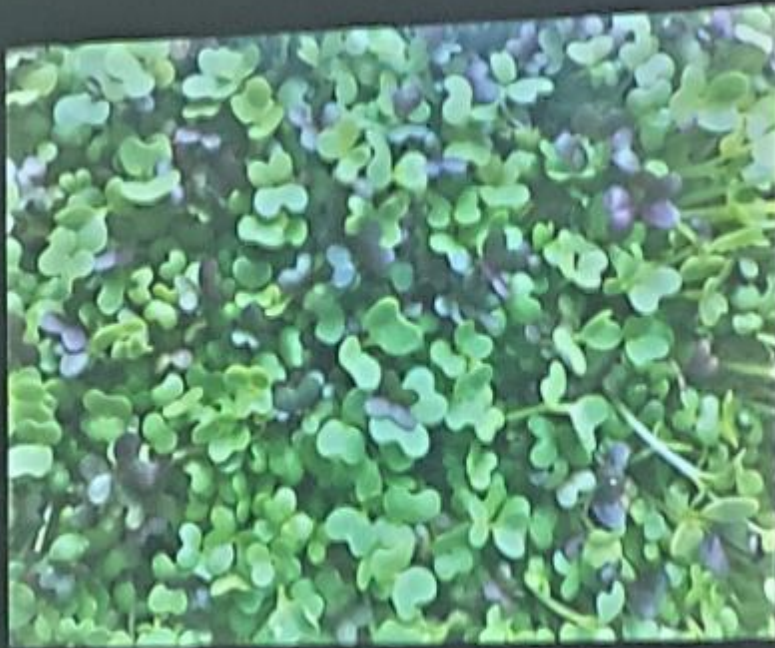
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BRASSICA

- This family of plants germinates **VERY** quickly
- It has a huge plant family
- Many microgreen vendors offer special Brassica mixes to add color and taste profiles with similar germination times
- Crops harvested in 7-10 days



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Fall horticulture brought in by members to brighten the day...

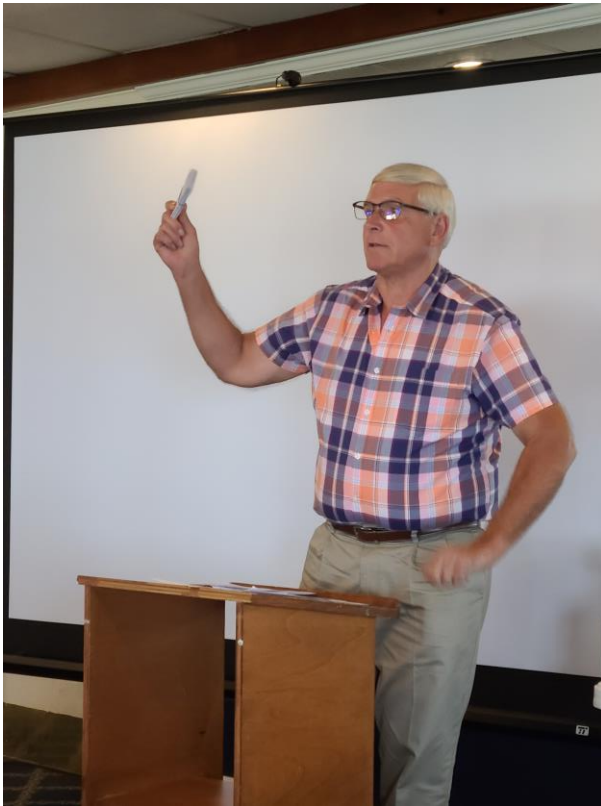


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Back by popular demand, Ken Morgan owner Robin's Nest!



On October 15th, Ken Morgan shared his insights and tips about putting your garden to bed for the winter.

This is not the first time this talented man has made a presentation like this to our garden club. And to top it off, he brings gifts!!!!



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Member Horticulture and Design...

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“Tablescaping for One”

On October 15th, DGC Club Members Judy Slaughter, Faye Phillips, Linda Easter and surprise guest designer, Margaret Ingersoll created beautiful tablescapes, perfect for the 2021 holiday season... Judy emceed the presentation and clearly had a good time with it all!!!!



Judy Slaughter’s beautiful “Woodsy and Rustic” Tablescape

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The always elegant and classic, Faye Phillips, discusses her “Elegant and Classic” design



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Linda Easter's "Simple and Festive" was definitely festive and over-the-top gorgeous!!!



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Mystery guest, Midge Ingersoll, presented a personal story behind her lovely “Musical and Vintage” tablescape, including why we should always include blue in a fall design!



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DGC Home Garden Tour October 9th

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It was a picture-perfect fall Saturday for the Home Garden Tour of 6 Dorchester Gardens of club members and friends. The event also generated generous donations to help raise support for the club's scholarship funds. First up, home of DGC President David Adams and Andre Duerinckx...



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Next up, the home of Christianne and Ronnie Williams 104 Vue de Leau Street



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The gardens of Sally and Fred Haller at 1009 Hambrooks Blvd



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The gardens of Dale and Mike Schrader 215 Glenburn Avenue



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The gardens of Bobbie and Steve Rideout 302 Glenburn Avenue



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The Gardens of Helen and Jack Saum



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“Holiday on the Choptank” 91st Anniversary Gala at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake December 2nd 2021



Patti Hopkins and Fran Collins poised to welcome members and guests



The tables were set beautifully under design direction of Cheryl Willey, with Peacock Feathers and customized Blue and Gold ornaments by Lynne Davis

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Holiday Shopping opportunities and silent auction items offered something for everyone at the Diggers Boutique and Eastern Shore Hospital Center...



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Cookie Brohawn and The Chorus of Dorchester performed an extraordinary and moving “Comfort and Joy” performance



Cookie and David share a moment as the chorus begins to assemble



The magic begins...

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A much deserved standing ovation for the Chorus of Dorchester



... and then members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch

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Following lunch, Sue Betz, a member of the Oxford Garden Club and Landscape Design Council of FGCMDC wowed the audience with her Sogetsu and Ikebana holiday floral designs which were raffled off to lucky audience members!



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Results of the Silent Auction designs created and donated by club members ended the gala event! Here are the designers and winners!



Winner of Fran Collins (right) "Choptank Bounty" design was Andrea Dayton (left)



Winner of Faye Phillips (right) "A Star is Born" design was Faye Singer (left)

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Winner of Shirley Chatham (right) "Light the Way" design was Susan Schaffer (left)



Winner of Jeanne Bernard (left) "Fa La La La" design was Gayle Jackson (right)

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Winner of Kay Karminski (right) "Winter Wonderland" design was Susan Schaffer (left)



Winner of Judy Slaughter (right) "Some to Display, Some to Give Away" design was Faye Singer (left)

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And our final silent auction winner and designer are both Dorchester Garden Club Members!

Karen Cartwright (right) "Someday at Christmas" designer and Fran Collins (left) winner

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Wreath Workshop December 7th at Zion United Methodist Church

Our final Club event of 2021 was the always popular Wreath Workshop. This year, to ensure adequate space for social distancing, the workshop was divided into a morning and an afternoon session. Here are some photos from the morning session that I attended.

Many thanks to Fran Collins, Patti Hopkins (below) and Lynne Davis for organizing as well as Billie Norton for putting together snacks and beverages for the attendees – and to the many others who cut greens and brought them and other decorations in and made the bows to go on the wreaths!



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*Happy Holidays,
Everyone!*