

# Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

*Diana Fuchs*



I was very fortunate to have taken a trip to my Dad's house in the Catskills this October to enjoy the changing of the leaves.

The colors were so vibrant this season and my Dad's apple trees produced fruit that was incredibly sweet. I have included some pictures for those of you that weren't able to take a drive in the country this fall, including a picture of me on a bale of hay. That was fun to try and climb on top of. Thank goodness for my 10-year old cousin who gave me some pointers.

As the year is coming to a close, it is a good time for us to look at what went well for the Garden Club this year and what we might want to improve upon and add in 2011. Some of the accomplishments I would like to highlight for 2010 are:

- We increased our membership and brought in some really wonderful people into our club. I look forward to working with all of you next year
- We increased our scholarship award that was given to senior Kristi Conway at Shoreham-Wading River High School
- Participated in the Earth Day Celebration with The Shoreham Village Association and Wading River's Duck Pond Day
- Listened to expert speakers discuss native plantings, bee keeping etc.
- Enjoyed spending time together at our various social events and most importantly we laughed a lot

A few things I would like to see us get involved in next year are to work on a community project, to plan a group trip to a public/private garden and to continue to get more members who want to get involved. These are just a few thoughts, but I would like to hear what you are thinking.



Feel free to give me a call at 228-4165 or via email at [dishoreham@gmail.com](mailto:dishoreham@gmail.com) if you have some ideas you would like to share.



## Members News

Carol Fish is moving to Gorham, New Hampshire, in mid-November. She provided the Club with many great programs as Program Co-Chair for the past few years. We will miss her.

Carol has already joined the White Mountain Garden Club, and hopes that her Shoreham Garden Club friends will visit her if they are in the area

## Executive Board Elections 2011

The Nominating Committee of Vicki McLane (Chair), Barbara Foley, and Florence Caramihas has come up with the following slate of Executive Board members to be elected for 2011.

Nominations for this year are:

Secretary: Gloria Affatato,  
Treasurer: Sheila Sussman  
Newsletter Editor: Victoria McLane  
Program Chair: *(no nominations)*

As you can see, we do not yet have a Program Chair. If you are willing to serve in this position, please let us know. The Program Chair is responsible for selecting 4 programs a year. **If not you, who!**

The ballots are being sent out and should be mailed before Nov. 24. Please vote to show your support!

## Second District Luncheon

The Second District Fall Luncheon was held at the Crest Hollow Country Club on October 25, 2010. Jo Alio and Pat Thompson attended. It was very nice and well planned as usual. Their guest flower designer was very talented and witty and presented flower arrangements that were quite unusual. Unfortunately we did not win anything this time. Shoreham Garden Club was given an award for 2009-2010 Membership Increase which was very nice.

## Memorial Bench for Ed Affatato



As Bill Schiavo notified us at the meeting in October, we have completed the installation of the bench at St. Anthony's in Rocky Point in **memory of Ed Affatato**. **Thank you so much** to Bill, Charlie Thompson and everyone else who contributed to creating a beautiful memorial. Here is a picture of the memorial for all to see.

Gloria and her family will be having a gathering in the spring.



Shelia Sussman and Vicki McLane planted mums and bulbs around the bench. The mums were donated by Shelia and Vicki contributed crocus and daffodil bulbs. The Club donated the free tulip bulbs received from the plant sale.

## SCG Calendar 2010

November 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	<b>Member workshop on Herbs</b> Vicki McLane' house
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	<b>Holiday Party</b> Gloria Affatato's house

### Fun Facts

In October, The Shoreham Village Association had our new organic provider Giacomo Mule from Red Dragon Organics come in to speak about organics and various other things.

Here are a few interesting facts we learned that I thought might be of interest to you.

- You should only put about an inch of mulch in your gardens. You want enough to block out the light so weeds can't grow, but not too much where the weeds will start to grow in the mulch.
- Blue Grass, which is commonly sold in lawn seed mixtures, will not thrive in our climate here on Long Island. Our summers get too hot and cannot survive. Triple rye grass is the best for our area.
- Most lawn seed sold in stores contains weeds. If you want to truly avoid weeds in your lawn, make sure you look at the bag to ensure it is weed free. You will spend a lot more on the seed, but it will save you a lot of grief from having to treat your lawn to get rid of the weeds either chemically or organically.

### 2010 Executive Board

President – Diana Fuchs  
Vice-President – Pat Thompson  
Secretary – Gloria Affatato  
Treasurer – Sheila Sussman  
Newsletter Editor – Lorraine Maddalena  
Program Chairs – Carol Fish & Sandy Romano  
Past President – Victoria McLane

### Upcoming Events

#### **Member's Workshop on Herbs November 20, 10:30 a.m. Vicki McLane's House**

We will be demonstrating other uses of herbs such as crafts, cooking and for medicinal/cosmetic purposes. Some examples might be herbal shampoo, potpourri, teas etc. Vicki plans on demonstrating making herbal oils and vinegars and will give some away as door prizes.

Those who can, please bring finger foods that are herb based, e.g., lavender shortbread. Also, if anyone has any lavender they can harvest and bring, please let Vicki know, She will plan to use it as part of her demonstration. If you are attending and/or are willing to demonstrate some of your uses for herbs, please contact Vicki.

#### **Holiday Party Reminder: December 5, 2010 Gloria Affatato's House**

### Committee Chairs

Hospitality- Peter Kahn & Charlie Thompson  
Publicity- Ronnie Schiavo  
Scholarship- Carol Willen  
Historian- Mimi Oberdorf  
Ways and Means – Jo Alio  
Membership - Pat Thompson, Elaine Squires,  
Carol Ryan & Vicki McLane

### **2011 Board Meeting Schedule 25 Circle Drive, Shoreham**

**Jan 4, 2011**