The state of the s Flaunting homemade wreaths for Fleet Week In an effort spearheaded by garden club member Karen Breen, the custom designed wreaths were assembled primarily using red carnations, spider mums and baby's breath. Along with the centerpieces, the wreaths were constructed at Ms. Breen's Northport home on Tuesday, May 24. Volunteers transported the fioral arrangements by car to thenavalyardearlyWednesday morning. BY SETH WALLACH By SETH WALLACK Members of the Asharoken Garden Chub found themselves in uncharted waters last week, as they boarded the warship USS Farragut for a special USS Farragut for a special USS Farragut for a special Cruise Terminal May 25. The ship was one of three of Fleet Week festivities, and the local club left their mark on all of them, creating a trio of tues to made wreaths to honor the 1,100 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen set to disembark on June 1.

disembark on June 1. The Asharoken Garden Club made the wreaths for two welcoming arrangements and 65 table centerpieces for the invitation-only event.

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"We feel that this is another way of giving back to veterans and the people who are serving in the armed forces at this time to make us safe," club President JoAn Gaudreault said. "We're just continuing the work of the woman who started the club, Mrs. John Wood Stewart, back in 1924 and her goal to help people in the community and to give back while also beautifying the community."

morning. During the ceremony, Ms.

Breen and Ms. Gaudreault were called on to present the wreaths to Rear Admiral Christian Becker of the United States Navy; Megan Thomas, States Navy; Megan Inomas, Commander of the USS Farragut; Martin Robertson, Commander of the USS Bainbridge; and William Kotowski, Commander of the USCGC Forward. The wreaths were placed on the quarter deck of the ships, proudly displayed for all visitors to see. The ships remained open to

(Continued on page 11) An Asharoken Garden Club member prepares one of the wreaths for Fleet Week at the Naval Yard in Red Hook, Brooklyn May 25.



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Garden Club wreaths adorn Fleet Week Bl

(Continued from page 3) the public for tours through Monday May 30.

"It was a truly amazing day," Ms. Breen said. "I was honored to be on the destroyer. It was a really memorable day and one that I hope I can volunteer for again in the future."

The Asharoken Garden Club was given the unique and prestigious opportunity thanks to Jennifer Pinto, creator and organizer of the "Welcome to Brooklyn Fleet Week BBQ" and and herself a Northport resident. While organizing a benefit for Cow Harbor Warriors at Crab Meadow Beach in Northport last year, Ms. Pinto said she

was taken aback by how beautiful the ceremonial wreath was, prepared by the Asharoken Garden Club. When it came time to plan her Welcome to Brooklyn BBQ, she knew exactly who

to call. "When I thought about presenting a ceremonial wreath to each ship, I wanted it to be created with the same passion that surrounds what this BBQ is all about," Ms Pinto said. and boy is all about, Ms Pinto said. "To honor those that provide the very blanket of freedom we live under and be created by passionate Americans. The women that are members of the Asharoken Garden Club come together each provide and dedicate evaluate each month and dedicate endless

hours to philanthropy." Ms. Pinto's hometown was well af the proceeding of the Red Hower Was well af the proceeding of the philanthropy of the ph

Island Band, The NYFD Fipe & Drum Bad, The American Bombshells and We had WWI veterans dancing remember of the second second second the second second second second with the second second second second the second the United States Navy, Marine Corp and Weber I heard there were the ships docking in Red Hook, Brooking for the first time, an idea was born.

Schumer in 'Port for **Black Sea Bass issues**

(Continued from page 7) As he arrived at Cow Harbor Park, one member of the Long Island Lobstermen's Association informed Mr. Schumer that the overzealous catch regulations had in-turn created bass in the

species that local fisherman rely on," Mr. Schumer said. "They're a significant source of income. Preventing our fishermen from capitalizing on almost 40,000 pounds of black sea bass would hurt our already struggling coastal fishing communities."





I to r: Asharoken Garden Club members Carolyn Fricke, JoAn Gaudreault , Carolyn Hyatt-Basche.

Speaking with microphone is Jennifer Pinto who organized the event, Karen Breen, JoAn Gaudreault and Military Captains.



