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Members of the Asharoken
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Michelle Mudge laid a wreath

at the Northport
Legion where Lt. Mudge
delivered this year's keynote
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Flaunting homemade wreaths for Fleet Week

By SETH WALLACH

Members of the Asharoken Garden Club found themselves in uncharted waters last week, as they boarded the warship USS Farragut for a special ceremony at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal May 25. The ship was one of three that came home to port as part of Fleet Week festivities, and the local club left their mark on all of them, creating a trio of custom made wreaths to honor the 1,100 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen set to disembark on June 1. The Asharoken Garden Club made the wreaths for two welcoming arrangements and 65 table centerpieces for the invitation-only event. "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."

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 floral arrangements by car to the navy yard early Wednesday 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, 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
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An Asharoken Garden Club member prepares one of the wreaths for Fleet Week at the Naval Yard in Red Hook, Brooklyn May 25.





l 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.

