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President's Message



'Plant America: Start With a Seed'

Now that we have cleaned out our gardens, or not, depending on your philosophy, and cleaned and put away our tools, we can turn our minds to seed and bulb catalogues, and to the planning of our spring gardens. We spend our winters with lots of hot tea and plenty of marvelous books that suggest to us how our yards and gardens might look. We aspire to the teaching of our fall speakers, knowing just the right way to prune that shrub or to clear the way for a new one—surely to be the star of our garden. However, before we get to points beyond the cold and into the possibility of actual snowy weather I'd like to consider a few things.

The Federation hosted the Fall Conference on October 25th at the Boxborough Regency. Those in attendance were fortunate to hear from two inspirational speakers from GCFM Clubs on what they and their Clubs, both individually and as a group, have achieved in the name of civic works. We heard a compelling presentation on climate change and its effect on both Local and Global habitats; I know that I'd be 'preaching to the choir' to say that this is something that needs our attention. The afternoon was capped off with 3 of our seasoned and admired designers creating 'explanatory' floral arrangements from the new 'Flower Show Hand-

book'. If you weren't able to attend this fall meeting, you missed a big day. I hope to see you in June!

I have been at this position almost a half year now. I have had some great experiences visiting, and honoring Clubs. I have met so many members who were unfamiliar to me and have enjoyed getting to know better so many others. Our membership in the Commonwealth is over ELEVEN THOUSAND strong! Certainly the envy of New England. I want to hear from you, and I would be delighted to have us work together to make a stronger Federation. I have gleaned a lot from my visits thus far and I hope to continue to report and share on the great things happening in our Districts and communities. Every day I feel like I have so much more to learn and so much to be thankful for. I hope that you do too.

Even as we look towards Spring, do not forget that Winter can be a wonderful season for your clubs to come together to share ideas and traditions, and to do good work for the community. We may long for crocuses and daffodils, but make the most of our cold, short days. Do not forget to enjoy the season and all it brings with it, from the bright poinsettias to the cheerful cardinals. After all, my soon to-be-planted paperwhite bulbs remind me—start with a seed.

Suzanne

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COVER STORY

Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima'

Aronia arbutifolia is commonly known as chokeberry, which refers to the tart and bitter berries. They are technically edible but are so astringent as to cause choking if you try.

Chokeberry is native to eastern North America (Nova Scotia and Ontario to Ohio south to Texas and Florida, Zones 4-9). It is deciduous multi-stemmed shrub that likes both wet and dry thickets. It grows in a vase-shaped form 6 – 8' tall and 3 – 4' wide and likes full sun. It has five-petaled, white to light pink flowers that appear in April and last about a week. Fruits ripen in late summer and persist throughout fall and well into winter.

The leaves are 3 1/2" long and elliptical to oblong in shape with a glossy dark green color above and a grayish-green color beneath. The foliage turns bright red in autumn and is a great replacement for the invasive Burning Bush (*Euonymous alata*). The variety 'Brilliantissima' has great, bright-red fall color (sometimes having a mix of red, purple, and orange) and is considered superior for its larger more abundant fruit and more compact habit.

Chokeberry, which can be leggy, is best planted in groups or massed in shrub borders or woodland areas. Its ability to withstand wet conditions makes it suitable for growing on the margins of ponds or streams.

There are no serious insect or disease problems, but there is some susceptibility to leaf spots and twig/fruit blight.

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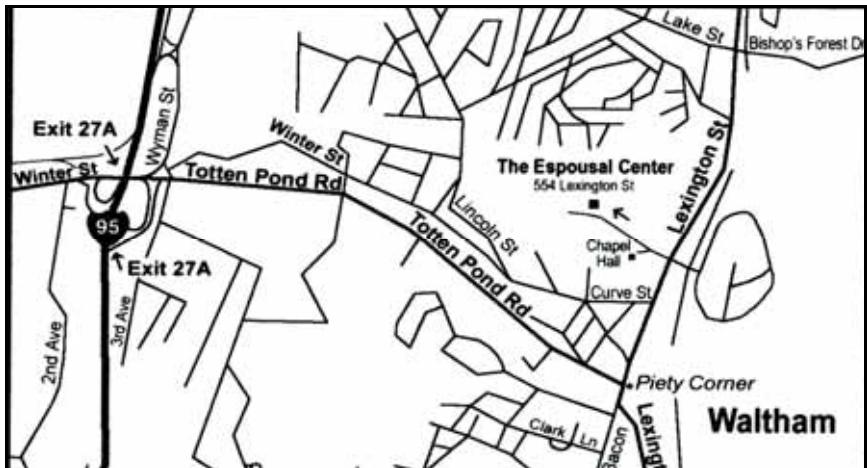
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Editor's Note:

At the GCFM Annual Meeting in June 2017, Joanne Kennett of Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club received the Five Star Certificate. We apologize for omitting her name from our listing of Awards in the Fall Mayflower.

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In Memoriam Caroline Nijenbergen

On October 15, 2017 the Federation lost a member and good friend, Caroline Nijenbergen. Caroline served as GCFM 2nd Vice President from 2013 to 2015 and as GCFM 1st Vice President from 2015 to 2017. She was unable to move on as GCFM President due to health issues. Prior to becoming an officer, Caroline ran four courses of Gardening Study School from 2009 to 2013. Caroline was a Master Gardening Consultant and Master Landscape Design Consultant.

Caroline lived in Lexington for 42 years, and her love of gardening led her to becoming a member of the Lexington Field & Garden Club where she eventually served as president. She was also a member of the club's subgroup, Wednesday Workshop, and served as its chairman. She was a member of the Hancock Church in Lexington and served on multiple

committees including the Ministerial Search Committee for the present Senior Minister. For several years she was also the church's representative to the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Caroline was born in Galesburg, Illinois. She and her husband Wim (*see picture below*) were a devoted couple who enjoyed traveling together and built their own business, Travel to Europe. Caroline spent many years as a freelance travel writer sharing her experiences from traveling to over 50 countries.



What made Caroline special was her personality. Her warm smile, soft spoken voice and big heart endeared her to all who knew her. She was extremely competent in a quiet, gracious way. She may have been small in stature, but she was tall in what mattered. All who knew her feel an extreme loss on her passing.

By Linda Jean Smith
& Mary Nokes

DISTRICT DOINGS

CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT (Joyce Fricke, Director)

Acton Garden Club held its annual plant sale in May; club members potted over 1,600 plants. In June the board hosted a program on tea ceremonies followed by a high tea. The club's July meeting was held in the historic Acton Arboretum Herb Garden, which is maintained by the club; Herb Garden Committee members spoke about the medicinal, edible and fragrant herbs grown in the Colonial-era garden.

Boxborough Garden Club had a busy summer. In May the club visited the Harvard Museum of Natural History in Cambridge, MA to view the glass flowers collection. June was marked by a celebration at the Red Robin restaurant in Acton. Throughout June and July members worked at the town's Colonial Herb Garden, a public heritage site designed, constructed and maintained by the club.

Pepperell Garden Club President Terry Geddes and member Jeanne Nivard received a Continuing Project Award from the GCFM recognizing the club's flower garden at the Pepperell rotary, a focal point in the town. The site was originally designed and planted in 1985.



Below left: Former GCFM President Betty Sanders (left) presented an award to the Pepperell GC.

Sudbury Garden Club's annual spring plant sale was a success, helping to fund club programs, civic beautification projects, community outreach and scholarships. Later in the summer the club bid farewell to former president and 45-year member Polly Metzler, who moved to Florida; Polly was given a photo album recapping her many contributions.



Sudbury GC celebrated long-standing member Polly Metzler, who relocated

Despite sweltering weather, members of **The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury** had a successful cleanup at Grinnell Park, as well as at the Sudbury Public Library Children's Discovery Garden.

Page 9 top left: Thursday GC of Sudbury beautification site volunteers

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CENTRAL SOUTH DISTRICT (Ruth Evans, Director)

Framingham Garden Club members have been busy restoring the garden at the Saxonville Dam, maintaining the historic Cushing Chapel grounds, and tending the native plant pollinator garden in Nobscot. The club also awarded college scholarships to three Framingham High School seniors.

Over the summer **Holliston Garden Club** redid the garden behind the Holliston Public Library. Members Joan Butler and Toni Neal led the redesign team, with many members pitching in at planting time. Old trees and shrubs were replaced by a beautiful pollinator garden.



Holliston GC's redesigned garden at the public library

Members of the **Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford** held their annual banquet at Southwick Zoo, the largest zoological park in New England. Summer excursions included tours of the Gardens at Elm Bank in Wellesley and Green Animals Gardens in RI.

Natick Garden Club hosted a booth at the Earth Day Fair on the town common. Under the watchful eye of Dani Newland, a new club member, children molded seed balls to take home and plant in their own gardens. There was also a bean toss garden game designed by member Laurie Adelstein. As the club continues working to grow its membership, the event also provided an opportunity to talk with parents and other event attendees.

Garden Club of Norfolk members are continuing to help revitalize the butterfly garden at the Massachusetts Audubon Society Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary. In 2016 the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association (MMGA) awarded the club a grant to help with the cost of adding more pollinator plants. The resulting garden now provides a quiet haven for visitors to relax and observe the flowers and the pollinators.



Entrance to the Stony Brook pollinator garden, maintained by the Norfolk GC and other volunteers

Members of **Northborough Garden Club** recently enjoyed a walk in the woods at the estate of a local friend. Features included large sculptures, statuary, a small waterfall, a brook and a peaceful rest area. The grounds were sprinkled with small glass crystals that reflected the sunshine.

Spring/summer were busy times for
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Springfield Garden Club. In March a “vintage tea” luncheon celebrated the club’s 100th anniversary; 2015-17 GCFM President Betty Sanders, Springfield Mayor Dominic Sarno and Parks Department head Patrick Sullivan were among the guests. In May the club’s annual plant sale raised over \$2,500 for the scholarship fund. The club’s June garden tour was attended by over 200 visitors.



Springfield GC President Janet Dolder (right) and VP Suzanne Reed cut the club’s 100th anniversary cake.

METRO DISTRICT (Ruth Kenworthy Ecker and Fawn Hurwitz, Co-Directors)

Medfield Garden Club had a busy May with three activities: “Succulent Gardens in Tea Cups,” a presentation by Kim Cook from Briggs Nursery; the club’s annual plant sale; and a visit to the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic

Site in Brookline. In June members toured the Wellesley College Greenhouses and Arboretum, followed in July by a visit to the edible gardens at Tower Hill Botanic Garden.



Medfield GC members at the Wellesley College Arboretum: (L to R) Loretta Carrigan, Judy Kruntorad, Pauline Medeiros, Michele Feinsilver, Mary Youlden, Donna Orvedahl and Janet Pflueger

Norwood Evening Garden Club concluded its 20th anniversary celebration with an event at the town’s DAV Park, attended by members of the Norwood Board of Selectmen Helen Abdallah-Donohue and Paul Bishop, as well as Director of Public Works Mark Ryan. The club donated a *Stewartia pseudocamellia* tree to commemorate its 20-year partnership with the town. Donohue, Bishop and Ryan each thanked the garden club for its beautification efforts along the Washington Street corridor.

Page 11 upper left: *Norwood Evening GC members admire their donated Stewartia: (L to R) Shirley Booth, Lisa Oberly, Mike Driscoll, Anne Heller, Mark Ryan, Helen Donohue, Susan Cosman, Paul Bishop, Judith Howard, Chip Nickerson, Donna Lane and Ana Puzey.*

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May 22 was Planting Day in Central Park, Wellesley Square, sponsored by **The House & Garden Club of Wellesley**. Since last season, sun exposure at the park has changed dramatically due to the removal of several diseased trees. Club members converged on the park to install new sun-loving native plants, chosen in consultation with the town's Parks Division. Central Park is also home to a sculpture, "Girl and Her Butterfly," commissioned by the club and executed by Wellesley artist Merrilyn D. Marsh.



This sculpture was commissioned by The House & GC of Wellesley and installed in the town's Central Park.

The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury closed out the year with a tour of the gardens at the historic Loring Greenough House in Jamaica Plain. Highlights included some venerable old trees and a visit to the perennial beds lining the mansion's formal entrance. Loring Greenough is on the Tory Trail: Boston area properties that were home to British Loyalists during the Revolutionary War. Loring Greenough's garden recently won

2nd place in the Boston Mayor's Garden Contest, Storefront/Organization/Main Street District Garden Division.



The Evening GC of West Roxbury toured the gardens at the historic Loring Greenough House.

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT (Joanne Lyons, Director)

At the **Lexington Field & Garden Club's** annual luncheon, town Selectmen Doug Lucente and Joe Pato read a proclamation declaring May 10, 2017 to be "Lexington Field & Garden Club Day" and urging "all citizens to celebrate the service and dedication of the oldest garden club in the nation to make Lexington the beautiful place it is." The club was founded in 1876.



The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lexington proclaimed May 10th "Lexington Field & Garden Club Day."

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Stoneham Garden Club had a busy summer. Members continue to work in the Whip Hill perennial garden and at the Police Circle garden. The club also partners with the Stoneham Junior Library to run a successful Junior Garden Club; young members learned about transplanting by working on the library grounds. The club's biggest project of the summer was the planting of a juniper tree at the Firefighters' Memorial. The grand finale was a tour of the firehouse.

Waltham Garden Club members were treated to a fun hat-making workshop led by former club President Alexis Shaw. Members decorated straw hats with silk flowers and ribbons...and then wore the hats to the club's annual dinner.



Waltham GC members Dorothy Jean Brown and Cynthia Sin show off their creations from a hat-making workshop.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT (Nancy Davidge, Director)

Following their plant sale, **The Friendly Garden Club of Beverly** gifted \$500 worth of "leftover" plant materials to *Rest. Stop. Ranch.*, a Topsfield sanctuary for people with disabilities and their caregivers. With seven accessible horticultural areas, the retreat provides a venue for therapeutic pro-

grams. For more information, visit Rest-Stop-Ranch.com.



Members of the Friendly GC of Beverly visited Rest. Stop. Ranch., the recipient of donated plants left over from the club's sale.

Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club's May plant sale included a special table for junior gardeners with plants "free for the taking (and learning)!" The club's June year-end celebration dinner included awards for several members. In July club members decorated civic planters with flags, contributing to the July 4th festivities in both Hamilton and Wenham. *Below: A table at Hamilton Wenham GC's plant sale offered free plants for young attendees.*



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The Arrangers of Marblehead won two blue ribbons at Boston's 2017 Flower & Garden Show: first place in both Division One and in the club competition for their division. In July, member Karen Fitzgerald shared a slide presentation entitled "Celebrating the Lunar Year in Viet Nam through Flowers."



Arrangers of Marblehead members (L to R) *Donna Porter, Jane Bumps Nielsen, Karen Fitzgerald and Nancy Delis* with their award-winning Flower Show entry

In July members of **Driftwood Garden Club** (Marblehead) visited Newport, Rhode Island's Blue Garden, which was designed by the Olmsted Brothers firm. Hidden behind a dense border of greenery, this "secret" garden fell into disrepair in the 1940s following the owners' deaths. Restoration began in 2012, using original plans and remaining structures. A private garden, it is open by appointment.



Driftwood GC recently visited the Blue Garden in Newport, RI.

Over 500 visitors strolled the 15 private gardens featured in **Salem Garden Club's** July 8th McIntire Historic District garden tour, entitled "Stroll through the Gardens of Salem."



Salem GC members (L to R) Mary Little, Deb Chloodian, Judy Conner and Judy Baldwin sold tickets for the club's garden tour.

NORTHERN DISTRICT (Marsha Ledbury, Director)

Andover Garden Club actively seeks new members and was delighted to welcome a half dozen into the fold this past club year.



Three of Andover GC's new members: (L to R) Betty, Noreen and Patrice

Spade and Trowel Garden Club (Andover) enjoyed their annual dinner meeting at Palmer's Restaurant. It was an evening of engaging and

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friendly dialogue, including awards and recognitions. Outgoing and incoming GCFM Northern District Directors Donna Vallois and Marsha Ledbury attended as guests. The club also celebrated the contributions made over the years by member Lorraine Kerwin, who has moved to Maine.



President Nancy Cornell (R) presented member Lorraine Kerwin with an etched stone for her Maine garden.

In July **Billerica Garden Club** stepped back in time, attending a tour of the historic Lillian Dutton Memorial Herb Garden, which is maintained by the Bedford Garden Club. The garden is part of the Job Lane House property, a memorial to the character of the area's early colonists.



Billerica GC members toured the herb garden at Job Lane House, Bedford

The Country Lane Garden Club (Chelmsford) held its annual spring plant sale at the First Parish UU Church. The sale featured plants from members' gardens as well as peonies from Sunny Meadow Farm, which is operated by the Chelmsford Open Space Stewardship. The event is popular for its bargains and for the gardening advice available from club members. Proceeds from 2017 sales were among the highest ever achieved, with close to 500 plants sold.



Country Lane GC (Chelmsford) held a successful plant sale.

Members of **Dracut Garden Club** met at former President Donna Vallois' house for their annual pot luck and garden tour. To raise money for the Dracut Food Pantry, attendees took part in a "pound auction" with each person elaborately gift-wrapping something (trash or treasure) that weighed about a pound: everything from gourmet chocolates to the latest best-selling gardening book to a bag of mulch. Lisa Bourgeois was auctioneer, trying to get bids as high as possible for the mystery packages. Clearly her approach worked: almost \$500 was raised for the food pantry.

Pictured Page 15, top left; Dracut GC members had a fun time raising money for charity at a "pound auction."

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North Andover Garden Club celebrated 90 years as a federated club at its annual meeting. Member Birgit Blass produced a movie using club photos from the archives. Each member received a keepsake memory book compiled by member Leslie Frazier from stories and memories submitted by current and former members. Certificates of recognition were presented by North Andover Selectman Dick Vaillancourt and GCFM President Suzanne McCance.

Tewksbury Garden Club enjoyed a guided tour of Lowell Cemetery, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the oldest garden cemeteries in the nation. The monuments, sculptures and gardens were spectacular.



Landscape designer/docent Julie Danforth (far right) led Tewksbury GC members on a tour of Lowell Cemetery.

In addition to sponsoring the award-winning Grow Spring! EXPO, **Topsfield Garden Club** members ran

two spring programs for students at Proctor Elementary School: "The Tomato Project" for fifth graders focused on the value of locally-sourced food. Club members raised over 400 heirloom tomato plants that were donated to students, school gardens and administrators/teachers.

The club's Arbor Day program for fourth graders gave each student a tree seedling to take home to plant.



Fifth graders show off some of the heirloom tomato plants donated by the Topsfield GC.

New Meadows Garden Club of Topsfield held a flower arranging workshop at the home of President Shirley Holt. Flowers were either purchased or cut from members' gardens. Participants felt it was a good ice-breaker for members who are hesitant to think of themselves as floral designers.



New Meadows GC members proudly display arrangements from their floral design workshop.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT (Gail Reilly, Director)

The Southern District held its annual July flower show at Heritage Museum and Gardens. The event, "Endless Summer," celebrated hydrangeas and included 264 horticulture exhibits, as well as 92 exhibits in design, artistic crafts, photography and education. Every club in the District participated.

Aptuxcet Garden Club of Bourne launched a new activity this past spring called "Ask and Answer": a group of interested members visits the garden of another member for the purpose of brainstorming about a particular problem or concern. The result has been shared knowledge and friendship-building.

In May **The Garden Club of Hyannis** hosted a Standard Flower Show entitled "Love and Marriage." The event was the culmination of two years' of design workshops taught by member Gail Hubacker. Gail and Dolores Ahern wrote the show's schedule in a way that encouraged inexperienced workshop graduates to try their newfound floral design skills. As another incentive for new designers, accredited judges were not allowed to enter design classes. The club reports that the creativity was amazing.



Door wreath by GC of Hyannis member Debbie Faulconer

In early May, **Osterville Garden Club** held a small Standard Flower Show, "The Next Chapter," at the Village Library. Designers were asked to interpret the name of a book or poem. Following judging, the public was invited to view the exhibits. Chairpersons for the event were Susan Dewey and Cate Gulliver.



Marian Nicastro, winner of "Best in Show" at the Osterville GC's recent event

Plymouth Garden Club launched a new program last winter at the Nathaniel Morton Elementary School. Students received instruction in how to prepare the soil in their new raised bed gardens, as well as how to care for seeds and seedlings. Club members donated tools, hoses and a compost bin. The club also provided financial support for materials, including two trees for containers at the school entrance. Plymouth GC members also planted a tree at the school on Arbor Day; each 5th grader received a tree seedling to take home.



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Page 16, lower right: Plymouth GC Civic Beautification Chairwoman Jean Dobachesky, President Linda O'Neill and committee member Patty O'Brien after a hard day working in the rain

The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth had a busy summer: \$500 was donated to the Plymouth Public Library to help fund a garden bench at the Manomet Branch. For the second year, members transformed the back of the Plymouth Art Center into a fairy garden; a new club member volunteered to be the fairy queen. Over the club's summer hiatus, members toured Cochato Nursery, Holbrook, and took part in a tour presented by Tranquil Lake Nursery, Rehoboth, for over 60 gardeners from all over New England.

Taunton Garden Club planted and will help maintain a garden at a memorial to beloved former Mayor of Taunton, Charles Crowley. A local historian, Crowley frequently gave presentations to the club, including as part of their 75th and 80th anniversary celebrations.



Taunton GC members at the monument to late Mayor Crowley: (L to R) Carol Ann Dorer, club President

Valerie Ferreira, Civic Beautification Chairman Annette Lopes and members Jennie McNee, Deborah Carr and Susan Rhodes

SOUTH SHORE DISTRICT (Roni Bache Lahage, Director)

Easton Garden Club hosted a summer garden tour, "Back to Our Roots." The event showcased unique gardens belonging to five members and also included a bonus tour of historic Queset Gardens. The club distributed educational information and ran a garden boutique stocked with items created or donated by members.



Easton GC's garden tour featured a fun boutique.

The Hingham Garden Club sponsored a late spring tour entitled "Garden Inspirations." Participants toured eight unique gardens: large and small, sunny and shady. In addition to the beautiful plants, each garden featured a horticultural inspiration.

Pictured Page 18, upper left: Information on the many uses of eggshells was displayed at one of the gardens on The Hingham GC's tour.

Hull Garden Club ended its 2016-17 meeting schedule with a June luncheon. To celebrate, members

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wore festive hats. To keep area plantings healthy and happy, watering was a top summer priority. The club just celebrated its 50th anniversary and is looking forward to the coming decades.



Hull GC members wore festive hats to the club's annual luncheon.

At Scituate Garden Club's annual meeting, members each were given a newly-introduced hosta seedling, *H. 'Scituate Sunrise,'* a fitting memento of the club's 100th anniversary.

*Above, right; Scituate GC marked the end of its 100th anniversary celebration by giving each member *H. 'Scituate Sunrise,'* a new hosta seedling.*

Weymouth Garden Club's annual plant sale featured demonstrations by two members: how to divide an overgrown house plant and how to create an annual plant basket. A "Kids Can Grow" area offered workshops on seed planting and re-growing vegetables from root ends. Face painting and coloring sheets were available for "kids" of all ages.



Weymouth GC members Paula Foster and Suzanne Sullivan led demonstrations at the club's plant sale.



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Subjects covered:

Thursday, April 12. (Tested subjects)

- ◆ Basic Botany - Dr. Judith Sumner, Botanist
- ◆ Characteristics of Soils – Betty Sanders, Horticultural Consultant
- ◆ Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers – Betty Sanders. Horticultural Consultant

Friday, April 13, (Non-tested subjects)

- ◆ Plant Propagation - Joann Viera, Horticulturalist Tower Hill
- ◆ Vegetative Propagation - Joann Viera, Horticulturalist Tower Hill
- ◆ Composting- Paul Rodgers - Horticultural Consultant
- ◆ Test for those becoming consultants

Suggested Reading:

1. *Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon maybe purchased through Amazon.com

Make checks payable to:

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. (GCFM).

Mail registration form and fee to:

Linda Jean Smith, Registrar, 23 Bentley Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824
(978) 256-3101 or lindajean.smith@comcast.net

Registration deadline is March 16, 2018. No refunds:

For further information please contact Chairmen:

Joy DiMaggio 978-634-1221 or jmarykay2@aol.com

REGISTRATION FORM

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GARDEN CLUB _____

NGC, Inc. Life Member # _____ - _____

Please check one:

\$110 – GCFM Garden Club Student Member, exam fee included.

\$100 – Refresher

\$140 – Non-member (2 day fee)

\$70 – One Day Registration (non-member & make up exam)

\$18 a day with beverage – Box Lunch fee: *Indicate choice if applicable*

Choice including a baked good

Sandwich/wrap (turkey, roast beef or veggie) with chips or salad

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Total

Corrections to 2017-19 Yearbook

Page 6 – Art in Bloom April 28-30, 2018

Middlesex District Annual Luncheon – May 7, 2018

Page 7 and 13 – Jill Malcolm email jillyjill07@comcast.net

Page 7 – Bonnie Rosenthal email bonnie.rosenthal@gmail.com

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clbjorklund@gmail.com

Cessy Bombara email address: fbombara6@gmail.com

Add Bartlett, Maria, 26 Jenkins Rd., Andover MA 01810,
978-590-0547 maria_bartlett@verizon.net

Page 12 – Betsy Howard Address 21 Hynes Lane, Harvard, MA 01451. Harvard GC

Page 13 – Marsha Ledbury email mdledbury@comcast.net

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Page 15 – Donna Vallois address: 390 Arlington St.

Donna Wild address: 21 Grey Hawk Dr., Mashpee, MA 02649, 774-361-8140

Page 17 – Add: Environmental Awareness - Maria Bartlett, 978-470-1278

Page 19 – Calendar Editor, Susan Leach, 339-788-3195

Page 21 – Poetry and Essay Contest Chair, Charlene Malek, 978-664-6763

Page 22 – Teddi Hickey Address 6002 Green St., Middleboro MA 02346. cell phone 508-930-9920

Page 37 – Arlington Treasurer email, rogers19@rcn.com

Page 59 – Groveland GC Treasurer's email – pi.brown@comcast.net

Page 75 – Amateur Gardeners of Milton Treasurer's email – solin117@yahoo.com

Page 80 – Norwell GC President 's last name Laurie Hall

Page 87 – Rowley Great Marsh GC Treasurer's email – dskkelley@verizon.net

Page 99 – Wayland GC President's email ggschuler126@gmail.com

Page 102 – Country Garden Club of Weston president email tinajeff@comcast.net

Page 103 – Weston GC President email ckchapra@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

GCFM Program Workshops

March 20, 2018 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
at Elm Bank,

Massachusetts Horticultural Society Headquarters
900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA

March 28, 2018, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
Tower Hill Botanic Garden,
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA

Clubs are encouraged to send 1 or 2 members to meet and view program speakers and their presentations. Contact Suzanne McCance at suzannebmccance@gmail.com to register to attend one of the two dates.

Speakers have been informed of the dates and will receive information on registering for one or both .

Contact the GCFM Office at gardenclubfedma@gmail.com for more information.

2017 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!



Smokey Bear Theme:
"Only You can Prevent Wildfires"

Woodsy Owl Theme:
*"Lend a hand,
Care for the Land"*



Open to children in first
through fifth grade

Deadline January 8, 2018

Contact Massachusetts Poster contest co-chairman
Bonni L. Dinneen - bonni.dinneen@gmail.com

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles.

Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!

Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for fire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!" encourages personal responsibility for fire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!

Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!" and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, planting and caring for trees, using resources wisely, and not littering.

Visit www.gardenclub.org to find more information and recent National winners under Youth Programs

Visit www.gcfm.org to see recent state contest winners

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

RUTH A WALLACK FUND

Presents International Designer

Francine Thomas from New Zealand



Francine Thomas, from Tauranga in the North Island of New Zealand, is the Featured Designer at the 2018 lecture. Francine's passion for flowers and Floral Art has taken her to many different heights. In 2010 Francine decided to start her own business called "A Floral Affair by Francine." She joined the Tauranga Floral Art Group and became a qualified Teacher, Judge, Demonstrator, and Lecturer for the Floral Art Society and Consultant for florists. Since joining Floral Art, Francine has been Stage Hand for many well known designers; Irene Brockwell of Australia, Rob Plate from Holland, Gregor Lersch from Germany, Mark Pampling from Australia, Tomoki and Suri from Japan and many others.

Francine has done many workshops and large floral Theatres in New Zealand. She has been a guest designer on television on New Zealand's Good Morning show, has traveled to Australia on several occasions to demonstrate and teach for the New South Wales Floral Art Society and has done large installations for the Bay of Plenty Garden and Art Festival. She also has her own floral sundries supplier's ecommerce website.

In 2016 Francine won New Zealand National Floral Art Designer of the Year, and was the National Demonstrator representing New Zealand at the WAFA World Show in Dublin, Ireland in 2014. She was Designer of the Year in the 2006, 2010 and 2014 Bay of Plenty Art Festival. Francine has the Floral Art Society of New Zealand (FASNZ) diploma in Teaching, Judging and Demonstrating from the New Zealand Professional Florist Inc. (NZPF).

Francine has an energetic sense of humor which can be contagious and which is evident in her shows. She is inspired by what she sees and feels inside, to come up with her ideas. She loves sharing those ideas to inspire other people to do the same.

The Garden Club Federation of MA. Inc.

Ruth A Wallack Fund

Presents

“A Floral Journey From Afar”

With

Francine Thomas

International Designer Extraordinaire!

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From New Zealand

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:00 AM

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For Ticket Information Call or Email:

Helga Frazzette – 508-255-6664 or frazz@comcast.net

Sue Kaplan – 781-444-6085 or suekflowers@yahoo.com

Diane Bullock – 207-361-1818 or dbull29441@aol.com

Yvonne Capella – 508-947-5806 or ycapella@comcast.net

There will also be a hands-on workshop with our designer, Francine Thomas on May 1st, 2018, 9:00 AM, at Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Ave., Needham, MA 02494

If interested please sign-up by April 1, 2018
Contact the following:

Helga Frazzette – 508-255-6664 or frazz@comcast.net
Sue Kaplan – 781-444-6085 or suekflowers@yahoo.com

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts College Scholarships

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. offers scholarships for undergraduate students (including high school seniors who will be freshmen in the fall), and graduate students who will be attending accredited colleges and universities. Applications are due **March 1**.

Scholarships are available for students majoring in:

- horticulture,	- floriculture
- landscape design or architecture	- conservation
- forestry, agronomy	- city planning
- environmental studies	- land management
- botany	- biology and allied subjects

Applicants must have maintained a legal residence in Massachusetts for at least one year, have a minimum "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), have good character, and have financial need.

There are eleven (11) scholarships available. Only one application is required per student. It should be noted that (A) the Ruth Cleveland Scholarship is available to graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences and (B) three of the scholarships require that the student attend the University of Massachusetts. The GCFM Scholarship Committee determines a student's eligibility based on a completed application package. Applications and financial aid forms are available on the GCFM website, <http://www.gcfm.org/>

The current Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Scholarship funds are as follows:

1. "The Margaret Motley Scholarship Fund" in honor of the first president of the Federation. The applicants of this scholarship shall be **students attending the University of Massachusetts, majoring in floriculture, horticulture or landscape Design**.
2. "The Harold T. Bent Horticulture Scholarship Fund" in recognition of Harold T. Bent's services as horticulture chairman and advisor. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **students attending the University of Massachusetts majoring in some phase of horticulture**.
3. "The Lottie S. Leach Scholarship Fund" in honor of Lottie S. Leach for her outstanding contribution in the various fields of federated garden club work, both state and national. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **students of the University of Massachusetts pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect**.
4. "The F. Carroll Sargent Scholarship Fund" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the state-wide horticulture program of the Federation. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate college students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect**.
5. "The Violet E. MacLaren Conservation Scholarship Fund" in memory of a beloved past president of the Federation. Applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate college students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to conservation in its widest aspect**.

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6. "The Baker Scholarship Fund" in honor of Dr. & Mrs. E. Carlisle Baker for their joint outstanding contribution to the many activities of the Federation. Dr. Baker was a staunch supporter in furthering the objectives and interests of the Federation, and his wife, Edna, was the 13th president and an Incorporator of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**
7. "The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund" is presented by the Andover Garden Club in recognition of her efforts to enrich the lives of garden club members in the pursuit of all the arts and sciences. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences.**
8. "The Margaret Bent Patterson Scholarship Fund" established in 1982 by the Chestnut Hill Garden Club in recognition of her dedicated service to the club and to The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. In 1950 she was one of the signers of the Articles of Incorporation of the Federation, and in 1972, its 25th president. The recipient (one person) shall be a **college senior or graduate student pursuing the study of landscape architecture or horticulture considered in its widest aspect.**
9. "The Evelyn R. Cole Scholarship" is presented in memory of the 15th president of The Garden Club of Hingham, as well as past president of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. It is a scholarship to be awarded in recognition of Mrs. Cole's efforts to enrich the lives of Garden Club members everywhere. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the environmental sciences in its widest aspect.** There shall be no restrictions on this scholarship except that the applicant must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
10. "The Landscape Design Critics Council Scholarship Fund" established in 1986 by the membership of LDCC to encourage students to pursue the study of Landscape Design and related fields. Applicants for this scholarship shall reside in Massachusetts. The recipient should be a **Junior, Senior or graduate student majoring in Landscape Architecture, City Planning or related fields of interest, including horticulture and conservation.**
11. "The Mary M. Conley Scholarship Fund" established in 1997 by a bequest in the will of Mary M. Conley. She was a member of the West Newbury Garden Club, a Master Judge and a member of the Landscape Design Council. Applicants for this scholarship shall be a **graduate or undergraduate student pursuing the study of horticulture, landscape design, environmental science or related fields of interest.**

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The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts College Scholarship Application Form

Full Name _____
Home(Legal Address)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Mailing Address (if different)

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

High School _____ Graduation date _____

Current Grade Level at time of application:

High school senior _____

Freshman _____

Sophomore _____

Junior _____

Senior _____

Associate Degree year 1 _____

Associate Degree year 2 _____

Fifth year Landscape Design _____

Graduate Student _____

Other(specify) _____

Current Cumulative Grade point average _____ (on a 4.0 scale)

College/University(Attending) _____

(If you are not currently attending a College/University, specify first choice school(s))

College/University Address (Street, City, State, Zip) _____

College/University Major _____ Minor _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Degree _____

Schools previously attended (if any) _____

GCFM has permission () does not have permission () to include my name, home town and state in listings of scholarship winners for GCFM publicity purposes.

Required with GCFM Scholarship application:

1. Official academic transcripts including the latest grading period. Graduate students must include undergraduate transcript(s).
2. A brief essay (limited to 2 pages) about your goals, aspirations and career plans.
3. A list of activities in which you have participated, listing special honors and/or leadership positions (limited to 2 pages).
4. Three (3) letters of reference discussing scholastic ability, personal character, and/or work related experience (limited to one page each).
5. GCFM Financial Aid Form

All information must be printed, typed or computer generated. Deadline: **Completed application and required items must be received by MARCH 1.**

Mail to: GCFM Scholarship Secretary

Kathie Jones

40 Berkshire Drive

Williamstown, MA 01267

For further information email: gcfmscholarship@aol.com

GCFM Scholarship Financial Aid Form

This form must be completed by a student applying for a Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc. scholarship. The information provided will be held in strictest confidence. It will be made available only to members of the Scholarship Committee of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Since actual financial need is one of the determining factors in the awarding of scholarships, it is necessary that all of the requested information be supplied. Use the following form to show all anticipated sources of funds, including scholarships other than the anticipated one from GCFM, educational insurance policies, etc., as well as all projected costs for attending college in the upcoming school year. It is not required that projected resources and expenditures balance. PLEASE NOTE: This form must be signed and mailed along with other required application materials, **by March 1** to:

GCFM Scholarship
Secretary Kathie Jones
40 Berkshire Drive
Williamstown, MA 01267
Email: gcfmscholarship@aol.com

Anticipated RESOURCES

From parent or relative
 From personal savings
 Educational Ins. policies
 School-year earnings
 Grants/Scholarships
 Loans

Other (specify)

Total Funds Available

Projected EXPENDITURES

Tuition & Fees
 Housing
 Board
 Books/Supplies
 Clothing/Laundry
 Transportation
 Other (specify)

Total Expenses

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____
DATE _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2017

1-2 Canton GC presents "A Christmas Home for Everyone" House Tour ,12/1, 1:00 PM-8:00 PM; 12/2 12 Noon - 4:00 PM. "Home for the Holidays" at 34 Century Drive, "A Sporting Christmas Home" at 10 Kings Road and "A Cozy Woodland Christmas" at 5 Bailey Street. For tickets email cantongcmembership@gmail.com.

2 Needham GC Annual Ways and Means Wreath Sale
Needham Congregational Church at 1180 Great Plain Ave. from 9 -2pm.
Decorated wreaths, boxwood trees and holiday centerpieces

2-10 Springfield GC participates in "Storrorwton Village's Winter Holiday Festival" View period holiday décor created by the Springfield Garden Club and other volunteer organizations during Storrorwton Village's winter holiday festival. The Springfield Garden Club will be decorating the Meeting House. For more information call 413-205-5051 or online www.storrorwtonvillage.com

6 GCFM Board Meeting, 10:30 A.M. Espousal Center, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA

7 YULETIDE! Christmas House Tour sponsored by The Community Garden Club of Cohasset. Please save the date. See online calendar for details www.gcfm.org.

9 Village GC of Dennis, presents "Holiday House Tour" 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. 6 homes in Dennis and East Dennis that are festively decorated for the season. Open to the public. One home will have a small holiday boutique; another will feature a harpist.

Tickets \$30 the day of the tour at Carleton Hall, Old Bass River Road, Dennis. Advance tickets are \$25 and available starting Nov. 1 at Scout-- 776 Rte 6A, Dennis, and Dennis Chamber of Commerce –242 Swan River Road, Dennisport by e-mailing villagegardenclubofdennis@gmail.com

January 2018

6 GC of Norfolk, "Seed Swap & Winter Seedling Workshop" 10:30 A.M. Sign up Required. Norfolk Grange Hall 28 Rockwood Road, Norfolk Contact: Liz Davey, Publicity Chairman, Garden Club of Norfolk

16 Needham GC presents "Harvest to Cup" with Lisa Tavakoli in the community room at the Needham public library at 9:30 am. Come in from the cold to hear about tea and the crucial steps of production.

liz.davey@comcast.net

16 Design Morning

17 Design Morning SNOW DATE

25 Judges Council Meeting

February 2018

7 GCFM Board Meeting , 10:30 A.M. Espousal Center 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA

14 GC of Norfolk, "Tea Cup Arrangements," presented by Leslie Lincoln 7:00 P.M. Sign-up Required Further information about each program can be found on the club's webpage www.gardenclubofnorfolkma.com

Location: Norfolk Library 139 Main St, Norfolk, MA

Contact: Liz Davey, Publicity Chairman, Garden Club of Norfolk
liz.davey@comcast.net

26 2017-2018 Back to Basics Series, "Color" presented by Julie Lap-ham 10:30 A.M. Espousal Center 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA
Cost: \$45.00 Contact: Ruth Evans, Back to Basics Chair

27 SNOW DATE for Back to Basics

27 Needham GC presents "Pressed Flower Workshop" Cheryl Monroe, in the community room at the Needham public library at 9:30 am. Explore your artistic side while you work along with Cheryl to create lovely pressed flower arrangements on card stock.

27 Norwood Evening GC presents Alan S. Banks' program "Frederick Law Olmstead & The Massachusetts Legacy" 6:30 P.M. First Baptist Church Carriage House, 71 Bond St., Norwood. \$5 Donation. Refreshments

President Pins/Past President Bars

GCFM is offering for sale *sterling silver* President Pins with the Federation Seal and/or Past President Bars. Please note changes in price due to increase in silver price and added tax.

Cost: Pin alone - \$50 plus \$3.13 in tax **plus 6 first-class postage stamps for shipping.**

Bar alone with connecting chain that attaches to pin - \$30 plus \$1.88 tax **plus 1 first class postage stamp for shipping.**

Pin and Bar - \$80 plus \$5.01 tax **plus 6 first-class postage stamps for shipping.**

To order, complete the form below and mail it with check and stamps to:
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Make check payable to: GCFM, Inc.

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Phone # _____

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____ Number of Pin/Bar Combo ____ Stamps for shipping

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Amount of Gift:

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