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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back! As we begin a new season and a new calendar year at GCFM there is so much to be excited about. Our **District Gatherings** will run September through October and I highly encourage every Club President, VP, Treasurer

and other club officers to attend these useful meetings where you learn what's new at GCFM and what GCFM can do for your Club. We are very pleased that **Flower Show School** is returning to GCFM on October 16-18. **Landscape Design School** continues in Lexington with Course II, October 24,25. Don't miss the first **Horticulture Morning** on October 3rd. **Back to Basics** returns to Weston on September 23rd and **Design Workshop** returns to Elm Bank on October 22nd. There is still time to register for all these perennial favorites. Check them out and try something new this year!

The **Topsfield Fair** runs **October 4-14**. Why not challenge yourself and enter one of the Design Classes? I entered my very first design at the Marshfield Fair in August. It was fun!

My President's Project, the **Native Plant Challenge** has been launched. We are assigning Ambassadors to each District to track the progress of the new and redesigned garden projects participating in the Challenge. If you would like to be named Ambassador for your District please contact Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks, ellen@schoenfeld.com to sign up. On October 1st join a **Native Plant Walking Tour of the Fuller Brook** project in Wellesley, MA. Throughout the next two years we will be offering lectures, field trips and garden tours focusing on the importance of native perennials, shrubs and trees and help everyone get involved.

You will find further details about all of these events and activities in the pages of this Mayflower edition.

*I encourage all of you to attend the **Fall Conference on October 30th** at the Hilton*

Boston/Dedham. We will be conducting roundtable discussions on topics such as **creative fundraising techniques, attracting new members, technology/social media, navigating the new GCFM website, and garden club finances**, there will be a **Fall Horticulture Show, the Natalie Wolf Forum, more Vendors, more Educational Exhibits**, and a brief presentation about the **Native Plant Challenge**.

Remember you have the option to sign up through the GCFM.org website. Bring your friends and I'll see you there!

Bonnie

CALL TO FALL CONFERENCE Club Presidents, Garden Club Members and Guests



**Please Join
President Bonnie Rosenthal**
"Plant Massachusetts, With Native
Shrubs and Trees"
**And
the Board of Directors of
THE GARDEN CLUB
FEDERATION OF
MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**
Wednesday October 30, 2019
At
The Hilton Boston Dedham
25 Allied Drive, Dedham MA 02026

Complete Schedule and
Registration Form can be found
on the GCFM Website:
www.gcfm.org

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COVER STORY

Clethra alnifolia

Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) is also called sweetpepper bush. It is a deciduous shrub native to the eastern North America. Its genus name comes from the Greek *klethra*, the name for alder which the leaves resemble. The "pepper" part of the common name derives from the mature fruits, capsules which have a vague resemblance to peppercorns, however, with no element of spiciness. Linnaeus named *Clethra alnifolia* in his monumental Species Plantarum published in 1753.

Summersweet is a rounded, suckering, densely-branched, shrub that typically grows to 3-6' tall and 4-6' wide. It is noted for producing a bloom of sweetly fragrant white flowers, which appear in narrow, upright panicles in July and August. Flowers give way to dark brown seed capsules, which may persist into winter. Mature stems have scaly, dark gray to brown-black bark. Glossy, dark green leaves 3-4" long are serrate and obovate to oblong, and generally turn attractive shades of yellow to golden brown in fall. Flowers are very attractive to butterflies and bees.

Summersweet is relatively easy to grow. It thrives in zones 3-9 and likes swampy woodlands, wet marshes, stream banks and seashores. It is often found in sandy soils along the coast. Avoid hot, dry sites when planting. It prefers a moist neutral to acidic soil with organic matter. It prefers full sun to partial shade. It may be slow to establish and some twig tip dieback may occur during the first winter. Soils should not be allowed to dry out. It tolerates clay soils and full shade. Promptly remove root suckers unless naturalized look is desired. Prune if needed in late winter. It can be propagated by cuttings. There are no serious insect or disease problems, although spider mites may be a concern in dry conditions.

It is a good flowering shrub for shady or woodland gardens and is effective as a hedge. It may also be naturalized. Its compact size also makes it good for smaller gardens. It appears to have neither culinary nor medicinal properties, but it is highly attractive to bees and is therefore

considered an important honey plant.

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ATTENTION GCFM BOARD of DIRECTORS

- Wednesday, September 4, 2019 10:30 AM St. Bridgid Hall, Lexington
- Wednesday October 2, 2019 10:30 AM Elm Bank, Wellesley

Hazel Schroder, *Corresponding Secretary*

DIRECTIONS TO ST. BRIGID PARISH CENTER HALL,
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From the South:

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DIRECTIONS TO MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
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From the East / Boston

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90 West) to Exit 16 (West Newton Exit). Follow Route 16 West 4.7 miles to Wellesley Center (5-way intersection with stop light); stay left at the intersection to remain on Route 16 West (Washington Street) for another 1.6 miles to the entrance of Elm Bank Reservation (look for a small green sign on the left).

From Points North

Take Interstate 95 South (Route 128 South) to Route 16 (Exit 22-21B). Follow 21B (left fork of exit ramp) onto Route 16 West. Follow Route 16 West for about 2.9 miles to Wellesley Center (5-way intersection with stop light); stay left at the intersection to remain on Route 16 West (Washington Street) for another 1.6 miles to the entrance of Elm Bank Reservation (look for a small green sign on the left).

From Points South

Take Route 3 North to Interstate 95 North (Route 128 North) to Exit 21B (Route 16 West). Follow 21B - See above

From Points West

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90 East) to Exit 14 (Weston). Take Interstate 95 South (Route 128 South) for 1/2 mile to Route 16 (Exit 22-21B). Follow 21B - see above.

The LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL & GCFM President Bonnie Rosenthal's NATIVE PLANT CHALLENGE

*Join us for a 2 Hour Walking Tour of
Fuller Brook Park in Wellesley, Massachusetts*

**Tuesday
October 1, 2019**

**10:30 am
Rain or Shine**

**Guided by
Town of Wellesley
Landscape Planner**

**CRICKET VLASS
CLD, MCA, MCLP**



Accept the President's Challenge!

See how a forward looking community is managing its public spaces. Fuller Brook Park, is a 23 acre linear park, that has a great history. The town has been investing in its infrastructure to ensure its long-term health. A major focus in the park over the past three years is the management of invasives and how this management program impacts existing natives.

Cricket Vlass



Cricket has worked in Wellesley's DPW Park and Tree Division for 36 years as its Horticulturist and Landscape Planner.

Vlass is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with BA in Environmental Conservation and Radcliffe Seminars with a Certificate in Landscape Design. She is also a Certified Arborist and Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional.

*This Tour is open to all!
Meeting Point and Parking Information will be emailed
prior to the Tour in Late September*

Name: _____
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Mail your check, payable to "GCFM" in the amount of \$15 to:

Tracy Peter, 824 Main Street, W. Newbury, MA 01985. Please write 'Fuller Brook Tour' in the memo line.
For more information contact: Tracy Peter: tracyapeter@yahoo.com

Please Note: Registration Deadline: September 28, 2019

GCFM Officers 2019-2021

President, Bonnie Rosenthal



Bonnie Rosenthal grew up in Dover, MA and lived in CT, NJ, and England while raising her family. She and her husband Phillip now live in Lexington where she is an active member of the Lexington Field & Garden Club. Bonnie has co-chaired several committees for LFGC, including Civic Gardening where she has worked on restoring the Post Office landscape and a native plant garden. Because of the growing threat of invasive species moving into the woodlands and gardens, Bonnie is focused on incorporating native plants into every garden and landscape. "Native plants," she says, "are fundamental components of a healthy and diverse ecosystem. They are naturally resilient to pests and difficult growing conditions but, just as important, they are beautiful." Bonnie is a past Chairman of the GCFM Environmental Studies School, a certified NGC Environmental Consultant, Gardening Consultant, and Landscape Design Consultant. She presently serves on the Board of Grow Native Massachusetts.

First Vice President, Jill Malcolm



Jill recently served as Corresponding Secretary on the GCFM Executive Board. She was also Central South District Director and has been a member of the awards committee. Currently, she is the Flower Show School Series registrar. Jill has been a member of the Holliston Garden Club since 1997 and held a number of board positions, most recently as second vice president. Jill is a Master Gardener and co-chair of Holliston in Bloom, a civic group dedicated to town beautification and community education. She was chairperson of Floral Design Division 2 of the Boston Flower Show for two years and continues to support the show by working on the computers committee. Jill retired after 37 years in marketing and strategic planning for John Hancock Financial Services in Boston. She holds a BA from Emmanuel College and a JD from Suffolk University Law School. She is married, has two sons, two dogs and a soon-to-be daughter in law.

Second Vice President, Ruth Ecker



Ruth Ecker grew up in Norfolk, VA, and now resides in Wellesley with husband, George. She joined the House and Garden Club of Wellesley in 2009 when she was nearing retirement from her work in administration at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She served as club president for three years. A major focus of this club is civic gardening: at Wellesley's Central Park where native plants fill the beds and also at local schools where pollinator-butterfly gardens have been installed. Also, with the desire to acquire skill in hands-on floral design, she joined the Beth

Shalom Garden Club of Needham. She has served on the Board of the Garden Club Federation since 2013, when she was first Assistant and then Metro District Director.

Recording Secretary, Penni Jenkins



Penni served as Treasurer of the Federation from 2011 - 2015 and has been Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee since then. She is a master Landscape Design Consultant, a board member of the Landscape Design Council and has attended Flower Show School. As an Overseer and long-time volunteer at Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Penni is one of the three people who run their annual major fundraiser, The Festival of Trees, as well as other events. She also volunteers in the office at Mass Hort helping on Accounting, Development and Membership. Penni is a member of the Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham and currently serves as Treasurer as well as their fundraiser co-chair. She is a Lifetime Master Gardener and has served on the board of Massachusetts Master Gardener Association in the past.

Corresponding Secretary, Hazel Schroder



Hazel has had a life-long passion for plants, gardening, and floral design. Retiring from 37 years of teaching biology and chemistry, she joined the Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford and became an active "garden clubber". She expanded her gardening interests becoming active in the GCFM as the Central South District Director and has been involved with the board for several years. Through programs such as Flower Show School, Judges Council and Horticulture mornings, she has continued to learn and grow.

Treasurer, Ann Webster



Anne comes from the Lexington Field and Garden Club, which she joined in 2005 following a career in banking, marketing and management consulting. At LFGC, she has served as President, Treasurer, Chair of the Horticulture and Holiday Greens Sale Committees, Editor of the Yearbook and Newsletter, and in assorted other capacities for its Plant Sale, Garden Tour, and Arbor Day programs, and other activities. She also is a member of the club's Wednesday Workshop and Thursday Evening subgroups. Beyond tending her underperforming garden and making flower arrangements for friends, Anne's interests include traveling with her husband (with and without their antique car), photography, sewing, walking and swimming. She also is the longtime treasurer of her neighborhood pool and the tour planner and assistant treasurer for her car club's international meet next year.

Meet Your District Directors

Central North Laura Semple



Laura joined the Groton Garden Club in 2005 and started her leadership journey as the chair of the Hospitality Committee. While serving in that role she got to meet and interact with all of the club members. Since joining the Groton Garden Club she has served as an Interim Secretary, Membership, Boxwood Tree Workshop, and Plant Sale Chairs. Laura served two terms as Vice President, and recently completed two terms as the President of the club, position that she truly enjoyed and found very rewarding. Laura is looking forward to working with the club leaders of the Central North District.

Central South: Karen Ballou



Karen Ballou, a 16 year member of the Southbridge Garden Club, recently retired as president after 10 years (give or take). She has had the luxury of “growing up” in a club with creative, curious and nurturing women and strongly believes gardening is always better with a friend. She looks forward to cheerleading for the South Central District. She has completed the garden school, is working her way through landscape design school and is contemplating the flower show school. However, she really prefers playing in the dirt to making arrangements. With a child in collage she and her husband spend heir time figuring out ways to outwit the local wild ife that make their wooded lot in western MA home, and balancing garden visits with local brewery trips!

Metro District: Joan Minklei



Joan Minklei has been a member of the Wellesley Gardeners' Guild for thirteen years, holding numerous positions. She completed the Massachusetts Master Gardener program in 2016 during which time she and her classmates suggested they replace the word "master" with "lifetime apprentice". She is also a member of the New England Unit of the Herb Society of America partly to reassure herself that dandelions are herbs, not weeds, and should be allowed to grow where they like.

Middlesex District: Cynthia Chapra



After a career as a mechanical engineer and strategic planner for the oil and gas industry, Cynthia returned to the United States from England when her husband accepted a position at Tufts University. Soon after moving to Weston, Cynthia was diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Unable to continue working, she threw herself into one of her lifelong passions: gardening. In 2007, she joined the Weston Garden Club (WGC) and became involved in several club activities including horticulture, floral arranging, and landscape design. In addition, she served Weston as a member of the town's Conservation Committee and Tree Advisory Group. After serving the past 2 years as WGC President, she is excited to become the Middlesex District Director. In particular, she is looking forward to getting to know and support all the garden clubs that make up the Middlesex District.

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**Northern District:
Susan Schumacher**



Susan is currently a member of the Haverhill Garden Club, where she has served as president 2 times. She has also been a member of the Groveland Garden Club. Her townhome in Haverhill has a large common area where she created a large garden with lots of perennials and some select annuals...in particular State Fair Zinnias and Rocket Snapdragons. Her big interest is Asiatic and Oriental Lilies of which she has a pretty good collection ... that is, until the bunny rabbit discovered they are delicious. Gardening is her absolute favorite pastime. Susan is looking forward to meeting the garden clubs of the Northern District and learning about their individual activities and events.

**Southeastern District:
Marjorie Dienhart**



Gardening is in Marjorie's blood. Connecting with nature and digging in the dirt gives her immeasurable pleasure; she wishes she could garden year round. She lived in Germany for 9 years working in Frankfurt and in Boston another 20, with 14 years in the school system in between, Marjorie finally found the time to make it to a local evening garden meeting and became a member of the Evening Garden Club of Plymouth. She soon became President of the club and held that position for 3 years. The following 2 years she served as Assistant Director of the SE District (2014-2016), which was a pleasurable experience. Currently a member of the Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne, Marjorie resides in Plymouth. Contracting poison ivy more times than she wants to share and Lyme Disease twice hasn't kept her out of the garden - just more cautious.

Now retired, she says it is a joy to be able to putz a bit each day and follow a number of creative ideas that come to mind while watering, which just leads to more digging.

**Northeastern District:
Sue Andersen**



Sue inherited her passion for flowers from her mother, who is an avid gardener and floral arranger. Having grown up in Vermont, she has recently returned to her roots by taking a position at Appleton Farms as assistant dairy store and cheese manager. In her spare time she enjoys exploring historical gardens, garden tours and flower shows. She is the former assistant Northeastern District Director under Nancy Davidge, staging chair of the Topsfield Fair Flower Show, a past president of the Manchester Garden Club, and current co-chair of their Programs Committee.

**South Shore District:
Susie MacPherson**

Susie is a new member of the Seaside Gardeners in Marshfield. She has enjoyed the club's programs and projects such as holiday wreath making, the annual plant sale and being part of a team that cares for the maintenance of a town "island." She is also a member of the Ft Lauderdale Garden Club where she is the newly elected recording secretary. She will serve as the Clerk's Chairman for the FLGC's Standard Flower show to be held this coming winter.

Susie's long time passion for floral design has led her to take many courses and attend workshops to gain enough confidence to enter flower shows with her designs. She also enrolled in NGC's Flower Show School which she intends to complete in March, 2020 as well as participating in Landscape Design School.

She has been an active volunteer for 35 years and is honored and excited to be working with the 30 excellent garden clubs in the South Shore District. In support of President Bonnie Rosenthal's "Go Native" theme, the South Shore District theme is "Respect our Natives."

CINDORA GOLDBERG AWARD



The Cindora Goldberg Award was established in 2002 as an annual award to be given in tribute to the memory of Cindora Goldberg, a distinguished National Garden Club flower show judge and designer. Natalie Wolf, who passed away this past year, is being honored by the Goldberg Award Committee for always exemplifying creative designs in the most innovative manner. Natalie, as a member of the Goldberg Award Committee from the beginning, could not submit entries. We are delighted and proud to present this well-deserved award to her family for her many years (well into her 90s) of outstanding, striking and memorable designs!

IN MEMORIAM

JEAN MCCARTHY Chicatabot Garden Club June 19, 2019



Jean was born in Brockton and raised in North Easton and graduated from Oliver Ames High School. Jean received her RN from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing and Bachelors Degree from Boston College. She was also a nursing instructor at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. For the past 40 years, she had been the office manager for her husband's and son's medical practices. Jean had been a member of the Piney Point Beach Club, Kittansett Club and Beverly Yacht Club of Marion. Jean enjoyed time with her family and friends cooking, skiing, hiking, sailing, and traveling. She especially enjoyed time with her grandchildren.

She was a member of the Amelia Garden Clubs in Dover and Chicatabot GC where she was a past president. She also belonged to the Beth Shalom GC in Needham. Jean has been a GCFM Board member for more than 20 years. As a board member she served on various committees, serving two terms as Metro District Director and district flower show consultant. She chaired Design Workshops, was on the bylaws and standing rules committee and was a Scholarship trustee. Jean is a Life Member of GCFM and National Garden Clubs Inc. She was a Landscape Design Master Consultant, Master Gardening Consultant, Master Flower Show Judge and member of Judges Council. Jean loved floral design and competition and won many honors for her designs.

PAUL ROGERS July 21, 2019



Paul was raised in Medford. After graduating from Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass Amherst, he served in the Army Security Agency (ASA) branch of the United States Army, stationed in East Africa. He and his wife Barbara settled in Charlton, when he joined the College of Holy Cross as the superintendent of grounds. He later earned a Bachelor's Degree in sociology and psychology from Clark University. In 1961, he established a greenhouse business, Stonehedge Gardens. Focusing on the informational and educational aspects of horticulture, his communication philosophy was to "be kind and have fun." For over forty years, he was a popular columnist at the Worcester Telegram, writing "Roots of Wisdom," and was the host of the Gardener's Calendar radio

show on WTAG. He also shared his passion for horticulture as a consultant, a frequent lecturer, and an instructor at several institutions including Radcliffe School, Harvard University, and the Arnold Arboretum. Paul served as president of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and the Horticultural Club of Boston, the first person to hold all three positions. He served as a trustee for Tower Hill Botanic Garden and for Old Sturbridge Village, where the herb garden is named in his honor. In 2008, he was presented with a key to the City of Worcester, honoring a lifetime of achievements in horticulture.

Paul was a favorite lecturer for both Gardening School and Landscape Design School. A job that he loved doing through 2018. In 2006 Landscape Design Council presented its Award for Excellence to Paul in recognition of outstanding civic accomplishment for the untold knowledge he has passed on to gardeners over the years. All gardeners that knew him will remember his wisdom and kindness and will miss him.

DISTRICT DOINGS

Central North District
Laura Semple, Director

Acton Garden Club

On May 18th the Acton GC held its annual plant sale.



Boxborough Garden Club

Boxborough GC is proud of its ongoing Colonial Herb Garden containing plants commonly used in the 1700s. The garden was completed in 1976 at the intersection of Middle and Hill Streets where the Old Church Meeting House had stood (*see photo below*).



Garden Club of Harvard

The GC of Harvard does garden therapy at Apple Valley Nursing Center (*see photo below*).



Sudbury Garden Club

Members of the Sudbury GC gathered to plant their civic beautification project at Heritage Park.



Groton Garden Club

Created in 2004, the Carol Wheeler Park in West Groton is being totally made over by the Groton GC. Over the years it had been overgrown from neglect. After examining what survived from the initial planting, a lot of effort went into removing landscaping fabric that had embedded itself into the roots of the existing plants. Many perennials left over from Groton Garden Club Plant Sale found a home in this refurbished site. Garden club members built a new entrance and cleaned up an existing bench and granite table. It is now a noticeably beautiful place to drive by and a welcoming place to sit.



Central South District
Karen Ballou, Director

Millis Garden Club

In memory of a deceased member and certified arborist, Millis GC gives the Ken Nichols Memorial Scholarship each year to a high school senior. The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year.

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Framingham Garden Club

The Framingham GC's Senior Class Program works with 45 seniors at three Framingham senior residences in the fall and spring. The classes in floral design & crafts are conducted by twenty club members to encourage the senior community to enjoy floral design.



Franklin Garden Club

Franklin GC joined with the Franklin Senior Center for an Art-Week activity. Forty seniors came together and were helped to create floral designs which they could take home. (Pictured right is a participant with her design.)



Springfield Garden Club

Several Springfield Garden Club members, in an effort to maintain momentum over the summer months, hosted *Summer Garden Strolls* at their homes. Members shared their gardens with other members as well as members' friends and family. These were informal summer evening events that allowed members to catch up with each other and to enjoy the fruits of their labors together.



West Springfield Garden Club

West Springfield GC's civic projects included plants at Mittineague Park, the Library, Town Common and Greenhouse. They also give a \$500 scholarship each year to a high school senior or college student from West Springfield.

Metro District

Joan Minklei, Director

Congratulations 2019 Unsung Heroes

Sue Tobiasson, Medfield Garden Club
Carol Gershman, Beth Shalom Garden Club
Joan Minklei, Wellesley Gardener's Guild
Connie Walkingshaw, The Hills GC of Wellesley
Charlotte Pollock, Fairbanks Garden Club
Cynthia McGinn, MD, The House & GC of Wellesley
Nancy Costa, Norwood Evening Garden Club
Mary Toran, Needham Garden Club
Sheila Serrao, Junior League of Boston

House & Garden Club of Wellesley

In honor of the Club's 60th anniversary, a Special Recognition Award was presented to the Club by the Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend organizers (see photo right of Sajida Khudiri with award). As part of the week end's celebrations, the club had a members convertible in the 51st Annual Wellesley Veteran's Parade. All five garden clubs in town were invited to march in the parade. This year, in honor of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, there was a float created exclusively from native plants (see photo below) which have since been planted in public spaces around town.



Wellesley Garden Study Group



Frances Antonelli and Erin Reilly represented the Club in the MFA's Art in Bloom. Their assignment was to interpret the sad story of the neoclassical marble sculpture showing Nydia, the blind flower girl of Pompeii. During the eruption of Vesuvius, the brave Nydia fights her way through the burning city.

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to save many people. In the floral arrangement (see photo right) the closed white Lily represents the blind slave Nydia, fleeing the towering Bromeliad plant volcano. The low red Alstroemeria is the lava flowing down slope as the St. John's



Wort berries represent the people of Pompeii fleeing for their lives toward the blue hydrangea sea. In addition, The Garden Study Group came together for a Kentucky Derby party for their annual fundraiser for the group's charitable endeavors in support of the town.

Middlesex District
Cynthia Chapra, Director

Garden Club of Brookline

In early June, the Garden Club of Brookline (see photo below) went to Tower Hill Botanic Gardens for a private tour. The 171 acres were covered with spring and early summer blooms, varieties of trees and shrubs and beautiful sculptures. The group also enjoyed a lunch in their cafe and shopping in their fabulous gift shop.



Burlington Garden Club

Burlington Garden Club's library renovation committee members Carolyn Pennie, Pat Randall, Christina Nikitas, Julie Eggleston, and Ruth Yannetti helped layout, suggest plants, and then worked with the library director Michael Wick and volunteers to clean out the old and plant the new plants for the front of the library. The volunteers to

create a whole new environment at the Library in early June. White birch trees, astilbe, Japanese painted fern, Captain Kirk hosta and cinnamon fern now adorn the area. The doorway corners are flanked with sky pencil holly. Fragrant lavender plants are planted by the entrance for patrons to enjoy the scent before entering the library. Additionally, the area along the building in front of the book drop now has a mix of daylilies, allium, and milkweed for the butterflies (see photo below).

Cambridge Plant & Garden Club



The Hooper-Lee-Nichols House, c.1685, is the second oldest house in Cambridge and is home to the Cambridge Historical Society (see photo below). The Cambridge Plant & GC have been tending the gardens there for many years.



Lexington Field & Garden Club

The Lexington Field & Garden Club held a Garden Tour on Saturday, June 15th. The tour featured nine private gardens that were as individual as the gardeners that tend them. Each garden is maintained

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solely by the owner. Garden owners were on hand to share knowledge about their plantings. Artists were working in each garden, the galleries had receptions at the end of the tour. Planning for this tour made \$4,000 more than the last club tour.



Reading Garden Club

The Reading Garden Club hosted its biennial President's Tea on March 14th. They honored their president, Mary Ann Higgins, and 10 past presidents with lovely gifts. After a delicious lunch they welcomed presenter, Nancy Vargas. She spoke on the topic of Eco-Friendly Flower Design and her lovely arrangements were offered as opportunity drawing.



(L-R) Kathy D'Angelo, Sandy Weston, Bea Erickson, Loretta Marino, Lois Bell, Janice Hart, Joanne Secher, Evie Pyle, Mary Ann Higgins, Suzanne McCance. On a lovely spring day in June, the club traveled to the Gardens at Elm Bank. The gardens were beautiful and inspired them to continue working on their own gardens. They especially enjoyed the Mass Hort Trial Garden and the Jim Crockett Memorial Shade Garden. After the garden tour, enjoyed a delicious lunch at the historic Wayside Inn.

Temple Shalom Garden Club

The Temple Shalom Garden Club conducted a floral design workshop for students at the Peirce Elementary School After-School Program. Several members from the club helped the children complete their arrangements (see photo right) and add message cards to them. Twenty-four 3rd – 5th grade boys and girls participated. Four members of the club participated in the workshop.



Weston Garden Club

The Weston GC had 3 entries at Gore Place's "Be Inspired Floral Design Show" in May. Former president Cynthia Chapra was awarded a second prize for her arrangement. On June 17, members of the Club took a trip to Fairfield, Connecticut to tour Butternut Gardens, a local cutting garden. The visit was followed by lunch at Terrain in Westport, CT and an afternoon of tours of historic Southport Village, the Pequot Library (pictured below) and three private gardens.



Wayland Garden Club

The Wayland Garden Club submitted a poem written by 8th grade Wayland Middle School student, Thomas Creavin, titled "Heavy Duty Nature," to the GCFM for their poetry contest for students in Kindergarten through 9th grade. The 2018-2019 theme was "Pop Goes the Seed." It was selected as the Commonwealth's best 8th grade poem. It was then submitted to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. contest for which he won second prize. Needless to say, members of the

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Wayland Garden Club are so proud of their young poet, Thomas Creavin, pictured below.



Northeastern District
Susan Anderson, Director

Hamilton/Wenham Garden Club

The Hamilton Wenham Garden Club joyously celebrated the official presentation of the new Pingree Park Garden to the community on June 8, 2019. This is the result of 2 years of collaboration with the Town of Wenham. Many club members were involved with the planning and planting to make this garden come to life.



Saugus Garden Club

Each year the DCR hosts its annual spring cleanup of all its parks and reservations in Saugus. Groups of volunteers gather to assist DCR personnel. The Saugus Garden Club participates by cleaning up and refreshing the Butterfly Garden they planted at Breakheart Reservation. The garden's objective is to provide a habitat for butterflies and to educate the

Reservation's visitors in a beautiful woodland setting.

In April the Saugus GC again participated in a Books in Bloom at the Saugus Library (pictured below is member Lorraine Wilson's design).



Garden Club of Manchester

The GC of Manchester held a bird walk at the Manchester Country Club in May (see photo below of attendees). Members of the Club met at the Community House to lead a patriotic themed container workshop with members of the Council on Aging. They guided 12 attendees with planting patriotic annuals accented with an American Flag.



Town & Country GC of Ipswich

In May Town & Country had their annual planting workshop at Marini Farms. Members made a window box or pot. In June, they concluded their year with a dinner at the Crane Estate.

Salem Garden Club

"A Stroll Through the Gardens of Salem" took place on Saturday, July 13. Visitors enjoyed strolling through 15 beautiful gardens as well as taking in the

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stunning harbor views. Carol-Ann Danek and Patti Schaffer greet strollers and check tickets at a garden entrance (see photo right). Lemonade and cookies were served along the way and artists and musicians were placed in several gardens to enhance the stroll experience!



Northern District
Susan Schumacher, Director

Boxford Village Garden Club

Boxford Village GC had a spring floral arranging class led by Amy Flynn (see photo right – Amy with daughter and floral designs). Members arranged flowers in compote dishes using a new mechanic to hold the flowers in place, a Holly Chappelle pillow. This pillow is used instead of Oasis.



North Reading Garden Club

A sell-out crowd attended the North Reading Garden Club's Silver Tea fundraiser featuring Bill Graham on April 11th. Bill entertained with his amusing stories, fabulous fashions and beautiful floral designs, which were raffled off along with the bountiful themed gift baskets at the end of the evening. Silver Tea Committee members (see photo right) Margie Salt, Patti Neals, Co-President Susan Willson-Goucher, and Zelma Greenstein enjoyed coordinating this event.



Topsfield Garden Club

The Topsfield Garden Club raises hundreds of tomato plants from seed every year. Many are heirloom varieties. They celebrate "Tomato Day" with the fifth grade at Proctor School with an

educational program about agriculture in Topsfield past and present. The program stresses the value of local farms and healthy home-grown food. Each child receives a tomato plant and sunflower seeds along with instructions about planting and care. Over a hundred plants are distributed during the program. Other plants are donated to the two school gardens in Topsfield and to community gardens that grow food for the food pantry. The rest are offered for sale at the Strawberry Festival in June on the Topsfield Common. Tomato aficionados are invited to come to the Festival and make their selections.

Southeastern District
Marjorie Ann Dienhart, Director

Aptucxet Garden Club

Aptucxet GC held a Craft & Treasure Sale in conjunction with Aptucxet Trading Post's annual Strawberry Festival on June 15th. Members put their many talents together and made jewelry with semi precious stones, resin art with shells and beads, silk arrangements & wreaths, hand painted bird houses & stenciled chairs, hand made garden flags, sachets, hypertufas & nautical shell art, books, white elephant items including garden items, wild flower arrangements with the flowers grown in a members garden, plants and finally baked goods. This was a very unique sale since many of the items were all hand made. There was wonderful weather and the sale was very successful! Members Paula O'Neil, Past President Judy Sheehy and Sally Baer, Coordinator of this event (see photo above).



Attleboro Garden Club

The Attleboro Garden Club had a very busy Spring. The Annual Plant Sale took place in front of the library on May 4th. It was the best year yet in terms of sales! In April, the club sponsored a talk titled "Attracting Birds, Bees, and Butterflies to Your Yard" by master gardener Betty Sanders. This talk was funded by an Attleboro Cultural Council grant. The public was invited. Two members gave a talk on growing lettuces and tomatoes in early March.

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Osterville Garden Club

Osterville GC celebrated Arbor Day on April 26 by presenting a weeping purple beech tree to the Cobb-Astro Memorial Park at Barnstable High School (*see photo below*). Each year the club donates a tree to a public area in Barnstable to encourage the importance of trees to our environment and enjoyment.



The club participated in the District's Standard Flower Show, July 16-18th at Heritage Museums & Gardens, chaired by club member Susan Dewey with club committee members Beth Johnson, GeeGee Murphy, Leslie Avena, Gail Reilly, and Cate Gulliver. There were more than 300 entries in horticulture and design. Floral design arrangers included GeeGee Murphy, Gail Reilly, Donna Rumpf, Laurel Welch, Susan Dewey, Phyllis tenBroeke, Lana Harries, Susan Ellis, and Paula Indelicato. In Horticulture, 8 members brought in 33 entries with Susan Dewey's Liliu "Royal Sunset" winning an Award of Merit and the Award of Horticultural Excellence.



The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth

A fund raiser presented by The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth featured a program presented by Brian Leib, the former President of the Orchid Society. (*Pictured below standing*) Well attended.... Worth hearing.....Learned a lot. And successful fundraiser!



Plymouth Garden Club

The Plymouth Garden Club celebrated its 90th anniversary with a combination of new and old at a big birthday party. Since the club was formed on May 13, 1929 the May meeting was filled with balloons, games, guests and cupcakes...lots of cupcakes! Members played several games, "Match The Past President To Her Words" about having fun being president, "Pin The Petal On the Plant" (*see photo right*) and "Gardening Bingo." Participants chose from more than a hundred prizes! A noted local guitarist played and sang a song from each of the nine decades since the club was organized. The highlight of the party was a video history of the club created by several hard-working members. A trip to Arnold Arboretum reenacted the original trip taken by the club's founding ladies. "90 years and Growing Strong" truly describes the Plymouth Garden Club!!!



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Bridgewater Day and Evening Clubs

The Bridgewater Garden Club has both an evening and day section. Both are very active and together they have over 100 members and are celebrating their 90th year! Their spring “doings” ended with a lovely day trip to Mashpee for lunch, a lecture at the library with Mark Richardson and a walk along South Cape beach. Several members offered their gardens for club members to tour in the summer and many visited other clubs’ garden tours that were offered. They look forward to a busy fall season when they kick-off their day and evening programs the last week of September.

The Garden Club of Hyannis

The Garden Club of Hyannis has been very busy this year with programs dealing with water quality on Cape Cod, pruning, Sogetsu Ikebana, hoop gardening and a challenge class in which members interpret the title! Lots of fun ideas and interesting topics! Planning for their 2020 Showcase has begun!

The last meeting of the year was “June in Bloom”. Members interpreted artwork that was on display at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod in Yarmouth. This picture was designed by new members Arline North and Betty Logan



Wareham Garden Club

Last Fall at a GCFM Southeast District President’s Coffee, Laura Bergeron, President of the Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne, and Peter LaBouliere, President of the Wareham Garden Club, realized that both clubs were celebrating their 80th Anniversary. They both thought that, as neighboring towns who share a common milestone, it would be special if both clubs could jointly celebrate this significant occasion together. Both clubs held their 80th Anniversary at The Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham, hosted by the Director, Sister Claire, on Wednesday, May 29th. Special guests were Suzanne McCance, President of the GCFM, and Gail Reilly, GCFM Southeast District Director. Both Suzanne and Gail spoke and congratulated the clubs. Suzanne presented Laura and Peter with beautiful certificates

of congratulations from the Federation. After listening to the highlights of the histories of both clubs, members had refreshments, cake, and were then invited to walk on the trails surrounding the property which lead to pleasant views of the Cape Cod Canal.

Wareham Garden Club hosted a “A Summer Garden Sampler” 2019. In July, over 250 people enjoyed a flower-filled adventure to five beautiful properties throughout Wareham. Guests were welcomed at the town library where each person received a brochure with a map and with an introductory paragraph written by each hosting garden tour homeowner. There was an expansive opportunity drawing table and many silent auction items on display. Pre-ordered box lunches were available, also. Every garden and landscape was different and engaging—Everything from koi ponds to a variety of large and small gardens, trough gardens, moss gardens and paths, herb gardens, organic vegetable gardens, vista gardens and gardens by the sea. Each garden had vendors displaying artisan crafts; and the garden club had their own market table with lovely handmade items created by the members. Much credit for this highly successful event goes to garden tour leader, Linda Glennon, and her committee.

South Shore District

Susan MacPherson, Director

Spring 2019 had South Shore clubs gearing up for plant sales and presidents teas despite the cold and rainy weather.

Below South Shore Club members enjoy their Spring Luncheon at the Marshfield Fairgrounds.



May 4th was the annual South Shore Spring Luncheon held again this year at the Marshfield

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Fairgrounds. With 76 people and 16 clubs in attendance, it was a lively luncheon. Of interest to all clubs was that a number of GCs have applied to their towns for grant money through CPA monies. An informative presentation by Samantha Woods, Director of the North & South Rivers Watershed Association, was appreciated by all who attended. Delicious food and a wonderful opportunity raffle sent clubs home happy, informed and full.

Kingston Garden Club

In April the Kingston GC hosted a fund raiser to help them rehabilitate the Faunce School in Kingston. The school is on the town's historic register and is where the club meets. It's a project that will take a lot of planning and plants. This successful fundraiser was well attended, and all enjoyed Deb Trickett's presentation on "Look Ma No Flowers".

Hull Garden Club

The Hull Garden Club had 10 members attend the South Shore District Meeting on Saturday, May 4th at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. The group enjoyed meeting members of the other South Shore clubs, found the table discussion topics helpful and especially appreciated the presentation. But the icing on the cake, was when 8 out of the group won during the opportunity drawing! A huge THANKS to our SS District Director for coordinating this fun and educational day!



Above: Hull GC Members at the Districts' Spring Luncheon

The Hull GC outgoing President Nancy DeForest-Courier was completely surprised when she arrived at the Hull Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 12th for the HGC President's Tea honoring her and the other South Shore District Presidents. The room was beautiful with tables covered with lace tablecloths and adorned with fine china, silverware and gorgeous

flower centerpieces featuring teapots, teacups, pearls and shells. Club members and their guests dined on delicious chowders and salads as well as pies and bread pudding while enjoying a performance by Jessa Piaia who portrayed Suzanna Rowson, a novelist, poet, educator and actress who once lived in Hull. The whole day was spectacular and the friendships among the Club Members were in great bloom. The Club thanks Nancy for her guidance and friendship during her term and beyond (*see photo below*).



Weymouth Garden Club

At the semiannual cleanup of the Abigail Adams Green, members and friends of the Weymouth GC met at the Green, adjacent to the Abigail Adams birthplace in North Weymouth. During the Town Wide Clean Up Day, the garden beds were weeded and mulched, the shrubs were pruned and shaped, and the pathways were raked and edged. Maintained by Weymouth GC year round, the Abigail Adams Green is in bloom throughout the growing season.



Above: Weymouth GC and Friends at their semi-annual clean-up of the Abigail Adams Green

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Foxboro Garden Club

Foxboro GC members held a spring cleanup at the Glen Sallie Conservation property in May. In June they held their annual Founders Day Strawberry shortcake scholarship fundraiser which they have held since 1988.



Wollaston Garden Club

Students at the Montessori school on Wollaston Hill in Quincy have been learning about composting.

(Below: Wollaston GC's young composters during the school year.)

To help the students learn through practical application, long-time Wollaston Garden Club member Kay Borek, an active composter, invited the students to visit her composting bin once a week. The children save their lunch scraps, fruits, and vegetables, proudly delivering their compostable materials to Kay's compost bin every Friday at noon. It's quite remarkable to see the 3-5 year olds, walking in pairs down the sidewalk, led by their teacher, Oonagh Connolly, to deliver their compostable materials. Even more impressive is how much the children have learned and understand the value of composting and how their small contribution helps the environment. Bravo to Wollaston GC member Kay Borek and Montessori Teacher Oonagh Connolly for this initiative.



Mattakeesett Garden Club of Pembroke

The Mattakeesett GC of Pembroke hosted their annual President's Tea on Tuesday April 16, at the Pembroke Library. Speaker Julie McIntosh Shapiro

is part of the horticultural staff at the Arnold Arboretum in the Seed Herbarium Image Project (SHIP), and is presently the Group Leader of the GPI (Global Plants Initiative), where she has collected and cataloged plant seeds from around the world.

Berkshire District

Egremont Garden Club

Members of the Egremont GC gathered at the Claire Teague Senior Center for their annual arrangement of flowers in "mugs of cheer" (sample pictured right) for delivery to Meals on Wheels recipients in Sheffield, Ashley Falls and New Marlborough.



Williamstown Garden Club

The Williamstown GC is best known for its gardens at Field Park and the Milne Public Library, flower boxes on the Main Street Bridge, and containers along Spring Street, at the Post Office, and major intersections throughout town and South Williamstown. In South Williamstown the club creates planters at the sign for Bloedel Park, which is part of the land controlled by the Williamstown Conservation Commission. (Pictured below are members of the Williamstown GC and their containers.)



What in the World!

A NGC Design Specialty Flower Show

At the 2019 GCFM Annual Meeting, Massachusetts Judges Council put on a delightful flower show. Attendees could view floral designs, both standard sized and petite, inspired by identical themes and requirements. Everyone was amazed by the diversity of each exhibitor's creativity and by their fascinating botanical educational exhibits. The general chairman was Pat Simmons. The schedule was written by Barbara Geagan and staging was handled by Joanne Lyons.

Division I

"Every Goliath has his David"

Section A 'Goliath'

Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

Class 1 "Grazing Sheep" – Cascade Design

- 1st Tony Todesco, Stow GC
- 2nd Joyce Girvin, Holliston GC, Sedona Area GC
Arizona Desert Designers
- 3rd Andrea Graveline, Junior League of Boston
- HM Abby Ann Lavoie, Arrangers of Marblehead,
Winter GC

Class 2 'Dream It' – Transparency Design

- 1st Ann Lange, Andover GC, Designer's Choice
Award
- 2nd Hila Lyman, Falmouth GC
- 3rd Thelma Shoneman, Acton GC
- HM Ruth Evans, Framingham GC

Class 3 'Don't You Worry 'Bout His Spear'

Construction Design

- 1st Vicki Harrington, Holliston GC
- 2nd Ann Marie Carlson, GC Hyannis
- 3rd Dolores Ahern, GC Hyannis
- HM Mariette Wooden, Community GC Duxbury

Section B 'David'

Petite Designs, Eligible for Petite Award

Class 4 "Grazing Sheep" Cascade Design to 12"

- 1st Judy Sheely, Aptuxcet GC of Bourne
- 2nd Polly Pyne, Scituate GC
- 3rd Kathy Leva, Lexington Field & GC
Ipswich Town & Country GC
- HM Catherine Felton, Hamilton-Wenham GC

Class 5 'Dream It' Transparency Design to 9"

- 1st Cathy Healy, Holliston GC, Petite Award
- 2nd Sue Spicer, Chelmsford Country Lane
Lexington Field & GC
- 3rd Joanne Kennett, Hamilton-Wenham GC
- HM Marilyn MacLellan, Scituate GC

Class 6 'Don't You Worry 'Bout His Spear'

Construction Design

- 1st Barbara Geagan, Wareham GC
- 2nd Joan Mason, Hamilton-Wenham GC
- 3rd Mary Huntoon, Hamilton-Wenham GC
- HM Kathy Hawes, Sharon GC

Section C 'Come and Get Me'

Eligible for Tri Color Award

Class 7 'The Sling Went Round and Round and Round' A Design

- 1st Rita Delollis, Andover Village GC
- 2nd Jacqueline Hauser, Sudbury GC,
Norwell GC
- 3rd Joanne Lyons, Temple Shalom GC
- HM Virginia Leonard, GC of Hyannis
Chicatabot GC

Class 8 'I'm Putting on My Armor' Angular Design

- 1st Andrea Little, Westborough GC
Curbs & Cobblestones GC
- 2nd Kathleen Coyle, Wareham GC,
Tewksbury GC
- 3rd Diane Cochran, GC of Hyannis
- HM Yvonne Capella, Wareham GC

Class 9 'Crown Jewel' Grouped Mass Design

- 1st Gail Hubacker, GC of Hyannis,
Needham GC Tri Color Award
- 2nd Linda Ladd, Belmont GC
- 3rd Patricia Lee, Bridgewater GC
- HM Judy Colburne, North Reading GC

Section D 'Shouted for Joy'

Petite Design, Eligible for Petite Award

Class 10 'The Sling Went Round and Round and Round' A Design

- 1st Hazel Schroder, Milford Greenleaf GC
Natalie Wolf Award
- 2nd Minal Akkad, Framingham GC
- 3rd Hila Lyman, Falmouth GC
- HM Judy Morgan, Wareham GC

Class 11 'I'm Putting on My Armor'

Angular Design

- 1st Joan Butler, Holliston GC, Dorothy Hill Award
Award of Design Excellence, Petite Award
- 2nd Julie Lapham, Worcester & Southborough GC
- 3rd Barbara May, Beth Shalom GG
Wellington GC, FL
- HM Sandra Tosches, Milford Greenleaf GC

Class 12 'Crown Jewel' Grouped Mass Design

- 1st Julie Lapham, Worcester & Southborough GC
- 2nd Christine Decas, Wareham, GC
- 3rd Pat Fleming, Hamilton-Wenham GC
- HM Elaine DiGiovanni, Belmont GC

Division II Education

"All Things Great and Small"

Section A

Education Exhibits,

Eligible for Education Award

Exhibit 1 "Garden Hero, Garden Villain"

- 2nd Betty Sanders, Medfield GC

Exhibit 2 "You Can Do It, Flower Show School"

- 1st Diane Bullock, Hopkinton GG, Hudson GC
Educational Award

JUDGES COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW TOP AWARDS



Above:
Class 9, Gail Hubacker –
Tri Color



Right: Class 5, Cathy Healy –
Petite Award

Below: Class 2, Ann Lange –
Designer's Choice



Right top to bottom:

Class 10, Hazel Schroder –
Natalie Wolf Award

Class 11, Joan Butler –
Petite Award
Award of Design Excellence
Dorothy Hill Award

Div II, Section A, Exhibit 2
Diane Bullock
Educational Award



JUDGES COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW BLUE RIBBONS

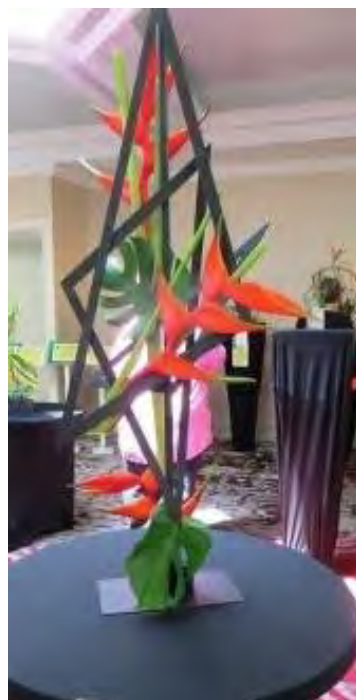
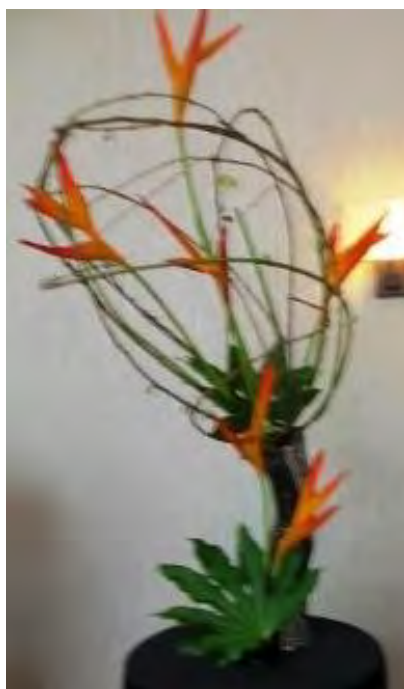


Above right to left:
Class 1, Tony Todesco
Class 2, (see previous page)
Class 3, Vicki Harrington

Right top to bottom:
Class 4, Judy Sheely
Class 5, (see previous page)
Class 6, Barbara Geagon



Below right to left:
Class 7, Rita Delollis
Class 8, Andrea Little
Class 9, (see previous page)
Class 10, (see previous page)
Class 11, (see previous page)
Class 12, Julie Lapham



92nd GCFM Annual Meeting

by Linda Jean Smith

The 92nd Annual Meeting of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc was held on June 5, 2019 at the Hilton Boston/Dedham, Dedham, MA. There were 207 people registered representing all the districts and 91 clubs.

In the morning a memorial tribute was held for the deceased members of GCFM clubs. The Helen Deorsay Friedberg Tribute Scholarship to one of the schools went to Bianca Barron of the Pepperell GC. Landscape Design Council Chairman Georgia Papavasiliou presented two awards. The Landscape Design Council Award Certificate for outstanding accomplishment in the field of landscape design by a garden club or LDC member went to Marie Stella, landscape

designer and historian (see photo above right). The Landscape

Design Council Award for Excellence in recognition of outstanding civic accomplishment went to Lucinda Brockway, program director for cultural resources for The Trustees of Reservation (see photo left). Nine clubs were recognized for 90 years with the Federation, two for 80 years, 2 for 70 years, 5 for 60 years, 3 for 50 years, 1 for 30 years and 2 for 20 years.



The keynote speaker in the morning was Doug Tallamy, professor in the Department of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of the book "Bringing Nature Home." Mr. Tallamy states, "We have destroyed natural habitat in so many places that local extinction is rampant and global extinction accelerating. This is a growing problem for humanity because it is the plants and animals around us that produce the life support we all depend on." He proceeded to show us how we can all make changes, no matter how small, to start making changes to correct this problem (see photo right).



A break from the morning session allowed attendees to visit the Judges Council design specialty flower show entitled "What in the World! The show had 12 classes with 48 entries plus 2 educational exhibits.



Following a luncheon, Jill Malcolm presented 22 GCFM, NGC and New England awards to 13 clubs. Danvers GC received 3 awards; Mrs. Ralph H. Davis Silver Bowl for garden therapy; a Service Award Special Achievement certificate of merit and a Publication Award certificate of merit (see photo left). Falmouth GC, Springfield GC and Norfolk GC all received two awards. Thelma Shoneman present the flower show awards. The Southeast District received two state awards and a national award for its flower show, "Art is everywhere you look for it..." El Greco. Central South and Central North's flower show at Tower Hill got two awards for their show, "The Apple."

Below left, SE District gets flower show awards) (Below right Central North & Central South get awards for Tower Hill flower show)



A corridor of vendors gave attendees a chance for some shopping (*see photo below right*). There were also educational exhibits along the hallways. Several education exhibits showed ways to protect the environment such as the one below left about eco-friendly products to use and what not to use.



Sue Kaplan presented the Cindora Goldberg Award posthumously to Natalie Wolf. A friend of Cindora, Natalie had never applied for the award, but always encouraged others to do so. Natalie's daughter was there to receive the award (*see photo below left*). The final event of the day was the installation of new GCFM officers for 2019-2021. Former GCFM and NGC president, Barbara May (*pictured below left*) was the installing officer. Bonnie Rosenthal (*pictured right*) was installed as the new GCFM president for 2019-2021.



GCFM State Awards

II. Civic Development Awards

II.A. Civic Projects 4. Memorial Gardens

Peabody Garden Club, a Certificate of Merit

II.C. Continuing Civic Projects Award

2. Clubs with 50-99 members

Burlington Garden Club, a Certificate of Merit

IV. Flower Show Awards

G. The Margaret E. Marsh Flower Show Achievement Award, a Silver Bowl to the *South-eastern District for the NGC Standard Flower Show "Art is everywhere you look for it..." El Greco*

Gail Reilly, District Director. Hila Lyman, Show chairman.

H. The Violet E. Maclaren Flower Show Schedule Award, a Flower Show School Scholarship, for the highest point scoring schedule evaluated, to the *Southeastern District for the schedule for the NGC Standard Flower Show "Art is everywhere you look for it..." El Greco*

District Director: Gail Reilly Show Chairman: Hila Lyman

I. The Arrangers of Marblehead Flower Show Award for Staging, a Flower Show School Scholarship

Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford for the NGC Standard Flower Show "Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary"

Memorial Hall Cultural Center, Milford, MA

Club President: Teddi Weber Show Chairman: Sandra Tosches

O. The Ruth A. Wallack Schedule Award, a Silver Tray for the flower show schedule with the most creative design division, to Central North and Central South District for the NGC Standard Flower Show

"An American Icon- The Apple" Tower Hill Botanic Garden, October 12-14, 2018 Show Chairman: Hazel Schroder.

P. The Janet Bubier Flower Show Award, an engraved silver bowl, to a Standard Flower Show which displays the greatest creative interpretation in a section of Petite Designs to Central North and Central South Districts for the NGC Standard Flower Show "An American Icon- The Apple" Tower Hill Botanic Garden October 12-14, 2018 Show Chairman: Hazel Schroder

V. Garden Therapy

V. A. Mrs. Ralph H. Davis Silver Bowl, awarded to *Danvers Garden Club* for the most outstanding program of garden therapy.

VI. Historic Preservation

VI.C. Falmouth Garden Club, a certificate

IX. Program Awards

IX.A Evelyn D. Cronin Horticulture Award, a Certificate of Merit to Aptucxet gC of Bourne

IX.B. Bridging the Generations Award, two silver trays, for outstanding program. *Springfield Garden Club*

IX.C. Helen Freidberg Award, a certificate of merit, for outstanding program on horticulture, to *Falmouth Garden Club*

IX.D. Patricia C. Michaud Award, a silver vase, for an outstanding design program or series of programs to the *Garden Club of Hyannis*

XI. Publications

A. Publications Award

Danvers Garden Club, a Certificate of Merit for

B. Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award, a Silver Tray, for three consecutive editions of the club newsletter: *Springfield Garden Club*

C. Yearbook Award

A Certificate of Merit awarded for the best garden club yearbook in the following categories:

Under 20 members: *Somerset Garden Club*

20-29 members: *Norfolk Garden Club*

30-44 members: *Walnut Hill Garden Club*

45-69 members: *Sudbury Garden Club*

70-99 members: *Evening GC of West Roxbury*

100-299 members: *Garden Club of Hyannis*

XIII. Service Awards

XIII.A. Special Achievement, a certificate of merit, to *Danvers Garden Club*

XIV. Websites and Other Media

XIV. A. Barbara May Website Award, a certificate of merit to *Norfolk Garden Club*.

XVII. GCFM Special Awards

A. The Cindora Goldberg Award

A Certificate of Merit for the most innovative floral design is awarded to *Natalie Wolf* (Temple Shalom GC)

B. Helen De'Orsay Friedberg Tribute Scholarship, awarded each year for each of the NGC schools. *Landscape Design School: Bianca Barron* (Pepperell Garden Club)

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(Pepperell Garden Club)

Landscape Design Council Award for Excellence in Recognition of Outstanding Civic Accomplishment, to **Lucinda Brockway**, Program Director for Cultural Resources for The Trustees of Reservations

The Landscape Design Council Award Certificate: For outstanding accomplishment in the field of landscape design by a garden club or LDC member, to **Marie Stella**, Landscape Designer and Historian

GCFM Scholarship Recipients for 2019-2020

Landscape Design Council Scholarship - Rachel Newman, Lynn, attending UMass Amherst in Landscape Architecture and Sustainable Farming

Mary M. Conley Scholarship – Casey Reed, Waquoit, attending UMass Amherst in Fisheries Management

Evelyn R. Cole Scholarship – Emma Burke, Harwich, attending University of New England in Environmental Studies

Margaret Bent Patterson Scholarship – Ben Church, Littleton, attending University of Vermont in Forestry and Parks and Recreation

Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship – Maureen Cottrell, Haverhill, attending UMass Amherst in Plant, Insect and Soil Science

Baker Scholarship – Allison Carter, Centerville, attending UMass Amherst in Environmental Science

Violet E. MacLaren Scholarship – Angela Luckey, Melrose, attending American Public University in Environmental Management and Policy

F. Carroll Sargent Scholarship – Jacob Yankee, Shrewsbury, attending UMass Amherst in Natural Resources Conservation

Lottie S. Leach Scholarship – Regina Peters, Stoneham, attending UMass Lowell in Biology and Ecology

Harold T. Bent Scholarship – Sarah Ducharme, Millville, attending UMass Amherst in Horticulture Science

Margaret F. Motley Scholarship – Cory Rebello, Attleboro, attending UMass Amherst in Natural Resource Conservation and Urban Forestry

NGC Awards

FS-15 District Standard Flower Show certificate of Merit – **SE District** for the Standard Flower Show
“Art is everywhere you look for it” -El Greco

NGC Scholarships:

May Duff Walters Scholarship: presented to **Rachel Newman** Lynn, MA

Barbara D. May Scholarship Award presented to **Jacob Yankee** Shrewsbury, MA.

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50 Years

Walnut Hill GC

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Waltham GC

30 Years

Lakeville GC

20 Years

Foxboro GC



The Native Plant Challenge Tip #1:

Keep asking your favorite nursery or garden center to increase their native plant selection. If we keep asking for it, eventually they will get the message!

Why a Native Plant Challenge? If we aren't the ones to model good garden practices and educate our communities, who will do it?

Each of us has the ability to make a difference in the ecological health of our community by thinking about what plants we bring into our landscapes and what methods we use to care for them. There is a critical relationship between insects and native plants. Native plants help provide food and a healthy environment for our pollinators, Lepidoptera and beneficial insects. Insects and caterpillars are the protein source that baby birds depend on to grow. *"Every garden matters, every landscape counts."* This is the tag line of **Grow Native Massachusetts**, our local non-profit that promotes and educates gardeners about native plants. Check them out at grownativemass.org *The cumulative impact of our actions makes a difference!*

Record breaking heat waves this summer and tornados on Cape Cod???
Oh my...

Here are five things we can all do on our property to mitigate and adapt to climate change:

1. Preserve your trees for carbon sequestration, air quality, and property value.
2. Incorporate native shrubs and trees for drought tolerance, habitat and resilience
3. Plant to provide shade for your AC unit.
4. Reduce your lawn area and go chemical free
5. Conserve water - harvest rain with a rain barrel from your rooftop gutters. Use permeable materials instead of asphalt so rain water can soak in where it falls rather than drain away.

The cumulative impact of our actions makes a difference!

Native Trees and Shrubs for Your Garden by Betty Sanders

What we choose to grow in our gardens is important to us, to other plants and animals, and to the environment as a whole. When writing about native plants, we should first define native. A commonly accepted definition is plants that were growing here before European settlers arrived. While not perfect, it is a reasonable divide between plants that moved naturally and ones introduced by man from other parts of the world.

Native plants support the native wildlife – including birds, insects, and animals – and have evolved to live together. If a plant is too appetizing to the wildlife, it will not thrive. If it is not at all a benefit to the wildlife, it may become a pest.

Why should we choose native trees and shrubs? Our ecosystem is dependent on plants and animals working together. One study showed native oak supported 517 species of moths and butterflies (without looking like it has been ‘eaten’) and a native maple 285 species; but a Bradford pear, an Asian import, supports zero species of butterflies or moths. Why do we want to support moths and butterflies? Because the caterpillars they produce are a vital food source for birds, especially when they are raising their young. Too few caterpillars means fewer birds.



Native trees and shrubs also make our lives easier—they are adapted to this climate, meaning they are usually drought resistant once established. New England may get 40 inches of rain a year, but it often fails to fall when it is most needed, such as during the heat of summer. And, having lived with the local wildlife, they evolved to be unpalatable to deer and other browsers, meaning you won't find them decimated by hungry critters.

But all of this works only if you do your research first. If you decide to plant an oak, remember that most of the species want to grow very tall and very wide. Do you have room for one? If you already have an oak or a maple, treasure it because it is valuable as a landscape feature as well as the benefits to the native wildlife.



When choosing a plant, the first rule is the right plant for the place—does it need full sun or part sun or shade? Will it get too big, or does it need a moist site? Will it cause problems by dropping unwanted fruit? Don't choose a plant because it looks great at the nursery or your friend's garden. Do a little research about the plant's ultimate size, its needs and choose a plant that is right for your garden for today and in the future.

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The best advice of all is start small. A tree started from an acorn can be taller than a 10-foot nursery tree in just a few years. Sound impossible, it's not, because oaks grow a large root mass early in life. If it is in a container suitable for transporting it has only a small fraction of those



roots. One grown in place will have a large, healthy root mass that speeds its growth. Help your toddler plant an acorn, protect it from deer when it is young, mulch it with leaves from under an established oak (to introduce beneficial microbes) and, by the time your toddler graduates high school, you can throw the party under her oak tree!

And this advice holds true with most native trees. Don't be afraid to start small and enjoy watching it grow. But what if you don't have the space for a tree that can grow very large? There are always native shrubs to provide benefits to you and

the wildlife. Native shrubs range from a few inches high to 15 feet or more so there are many that will fit into a new or established landscape. Some grow in full shade, some in full sun and many in the typical mixture of sun and shade. Further, they expand the benefits to native birds and native insects offering food and shelter, some year round.

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Jill Malcolm

33 Bonney Drive

Holliston, MA 01746

Questions? Contact Jill at 508-429-4395 or jillyjill07@comcast.net

Garden Club: _____

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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What's a Gardener To Do About the Climate Crisis?

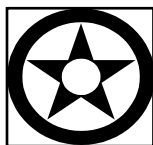
Mother Earth is in an alarming state – pollinators disappearing, storms more severe, temperatures rising, corporate farming degrading the land. It is critical we contribute to solutions. But what to do? The 7 most effective ways to address climate change are not necessarily what we might think of first:

1. The hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) used in our refrigerators and air conditioners cause 4000+ times more global warming than CO2 emissions! This is easy to address, but the current administration is not working to limit HFCs. In the void, states are making rules, but MA has not. Call your legislators!
2. Building ON-Shore Wind Turbines to generate “clean” electricity is the most efficient way to decrease CO2 emissions. Support building more.
3. 1/3 of all food produced goes uneaten, generating greenhouse gases, including methane from landfills and is responsible for 8 percent of global emissions. Don't waste food!
4. A Western meat-rich diet causes 20% of global emissions. You can help by becoming vegetarian, or eat less meat, especially beef.
5. Protecting/restoring tropical forests can have a huge mitigating effect on climate change. Tropical forests once covered 12% of earth's landmass, down now to 5%. As a forest ecosystem grows, trees sequester lots of carbon. Help save/increase tropical forests.
6. Educating girls around the world = educated women who have smaller families. Increasing access to family planning does the same. Fewer people means less demand for the resources that emit CO2. Support US policies that fund global family planning/education for girls.
7. Building solar farms harnesses “clean” energy to produce electricity without generating CO2. Use your political power to support building such farms.

There are many other ways we can help: protect peatlands by not using it for gardening; purchase an electric vehicle; have a free MASS SAVE energy audit and get free LED lightbulbs and programmable thermostats; recycle; compost; and practice organic yard care. However, the best way to make a difference is **TO USE YOUR VOICE/VOTE** to make policy and elect officials who will move MA and the US toward ZERO EMISSIONS as quickly as possible. It's crunch time, folks!

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“Blue Star Memorial Landscaping”

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2019 Gardening Consultants Council

Annual Meeting

By Linda Jean Smith

The Gardening Consultants Council held their annual meeting on Monday, June 10th at the home of council chairman, Deb Mattia, in Sharon. Thirty members signed up for the meeting, tea and talk. The meeting was held in Deb's gardens (see photo below of Deb, seated left, and council members).



New officers were elected for the coming two years. Acting as co-chairman will be Marian Cerra, Teresa Geddes and Dianne Kazanjian, all of the Pepperell GC. Judy Karlin, Sharon GC, will continue as secretary and Linda Jean Smith, Chelmsford Open Gate GC, will be Treasurer/Membership.

A tea was held, coordinated by Sharon GC members. Four different tasty tea sandwiches were served and a variety of small pastries which everyone enjoyed. (See photo below of Deb serving sandwiches to attendees.)



Deb had done some work on her many lovely gardens over the past year with the help of Deborah Trickett of The Captured Garden. Deborah is a Massachusetts certified horticulturalist and award winning container garden designer.

Deborah then took council members on a tour of the gardens and explained various plants and why they were chosen and suggestions for their uses. Council members were very interested in her talk. (See photo below of Deborah Trickett in blue shirt and white pants with some of the attendees.)



Gardening Consultants Council

Fall Meeting

October 8, 2019

11:00 AM

Weston Nurseries

160 Pinehill Road

Chelmsford, MA 01824

"The World of Ornamental Grasses"

Attendees will be given a talk on types of ornamental grasses; how they can be used and how to grow them. More and more landscaping is being done using grasses and here is an opportunity to learn how they can be used in the home garden.

Cost: \$10

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Send to:

Linda Jean Smith, 23 Bentley Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824

Make checks payable to: GCFM, Inc.

2019 Southeastern District Flower Show

“Celebrating Heritage”

50th Anniversary, 1969-2019

Division I – Horticulture “A Heritage of Horticulture”

Section A ‘Our Hydrangea Heritage’ Arboreal Award

Class 3 – *Hydrangea quercifolia*
Dolores Ahern, GC of Hyannis

Section B ‘Combined Beauty’ Grower’s Choice Award

Class 6 – Hanging Garden
Alda Barron, Aptuxcet GC of Bourne

Roberta Clark Award
Class 6 – Hanging Garden
Nancy Walsh, GC of Hyannis

Section C ‘Blooming for Decades’ Judges Commendation for many blues

Class 9 – *Hemerocallis*

Award of Merit
Class 12 – Any Other – *Astrantia*
Geri Williams, Plymouth GC

Section D ‘A Foliage Legacy’

Award of Merit
Class 13 – Fern – ‘Dre’s Dagger’
Ginger King, Scituate GC

Section E ‘Collected Heritage’

Collector’s Showcase Award
Class 20 – Any Other – *Nasturtium* Collection
Hila Lyman, Falmouth GC

Section F ‘Beauty Dug Deep’

Award of Merit
& Award of Horticultural Excellence
Class 23 – *Lilium* – ‘Royal Sunset’
Susan Dewey, Osterville GC

Section G ‘Shade Grove Splendor’

Award of Merit
Class 25 – *Hosta*, Giant Leaf, ‘Big Blue Sea’
Ginger King, Scituate GC

Division II – Design “A Heritage of Design”

Section A – ‘A Legacy to Capture’

Designer’s Choice Award & William F. Clark Award

Class 1– ‘Hidden Hollow’ Designer’s Choice
Judy Sheehy, Aptuxcet GC of Bourne
Award of Design Excellence
Class 3 – ‘Nature’s Lines” Multi-Rhythmic
Linda Ladd, Belmont GC

Section B – ‘The Glories of Heritage’ Tricolor Award

Class 3 – ‘Flume Fountain’ Cascade Design
Kathleen Coyle, Wareham GC

Laverne Collard Award
Class 5 – ‘Cape Cod Hydrangea Society Garden’
Traditional Mass Design
Gail Hubacker, GC of Hyannis

Section C – ‘Natural Gems’

Petite Award
Class 8– ‘Labyrinth’ Creative Mass Design
Ginger King, Scituate GC

Club Competition

Club Competition Award
Class 10– ‘Wedding Vows’ buffet table for 6
Plymouth GC

Division III – Botanical Arts “Heritage of Artistry”

Section A – ‘A Cape Cod Artistry’
Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award
Class 2 – ‘Flume Waterlily Pond’ a Brooch
Susan Cram of New Hampshire

Jane Kennedy Award
Class 3 – ‘Je-Je’s Garden’ a Butterfly
Isabel Melo, Aptuxcet GC of Bourne

Section B – ‘50 Years of Beauty’ Botanical Arts Botanical Arts Design Award

Class 5 – ‘McGraw Family Garden of the Senses’
A Pot-et-Fleur
Shirley Minot, Walnut Hill GC

District Director’s Award
Class 6 – ‘1908 Charles Loeff Carousell’ a Mobile
Angela Kimball, Village GC of Dennis



Laverne Collard Award

Class 5 – ‘Cape Cod Hydrangea Society Garden’

Traditional Mass Design



Petite Award

Class 8– ‘Labyrinth’ Creative

Mass Design

(Below)

Tricolor Award

Class 3

‘Flume Fountain’

(Below)

Designer’s Choice Award

Award Design Excellence

Class 3– ‘Nature’s Lines’

(Below)

‘A Legacy to Capture’

Designer’s Choice Award

& William F. Clark Award

Class 1– ‘Hidden Hollow’





Club Competition Award

Class 10- 'Wedding Vows'

buffet table for 6

(Below)

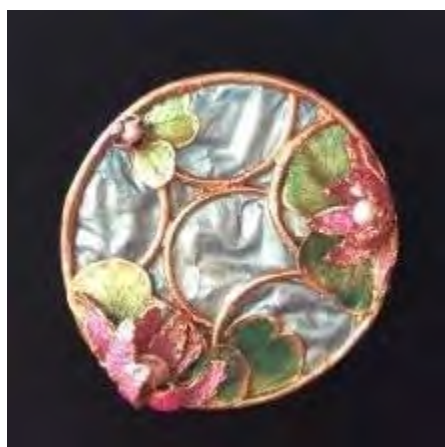
Botanical Arts Award

Class 5- 'McGraw Family Garden of the Senses'



District Director's Award

Class 6 - '1908 Charles Looff Carousel' a Mobile



(Left)

Artistic Crafts Award

Class 3- 'Flume

Waterlily Pond'

a Brooch

Susan Cram

(Right)

Jane Kennedy Award

Class 3 -

'Je-Je's Garden'

a Butterfly

Isabel Melo,

Aptuxcet GC of





(Above)

Grower's Choice Award
Class 6 – Hanging Garden
Alda Barron,

(Below)

Collector's Showcase Award
Class 20 – Any Other



(Above)

Award of Merit
& Award of Horticultural Excellence
Class 23 – Lilium

(Below)

Arboreal Award
Class 3 – *Hydrangea quercifolia*



The Topsfield Fair
and
The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
Present

Autumn

Joy



A Standard Flower Show
at the
Topsfield Fairgrounds
207 Boston Street, Route 1 North
Topsfield, MA 01983
October 4-14, 2019

Division II: Design Fall Activities – 4 Entries in each class.

Class 1: Bocce

Tri Color

A Low Profile Design, staged on a cube 30”L x 19”W x 24”H.

Class 2: Soccer

Designer’s Choice

A Creative Design of your choice, staged on a pedestal 37”H with a 17” square top.

Class 3: Baseball

Designer’s Choice

A Design, staged on a pedestal 25” high with a round top 20” in diameter.

Class 4: Taking a Hike

Designer’s Choice

A Design staged on a platform 20” high with a 20x30” top with an attached backboard 30”W x 40”H

Class 5: Leaf Peeping

Tri Color

A Cascade Design staged on a shelf 20”W x 12”D.

Class 6: Harvesting Time

Tri Color

A Design, freedom of style, staged on a pedestal 37”H with a 17” square top.

Topsfield Fair Flower Show

Division I: Horticulture □

Section A: King of the Mountain – Flowering Perennials, Cut Specimen, 1 Stem

Class 1: Aster (one spray)

Class 2: Chrysanthemum (one spray)

Class 3: Echinacea (Coneflower)

Class 4: Any other worthy specimen

Section B: Pin the Tail on the Donkey – Annuals, Cut Specimen, 1 Stem

Class 5: Coleus

Class 6: Cosmos

Class 7: Dahlia (one set of leaves)

Class 8: Zinnia

Section C: Red Light, Green Light – Vegetables and Fruits

Class 9: Apples (3 specimens)

Class 10: Cucumber (3 specimens)

Class 11: Pepper (3 specimens)

Class 12: Tomato (3 specimens)

Section D: Four Square – Container Plants grown for foliage, container not to exceed 10"

Class 13: Begonia

Class 14: Sansevieria

Class 15: Succulents

Section E: Hide and Seek – Broadleaf Evergreens, branch up to 30" long

Class 16: Buxus (Boxwood)

Class 17: Ilex (without berries)

Class 18: Leucothoe

Section F: Cats' Cradle – Needled Evergreens, not to exceed 30" long

Class 19: Chamaecyparis (False Cypress)

Class 20: Juniperus (Juniper)

Class 21: Pinus (Pine)

Class 22: Any other worthy specimen

To Enter, please contact:

Abby Lavoie, Entries Chairman

2 Foster Street

Marblehead, MA 01945

781.799.9231

abbylavoie@comcast.net

BACK TO BASICS

A series of three lecture/demonstrations lead by some of GCFM's most experienced and capable floral designers. Both novice and veteran designers learn from these presentations!

Dates:

Monday, September 23, 2019 – Ginger King presenter

Monday, November 4, 2019 – Sarah Boynton presenter

Monday, February 3, 2020 – Hila Lyman & Yvonne Capella presenters

(snow date February 4)

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 320 Post Road, Weston, MA 02493

Cost: \$55.00 Please make checks payable to GCFM

Send registration to:

Ruth Evans,
11 Willowbrook Drive,
Framingham, MA 01702

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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E-mail: _____

Garden Club: _____

GCFM Designing Workshops 2019-2020
Registration Information and Form

When: 10:00 AM – 12 noon on Tuesdays: October 22, 2019, April 7, 2020, and May 19, 2020

Where: Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Hunnewell Building
900 Washington Street (Route 16)
Wellesley, MA 02481

Cost: \$145 for materials and instruction for 3 workshops

If a registrant cannot attend a workshop she may contact Beverly Sorrentino (bevrig2@verizon.net) prior to the day of the workshop to designate someone to attend in her place OR to designate another attendee to take her flowers and container home to her.

Bring: floral scissors and clippers, paper and pencil, and a trash bag

To register: please print this page, fill in the information, and mail with your check for \$145 made out to GCFM, Inc. to

Ms. Beverly Sorrentino
16 Alden Circle
Reading, MA 01867

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

TELEPHONE_____

EMAIL _____

GARDEN CLUB_____

Have you taken this workshop before? How many years?_____

Please indicate here if you would be willing to help set up _____

Space may be limited and will be on a first come basis.

You do not have to be a member of a GCFM garden club to participate.

You are registered for the series when you receive an acknowledgment of your check and registration form. This is why your email and telephone number are needed.

Questions? Ask Margo at margo_yie@verizon.net or Beverly at bevrig2@verizon.net

2020 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 20, 2020

Contact: GCFM Office - gardenclubfedma@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 MA PRESENTS HORTICULTURE MORNING



SAVE THE DATES

Thur. Oct. 3, 2019 *Rain Gardens* with Kristin Andres

LOCATION: PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - OTTO FELLOW ROOM
(182 SOUTH STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA 02360)

TIME: (10:30 - 12:00PM)

Thur. Mar. 12, 2020 *Design-Less Gardening: A Natural Approach* with Dan Jaffee

LOCATION: MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY THE GARDENS AT ELM BANK
(900 WASHINGTON STREET, WELLESLEY, MA 02482)

TIME: (10:00 - 11:30AM)

Thur. May 14, 2020 *Garden Tour* with Ellen Sousa

LOCATION: TURKEY HILL BROOK FARM (SPENCER, MA)

TIME: (TBD)

***REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED**

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5.00/AT THE DOOR

QUESTIONS & RSVP CONTACT: MISTY FLOREZ (MISTYFLORAL@YAHOO.COM)

www.gcfm.org

**A favorite small dish or simple snack to share is greatly welcomed
and appreciated!**

Join us for a screening of the acclaimed documentary



Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019: 10:30 AM

Location: St. Brigid's Keilty Hall
1981 Massachusetts Ave.
Lexington, MA

THE GARDENER reflects upon the meaning of gardening and its impact on our lives. Before his passing at the age of 86, influential gardener and plantsman Frank Cabot recounted his personal quest for perfection at *Les Quatre Vents*, his iconic twenty-acre English style garden and summer estate in La Malbaie, Quebec. Created over 75 years and three generations, it is an enchanted place of beauty and surprise, a horticultural masterpiece of the 21st century. Through beautiful images of the garden and the words of Cabot, his family and others, the film looks back at this remarkable man's personal story and the artistic philosophy that gave birth to one of the greatest gardens in the world. Frank Cabot is the founder of the Garden Conservancy, a nonprofit with a mission to save and share outstanding American gardens for the education and inspiration of the public.

This Program is open to all.

\$15

For more information contact: Connie Filosi

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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE I

Growing, Staging, Exhibiting and Judging

October 16, 17 and 18, 2019

Double Tree by Hilton, 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA 01757

Accredited by: National Garden Clubs, Inc. www.gardenclub.org

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

8:00am **Registration and Coffee**
8:15 – 8:30 **Greeting and Announcements**
8:30 – 9:30 **Procedure** - Sandra Joyce, Instructor
9:45 – 12:15pm **Design** - Mary Huntoon, Instructor
12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch and Re-registration**
1:00 – 3:00 **Design Practice Point Scoring**
3:00 – 3:15 **Break**
3:15 – 3:45 **Design (continued)**
3:45 – 4:00 **Break**
4:00 – 5:00 **Point Score Exam**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

8:00am **Registration and Coffee**
8:15 – 8:30 **Greetings and Announcements**
8:30 – 9:30 **Flower Show Procedure** – cont'd
9:30 – 9:45 **Break**
9:45 – 12:15 **Horticulture** – Sandi Joyce
12:15 – 1:00 **Lunch and Re-registration**
1:00 – 3:00 **Horticulture Practice Point Scoring**
3:00 – 3:15 **Break**
3:15 – 3:45 **Horticulture Practice Point Scoring**
3:45 – 4:00 **Break**
4:00 – 5:00 **Horticulture Point Scoring Exam**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019

8:30am **Registration**
9:00 – 12:00 **Written Exam**

* The Exam includes ten questions on each of the three subjects. The tenth question of each subject is taken from the books on the Required Reading List and the Glossary for Design, pages 139-154 and will not be covered during the lectures.

All are welcome to attend, but only those who are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc and are taking the full course with examination are eligible for credit. Reservations should be made early to guarantee sufficient study guides (sent in advance of the school) and lunches.

Remittance must accompany the application which should be received by the Registrar by **September 27, 2019.**

Registration for Flower Show School Course I
October 16, 17, 18, 2019

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Garden Club: _____

Full Course with Exam: Oct. 16, 17, 18, Box Lunch \$140.00 \$_____

Two-day instruction, **NO exam**: Oct. 16, 17. Box Lunch \$135.00 \$_____

Wednesday, October 16 **ONLY**

Design: Design; Flower Show Procedure: \$ 75.00 \$_____

Thursday, October 17 **ONLY**

Flower Show Procedure; Horticulture \$ 75.00 \$_____

Wednesday, October 16, Box Lunch \$ 24.00 \$_____

Thursday, October 17, Box Lunch \$ 24.00 \$_____

Total Remittance \$_____

Food Allergies _____

Do you require Vegetarian _____

Please make CHECK payable to GCFM Inc. No refunds for canceled registrations will be made after August 1, 2019. Call Diane Bullock, FSS Chairman, 207-361-1818 or Dbull29441@aol.com with questions.

Mail completed REGISTRATION with CHECK and *The National Gardener* label before September 1, 2019, to:

Jill Malcolm,
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jillyjill07@comcast.net

REQUIRED READING LIST - FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE I

The National Gardener available online at www.gardenclub.org

Handbook for Flower Shows, (2017 revised edition)

Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14

Outlines of Period Floral Arrangement – Hanay

Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging

RECOMMENDED READING

Guide to the New Petite Floral Designs – Anna G. Burns

Hortulana the 21st Century Edition (Heber)

Plants and Their Respective Families – download from www.gardenclub.org

Designing by Types - Osborne

Table Settings for All Seasons – Wood & Smith

Plant Families Frequently used in Flower Shows – download from www.gardenclub.org

2019 Northern District Annual Meeting

By Linda Jean Smith

The 2019 Northern District Annual Meeting was held on April 24th at the Tewksbury Country Club. Over 50 people were in attendance representing 14 clubs. District Director Marsha Ledbury introduced GCFM officers, President Suzanne McCance, 1st Vice President Bonnie Rosenthal, 2nd Vice President Betsy Howard, and Treasurer Ann Webster

Danvers GC co-president, Julie McCarriston, began the morning program with a PowerPoint presentation on some of their club's projects including creation of a new award to honor a long-time member Evie Frasier. Pat Flaherty, floral designer and owner of Evergreen Florist in Stoneham, *(pictured above right with District Director Marsha Ledbury)* followed with an



interesting talk on the florist business over the 40 years she has been doing it. She had interesting stories and interesting designs with a few florists tips along the way.

Following the morning talk was a break and time for boutique shopping for the vendors. There was a display of trayscapes done by several of the garden clubs; North Andover, North Reading, Andover Spade & Trowel and Tewksbury *(pictured below)*.



A buffet lunch followed. Table centerpieces were done by the Boxford Village GC *(pictured right.)*



The afternoon had two guest speakers. Rose O'Neil of the Tewksbury GC spoke of how the club updated a tired rain garden at the senior center in town. Then Tina Girdwood, president of the Andover GC, showed how the club ran a very successful holiday house tour fundraiser with the organization and the prep that was needed.

The Northern District Awards were presented by Helen Ann Knepper, Awards Chairman. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Ann Lange of the Andover GC *(pictured right)*. The Pauline Jensen Award went to Jane Jeffers of the



West Newbury GC, who was not in attendance. The Katherine Suozzo Horticulture Award went to Joan Rollenhagen of the Village GC of Andover *(pictured left in pink)*. Certificates of Distinction went to Dorothy Falk of the

Boxford Village GC, Judy Wright of the Andover GC and Evelyn Frazer of the Danvers GC. Dana McKay of the Andover GC received the district scholarship for Gardening School. District Director Marsha Ledbury gave Linda Jean Smith of the Open Gate GC of Chelmsford a Certificate of Distinction for her help during Marsha's two years as district director.

Stada Allen, a 7th grader who won the GCFM Poetry Contest, was a special guest in the afternoon. She read her poem, "Pop Goes the Seed" to the club members in attendance. She was sponsored by the Tewksbury GC.

Attendees headed home around 2:30 PM after a very informative day.

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You may bring your own lunch or pre-order sandwich box lunches for \$15 per day for Thursday and/or Friday. Coffee, tea and bottled water provided to all. Choice of preordered box lunches includes:

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\$15 Sandwich selection:

Lunch Friday: 15.00 _____

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Please complete this form and send it with your check, payable to GCFM **before** 10/10/19 to:

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GCFM 501(C)(3) Umbrella Status Renewal
Important: This form must be received by October 1, 2019

As a 501(C)(3) club under the Federation umbrella, you must submit a simple annual financial report together with any address or contact changes to the Federation by October 1 of each year.

To renew your 501(C)(3) status with the Federation you must:

1. Already be under the Federation umbrella.
 2. Either use the renewal form below or send a letter to the Federation with the following information by October 1 of the current calendar year:
 - a. Name of your Club's EIN (Employee Identification Number – looks like social security number)
 - b. The name of a contact person who can answer financial questions, and that person's contact information.
 - c. Any address or contact person changes from previous year.
 3. A copy of the income and expense or profit and loss statement for the previous year (like taxes, you send it in for the year that has just passed). This statement should show what money has come into your club and from what sources, and what money has been spent and in what categories. This is not a copy of your checking account statement.
 4. Clubs are required to file an 990N e-postcard with the IRS. Failure to file with the IRS will lead to the IRS removing you from the Federation's tax-exempt umbrella.
 5. If your club's gross income from projects, cash donations, dues, etc., is over \$50,000, you must file the IRS 990 EZ forms with the Federal Government. A copy of the filing must be included with the information you send to the Federation.
 6. No filing fee is required.
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Mail to: **The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc**
 Attn: Second Vice President
 400 Fifth Ave, Suite 110
 Waltham, MA 02451

501(C) (3) Umbrella Renewal Information

Club's name:

Club's EIN:

Mailing address:

Is this the same mailing address as last year? (circle one) Yes No

Contact person:

Is this the same contact person from last year? (circle one) Yes No

If no,

Contact information – phone #

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**Please attach a copy of your income and expense statement
for the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019).**

Income was over \$50,000 (If yes, include a copy of your IRS 990-EZ form)
(circle one) Yes No

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 4 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, St. Brigid's Lexington 10:30 AM
- 11 GCC board meeting, 10:30 AM, Panera, Marlborough
- 11 South Shore District Coffee, AM
- 11 Middlesex District Coffee, 4-6 PM, 138 Newton St., Weston
- 12 Central North Coffee
- 12 Wareham GC presents, "Apples" with Nancy Riggs. 9:00 AM - 12 noon St. Patrick's Hall 82 High Street, Wareham. Refreshments served. Non-garden club members may attend up to 2 meetings at no charge.
- 12 Northeast District Coffee, 4-6 PM
- 14 Sharon GC presents, "A Home & Garden Tour" & "Hidden Treasures Yard Sale" 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 40 Massapoag Ave, Sharon. For more information regarding the garden tour and tickets please contact: Liz Siemiakaska @ Lizsiem@comcast.net
- 17-19 NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- 23 Back to Basics, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Weston
- 27 Judges Council, Elm Bank, Wellesley

OCTOBER 2019

- 1 Deadline for 501(c) 3 renewals
- 1 Fuller Brook Native Plant Walking Tour, Wellesley
- 2 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, Elm Bank, Wellesley 10:30 AM
- 3 Horticulture Morning, 10:30 AM, place TBD
- 4-14 Topsfield Fair Flower Show
- 7 Metro District Coffee, Elm Bank, Wellesley
- 8 GCC lecture on Ornamental Grasses, 11:00 AM, Weston Nurseries, Chelmsford
- 10 Southeastern District Coffee, Mashpee Library
- 10 Wareham GC, "Survival of the Fittest" -presented by Michele Schukel. A talk on garden design focusing on integrating native plants in any garden. 9:00 AM - 12 noon, St. Patrick's Hall, 82 High Street, Wareham
Non-garden club members may attend up to 2 meetings at no charge.
- 15 **Deadline for Yearbooks to Federation office (3 copies)**
- 15-18 Flower Show School, Doubletree Hilton, Milford
- 22` Design Morning, Elm Bank, Wellesley
- 24-25 Landscape Design School, St. Brigid's, Lexington
- 28-29 New England Garden Clubs Annual Meeting, Woodstock, VT
- 30 **GCFM FALL CONFERENCE** – Dedham Hilton

NOVEMBER 2019

- 4 Back to Basics, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Weston
- 6 Advisory Council Meeting, GCFM Office, Waltham
- 8-10 Nauset GC presents "All Through the House," a holiday celebration at Crosby Mansion
Featuring tours of the mansion, fresh florals and a holiday boutique. Crosby Mansion, 63 Crosby Lane, Brewster, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance, available at Snows, The Farm, Agway in Orleans and the Brewster General Store; \$27 online at nausetgardenclub.com and \$30 at the door.
For more information contact event chair Kay Nagle, at kaynagle3@gmail.com
- 14 Wareham GC presents, "Holiday Table Decorations" Holiday table decorations demonstration and hands on workshop by WGC members Christine Decas and Yvonne Capella. 9:00 AM - 12 noon, St. Patrick's Hall, 82 High Street, Wareham. Non-garden club members may attend up to 2 meetings at no charge.
- 15 Deadline IRS and State filing

DECEMBER 2019

- 1 **Deadline for Award applications & Poetry & Essay contests**
- 4 **GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, St. Brigid's, Lexington, 10:30 AM**

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