



Northern Exposure

Newsletter of the New England Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Connecticut – Maine – Massachusetts
New Hampshire – Rhode Island - Vermont**

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It's February as you read this, late January as I write. The United States has begun our 250th birthday Celebration.

Henry Knox was only 25 years old when commissioned by Continental Army commander George Washington in 1775 to transport 59 cannons from captured forts on Lake Champlain to the army camp outside Boston. I've been following the reenactors and horses and oxen dragging Cannon from Fort Ticonderoga south through New York State, across into Egremont and Great Barrington, Massachusetts, then to Blandford and Springfield on their way to Boston. Historically, the guns reached Cambridge before you'll read this. However, in our time, reenactors will be in Sturbridge, and I don't know how super celebratory the end of this trip will be.

250 years ago, for Knox, the snow was sometimes an impediment, sometimes a gift. When we worry about cold weather killing our favorite plants and trees, we're grateful that the snow we had to shovel protects them from freeze burn. And we have hopes that our days of below freezing weather kills various pests in our gardens.

Those of you who now spend your winters in warmer places probably won't celebrate with me how happy, actually relieved, I am that we have winter again in New England. The trees and shrubs have Nature's insulation thanks to some lovely dumps of snow which hit northwestern Connecticut over January 17-18, and again, over the 25th.

National Garden Clubs' Plant America program suggests ways our Federations, clubs and members might incorporate patriotically colored plantings around our Blue Star and Gold Star Markers, and grants through Plant America to help you. Do you have a marker in your community? If you have one, are its surroundings maintained well? If you do not have one, you could begin the process to establish one. Krista Swanson Fiorini is the Blue Star Memorials Chairperson. You can reach out to her for information at krista.fiorini@ctgardenclubs.org.

Winter or not, three of our six Federations have events for you. The 44th Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show opens Thursday, February 19 and runs until

5 p. m., Sunday, February 22, at the CT Convention Center, 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford. It's title is, "A Storybook Garden. . . go into the woods; it is where your story happens." The Horticulture Division is open to everyone, including you. Go to www.ctgardenclubs.org to look at the Schedule.

In March, in Manchester, New Hampshire, the Currier Museum of Art will host "Bloom," art-inspired flower designs Thursday, March 12, through Sunday, March 15. The Currier is located at 150 Ash Street, Manchester, NH. Advance ticket sales begin in February – read NHFGC President Winnie Schmidt's article on page 5.

In April, The Rhode Island Federation hosts, "Dearly Beloved," a Specialty Design Show, at the Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

I have all three events inked in on my calendar. I hope to see you at one of them.

Fondly,

Polly

Polly Brooks
NEGC Director

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Horticulture: At the Heart of Our Gardening Community

Horticulture is more than a scientific discipline — it's the shared passion that brings our garden club members together. Whether we're swapping seedlings, admiring a neighbor's blooming border, or learning a new pruning technique, horticulture is the thread that connects our curiosity, creativity, and love of growing things. Horticulture covers everything from fruits and vegetables to flowers, shrubs, and trees. For club members, it's the foundation of the skills we practice and the gardens we nurture.

Why Horticulture Matters. It Deepens Our Gardening Knowledge, understanding horticulture helps us make informed decisions about soil, watering, pruning and plant selection. It turns everyday gardening into a more rewarding and successful experience.

It Builds Community. Workshops, garden tours, plant swaps and speaker events all draw from horticultural knowledge. These activities strengthen our club and keep members inspired.

It Supports Local Ecosystems. Gardeners play a vital role in supporting pollinators, improving soil health and creating habitats for wildlife. Horticulture helps us garden in ways that benefit both our yards and the natural world.

It Enriches Our Lives. From the first ripe tomato to the fragrance of a blooming peony, horticulture brings beauty, nourishment, and a sense of purpose to our daily routines.

Trends Inspiring Garden Clubs

Native and Pollinator-Friendly Gardening. More gardeners are choosing plants that support bees, butterflies and birds — and discovering how beautiful ecological gardening can be.

Sustainable Practices. Composting, mulching, water-wise gardening and organic pest control are becoming staples in home gardens and club programs.

Container and Small-Space Gardening. Perfect for patios, balconies, and community spaces, container gardening allows creativity to flourish even in limited areas.

Seed Saving and Plant Sharing. Clubs continue to be hubs for exchanging plants and seeds, preserving heirloom varieties and passing along local favorites.

Looking Ahead. As gardening continues to grow in popularity, our club is uniquely positioned to lead the way — welcoming new gardeners, preserving horticultural traditions and promoting sustainable practices that benefit both people and the planet. Horticulture gives us a shared purpose and a sense of connection. It reminds us that tending the earth is one of the most rewarding things we can do and that gardens grow best when gardeners grow together.

Sue Redden
NEGC Horticulture Chairperson



THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MAINE

Maine has been enjoying a cold and snowy winter, with several storms dropping a blanket of snow to insulate our garden beds. Many of us have been able to use those dusty snowshoes that stayed in the closet last year!

Our garden clubs spent early December preparing greens and events to brighten the holidays. Several clubs donated small arrangements in mugs and small containers that went to shut-ins and those with no family to help celebrate the holidays. One group that distributed decorated mugs sent us this note: “The people receiving the holiday mugs were thrilled. Many do not have a tree so the decorative mug represents a tree for them. The joy on their faces says it all and makes it all worthwhile!” Trees were adorned with lights, wreaths were hung on doors and garland wrapped around the entry ways of buildings. Now, we turn our thoughts to spring, to planning gardens and gatherings.

The Garden Club Federation of Maine has scheduled two Zoom programs this winter. On February 4 at 7:00 p.m., Amy Thomas of Camden will present a program on habitat restoration. Amy is a restoration ecologist, a nationally certified Green Infrastructure Practitioner, Co-Founder and President of Wild Ones Midcoast Maine, serves on the Executive committee and advisory board for the Curtis Island Lighthouse Foundation for island ecology and owns Keystone Native Habitat & Landscape.

On February 25, at 7:00 p.m., Zac Smith-Hess of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens will present his program on “Beneficial Insects—Plants and Practices.” Zac is the entomologist educator at CMBG. He has spent much of his career as a formal and informal educator in zoos, gardens and parks. Zac manages the Learning Apiary’s honeybee hives and co-manages the Native Butterfly & Moth House, where he engages thousands of Gardens visitors every summer, or as he likes to say, just talks about bugs.

Our clubs and districts will hold their annual meetings



Photos courtesy of Becky Gallery

through the spring months, and I look forward to attending as many as I can. Meeting the people who make up our organization is the most rewarding part of my duties. I always learn something new when I attend an event in our state. And finally, our state is finalizing details for our annual convention. Save the dates of June 16-18 to attend our 94th Annual GCFM Convention at the Atlantic Oceanside Hotel in Bar Harbor.

Featured speakers are Bill Cullina, currently F. Otto Haas Executive Director of the University of Pennsylvania's Morris Arboretum & Gardens, and Val Libby, retired professor of landscape history and public horticulture. There will be a floral demonstration by Blue Hill florist Vince Butera. A fabulous garden tour is planned for participants, with other activities that include a film at Garland Farm home of Beatrix Farrand and a visit to Omar's Beekeeping at Terramoraggressive. And there is all of Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park to explore.

Sadly, we lost two club presidents this past fall. Kathy Nadeau of Foreside Garden Club in Falmouth died in November after a brief illness, and Ellen Jackson, president of Kennebec Valley Garden Club and former director of the Kennebec District, passed away in early December after a battle with an aggressive cancer. We will miss their grace, cheer and willingness to step in and lend a hand when needed.

Counting the days until Spring,

Becky Gallery
President, Garden Club Federation of Maine

New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs



The fun and excitement does not stop when winter comes to New Hampshire. We have been busy and very excited as we plan the inaugural art in bloom event at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, NH, next month. Eighteen pieces of art have been paired with eighteen talented floral designers all members of NHFGC. The designers represent all four district of our Federation. We have wanted this to happen for many years and are thrilled it is happening. We invite and encourage everyone to come and celebrate with us March 12 - 15.

We are also celebrating the semi quinentennial by encouraging clubs to plant using patriotic colors. Our Annual Meeting theme is "Growing a Nation - Evolution of Gardens in America." The program is being designed and created by John Forti, from Bedrock Garden and author of many gardening books. He is creating and illustrating a talk tracking our garden history from native gardens to present day styles and movements. John is a wonderful speaker and is very pleased and excited to prepare this for NHFGC as we celebrate our country. He will share this presentation with other interested groups throughout the year.

Our fourth annual Fall Gathering will take place at The Gardens at Uncanoonuc Mountain, a beautiful venue featuring many different gardens and opportunities for members to enjoy a day of socializing and networking with members from all our clubs. The venue is a former perennial retail garden that has been converted into an event venue. Members will enjoy a short business meeting, memorial remembrance of members who have died with in past year, a catered lunch and a variety of outdoor activities. This replaces a fall meeting and has become a very popular event with members.

We have worked with a local jeweler to redesign our Past President Pin. There is now a choice of gold or silver. The lilac and the State of New Hampshire are the focus of the new pin. The first new designed pin will be presented this year. We have also worked on the name and the design of the Life Membership pin. Many felt this was not the proper name for the award and our Board changed the name of the award from Life Membership to Life Recognition. The cost and the money collected for the scholarship will remain the same.

After fourteen Zoom meetings, the committee is ready to present to the Board an updated Standard Rules Policies and Procedures document. As I write this, I am already thinking of changes we may have to make next year!! It is a never ending but necessary process! Thank you to all who have worked on this committee and ALL the other committees and groups that have contributed to the work to be done for our members.

Winnie Schmidt
President, New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs

Information from the Currier Museum of Art

Something big is blooming. Join us at the Currier Museum of Art this spring for the inaugural season of [Bloom: A Floral Palette](#) from March 12 through 15. See the



museum come to life with floral arrangements and fresh experiences inspired by art on view. Thanks to the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs for sharing your talent and expertise with the Currier community.

Currier members:
Check your email this Sunday, February 1 for early access to weekend

Bloom passes at the member exclusive rate of just \$20. There's something new to see and experience every day of Bloom, and a weekend pass is the best value to make the most of it.

Not yet a member? It's the perfect time to belong and bloom. Weekend passes for all go on sale Wednesday, February 4.



Celebrate at the Bloom Bash, March 14, 6 to 9 p.m. This is a separate ticketed event (\$35 for members, \$50 for non-members) to celebrate Bloom 2026 with the floral designers and enjoy botanical sips, the floral designs interpreting Currier art and witness the Bloom Awards Ceremony.

See you among the flowers in the galleries this spring!

🔗 Learn more: <https://www.currier.org/bloom2026>

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The Currier Museum of Art is located on N'dakinna, the traditional lands and waterways of the Abenaki, Penacook, and other related Wabanaki Peoples past and present. The museum acknowledges and honors with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it for generations

Eolia at Harkness Memorial State Park

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E-Mail: docent@friendsofharkness.org for info about house and garden tours.

There is no admission fee, but non-residents are required to pay a parking fee.

“No life if well-rounded without the subtle inspiration of Beauty.”

Beatrix Farrand (1872-1959)

This 42-room Roman Renaissance style mansion, Eolia, located on 220 acres, was purchased in 1907 by Edward and Mary Harkness, who named Eolia for the island home of Aeolus, keeper of the winds in Greek Mythology. The Aeolian Islands lie just north of Sicily, a significant Greek territory, Magna Graecia, from the 8th century BCE until 241 BCE when the Romans conquered it.

The Harknesses acquired their fortune through substantial investments in John D. Rockefeller’s Standard Oil Company. Like many of their Gilded Age friends, the Harknesses enjoyed summers in the countryside and at the shore. Eolia, situated on the shoreline of Long Island Sound as the family’s summer retreat, was one of the family’s seven residences, and for many years was a working farm,



which later was the setting of their nine acre golf course. The grounds were initially created by James Gamble Rogers, who designed a walled garden with classical sculpture, a wisteria clad pergola overlooking the Sound.

From 1919 to 1935, Beatrix Farrand, popularly known as the garden designer of Dunbarton Oaks in Washington, DC, completed extensive renovations and additions to the gardens. Farrand is recognized as America’s first female landscape architect. She converted the tennis court into the Oriental Garden, where the family’s extensive collection of Chinese sculpture and vases found a magnificent setting. This formal garden, complete with reflecting pool, was planted with flowers in soft pastels, including roses, lavender, dianthus, lilies, as well as Mary’s favorite, heliotrope.

Farrand redesigned the West Garden as well, with a more naturalistic design, which featured a rock garden and a grass trail. A footpath from the back lawn leads to a sandy beach, which shares space with a summer camp for physically challenged groups,



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Beginning in 1996, a \$3.8 million dollar renovation consistent with the historic character of the site took place. The gardens, grounds, picnic area, and waterfront are open all year round, 365 days a year. Eolia is available for weddings, private parties, seminars, conferences, luncheons and teas.

Sandi Tinyk
NEGC Historic and Public Gardens
Chairperson



Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs



Happy New Year! What a busy time we just came out of! So many holiday parties, club wreath sales, building decorations and community service projects kept us very busy in little Rhody this December. Now we're moving into another exciting season with many wonderful events planned for the coming months. No rest for us!

The final session of our three-part design study class series will be held on February 18, led by our talented Judges Council member Candace Morganstern. These classes introduce beginner-level members to floral design and we hope they will inspire participation in our upcoming flower show.

We're preparing for our annual Education and Environmental Day on March 5, featuring three dynamic speakers. We're thrilled to welcome Nan Merolla, President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, who will present "BEE RESILIENT," a program focused on gardening for nature, to enhance community beauty and preserve biodiversity in our changing climate by creating small native gardens in public spaces. Next, Laurie Roberts of Farming Turtles will introduce us to her organic microgreen farm in Exeter. Finally, representatives from Garden Time will share their inspiring Green Reentry Job Training Program, which employs prison graduates as a "Canopy Crew" to maintain young street trees in low-canopy communities.

Rhode Island is buzzing with preparations for our annual state flower show, "Dearly Beloved," taking place April 10-12, at the Rhode Island Convention Center. This year's creative schedule was inspired by the bridal theme from our Installation of State Officers ceremony last April, which has blossomed into an engaging floral design experience. Fellow floral designers, be sure to sign up when Flower Show Chairperson Judy Gray opens registration, classes fill up fast! I invite all of you to attend our award-winning show and please introduce yourselves when you visit. We'd love to meet you!

If you know me even a little, you know I'm passionate about awards at the state, regional and national levels! My co-chairperson Cheryl Celeste and I are



busy collecting and judging award submissions. Winning submissions will be celebrated at our annual Awards Luncheon April 24. As part of this special event, we're excited to feature Dennis Delsingori, Creative Director at Stoneblossom Florist, as our guest designer. Dennis is fun and inventive and his design will be fabulous! I recruited him a year and a half ago to ensure we could secure him!

Have a wonderful winter season. . . Stay warm!

Kathleen Damiani
President, Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs





The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

Greetings from Connecticut!!

I hope you can plan a trip to the 44th Annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show, taking place at the CT Convention Center in Hartford, February 19 – 22.

It's going to be amazing! Featured are 150,000 square feet of expansive live gardens, nonstop free seminars and demonstrations, hundreds of exhibitors displaying and selling all types of items and gifts and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut's annual NGC Standard Flower Show, "*A Storybook Garden – Go into the Woods - It's Where Our Story Happens!*"



The theme delves into the beauty, mystery and wisdom of the timeless myths, fables and fairy tales that have been passed down through generations. Hundreds of entries from garden club members across the state will be on display, including amazing exhibits of horticulture, floral design, photography, artistic crafts and interesting educational displays. For more details and tickets, visit www.CTFlowerShow.com.

Federation Fridays, monthly Zoom workshops presented by Federation Board Members and panels of Club Officers, offer attendees a "deep dive" into timely and significant topics.



FEDERATION Fridays!

Workshops completed to date include: *Treasurers' Workshop* (October 24), *Flower Shows 101 – The Role of Judges' Clerks* (November 21) and *Fundraising. . . Rethinking Your Annual Plant Sale* (January 16). We were thrilled that 98 Club Members attended the January workshop, where a panel of five Club Presidents shared creative ideas for hosting prosperous and joyful plant sales and offered practical strategies for overcoming common challenges. Registration information and PDF files of all PowerPoint presentations from these workshops are available on our website.



Upcoming workshops

February 27 - *Your Awards Await! – The FGCCT Awards Application Process*

March 20 - *NGC Youth Contests and Starting a Youth Gardening Program*

Our popular **Regional Roundtable** events return in 2026! Hosted by local Garden Clubs and moderated by FGCCT Board Members, these in-person gatherings bring together Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons from neighboring towns to exchange ideas, share experiences and explore topics of mutual interest. Participants always leave inspired with fresh ideas to take back to their clubs. Registration is available on our website.

Currently scheduled

March 4 – Danbury, hosted by *The Danbury Garden Club*

March 26 – Old Saybrook, hosted by *The Old Saybrook Garden Club* and *The Duck River Garden Club of Old Lyme*

We have two NGC Schools coming up: *Landscape Design School, Course III*, March 24 - 25 (on Zoom) and *Flower Show School, Course IV*, June 10 – 12, Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby. Information and registration is on our website.

Our FGCCT Tours also continue in 2026: Yellowstone in February, Maine in August and Morocco in October. Dates for 2027 are set and many tours are already filled: India in January, Morocco in March, Portugal in April, the Chelsea Flower Show in May and the Italian Lakes in September. Our website has all the details.

BEE RESILIENT ~ *Garden for Nature!* my President's theme, based on



BEE RESILIENT
Garden for Nature

Sustainable Gardening, encourages clubs to enhance the beauty of their community and preserve nature in a changing climate by creating small native gardens in a public location with advance funding from The Federation. We approved sixteen marvelous BEE RESILIENT Garden Projects in 2025 and have just received nine new applications! Our website has all the details and how to apply for project grants.

Warm regards,

Nan Merolla

President, The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.

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FGCCT Website: <https://ctgardenclubs.org/>



An NGC Standard Flower Show
Presented by The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.
Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. & New England Garden Clubs, Inc.

44th Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show®
CT Convention Center, 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

Thursday, February 19 – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, February 20 & Saturday, February 21 – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, February 22 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. President, Kim Edwards' theme "It takes a Village" is demonstrated by the Sudbury Garden Club Longfellow's Wayside Inn Holiday Decorating not only with garden clubs in their district but includes an additional two other districts.



For over 50 years, Sudbury Garden Club has decorated the Wayside Inn for the holidays. For many years they used live greens and decorated just a few rooms. In more recent history, Sudbury Garden Club has invited other area garden clubs to help with this endeavor and made the switch to artificial decorations and homemade ornaments.

On the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, over a hundred volunteers came to decorate the Inn! Fourteen garden clubs from Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Natick, Northborough, Pinefield, Southborough, Sudbury, Thursday of Sudbury and Wayland, each decorated a room or area of the Inn. Next year Shrewsbury Garden Club will be joining us with the addition of a Children's tree upstairs near the Museum rooms.

As Sudbury Garden Club members Jo Ann Forester has run decorating for twelve years, along with her co-chairperson, Carol Shapanka, in her third year. The decorations stay mostly the same with the theme of classic Colonial Christmas, but the Lobby Tree has a different theme each year. This year's theme is Patriotic Yuletide Jubilee: A Celebration of America's 250th birthday. For 2026 we will honor the ending of the 250th celebration with a theme of Star Spangled Christmas.



Many of the garden clubs make a special ornament with the theme to hang on the lobby tree. Fun facts about the decorations:

there are over a hundred candles and over sixty wreaths
some of these volunteers have been working on the Inn for over 25 years.

Every year, there is a different theme in the Inn's lobby tree. This year's theme is Patriotic Yuletide Jubilee: A Celebration of America's 250th birthday. For 2026 we will honor the ending of the 250th celebration with a theme of Star Spangled Christmas. Many of the garden clubs make a special ornament with the theme to hang on the lobby tree.

Kim Edwards
President, Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont



Imagine yourself immersed in the beauty of October foliage season in Vermont, enjoying camaraderie with gardening friends new and old from across New England. Mark your calendars for October 13th and 14th in the heart of the Green Mountains for the New England Garden Club regional meeting at the Killington Grand Resort. In fact, you might consider extending the trip to take in the wonders of Woodstock, Hanover, Shelburne, Stowe and Burlington, to name a few.

Charged with hosting the 2026 NEGC regional meeting, our FGCV conference planning team is busy at work providing a rewarding experience for all who come. We will include in references to Vermont's role in the American Revolution as we celebrate our nation's semi-quincentennial, the 250th anniversary



of the United States Declaration of Independence, along with deep dives into club management best practices and our motivations for digging in the soil. Plus, we'll have an array of exclusive Vermont vendors and oodles of NE state-specific raffles.

Stay tuned and keep your calendars free in early October for a foliage road trip!

Martha Dale
President, Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont

Coming Soon

- Register for NEGC October 12-13, 2026
10th Annual Fall Meeting
- Hotel Reservations
- Business Meeting Friday, October 9, 2026
via zoom- 10:00 am
- All clubs members invited

The Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont website
<https://www.vermontfgcv.com>
cordially invite you to the distinguished Killington
Resort, located in Killington, Vermont—an exceptional
destination renowned for its autumn foliage. We
encourage guests to consider extending their visit to
take advantage of the area's events and attractions.
For comprehensive details, please refer to the
Killington-Pico Area Association
website: <https://killingtonpico.org>.



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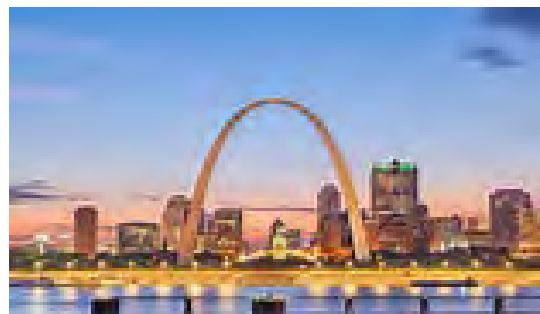


NEGC Calendar

Deadline for the **May issue of Northern Exposure is April 25 – that issue will cover the months of May, June and July - please e-mail articles or questions to editor Nancy Atwell at atwelln@aol.com**

National Garden Clubs

May 4-6 - Convention in St. Louis, MO



New England Garden Clubs

October 13-14 - New England Garden Clubs' Annual Meeting

FGCV is hosting the NEGC Fall Meeting at Killington Ski Resort, 228 East Mountain Rd, Killington, VT 05751. Phone: 802-404-4622

Art in Bloom Events

March 12-15 – “Bloom a Floral Palette” at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, NH. For more information: www.currier.org/bloom2026

Flower Shows

February 19 – 22 – “A Storybook Garden” presented by the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, CT Convention Center 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT

April 10 – 12 - “Dearly Beloved ...” presented by Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs at RI Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence, RI. [2026-Dearly-Beloved-Botanical-Arts-Working-Schedule-Website.pdf](#)

June 19 – 21 - **Newport Flower Show**, Rosecliff Mansion in Newport, Rhode Island.

Flower Show Schools

April 25, 28, 29 - 30 — **Course IV**, Double Tree by Hilton, Milford, MA, Registrar: Kathy Hawes Kmh4383@gmail.com

October 14 - October 16 – **Course III**, Flower Show School III changed from Sept 10-13, 2025, to Oct 14-16, 2026. Save the dates. Details to follow.

Gardening Schools

April 9 - 11 - **Course 4**, Chelmsford, MA, Registrar: Linda Jean Smith

State Conventions and Meetings

May 20 - **NHFGC Annual Meeting** at Zorrino Vineyard. 226 Main St., Sandown, NH

June 16 -June 18 – **Garden Club Federation of Maine Convention**, Bar Harbor, Atlantic Oceanside, 119 Eden St. June 16 Life Member event at Garland Farm. Garden tour. Design program by Vince Butera. Bill Cullina, current director at the Arboretum at Penn State, on replacing invasives with native woodies.

October 23 - **NHFGC Fall Gathering** at Gardens at Uncanoonac Mountain, Goffstown, NH