

Monday Memo June 5, 2023

Hello Everyone!

We are very appreciative of the GCFM Annual Conference attendance in Hyannis last week. There were 66 clubs represented and 178 in attendance. Our new slate of Officers and District Directors are looking forward to working with you.

Congratulations to the 30 recipients of the state awards and the 4 awards won from National. And GCFM won \$1000 in grant money from National for the most increased membership. Kudos to the club treasurers for being so diligent in collecting membership dues.

I am delighted to introduce Kate Angley, who started her first day working for GCFM on June 1st as our new Office Administrator. Many of you met her at the conference. Kate is very competent and brings strong administrative skills to the job. She will be a pleasure to work with so be sure to reach out to her if you need something done for you. Welcome aboard, Kate! Happy retirement to Lyn Hoyt! I am sure we will still see you now and then. Kate is replacing Lyn Hoyt, who retired after 18 years from this position.

It is time to make you aware that the **Grants deadline is July 1st.** This is the last opportunity for clubs to participate. We will be giving out \$3000 this year: \$2000 from GCFM for a Civic or Historic project and \$1000 in a special grant to honor Sandra M. Joyce, former President for a special Civic project with emphasis on Horticulture. https://www.gcfm.org/civic-development-grant

Summer is fast approaching and clubs will be having their installation ceremonies and end of the year gatherings. Please be sure to send in your **updated information for the yearbook**. **The deadline is June 15th.** <u>https://www.gcfm.org/resources</u>

The Monday Memo will take a brief hiatus as things slow down a bit this time of year so rest and take time to enjoy gardens everywhere. It is good for the soul.

You can always reach me via email marjorie.dienhart@gmail.com and 774-454-1041 but I also want to make you aware that I have moved. You will need this information for your yearbooks. My new address is: 14 Lily Pond Drive South Yarmouth, MA 02664

My theme is: Nurture Nature

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Never underestimate the healing power of a quiet moment in the garden. -Nature Hills Nursery