



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

January 29, 2024

Hello Everyone,

Each week I write to our members in what I call a “Monday Memo”. It only comes out on Mondays and it is usually the only communication I have consistently via email. It is a message saying this week “you need to know” memo and it keeps all our members well informed. I happened to mention in a previous memo that National had grant money available and I enclosed the link. We had clubs who took action and applied. Hence, I received a wonderful email from National last week notifying me that 3 of our garden clubs were recipients of Plant America Community Project grants. They are the **Acton Garden Club**, **Littleton Country Gardeners** and **Scituate Garden Club**. Congratulations! I am so excited for them and so very proud of them. I will certainly showcase their project at our Annual Conference in June.

And mentioning the Monday Memo, you can now find all of the issues from June 2023 posted on the upper right-hand corner of our website. I still want the club presidents to send it out to their members but if you need to refer back to one of them, you can find them listed on the site for your convenience and reference.

If you visited our website recently, you will see a pop up about the Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Scholarship with a link. We are offering 9 scholarships to our members. I want the club members to realize that **this is for YOU!** The money in this scholarship fund has been designated for one member in EACH district to attend any of the GCFM schools and any of the NGC Schools held in Massachusetts, namely Landscape Design School, Flower Show School, and Garden Studies. You can apply for all three but only one person will be selected. The class can be in person or online. There are no restrictions so any club member can apply. It is open to all who want to learn. Please consider furthering your garden study education at any of our GCFM offerings and apply for this money. The deadline is February 15th. [The Helen Freidberg Scholarship](#)

Upcoming events: You can tune into Zoom on February 8, 12 and 21st for **What You Need to Know About Your Club's Financial & Legal Responsibilities, about Raffles, Record Keeping, and other FAQ's**. This zoom meeting will be conducted by our GCFM Treasurer, Beate Bolen. These meetings are open to everyone, but in particular, the club treasurers and presidents will find this beneficial. You will find the link on our GCFM [Events page](#) among other upcoming events that might interest you. I hope you will refer to our state calendar often to see what is happening around the state.

It is with sadness that we let you know of the passing of June Kummer. Many of the recent updates to the national Garden Club Headquarters' ground/gardens are due to a generous donation from June Kummer, which established the June Kummer fund for the upkeep of the NGC Headquarters established the June Kummer fund for the upkeep of the NGC Headquarters' grounds. June was a NGC Golden Circle member. [OBITUARY](#)

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President

If you choose not to find joy in the snow, you will have less joy in your life but you will still have the same amount of snow. While our gardens sleep beneath the snow, we remember: joy doesn't hibernate. -Garden Tabs