



*Nurture Nature*

## **Monday Memo**

March 4, 2024

Hello Everyone,

Our Environmental Chairperson, Maria Bartlett, would like to hear from clubs who have an Environmental or Conservation Committee. She would like to connect with you to share common interests. Maria has much to share and welcomes the opportunity to work with your clubs to get the information out to your members. Please contact [Maria](#) for more details. And check out the enhanced [Environmental Awareness](#) page on the GCFM website.

We had a wonderful response to our webinar speaker, Gretel Anspach, last week when she presented her program on Propagation. She was very thorough, and we were proud to be able to offer a quality program from such a professional Master Gardener. We were thrilled that there was such audience interest. Thank you for attending. For viewing Gretel's PowerPoint, [click here](#).

I do want to remind you that we have another very interesting speaker lined up for March 20th. We will need you to register for this event and not share the link to others who did not register. The reason for that is we need advance notice to expand the zoom account to accommodate more than 100 recipients. Last week we swelled way over that number, and some were not able to attend. So please keep that in mind and be courteous. If you register and find out you cannot attend, please email [Betsy Howard](#).

**On March 20**, our presenter will be Susan Kelly and Antonietta Calabrese from [Generous Gardeners](#). As part of the seven million dollar seawall reconstruction project along Stacy Boulevard, numerous garden beds were installed and Gloucester's volunteer group of Generous Gardeners planted them with thousands of colorful flowers. A riot of color is now enjoyed by all who stroll along the iconic boulevard. Generous Gardeners has also enhanced the rough charm of Gloucester's working waterfront filling over 45 public spaces with beautiful bulbs, annuals and perennials. This is a Zoom webinar and you will be able to view her slides of the project as they speak. [Register here](#) for this event.

**March 15 from 12 - 1 PM**

GBH is offering a free webinar on Pampering and Petal Perfection on Friday, March 15th from 12-1 PM. You can register here:

<https://www.wgbh.org/events/ask-the-expert-planting-pampering-and-petal-perfection>

**May 31st Deadline** – National Garden Club is excited to continue its partnership with the premier provider of organic plant foods and potting soils - the ESPOMA COMPANY. Up to 20 CLUBS with projects in 2024 can receive a \$250 grant for Espoma plant foods and potting soils. Final applications are being accepted for **Espoma Grants** offered by National Garden Club. Espoma grant applications are accepted October 1,2023 - May 31,2024. [Click here](#) to apply.

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart  
GCFM President

**“It was one of those days in March when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.” -Charles Dickens, Great Expectations**