



Monday Memo

February 3, 2025

Hello Everyone,

Punxsutawney Phil, declared six more weeks of winter on Sunday Feb. 2, 2025! Brace yourselves, winter is not done yet. However, the furry prognosticator has only accurately predicted the change in seasons about 35% of the time over the past 20 years, according to an [NOAA study](#). But look at it this way, the sun is stronger, the days are staying lighter so, in six weeks, the sun will be setting at 6:50 PM. Yay!!



-Today! This afternoon is NGC's Membership Monday @ 1 PM.

How can NGC help my club? My district? My state? My region? What else is out there?

MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS is proud to present the tools and resources available to your club, district, state and region. Sign in 15 minutes early to enter the trivia contest.

Click on the zoom link below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87194229492?pwd=3UGArXTQdhsfwyXArOHbBZTgqRhszK.1>

-GCFM is offering another free webinar for all of our members!

On February 12, 2025, Jennifer Brown (the Collection Manager for the **Ware Collection of Blaschka (Glass Models of Plants)**) will give a talk on this exquisite exhibit, better known as the Glass Flowers. You must register for this event. [Click here.](#)

-March 4th & June 17th - Pat Fleming will be starting up a **Study Group for Design and Horticulture**. This **FREE** Study Group is open to any member of a Garden Club who wishes to expand their knowledge in Design and Horticulture. Participants would bring a design and/or horticulture for a panel of judges and student judges to critique. The Study Group is not a hands-on workshop.

There will be two Study Group dates for 2025, **March 4th and June 17th.**

Location: Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston St., Topsfield, MA

Please email Pat Fleming: fleming.3patricia@gmail.com

-April 9, 10 & 11th - GARDENING SCHOOL Gardening School courses, primarily intended for garden club members, are open to the public. Organizers charge a nominal fee for attending each course. Member clubs, groups of clubs, Districts and State Garden Clubs may sponsor courses. Garden club members completing the series of four courses and passing exams gain the designation of NGC

Gardening Consultant. Other attendees may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the school series or shortly after completion. [Click here](#) to complete the registration form.

Contact: Linda Jean Smith, Gardening School Chairperson at lindajean.smith@comcast.net with any other questions.

-May 10, 2025 deadline for the Cindora Goldberg Award. You can read all about this award by finding it under Awards/Special Awards. [Click here](#). The application is online and you can [Click here](#) for convenience.

-On April 30th, GCFM is hosting a Fundraiser in anticipation of our **100th Anniversary** at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Milford, MA.

The Theme is **Floral Fusion** by Speaker: **Michael Derouin, AIFD, AAF, PFCI**, a *second-generation floral designer and educator*. Michael will create six floral designs at this event. His first design, an interpretation of an oil painting of a New England garden by Kathy Thomas (former GCFM president), will be silent auctioned. His other five designs will be raffled. [Click here to register online.](#)

Please check out our [flyer](#) for more detailed information on how you can purchase tickets by check or contact Penni Jenkins: pferrisjenkins@comcast.com

Enjoy each day.
Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President

“Winter is a season of recovery and preparation.” — Paul Theroux