

Monday Memo March 18, 2024

Hello Everyone,

I am sure everyone is excited about Spring making its entrance this week. The recent balmy weather has helped warm the earth and many shrubs have small green buds beginning to open. This past weekend was wonderful weather for walking through the garden. Spring gets the adrenaline going. It's even hard to resist a visit to the local nursery to see what is in bloom. Enjoy the anticipation of what is to unfold.

Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:30 PM GCFM Webinar

This week GCFM will be offering a FREE webinar for you to Zoom in to hear Susan Kelly and Antonietta Calabrese from **Generous Gardeners of Gloucester** present a slide show of Cape Ann's iconic Stacy Boulevard where numerous garden beds were installed and Gloucester's volunteer group of Generous Gardeners planted them with thousands of colorful flowers. <u>Click here</u> to register.

GCFM DUES notices will be going out to the club presidents this week. The due date is **May 1st.** If you want to get a jump start on sending it in, the 2024-2025 Dues Renewal Form can be found by clicking RESOURCES. Forms are at the bottom of the page or you can click **here**.

A funny thing that happened to me last week. I was invited to Wareham's Presidents' Tea and I thought it was last Wednesday. So I got up early, drove to Wareham only to arrive at an empty parking lot. When I called the club president, Judy Morgan, about the location, I was informed that the event was next month. How could I be so off on the date? However, Judy, a flower show Judge, said, "I am hosting a floral design class around the corner so you should come and visit." I have never been to one of these classes and it was so much fun! I enjoyed working with the club members and the petite creations everyone made were lovely. I am just sharing the quirky story to let you know that if you have the opportunity to engage in a design workshop and want to attend one, Lisa Pattison, Flower Show Judge, is hosting **GCFM's Design Workshop on Parallel Design** which is being offered on **April 12, 2024** in Dedham. I am sure

you will find it very enjoyable. It was a wonderful learning experience for me. Click here for registration.

We added a new temporary feature on the website to showcase your plant sales in addition to the plant sale flier page and calendar listing. It is featured at the bottom of the homepage. I compliment the clubs on the variety and creativity of the fliers. Good job, Designers! Check it out here. <u>https://www.gcfm.org/</u>

Of particular interest to the Program Chairs out there, our Speakers Program, which everyone looks forward to each spring, was video taped last week. After a few edits, we hope to have it on the website by the end of the month for your viewing. We will keep you posted on that.

Enjoy each day. * Marjorie Dienhart GCFM President

To a gardener, spring is like a slow-loading website; you know it's coming, but oh, the wait! -Garden Lovers