



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

April 8, 2024

Hello Everyone,

Today, the moon will cross between the Earth and the sun, a total solar eclipse in North America. The path of totality, the strip of the continent where the moon will completely obscure the sun, begins in Mazatlán, Mexico, crosses over more than a dozen U.S. states, from Texas to Maine, and ends in Newfoundland, Canada. **For eclipse enthusiasts, today is your day!**

The month of April has been declared **National Native Plant Month** by the U.S. Senate and by Governor Healy. Along with **Earth Day** and **Arbor Day**, this makes April a very exciting and busy month. Learn all about it on the revamped [Environmental Awareness page](#).

For our part, **GCFM launched a new educational page on our website!** Click [Native Plants & Pollinators page](#) to view the new page. Learn why it is important to plant natives, find local nurseries that sell these valuable plants, and watch informative webinars. There is even a tool to find local groups in your community working to promote native plantings to help pollinators. This page can be found on our GCFM.org website under Education.

Lineup for April:

Thursday, April 11 @ 7 PM - Zoom

An invitation to attend and learn about the inner workings of the **Rose Bowl Tour with Road Scholars**

Dec 28, 2024 to Jan 2, 2025 this year in California is still open for registration. The sooner you register, the more likely you will be able to get on the GCFM bus. If you are interested in going, please register [here](#) or email [Kim Edwards](#) for further details.

On Thursday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM there will be a Zoom meeting for those who have registered and anyone who might still be interested in attending. All specifics to the trip and documents will be on the agenda. Here is the zoom link:

<https://www.gcfm.org/events-1/rose-bowl-trip-information-meeting>

Friday, April 12 - Parallel Design [Register here](#)

Tuesday, April 17 - FUNdamentals [Register here](#)

Monday, April 22 - Flower Show Award webinar presented by Gail Hubacker, Flower Show Award Chairperson

More info in next week's memo

Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 PM - Zoom - Gardening for Climate Resilience This event is FREE and in-person at the Acton Town Hall, 472 Main St., Acton, MA, Room 204. However, there is a zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. [Register here](#)

Thursday - Friday, April 25-27 Gardening School ZOOM, Garden Consultants Council
[Register here](#)

Monday, April 29, 6:30 PM - Zoom Garden Club Credit Card Information presented by Beate Bolen, GCFM Treasurer.

[Register here](#)

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 PM - Zoom

What is Garden Therapy? How do you start a program for your club? Learn how to create a Design in a Box program your club can use to engage with your community - whether senior residents, those battling illness, those with disabilities, or others. Guidance will be given to begin a new program or enhance your current offering. Join the GCFM and the Framingham Garden Club for an exciting and educational evening. [Register here](#)

Lineup for May:

Friday, May 3 - Cape Ann Blossoms! The Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester's signature event of the season will take place from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. A festive evening showcasing inventive floral displays crafted by North Shore floral designers and artisans. Enjoy live music, community art, an open bar and creative fare with fellow art and floral enthusiasts. The exhibition will remain on view Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5 from 10 am - 5 pm with Museum admission. [Click here for QR code for ticketing.](#)

Wednesday, May 8 - Zoom Grow Native Massachusetts is offering a free webinar '**Gardening Among Hungry Mammals**'. The speaker is Nancy Lawson, author of the book [The Humane Gardener](#). [Register here](#)

The **Garden Clubs at Work** page is growing. Looks like lots of members are starting to get out and do some civic beautification. Keep sending in your photos to Karen at gcfmwebmaster@gmail.com Check out the clubs posted [here](#).

Enjoy each day.



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One of the most beautiful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides. -W.E. Johns