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President's Message



Start with a Seed

As I write this to you as the snow is falling outside my window; its bitter cold and I really don't want

to take the dogs for a walk. I am counting the days until I can get my tools out of the shed and get to work planting my seeds.

When I wrote my first letter to you almost two years ago, I knew that we were headed into something great. What I didn't know was how I was going to make all of my 'great' ideas happen. Thankfully, I've had a wonderful team beside me working incredibly hard these past two years. The 'theme' I chose for my term was 'Start with a Seed'. Adding that to the NGC's ongoing theme 'Plant America' we began to develop our plan. Planting seeds. That's really what we're all about.

I've visited many Clubs across the State and chatted with members. I've spoken about revision, reinvention, and remaining relevant. How can we keep the mission of the Garden Club fresh and moving forward? We've brainstormed how to attract new, vibrant members. We've got to 'shake the tree' and not be afraid to move in a different direction if we want to keep our Clubs successful in the years to come. We need to keep up with our fast paced world and embrace the advantages that technology can provide us. There are resources at the District, State, and National Level to answer questions, provide

support, and encouragement. We need to plant new seeds. From an acorn a mighty oak will grow.

I'd like to remind you about the **GCFM Annual Meeting on June 5th**. We will be meeting at the Hilton Boston/Dedham. This will be our installation meeting that will include a dinner the night prior and a Standard Flower Show (many thanks to the Judges Council). I'm excited to announce that **Doug Tallamy** will be our keynote speaker. Doug is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware-Newark and author of *Bringing Nature Home* and, *The Living Landscape*. Signup information is available on the GCFM website (www.gcfm.org). Electronic registration and payment will be available. Special thanks to Webmaster (and 2nd VP!) Betsy Howard and Treasurer Ann Webster for making electronic registration possible.

It's hard to believe that this is my last Mayflower Message. Looking back on my term, I'm more than pleased with the direction that GCFM is headed. I'd like to thank each of you for your kindness, hospitality, dedication, civic mindedness, and above all, your volunteer hours. Know that the time you put into ecological, wildlife, garden, and civic projects, Club Board work, flower shows, and other numerous efforts is greatly appreciated and respected. In a world that demands so much of us, your donation of your time speaks volumes. Let's continue collaborating, innovating, and celebrating for many years to come! After all, we are nothing without the help of each other 'planting seeds'.....

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COVER STORY

Vaccinium corymbosum

Vaccinium corymbosum or highbush blueberry is an excellent choice for birdscaping yards and gardens. The flowers are an excellent source of pollen for our native pollinators in the spring, and the foliage turns a beautiful deep red in autumn. Highbush blueberry is a deciduous shrub that grows 8 to 12 feet high and wide. It is native to eastern North America where it typically grows in moist woods, bogs, swamps and low areas. It grows in full sun to partial shade but does best in full sun on wet to moist, acidic soils. It produces a white or pink blossom in May.

Although blueberries are self-fertile, cross-pollination produces the best fruit crop. It is best to plant more than one variety that will bloom at the same time. Also, remove flowers from plants in the year of planting and in the following year so as to prevent fruit set and to encourage new vegetative growth. Prune as needed in late winter beginning in the third year after planting. Although there are no serious insect or disease problems, birds love the fruit, so plants may need to be covered with netting as the fruit begins to ripen in order to protect the crop.

Useful for ornamental purposes as well as for fruit production, blueberries are effective in shrub borders or as part of shrub plantings. They are particularly effective in conjunction with rhododendrons and azaleas which share similar acidic soil requirements.

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ATTENTION GCFM BOARD of DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Meetings will be held at Massachusetts Horticultural Society,
900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA 02482 on:

- Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, April 3, 2019 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 8, 2019 10:30 AM

Jill Malcolm, *Corresponding Secretary*

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CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT

The Garden Club of Harvard

On September 24th the Garden Club of Harvard and the Harvard Conservation Trust co-hosted author and landscape designer Kathryn Aalto. Aalto discussed her book, *The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh*, exploring the real landscapes of Pooh's Hundred Acre Wood. Aalto was related to the late Erhart Muller, a long-time Shaker Road resident and Harvard Conservation Trust co-founder.

Pepperell Garden Club

On September 12th, Pepperell Garden Club held its annual "Members' Plant Swap," where members are encouraged to bring a labeled perennial or houseplant and enjoy Club friendships.

Sudbury Garden Club

On November 7th, the Sudbury Garden Club hosted the "Art in Bloom" road show with Melissa Foley at the Memorial Congregational Church. The presentation gave the background of Art in Bloom and some of the many designs over the years.

CENTRAL SOUTH DISTRICT

Hopkinton Garden Club

On September 18th, the Hopkinton Garden Club, as part of its speaker series, presented "Preparing the Soil for Gardening" with Gretel Anspach, a trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and a lifetime master gardener. On December 8th they hosted their first Holiday Greens Sale including wreaths, swags, table arrangements and other holiday decorations.

Southborough Garden Club

The Southborough Garden Club hosted the Museum of Fine Arts Senior Associates in a floral design program entitled "Floral Magic for the Holidays" on November 10th.

Westborough Garden Club

On November 28th, Westborough Garden Club had three businesses in Westborough, Mugford's Flower Shoppe, Faris Farm Flowers and Harvey's Farm and Garden Center present "A Holiday Festival with a Local Flair." Representatives from each business created holiday decorations.



Pictured: *Created designs*

METRO DISTRICT

Ruth Ecker, Asst. Director

Fairbanks Garden Club

From holiday centerpieces, decorating Christmas Wreaths and sponsoring their first Garden of Trees raffle, the Fairbanks Garden Club has helped to bring the holiday spirit to Dedham. At their November meeting, the members created lovely holiday centerpieces from greens, berries and dried flowers from the members' yards. A few days later, a group of members decorated 10

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Christmas wreaths that would hang on the doors of the Fairbanks House, the Endicott Estate, the Dedham Historical Society and both branches of the public library for the holiday season. That evening members descended upon the Dedham Community Theatre where they set up and decorated 10 themed Christmas Trees that would be raffled off in their first "Garden of Trees" fund-raiser. During the Dedham Holiday Stroll, the lobby was filled with people taking chances to win one of the trees. The evening was a great success as \$900 was raised for the High School Student Scholarship Fund.



Pictured: Fairbanks GC; Annette Eddy, Carla Bennet, Mary Walsh, Kathie Merageas, Nancy D'Attilio, Mary Joyce, Sandy Silber, Carol Cook, Janet Holmes, Jeanette Evans

The House and GC of Wellesley

The House and Garden Club of Wellesley celebrated its 60th Anniversary honoring founders Maryanne "Burkey" Pratt, Patsy Pratt, Ruth Wilson, Nancy McCabe, and Joan Cross on December 7th at the Wellesley Country Club. Members, past and present, enjoyed a slide show featuring the camaraderie of friends working together on fund-raising projects over the years that have supported civic beautification projects in Wellesley enjoyed by countless residents. These projects include The Holly Trail home tours and boutiques selling hand-made holiday decor, as well

as the annual town-wide Geranium Sale in May. Central Park in Wellesley Square, butterfly gardens at local elementary schools, and garden therapy at the Elizabeth Seton Residence have been the beneficiaries of these projects.



Pictured: House & GC Attendees of the 60th Anniversary Celebration

The Hills GC of Wellesley

In October, the Hills Garden Club and the Town of Wellesley celebrated the completion of a landscape labyrinth at Elm Park, also known as "Clock Tower Park." (*Pictured below*) This was a collaborative project, years in the making, involving the Town's Natural Resource Commission and landscape planner, Cricket Vlass, who conceived and designed the project, with Club funding. In honor of its 60th anniversary in 2015, funding for this project was generated by "Beyond the Garden Gate" public tours of members' gardens, in



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order to have a permanent impact on Wellesley public spaces.

The Wellesley Garden Club

In November the Wellesley Garden Club gave a free flower arranging class, with instruction by Heidi Kost-Gross, president, for 12 members of the senior community at the Tolles Parson Center.

Metro District Coffee



For the Metro District's Coffee on September 13th, attendees representing clubs were asked to bring some flowers from their own gardens. These flowers were used in combination to create an

arrangement representing the beauty of a collaborative effort like that of the Federation and member clubs working together. Fawn Hurwitz, Co-Metro District Director, made the arrangement as attendees watched.

Pictured: Arrangement made by Fawn Hurwitz, Co-Metro District Director

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Joanne Lyons, Director

Stoneham Garden Club

A busy summer and autumn for the Stoneham Garden Club including community plantings and preparation for the spring plant sale gave way to the holiday season marked by Christmas At Whip Hill in December. The Club also received a certificate of appreciation from

the Stoneham Board of Selectman for the Club's 90 years of community service and a grant from the GCFM for a project in tandem with Stoneham Historical Society. The award was presented at the Fall meeting of the GCFM

Reading Garden Club

On Thursday October 25th the Reading Garden Club went on a tour of the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. The cemetery is a world class arboretum covering 175 acres. Our tour guide showed club members the ornamental gardens as well as pointing out some of the 700 varieties of trees, some dating back to 1830 and many with brilliant fall foliage.



Pictured: Reading GC; Mary Jo Nappi, Priscilla Maher, Ann Morris, Ginny Roberts, Hazelle McWilliams, Mary Ann Higgins, Roxanne Jackman, Sue Shealy

Waltham Garden Club

Waltham Garden Club (WGC) is enjoying a new partnership with the Chauncy Hall-Chapel Hill (CH-CH) School, which has generously made their greenhouse available to the WGC. CH-CH students and club members grew over 200 seedlings and cuttings to supplement the annual May plant sale in 2018 that features perennials from

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members' gardens.



Pictured: Waltham GC's Nancy Eyster-Smith in greenhouse

Carlisle Garden Club

Carlisle Garden Club is "making over" its popular Country Gardens Tour, held in mid-June of every odd-numbered year. They are converting program ad sales to a sponsorship model, with live links to sponsor websites during the two-year period until the following tour. Their goal is to cultivate ongoing sponsor partnerships. This enables them to reduce the size and cost of their printed program. At the same time, they are working with local gardeners to promote restorative ecology with community emphasis on no-till, organic, pesticide-free cultivation, based on seed-sharing and native plants that provide town-wide habitat for a variety of local pollinators. Onward and upward through permaculture!

Burlington Garden Club

The Burlington Garden Club showcased club activities in the public library's 18 glass display cases for an entire month. Each case highlighted a specific lecture, fundraiser, workshop, or town-focused civic project with pictures and a short description, accompanied by a library book on the same topic. The club

received great reviews from patrons and library employees alike on the creativity of topics, the display and breadth of content. The library asked them to leave the display through the following month which they were happy to do! (See photo of display below.)



The club also expanded its Garden Therapy program with two additional sessions at the request of Atria Longmeadow Assisted Living Place. Residents have enjoyed club members sharing their creativity and friendship to help them create small flower arrangements for their rooms. A great time has been had by all at each event with lots of conversation and laughter.



Pictured: Burlington GC member Dianne Barrucci and residents of Atria Longmeadow Place

Weston Garden Club

The Weston Garden Club went on a two-day tour of the Berkshires in October. Because it was raining, after

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their tour of the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, they took refuge at the Norman Rockwell Museum, which was an unexpected treat. The first day ended with a trip through the Naumkeag gardens and house. With nicer weather on the second day, the group enjoyed Edith Wharton's house and gardens followed by a hike through the Ashintully Gardens up to the ruins.



Pictured: Weston GC: Cynthia Chapra, Mitzi Kiung, Joan Wilson, Molly Varnau, Jessica Pohl, Nancy Bates, Cheryll-Anne Lane, Elizabeth Eaton, Tania Deary

Winchester Garden Club

Winchester Garden Club's Beautification Committee tackled the task of sprucing up the Winchester sign. The committee (left

to right, Maria Batten and Stephanie Kadar pictured with the sign),

with the help of Winchester's DPW crew, moved overgrown shrubs and planted low lying ground cover. The second phase of the project was to add up-lighting to the sign and to the trees flanking the sign. The Winchester sign



is located at an important location for those traveling to and through Winchester. It is now more visible both during the day and beautifully lit up at night.

Wayland Garden Club

While it's time to plan for our Spring gardens with plant sales galore, we can't forget the busy time in the months past. The Wayland Garden Club held four workshops in November and four in the early Spring – Gardening with Seniors – in which Garden Club members helped senior residents at the Council on Aging and at three Wayland Assisted Living facilities prepare seasonal floral arrangements. Others made wreaths for town buildings, decorated the Grout-Heard House Museum for a town-wide Holiday Open House, and a team of five members decorated a room at Longfellow's Wayside Inn.



Pictured: Wayland GC: Preparing holiday decorations at Grout-Heard House Museum, Gretchen Schuler and Marilyn Fraktham

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Nancy Cox Davidge, Director

Friendly Garden Club of Beverly

On January 15th the club hosted Catherine Brown and Matthew

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Osborne, of the Mass. Dept. of Public Health at the Beverly Public Library as a community service to tell the public about ticks and to be prepared for tick season.

Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club

On January 16th the club hosted "Welcoming Native Plants and Insects into your Garden" with Rebecca Warner who shared her journey of creating sustainable gardens and highlighted Doug Tallamy's book *Bringing Nature Home*. One of the best reasons to grow native plants is to provide food and habitat. Rebecca demonstrated how to choose beautiful, pleasing plants that attract beneficial insects and pollinators. This lecture was open to the public.

Ipswich Garden Club

The club came together at the home of member Barbara Osteberg and made wreaths for various town buildings including Town Hall, Fire and Police Stations, Superintendent of Schools' office, Ascension Memorial Church, First Church, Hall Haskell House, Ipswich Public Library, Council on Aging, and the Commuter Station. The club members got together in November to clean up Butterfly Meadows.



Pictured: *Butterfly Meadows clean up crew*

Seaside GC, Manchester-by-the Sea

The club helped beautify the town for the holiday season with decorations and window boxes at the Manchester Community Center, Town Hall front steps and Beverly Bootstraps (*Bootstraps planter pictured below*).



Saugus Garden Club

The club decorated a holiday tree (*pictured right*) and donated it to the Marleah E. Greaves Foundation to be raffled to raise funds for the MEG building restoration.



NORTHERN DISTRICT **Marsha Ledbury, Director**

Village Garden Club of Andover

The Village GC enjoyed the entertaining presentation of "Edible Arrangements" by food decorator extraordinaire Lou Greenstein in November. In December, the club went out to a local restaurant for a December holiday dinner. Club members each brought a donation for Bread & Roses.

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Boxford Village Garden Club

Club members created silk flower arrangements at their October meeting.



Billerica Garden Club

The club decorated the Clara Sexton House in Billerica the beginning of December for the holidays. They also held their annual greens workshop and made boxwood trees.

Open Gate GC of Chelmsford

This will be the 18th year that Open Gate GC has decorated the historic Barrett-Byam House in Chelmsford for the Chelmsford Historical Society's Open House.



Pictured: dining room fireplace & mantle and writing desk.

Dracut Garden Club

The Coburn House in Dracut is the home of the Dracut Historical Society. The

Dracut GC decorated the 17 room house and opened it up for tours in December.



Pictured: One of the rooms with trees and decorations

Country Lane GC of Chelmsford

For the third year, the Country Lane Garden Club, as part of its community outreach, hosted a flower arranging workshop at the Chelmsford Senior Center in November. Over 20 participants took part in the free event.



Pictured: members of Country Lane at workshops

Tewksbury Garden Club

The Senior Center Rain Garden Renovation Group met October 30 to begin work on the garden renovations. Organized and designed by Jackie Stone, the group planted the first side of the garden. The Tewksbury Festival of Trees Committee met to decorate their Pennies for Pine Christmas Tree. The committee members all worked together

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to make penny wreaths. (See tree & committee above.) Karen Favreau's family made a penny garland, Marie Luciano painted ornaments and glittered pine cones, and Jeanne Riccio adorned copper gingerbread men with cute faces. Judy Dziadosz did her magic with a bow and ribbons to finish it off.

Topsfield New Meadows GC

The New Meadows Garden Club had their annual Holiday Luncheon and Yankee Swap. Their members bring items for the Topsfield Food Pantry and the Community Giving Tree. Their Garden Therapy Committee holds a workshop to make boxwood trees at the town's Council on Aging.

West Newbury Garden Club

In November West Newbury GC had Speaker Betsy Grecoe's program, "Chocolate: from Tree To Table" in which she presents the history of chocolate, how it's grown, harvested and processed. In December the club held a workshop "Holiday Decorating for the Town" where they decorated wreaths and swags for their various

town sites, and created arrangements for seniors living in Elder Housing.

Southeast District Gail Reilly, District Director

Attleboro Garden Club

Members of the Attleboro Garden Club completed pressed flower and leaf note cards under the direction of fellow member Gretchen Sullivan (pictured below). Members collected specimens all summer for this activity.



The Garden Club of Harwich

The Garden Club of Harwich held a September "Surprise Party" highlighting its history with a skit featuring models in period dress (see photo below). Past



presidents were recognized with bouquets from our gardens. Information booths represented committees. A

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scavenger hunt set to music sent members to interact at each booth. A Q & A period concluded the program.

Nauset Garden Club

Remarkable design (*two pictured below*) and horticultural expertise were on



display at the Nauset Garden Club's Standard Flower Show, October 5-6. Dozens of Club members, including new members, received both accolades and ribbons for their stunning table top, underwater and transparent designs among others, as well as over 140 horticultural and educational exhibits. Nauset Garden Club is in a year of transition. They do not have a president. Members of the board are sharing leadership, with two board members assuming leadership each month. They are very pleased with the success of this plan. The club is also in the midst of a comprehensive strategic planning process. With a strategic planning committee, the board and entire membership are involved with assessment, visioning and actions.

Wareham Garden Club

A special designation of lifetime "honorary membership" was conferred upon Kathleen Coyle for her outstanding service to the club. The Polly Povall award from the GCFM was given to Judy Morgan who was

chairperson of the club's Small Standard Flower Show, "Sensational Spring". The club's Civic Holiday Decorations Committee spread a little cheer by making tray favors, seasonal mini-greens arrangements in bark containers, and delivering them to all patients who were at Tobey Hospital on Christmas Day

Osterville Garden Club

The Grand Prize Trophy was won by the Osterville Garden Club this past July for their participation in the annual parade (*see photo below*). Members dressed as sailors for the theme "Sailabratations". They celebrate their 69th year as a garden club in Osterville.



Falmouth Garden Club

In September, the Falmouth Garden Club hosted Ruth Loiseau, White House Floral Designer (*pictured right*). Her presentation "The White House to Your House" drew a huge



crowd. It was one of the best programs ever held by the FGC and they successfully raised funds for their Scholarship Program.

Evening Garden Club of Plymouth

On September 19 the Evening Garden Club of Plymouth welcomed presidents

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from Falmouth, Lakeville, Osterville, Plymouth, the district director and assistant, and all six club's past presidents together for the first time.



Pictured: From left around table: Sandi Balonis, Linda Souza (hidden), Jeanne Burnell, Marjorie Dienhart, Deb Monopoli, and Donna Snowdale

SOUTH SHORE DISTRICT

Roni Lahage, Director

South Shore garden clubs had an eventful fall-despite the rain-organizing fall events, enjoying club meetings and ending with commitments to holiday fund-raising. All in good cheer! The South Shore's fall coffee was held this year on a Saturday in September and was a resounding success, with 40 people from 19 clubs in attendance. This year's focus was on "communication," and an insightful discussion resulted in some interesting statistics. 57% of clubs have a Facebook page and many are looking forward to using other online communication options.

Amateur Gardeners of Milton

The Amateur Gardeners of Milton were fortunate to be asked to help decorate the historic Eustis Estate in Milton for the annual holiday open house tour. Many lovely settings within the

mansion were touched by the talented hands of Gayle Moran, Christina Curtis, Kris Doherty, Ginny Corcoran and Susan Dunton.

Scituate Garden Club

Scituate GC planned a beautiful formal tea party complete with a menu for its Presidents Tea. Held at the Scituate Library, the

tea was followed by the opening of the club's *Art in Bloom* weekend show

(pictured right). Presidents and their guests took a tour throughout the Library viewing art and accompanying stunning floral designs. A delightful afternoon!



Cohasset Community Garden Club

Cohasset Community GC's Fall Festival was held at the Glastonbury Abbey in Cohasset. Over 30 presidents and 100 guests were wowed upon entering by the beautiful seasonal table arrangements. The array of food done in tiers at either end of the room was impressive (see picture below). After lunch, guests were treated to the creative floral



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arrangements of designer Lisa Oberhotlzer-Gee. Thank you again to the Cohasset Community GC for their thoughtful donation to “Pennies for Pines” in honor of the South Shore District!

Norwell & Scituate Garden Clubs

In November, the Norwell and Scituate Garden Clubs hosted a joint free public presentation (*see photo below*) on “Holiday Floral designs” by Winston Flowers, held at the historic Cushing Center in Norwell. Winston’s Hingham



manager, Robin Piselli, talked about the company, its history and design aesthetic, while designer Kim Dutra created a number of arrangements.

Norwell Garden Club

Norwell GC hosted South Shore presidents and their guests at their annual Presidents’ Luncheon in early October. Delicious food, a fun presentation on fall tablescapes with Elaine DeGiovanni and Linda Ladd, and a sunflower to take home made for a perfect day.

Y’ise Gardeners of Marshfield

In December, the Y’ise (pronounced “wise”) Gardeners of Marshfield decorated the porch of the historic Daniel Webster House for its annual

holiday show house. The porch lent itself to sleds, skates and skis and, of course, a Christmas tree! Over the years of participating in this fund-raiser, the club has decorated almost all of the 10 rooms. A tour of the holiday Webster Show House makes the season special.



Pictured: *The Y’ise Gardeners of Marshfield decorated the porch of the historic Daniel Webster House for their annual holiday house tour.*

Holiday presentations, wreath sales, greens workshops and show houses keep most clubs busy in November.

Editor’s Note:

We wrongly identified a club in the Winter Mayflower District Doings on Page 29. The activities listed under Brockton Garden Club belong to the Foxboro Garden Club. Our apologies for the error.

2018 Tower Hill Flower Show

“An American Icon: The Apple”

Hazel Schroder, Chairman

Section A – A is for Apple

Class 1 – Apple Blossom Time

1 st	Kim Cutler, Worcester GC
2 nd	Joan Schofield, Holliston GC
3 rd	Laura Lindop, Acton & ME Piscataqua GCs
HM	Andrea Graveline, Jr. League of Boston GC

Class 2 – The Apple of My Eye

1 st	Donna Johnson, Sudbury GC
2 nd	Sarah Ribeiro, Worcester GC
3 rd	Robin Van Liew, Holden GC
HM	Lori Krinsky, Acton GC

Class 3 – Apple Bounty

1 st & Tricolor	Yvonne Capella, Wareham GC
2 nd	Joan Laracy, Worcester GC
3 rd	Hazel Schroder, Milford Greenleaf GC
HM	Theodora Weber, Milford Greenleaf GC

Section B – The Apple: Symbol of Health & Beauty

Class 1 – An Apple a Day

1 st	Minal Akkad, Framingham GC
2 nd 90+	Sarah Taylor, Springfield GC
3 rd	Kathie Michie, Worcester GC
HM	Jodi MacDonald, Acton GC

Class 2 – The “Big Apple”

1 st	Tony Todesco, Stow GC
2 nd 90+	Donna Johnson, Sudbury GC
3 rd 90+	Andrea Little, Curbs & Cobblestones GC & Southborough GC
HM	Thelma Shoneman, Acton GC

Class 3 – Apple Blush

1 st	Ruth Evans, <i>Designers Choice,</i> <i>Award of Design Excellence</i> Framingham GC
2 nd	Julie Lapham, Worcester GC & Southborough GC
3 rd	Ann Huntoon, Gentian GC of RI
HM	Fern Doucette, Ashland GC of NH

Section C – The Apple – Nature’s Design

Class 1 – The Apple: Symbol of Beauty

1 st	Sarah Ribeiro, Worcester GC
2 nd	Suzanne Reed, Springfield GC
3 rd	Julie Lapham, Worcester GC & Southborough GC
HM	Sandra Joyce, Hudson GC

Class 2 – The Apple:**A Golden Sphere**

- 1st Cathie Healy,
Holliston GC
- 2nd Sandra Tosches,
Milford Greenleaf GC
- 3rd Barbara Blossom,
Bayberry & Bristol RI GCs
- HM Marjorie DeAngelis,
Rehoboth GC of RI

- 2nd 90+ Hazel Schroder,
Milford Greenleaf GC
- 3rd Michele Creamer,
Milford Greenleaf GC
- HM Marcia Connors,
Easton GC

Horticulture Excellence for planter filled
with sedum (*center*); Nancy Martin

**Class 3 – The Appleseed**

- 1st Maureen Marshall,
Holliston GC
- 2nd Kathy Leva,
Lexington Field & GC &
Country GC of Ipswich
- 3rd Vicki Harrington,
Holliston GC
- HM Anne Tiffany,
Williamstown GC

**Section D – The Apple Festival
Celebrating the
Harvest**
Class 1 – Picnic in the Orchard

- 1st Suzanne McCance,
Reading GC
- 2nd 90+ Elaine McNanna,
Milford Greenleaf GC
- 3rd Gail Reichert,
Milford Greenleaf GC
- HM Barbara Athy,
Worcester GC

There were many horticulture entries



Educational Award for “Apple: Heirlooms
& More” display, Hazel Schroder

Class 2 – As American As Apple Pie

- 1st Seta LePore,
Belmont GC
- 2nd 90+ Noreen Rowe,
Acton GC
- 3rd Vicki Harrington,
Holliston GC
- HM Carol Burke,
Milford Greenleaf GC

Class 3 – A Wassailing We Go

- 1st Thelma Shoneman,
Table Artistry Award
Acton GC





Section A
Class 3 – Apple Bounty
 Entry 2 Yvonne Capella,
 1st & Tricolor
 Wareham GC



Section D
Class 3 – A Wassailing We Go
 Entry 1 Thelma Shoneman, 1st &
 Table Artistry Award
 Acton GC



Section B
Class 3 – Apple Blush
 Entry 4 Ruth Evans, 1st &
 Designers Choice,
 Award of Design Excellence
 Framingham GC

Environmental News by Maria Bartlett

What's happening in Massachusetts?

Offshore Wind is clean and renewable energy and it is growing in MA! Vineyard Wind has been approved and will bring 800 MW of electricity, enough to power 400,000 homes and remove 2 million tons of CO2 emissions. Three more projects are on the horizon and three additional federal leases were granted in December 2018 in a record-breaking successful auction. All together, these projects will provide 4 GW of clean power!!

New legislation is being proposed to further MA's progress on clean energy issues. SD757/HD1248: Act to Secure Clean Energy Future will add additional protections for the environment over those passed last year. Search online for more details and ask your legislators for their support.

Carbon Free Boston Report: how Boston can become carbon neutral Check out the link: <https://www.wbur.org/news/2019/01/29/carbon-free-boston-report-takeaways>

What's happening in US Congress?

The Green New Deal is being talked about in the halls of Congress. It is a sweeping government policy program being proposed in the House by a number of Democratic Representatives. It includes a commitment to making the US 100% fossil fuel free by investing in renewable energy and energy efficient technology and to funding jobs in the clean energy sector. Economists generally agree it would be a net job creator and it includes a plan to help communities losing jobs due to decarbonization (mining, oil/gas, etc). Details are being developed; some may be controversial. Many feel that the time is long overdue for such a major commitment to addressing various aspects of climate change. Follow developments of this in the news.

Thoughts on Color in Floral Design

Marisa McCoy

The Wizard of Oz begins in black and white, but after the tornado hits Kansas, Dorothy finds herself on a yellow brick road leading to the Emerald City, wearing ruby slippers. We are suddenly and memorably immersed in vivid Technicolor. In all arts, color is a powerful element. For now, put aside color theories, color wheels and analysis of the effects colors may induce, and just revel in the possibilities of color in floral design. As for those preconceived constraints and learned rules, let's try a bit of coloring 'outside the lines'.

As children, we heard that certain colors 'don't go' together. Really? If you cringe at the idea of putting purple and orange together, try peach and plum. Does being told what mood or emotion a color imparts, such as red is 'exciting' and blue is 'serene', get at the essence of color? Perhaps what we see and feel is more to the point than what we think and hear. After all, floral design is perceived subjectively by both creator and observer.



In selecting colors, nuance is everything. For example, along with basic purple, consider lilac, violet, plum, fuchsia, blue-purple or rose-purple. There are appealing options across the whole color spectrum.

Consider the effect of texture. Compare a pink carnation and the same pink in a satiny tulip, or a silky orange rose and an orange calla. Shiny green leaves read differently than softer textures do, and what a spate of options! Visualize glossy dark camellia foliage, silvery wooly lamb's ears, frilly lime green 'Cleopatra' fern, or matte celadon-green eucalyptus foliage.

Choosing a tentative palette for your design helps in selection when you view available plant material in the flower market or garden. Jewel tones of rich saturated hues without any wimpy extras or pallid tones can carry your vision to great heights and viewing distances. Purple, plum, deep gold, bronze and burgundy, while unusual, can bring drama, vitality and strength to a design. For a delicate effect, consider a selection of palest pastels. Pearl pink, pale blue, sage green, creamy yellow, and soft lavender speak quietly and gently together.

White can be pure, uncluttered, dramatic or elegant. It can be combined with another color for a clean, aesthetically pleasing effect. Think of white peonies with deep purple delphinium and lavender lisianthus, or white with multiple shades of green. If you want an all white palette that is elegant rather than stark, there are 'shades of white' to be found in the flower world; ivory roses, white dendrobium orchids with a pale green central streak, blush tea roses, white roses with a pale peach center, pale green hellebores.



Today's creative contemporary designs rely on exotic plant material in unusual color combinations. Walking around the flower market or florist shop looking for a striking combination is a productive and rewarding method of color selection. With your design theme or vision in mind, what you see may inspire your selections.

Now for some bits of heresy.

The standard autumn palette, beloved by too many florists and gardeners, has an ingrained idea (note that I did not say feeling) about what is seasonal. Everywhere one sees drab orange, yellow heading toward a dull ochre, bronze, brown, and maroon. Why just these? They are not the only colors of autumn and harvest time; gardens do not suddenly lose all happy bright

shades before frost. There are dahlias, zinnias, roses, asters and many bright annuals in the garden in reds, oranges, yellows and purples.

Combining even just two shades of a color can provide much more interest than a mass of a single unarticulated shade in a 'roundie-moundie'.

And the big heresy:

White does not go with everything! White has a pristine loveliness, but it doesn't belong in every design. (Apologies to church flower committees.) In a monochromatic mass design in shades of many yellows or pinks, for example, adding white greatly dilutes the effect. Delicate touches of white may enhance the effect, or you could just tough it out and skip the white. Receding colors may benefit from white to set them off, but a pastel tint of the deeper shades may also achieve the effect.

Whatever your color scheme, it pays to gather all your plant material and view your flowers side by side, blossoms turned towards you so that you see everything juxtaposed. If a color looks off, it probably is; to be happy when you get your flowers home, it is what actually looks right to you, no matter what the color is called, that should guide your choices.



GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

Gardening Study School
Course 2 Series 11

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP_____

PHONE_____

EMAIL_____

GARDEN CLUB_____

NGC, Inc. Life Member #_____ - _____

Please check one:

_____ \$110 – GCFM Garden Club Student Member, exam fee included.

_____ \$100 – Refresher

_____ \$140 – Non-member (2 day fee)

_____ \$70 – One Day Registration (non-member & make up exam)

_____ \$18 a day with beverage – Box Lunch fee: *Indicate choice if applicable*

Choice including chips, a baked good & drink – Sandwich/wrap

Roast Turkey with cranberry mayonnaise

Vegetarian, baby spinach, tomato, cucumber, avocado, hummus

Roast Beef with horseradish mayonnaise

Thursday_____ Friday_____

_____ **Total**



GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

Gardening Study School
Course 2 Series 11
April 11 & 12, 2019
Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505

Subjects covered:

Thursday, April 11 (Tested subjects)

- ◆ Plant Diseases & Garden Pests – Laura Eisner, Landscape Architect
- ◆ Growing Fruit – Joann Vieira, Horticulturalist
- ◆ Growing Vegetables – Joann Vieira, Horticulturalist

Friday, April 12 (Non-tested subjects)

- ◆ Lawn Alternatives & Growing Grass – Betty Sanders, Master Gardener
- ◆ Irrigation & Water – Betty Sanders, Master Gardener
- ◆ Plant Hunters – Nancy Hubert, Gardening Consultant
- ◆ Test for those becoming consultants

Suggested Reading:

1. *Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon maybe purchased through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Make checks payable to:

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. (GCFM).

Mail registration form and fee to:

Linda Jean Smith, Registrar, 23 Bentley Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824

Registration deadline is March 16, 2018. No refunds.

For further information please contact Chairmen: Linda Jean Smith
(978) 256-3101 or linda jean.smith@comcast.net

***Framingham Garden Club, Inc.
Celebrates 85 Years of Community Service***

Members of the Framingham Garden Club, Inc. celebrated 85 years of carrying out their mission of: education, conservation and beautification as they relate to design, horticulture and gardening in our community on December 12, 2018.

Just days before the Framingham Garden Club celebration, members had staged their annual Greens Sale to raise scholarship funds. The sale is five days of intense work and community building. The members were eager to celebrate their hard work, not only of the past, but also of the present as they gathered outside Plymouth Church's Parish Hall where the event was held.

Inside the hall, the club's floral designers put the finishing touches on unique but related table arrangements executed in white, sage green and silver. A screen was in place for the audio-visual tribute to past and present that was to come, and the microphone at the podium was tested for volume. Caterers managed food, and planners Suzanne Fioretti, Pat Carr and Pat Towle beamed as they saw their plans come together.

"Ready?" Someone called out.

"Ready!" the response.

Doors opened. "Come in, ladies, but don't sit!" Bright sweaters, silky scarves and saris surged into the hall.

"Line up in front of the tree! Tallest in the back." A husband-photographer's voice directed traffic. The members, including Dorothy Moody, a forty-one year veteran of the club, and others who had joined much more recently, squeezed together. "If you can see me, I can see you," the photographer directed. His camera clicked. "One more!" No one had to be told to smile.

Sixty-three FGC members are in the photo from that day. Not pictured are collaborators from other Framingham organizations who shared the celebration, including representatives from Framingham Parks & Recreation Department, Framingham History Center, Framingham State University Alumni Association and Pinefield Garden Club. Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts executive officers Suzanne McCance, Bonnie Rosenthal, Betsy Howard and Ann Webster were honored guests as well.

Nancy Martin, the club's 46th president, welcomed everyone. Ruth Evans read a gathering poem. GCFM President Suzanne McCance presented the club with a certificate of merit to acknowledge our 85 years. The certificate is signed by Nancy Hargroves, National Garden Club Federation President

Susan Whittaker and Shannon Fitzpatrick provided a riveting audio-visual presentation of highlights from the club's past. The two worked with club archivist, Gretchen Cumming to prepare the presentation.

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They described a 1939 project: "The White Trial Garden...was a plot 32' x 9'...and included 21 perennials and 10 annuals...the total cost was \$11.26 which covered lumber and paint (for a fence)." Another project they described involved beautification of the Framingham Center Common and the municipal buildings around it between 1961 and 1964. A \$200.00 grant from GCFM, supported by Sears Roebuck, funded that project.

Today, Framingham Garden Club's programs continue to expand. Our Beautification Committee has built and maintains three gardens. The club offers senior classes at three Framingham residential facilities. It awards college scholarships to deserving high school seniors, sponsors the third grade program at Garden in the Woods, provides support to Voices Against Violence and the Women's Shelter, the Seed Library at the Framingham Public Library and Penny Pines.

Our members are creative, award-winning floral designers who have contributed arrangements to standard flower shows, the MFA's Art in Bloom, Worcester Art Museum's Flora in Winter, shows at Tower Hill Botanic Garden and the Boston Spring Flower Show. They are avid gardeners, horticulturists, educators, conservationists and volunteers who share their many talents with our city. We are proud of our club's past, and relish the opportunities the future offers.

Ruth Evans



**Start
looking**

**FOR DESIGNERS' MOST OUTSTANDING CREATIVE
AND INNOVATIVE WORK
FROM 1,5,10,15+ YEARS AGO**

**not just
Show designs!**

An annual award is to be given in tribute to **Cindora A. Goldberg**, honoring the ability Cindora had to continually see and create designs in a most innovative manner. The framed certificate award will be for the most outstanding floral design submitted by a member of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

The entries should represent the very best examples of a designer's work, selected from their complete portfolio. Each entry must be in the form of photographs and digital images. **Look at your photos (old and new - show or other work)** and submit your designs illustrating your most creative and innovative manner of interpretation! The entries will be judged by The Cindora A. Goldberg Award Committee. The winner must be present to receive the award at the Annual Meeting of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. A full color photo of the winning design will appear in the Fall issue of the Mayflower.

Rules

- Submitted designs will be limited to three entries from any one designer. They should represent the most outstanding example of that designer's work.
- The designer should mail completed application form along with a color photograph at least 5" x 7" in size to the address below.
- The designer should also email the image (JPEG, minimum of 1 MB) to the email address below.
- An entry form must accompany each application listing all plant materials and other components, along with a short description of the design.
- Up to three separate designs will be accepted on individual application forms.
- **All entries must be received by May 1, 2019.**
- All entries will become the property of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. and will not be returned.
- Photos submitted may be used for a future publication.
- Entries will be judged by The GCFM Cindora A. Goldberg Award Committee: Susan Kaplan, Chairman (suekflowers@yahoo.com) with Sandi Joyce, Shirley Minott, Tony Todesco.

**Send application form and design image by May 1, 2019 to:
Sue Kaplan, 219 Highgate St., Needham, MA 02492**

suekflowers@yahoo.com

APPLICATION FORM FOR CINDORA A. GOLDBERG AWARD

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Garden Club Affiliation _____

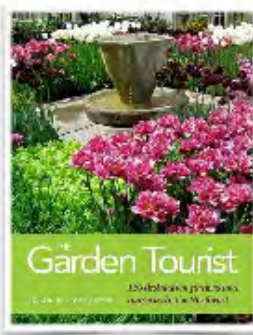
Description of Design - List all plant material used. Attach 5x7 photo showing design. Send digital image as well.

Entry Submitted by _____ Date _____

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**THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MA PRESENTS
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**THE GARDEN TOURIST WITH JANA MILBOCKER & JOAN BUTLER
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:00 - 11:30am**

The GCFM is excited to host Jana Milbocker and Joan Butler of Enchanted Gardens, presenting The Garden Tourist. Spend a morning with Jana in an armchair tour as she shares some of the best public gardens and hidden gems of the Northeast. Jana will share images and we will learn about the garden's history, horticultural highlights and special events that will inspire you to plan your own visit.

Jana will also be selling and personally signing copies of her book!

Check out her website: <http://enchantedgardensdesign.com>

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JANA'S BOOK THE GARDEN TOURIST: \$21.95/EA SOLD SEPARATELY

**LOCATION: MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY THE GARDENS AT ELM BANK
(800 WASHINGTON STREET, WELLESLEY, MA 02482)**

DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 (10:00 - 11:30AM)

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5.00/AT THE DOOR

QUESTIONS & RSVP CONTACT: MISTY FLOREZ (MISTYFLORAL@YAHOO.COM)

**A favorite small dish or simple snack to share is greatly welcomed
and appreciated!**

**Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarships
President, Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts 1990-1993**

The Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarships are awarded to honor her legacy of dedication, leadership and unstinting efforts for the Garden Club Federation of MA, Member Clubs and Affiliates.

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute.
2. One scholarship will be awarded each year for each of the NGC schools held in Massachusetts: Environmental Study, Flower Show, Gardening Study and Landscape Design Schools.
3. An applicant must be a member of a Federated Club and may apply to any school in a given year in the following manner:
 - a. An application form is filled out by the applicant and signed by the President of their club. It is submitted to the Chairman of the Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarship Committee by May 1st of the calendar year.
 - b. The School must be held in Massachusetts.
 - c. The applicant may not be a previous recipient of a scholarship. The scholarship is a one time award.
4. The scholarship awarded covers only tuition. Books, lodging, travel and incidentals are not covered.
5. The scholarships will be awarded at the GCFM Annual Meeting and must be used in the following fiscal year.

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**THE HELEN DeORSAY FREIDBERG TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIP**

NGC SCHOOL YOU WISH TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental Study, Flower Show School, Gardening Study or Landscape Design (Course must take place in Massachusetts)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Applications to: Sandra Tosches, Chair  
Helen Freidberg Tribute Scholarship  
49 Asylum St.  
Milford, MA 02465

(Application deadline May 1)

**For questions, contact Sandra Tosches, Chairman**  
phone: (508) 473-7511 or e-mail [jerrytosches@msn.com](mailto:jerrytosches@msn.com).



## GCFM Club Insurance

**Sign up March 15 through April 15, 2019 only  
Coverage effective June 15, 2019 through June 14, 2020**

The coverage is offered only once a year.

**WHAT IT COVERS:** The policy offered to clubs through GCFM is a "Premises" policy. It covers clubs, members and visitors as well as the meeting space. In addition, the policy covers club sales and special events as long as alcohol is NOT served.

Clubs planning special events should contact our agent at Corcoran & Havelin Insurance, Caitlan O'Brien at (781) 235-3100 ext. 250 ([cobrien@chinsurance.com](mailto:cobrien@chinsurance.com)) prior to the event if an insurance coverage certificate is needed.

**RATE:** The rate for this coverage is \$2.50 per actively participating member. An active member is one who attends one or more meetings or other club events in a given year.

**PAYMENT:** Send checks to the GCFM Office, 400 5th Ave., Suite 110, Waltham, MA 02451. Make checks payable to GCFM and indicate "Club Insurance" on the bottom of the check to ensure your payment is properly credited. Include the form below with your payment.

**Please note this is the only time of the year you will have the opportunity to purchase or renew Club Insurance through the Federation. This notice is included in an email to each club President, the Spring Mayflower and on GCFM's website.**

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GCFM CLUB INSURANCE SIGN-UP FORM

SIGN-UP PERIOD: MARCH 15 TO APRIL 15, 2019

INSURANCE EFFECTIVE DATES:

JUNE 15, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 14, 2020

Club name: _____

Treasurer: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

_____ Number of actively participating members at \$2.50 each

\$_____ Total Amount due. Please make your check payable to GCFM/ Club Insurance.

Mail this form to: GCFM Office, 400 Fifth Avenue, Suite 110, Waltham MA 02451

GCFM MEMORY BOOK 2018-2019

We are creating a memory book and PowerPoint presentation. Deceased members' names will be presented as part of a ceremony at the GCFM Annual Meeting, in June of 2019.

If a member of your garden club has passed away during this past year (beginning June 1, 2018), please send their name; a very short bio on them (garden club, date of death, number of years a member, contributions to garden club and community); and an electronic photograph (jpeg file), if possible, to:

Linda Jean Smith, 23 Bentley Lane,
Chelmsford, MA 01824,
978-256-3101,

lindajeane.smith@comcast.net

No later than Friday, May 12, 2019.

Save the date
and plan to attend

GCFM ANNUAL MEETING
June 5, 2019

Hilton Dedham

25 Allied Drive,
Dedham, Massachusetts, 02026
1-781-329-7900

Slide Lectures on Home Gardening

"Raised Bed Gardening"
"A Visit to 'Les Quatres Vents'"
"Rethinking Uses for Annuals"
"Controlling Views in the Garden"
"Native Plants—or not?—for Shady Gardens"
"Living Fences: Successful Plants for Hedges"
"Transforming Personal Space: from Back Yard to Garden"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2019

- 9 Beth Shalom GC presents "Needham's Art in Bloom" 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Needham Public Library, 1139 Highland Ave, Needham Heights, MA 02494
- 9 Canton GC presents "Artists in Bloom" 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM, Pequitside
Farm, 79 Pleasant St, Canton, MA 02021
- 12 North Andover GC presents "Flowering Trees and Shrubs for Home
Landscapes" 7:00-9:00PM with Suzanne Mahler ,Cost: \$5 for non-members.
St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St, North Andover, MA 01845
- 13-17 Boston Flower & Garden Show
Pepperell GC presents "Vegetable Gardening for Everyone" with Susan
Hammond, Master Gardener , 6:45 PM, Pepperell Senior Center, 37 Nashua
Rd, Pepperell, MA 01463, Public is welcome! Free to members. \$5 for guests
(\$2 for Seniors)
- 13 GC of Norfolk presents "Frederick Law Olmsted & the Massachusetts
Legacy" 7:00 PM, Norfolk Public Library Community Room, 139 Main St,
Norfolk, MA 02056
- 14 Wareham GC, "Spring Ephemerals," Presentation by Joan Butler and Jana
Milbocker of Enchanted Gardens 9:30 AM - 12 Noon, St. Patrick's Hall 82
High Street, Wareham, MA
- 26 Norwood Evening GC presents "A Few of My Favorite Things" floral design
with Debra Kraft, 6:30-9:00 PM, 1st Parish Church Parish House, 71 Bond
St., Norwood, MA Cost \$5 donation.

APRIL 2019

- 2 Designing Workshop 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Hunnewell Bldg, Mass Hort, 900
Washington St, Wellesley, MA 02482. Cost: \$140.00 for 3 sessions Contact:
Bev Sorrentino, Registrar, bevrig2@verizon.net
- 5 Framingham GC presents "Artifacts in Bloom" 11:00 AM - 7:30 PM, Edgell
Memorial Library, 3 Oak St, Framingham, MA 01701
- 10 GC of Norfolk presents "Six Simple Steps to Successful Rose Gardening"
7:00 PM, Norfolk Public Library Community Room, 139 Main St, Norfolk
- 10 North Andover GC presents "Color Gardens: Beautiful Perennial Combos
Spring thru Frost" with Maria von Brincken, 7:00-9:00 PM, First United
Methodist Church, 57 Peters St, North Andover, MA 01845, Cost: \$5 for
non-garden club members.
- 10 Wareham GC presents, "Art Alive", Floral Design demonstration and talk
with Dolores Ahern and Karen Knaub , 9:30 AM - 12 Noon. St. Patrick's
Hall, 82 High Street, Wareham, MA
- 18 Scituate GC, "Plant Sale" 9:00 AM-1:00PM, Mann Farmhouse, 108
Greenfield Ln. Scituate, MA 02066. Contact: Marla Minier
mminier98@gmail.com or 617-827-0895
- 23 Needham GC presents "Transplanting and Dividing" with Suzanne
Mahler. 9:30AM, Needham Free Public Library, 1139 Highland Ave,
Needham Heights, MA 02494 Open to the public \$5 for non members
- 23 Norwood Evening GC presents "Fruit Trees: an Integral Part of Today's
Edible Landscape" with Wesley Autio, 6:30-9:00 PM, 1st Baptist Church
Carriage House, 71 Bond St., Norwood MA 02062. Cost \$5 donation.
- 24 Northern District Lunch Meeting, Tewksbury Country Club, 1880 Main St,
Tewksbury, MA 01876

MAY 2019

- 1 Deadline for Club dues; Goldberg Award & Helen Freidberg Scholarship

- 7 North Andover GC presents "Crazy for Coleus" with Deborah Trickett ,
7:00-9:00 PM, Brightview Senior Living, 1275 Turnpike St, North Andover
- 8 GC of Norfolk presents "Herbs in the Garden & Kitchen" with Liz Davey,
7:00 PM, Norfolk Public Library Community Room, 135 Main St, Norfolk
- 9 Metro District Annual Meeting , 10:00 AM -1:00 PM, Wellesley College Club,
Wall Room, 727 Washington St, Wellesley, MA 02481
- 9 Wareham GC "Arthropods in the Garden - not just slugs and snails!" presented
by Blake Dinius, Plymouth County Entomologist, 9:30 AM - 12 Noon, St.
Patrick's Hall, 82 High Street, Wareham, MA
- 11 Fairbanks GC " Plant Sale" 9:00 AM - 12 Noon, Historic Fairbanks House,
511 East St, Dedham, MA 02026, Contact: Charlotte Pollock 781-329-5273
- 11 Norwood Evening GC Plant Sale 9AM-1PM , Hawes Pool Park Washington
St., Norwood. MA Rain or Shine
- 14 Designing Workshop(2), 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Hunnewell Bldg, Mass Hort,
900 Washington St, Wellesley, MA 02482 Cost: \$140.00 for 3 sessions
Contact: Bev Sorrentino, Registrar, bevig2@verizon.net
- 18 Wareham GC "Beauty in Bloom" Spring Plant and Bake Sale, 9:00 AM -
1:00 PM, Methodist Meeting House, 495 Main St., Wareham MA
- 18 GC of Norfolk "Plant and Bake Sale" 9:00 AM - 12 Noon, Norfolk Town
Hall, 1 Liberty Ln., Norfolk, MA 02056
- 19 North Andover GC "Plant Sale" 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, North Andover Middle
School, 495 Main St, North Andover, MA 01845, Rain or Shine.
- 28 Norwood Evening GC presents "Sustainable Gardening: Easy first steps to an
earth friendly garden" with Rebecca Warner, 6:30-9:00 PM, carriage House
behind 1st Baptist Church, 71 Bond St., Norwood MA. \$5 donation

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- 5 GCFM Annual Meeting - See Page 35

2019 Gloucester's Garden Tour | Saturday July 6th — 10:00 to 4:00
"Gloucester's Stunning Back Shore"

This year's Generous Gardeners' Garden Tour will provide the opportunity to see hidden backyard gardens behind many of the impressive facades on Atlantic Road and neighboring roads. One iconic property on Sherman Point is 3.5 acres of manicured lawn and gardens that served as a small golf course for the original owner.

Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased the day of the tour at the Stop & Shop parking lot, 6 Thatcher Road, Gloucester, or in advance on our website GenerousGardeners.org. This is a self-guided walking tour of 3 miles roundtrip from Stop & Shop.

Photography welcome • No pets • Rain or shine

For more information contact Susan Kelly,
susan@generousgardeners.org or 781-346-1363.

Proceeds are for beautification of Gloucester public gardens.

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Needham's Art in Bloom 2019



FREE EXHIBIT
70+ Designs
The library will
be blooming!

- Entertaining event for ages 2-102
- Art by talented Needham High School students
- Floral designs by Beth Shalom Garden Club and participants from Kalmia & Needham Garden Clubs

Saturday, March 9 **Needham Public Library**
9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, March 10 **Needham Public Library**
1:00pm - 5:00pm

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Your family deserves the best.

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The Acton Garden Club's Yearly Plant Sale

Saturday May 19, 2018
428 Main St Acton, Across from
the Acton Common
9-1pm.

Annuals
Shrubs
Herbs
Choice Rare Plants
Ground Covers
Succulents
Vegetables
Water wise plants
Hundreds of locally grown
perennials
Over 2000 Plants