



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

October 16, 2023

Hello Everyone,

The New England Garden Club Regional Conference, in Plymouth, on the waterfront, was a huge success. It was very exciting to see the response we received for attendance and it was nice to meet so many of you in person again and some for the first time. Thank you, for making the effort to attend. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who stepped up to help out in both visible and behind the scenes areas to make this conference happen. It was a marvelous team effort. Our National President, Brenda Moore, was there for both days and shared her personal journey about Leadership. We were eager to showcase our accomplishments and let her and the other state presidents see how well we are doing. I am also thrilled and so very proud to let you know that 5 of our garden clubs won awards from NERC at the conference: **Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne, Framingham Garden Club, Groton Garden Club, Weston Garden Club and Wollaston Garden Club**. The name of the award they won and the description will be posted on the website very soon.

Garden Club treasurers and presidents are reminded that the **501(c)(3) Umbrella Renewal Information Forms are due by October 15th**.

Mark your calendars for the **upcoming Webinar** to be hosted by **Diana Brandi**, our **Junior Gardener Chairperson**, which will take place on **October 19th @ 7 PM**. The Zoom link is now posted on the GCFM state calendar.

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The webinar, "Starting a Student Gardening Program", is open to all clubs interested in starting a Junior Garden Club or wanting to learn about new projects they can use for their existing Junior Garden Club program. Registration is not required. The call will be open to the first 500 members who join in. A flier has been posted on the website with more detailed info under UPCOMING EVENTS.

NGC **Landscape Design School** is still available for enrollment. The **Series 17, Course 3**, will be held via Zoom on **October 25-27th** in the mornings only. The registration form is available on

the GCFM website or you may email Susie MacPherson at rmacpham@me.com with any questions.

Sign-up now for the **November 9th Designing Workshop, “Color - Using it Well”, with Judge Ruth Evans**. This class is geared to people with beginning to intermediate skills in floral arranging. Participants will take home a lovely table arrangement. Use this workshop to sharpen your design skills for home use, for a club workshop, to educate your club’s Museum of Fine Arts Art in Bloom designers, or to invite new members to learn this useful and creative skill. Please see www.gcfm.org under Upcoming Events for the flier and full details or contact Margo at margo_yie@verizon.net

It is with a heavy heart that I pass along to you all that Jeanne-Marie Parkes passed away peacefully on October 12th at an assisted living facility in Huntsville, Alabama near the residence of her son and daughter-in-law.

Jeanne-Marie was a former president of The Garden Club Federation of Mass. Inc. 1985-1987, a National Garden Club chairperson for over 20 years, New England Region Director and a Master Judge.

Condolences may be sent to John and Karla Parkes at [212 Boulton Court, Madison, AL 35756-4139](mailto:212BoultonCourt@madison.al)

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves change. - Elizabeth Lawrence