



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

March 25, 2024

Hello Everyone,

The registration form for the **GCFMs 97th Annual Meeting** has been posted on the homepage of our website! Yay! You don't want to miss this day of FUN! Please check it out and register as soon as you are able. It does help us in the planning of the event to estimate the amount of people attending. Of course, I expect to see you ALL there! My theme for the Annual Meeting is "A Learning Experience" and I promise, you are going to learn a lot. I hope I have piqued your curiosity about the day. [Click here to register.](#)

Wednesday, May 1st is another GCFM offering. **Monochromatic Design** is a workshop being held at the Topsfield Fair. It will be run by NGC Judge LuBeth Kuemmerle and Student Judges, Shannon Fitzpatrick & Margo Yie. For more detailed information click [here](#) to register.

INSURANCE DOCUMENTS COMING SOON We are in the process of reviewing our GCFM insurance policies. We are working with a new insurance agent who is currently assessing our needs, and hope to provide the new information shortly. Please disregard the April 15 deadline. At any time, you can also reach out to [Susie MacPherson](#), our 2nd VP, with questions you may have.

March 25 @ 7:30 PM - ELA (Ecological Landscape Alliance) is offering a webinar: **Nibbling on Natives** featuring Russ Cohen who is a naturalist and wild foods enthusiast based in Massachusetts. In high school, he developed his passion for wild foods after taking a class and ended up teaching himself about fifty wild species and later added mushrooms to his expertise after a trip to the Soviet Union. There is a \$10 fee. You can register [here](#).

Nice Teamwork: **Betsy Howard** has been our outstanding and dedicated webmaster since the origin of our website. She has worked tirelessly to meet our needs as a website is a living document and needs updating constantly. We are deeply appreciative of how much and how

many years she has worked on the site for us. We cannot find enough ways to say thank you as she continues to meet our needs.

Recently, I am sure you have noticed changes in our website daily. We are constantly trying to improve it to make it a pleasurable experience and easy to navigate. Fliers are very attractive, the layout is logical and organized and overall, the look and feel is good. I know I mentioned her name before when I introduced her in an earlier Monday Memo, but it's worth repeating. Most of all of these changes are largely due to the diligent and cheerful volunteer, **Karen Brockelbank** from The Boxford Garden Club. She has a strong website and design background and as she tells me, "some people are good at this and some people are good at that; but **this** is my thing. It's what I love to do." And for that we are enormously grateful. She's quick. She has ideas. She's very helpful. Very easy to work with. Just plain amazing. So, if you need a flier enhanced or an edit on a document or just want to ask a website question, Karen is there for you and happy to help. Newly retired from her career job, she thanks me frequently for giving her the opportunity to work on the website as she was looking for a project. Lucky us!! Karen can be reached at gcfmwebmaster@gmail.com. Karen and Betsy work collaboratively together on the website.

A huge thank you goes out to **Betsy Howard** for all of her help in editing the Speaker's Bureau webinar and also for getting our online fillable forms ready for the GCFM's 97th Annual Meeting. Both ladies deserve a 'high 5' for their exceptional work.

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President

Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.