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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Springtime in New England is a renewable resource, a gift not to be wasted. After a winter of wild and weird weather, usually distressing nightly news, and the sad loss of several of our beloved garden club friends, this season of renewal is the time to immerse ourselves once again in the beauty of nature. This privilege is there for the taking. Even a brief bit of time in the garden can be pleasurable and restorative, lifting our spirits. How pleasant to look up and not get a blast of snow in your face!

My two-year term of office will soon come to an end, so this will be my final President's Message. I have greatly enjoyed the experience, mainly because of the ongoing support from so many kind colleagues and friends; also because of the fine work of several remarkable people who, when asked to take on major projects, have handled them with skill, competence and good humor; additionally because of all the generous people who have given their time and talent to help us continue to move the Federation forward: and because we have "gone far together" in accomplishing the specific goals I set at the outset of my term.

Fortunately, those efforts have largely come to fruition. We now have an electronic Mayflower as well as print copies for those who cherish them: our Berkshire clubs now have a District Directorate to facilitate joining together for mutual activities and benefit: we have returned to a productive meeting format which follows parliamentary procedure, and we try to abide by our own bylaws, thus ensuring that actions and decisions of the Board of Directors are proper and legal. We have increased our effective outreach as we collaborate with affiliated organizations on joint projects. The second edition of the Guidelines for Garden Clubs and Board of Directors has been prepared to provide clearer job descriptions and procedural guidance. Our attempt to increase effective communication at all levels is making progress though hindered by human nature.

During these two years, we have largely succeeded in maintaining a considerate, respectful atmosphere at meetings. It is my sincere wish that as the Federation moves on, these gains will serve as a strong base for broadening our activities to better serve every garden club member in our organization.

My sincere thanks to all of you who have worked with me during these two years. I owe you a debt of gratitude, respect, continued friendship and a bit of lobster at the Cape.

Marisa McCoy, President The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

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COVER STORY

Aquilegia canadensis Wild Columbine

Wild columbine is a flower that grows in rocky places, clinging precariously to the cracks in bare cliffs or rooted in the tumbled stones at their bases. Their ability to grow in inhospitable soil has been a source of inspiration to poets as well as botanists. Thoreau enjoyed recording the time of spring growth, noting the first leaves in early May and emerging buds in June. The flowers are small, with intricate structure. Five red sepals surround five cupped yellow petals. The petals extend at the back into long red tails, which form the nectary of the flower. The stems are so thin that at a distance the flowers may appear to be floating in air.

Our local columbine is Aquilegia canadensis, which is found in eastern North America from Quebec to Florida and Texas. Other members of the genus grow throughout temperate areas of the world. The common European columbine has distinct hooks at the ends of the long tails on the petals. In profile, the flower shows a silhouette of five doves clustered around the stem. This species, which was known in ancient times, was probably the source of the name, which is Latin for dove (Columba). There are other species of columbine in the United States. The most spectacular is the large blue-and-white columbine, which is the state flower of Colorado. There are many others in the mountain states, and they cross-breed so easily that there are hybrids in a wide variety of colors.

Columbines are basically alpine plants that grow in places that have moisture in the spring but are dry during the summer. The hybrids generally do well in ordinary garden soil, but they must be well drained. They often go dormant in the summer, so they are best planted where other flowers will fill in the bare spaces. Columbines are perennial but tend to be short-lived. They seed profusely, but the hybrids will not come true from seed. The species plants, such as the Canada columbine, are most impressive in a setting resembling their natural habitat, such as a rock garden or scattered on a hillside. They are too small and fragile to compete with field flowers, and they wilt too quickly to be displayed in a vase. Let them seed naturally, and the plants will find their own best places, to the surprise of the gardener and the delight of local hummingbirds.

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ATTENTION GCFM BOARD of DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Meetings will be held at The Espousal Retreat House and Conference Center on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 10:00 AM

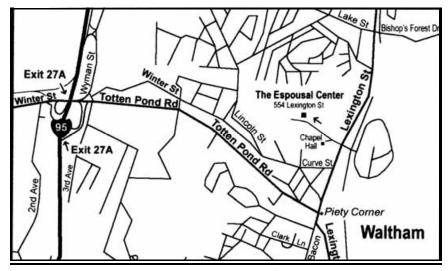
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- Route I-95 (128) to Exit 27B, Totten Pond Road/Winter St.
- Take right at lights at end of the exit ramp.
- Take a left onto Totten Pond Road at traffic light/next intersection.
- Follow Totten Pond Road east toward Waltham to the traffic light at road's end, about 1-1/3 miles.
- Turn left onto Lexington Street. Go 0.3 mile. Turn left into the driveway at the sign for the Espousal Center.
- For the **Retreat House**, drive up the hill, bearing right, to the large tan brick building on your right.



Historic Gardens Conference & Garden Tour May 28, 2015 at

St. Brigid Church Parish Center Hall 1995 Mass. Ave. Lexington, MA. 02421

10:00- 10:15	Welcome: Leslie Frost, Chairman
10:15 - 11:00	Sally Zimmerman, Historic New England "Beyond the House on the Green: Preserving 20th Century Resources"
11:00 – 11:15	Nancy Hubert - GCFM Grant Program
11:15 - 12:00	Tovah Martin – "Trowels & Tomorrow" Horticultural preservation, bringing yesterday's gardens into tomorrow.
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30	Christie Higginbottom, Old Sturbridge Village "Tracking down Historic Plants:
1:30 - 1:40	Concluding remarks and instruction on seeing the gardens
1:40 - 3:00	Tour of 4 gardens

REGISTRATION FORM For "Preservation in the $21^{\rm st}$ Century"

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Pictorial Highlights: 2014 Fall Conference

by Linda Jean Smith Photos by Kathy Thomas

On October 28, 2014 the Federation held its Fall Conference at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center. Over 227 garden club members present. The morning program featured four workshops; "Meetings, Membership and Protocol," "Money Matters" with GCFM Treasurer Penni Jenkins (pictured right), "Floral Mechanics! Old and New – tried and true!" "And I love bulbs – you should too!" Each attendee could choose two workshops. All were well received.



After a break for hospitality and shopping, the attendees were treated to lunch and an award presentation. GCFM President Marisa McCoy gave out



five awards including the new Georgia McHugh Award to the highest scoring floral design in a Novice Class during the week of the Topsfield Fair. Heather Kent of the Hamilton-Wenham GC was the recipient. The New England Region's Maureen Colton Award went to the Southeastern District Design & Horticulture Study Group for the

Best Class of Designs in a State Flower Show. Betty Anderson of the Danvers GC (pictured left in black) won The Pauline Bowden Award. GCFM President Marisa



McCoy presented five Service Awards to Mollie Traggis, Pat Ratay (pictured right with salmon colored scarf), Ellen Todd and Cheryl Collins.

Following the awards, a design program entitled, "Tony and the Ladies!" featured Tony Todesco (pictured right), Gloria Freitas-Steidinger, Christine

Decas, Diane Bullock, Sue Kaplan and Ann Lange. Each wellknown designer created a beautiful design that was later raffled off.



AUTUMN JOYS

Central South and Central North Districts' Flower Show Tower Hill Botanic Gardens November 7-9, 2014.

Section A, Hitting the Trail Class 1, Rail Trail Adventure

1st LuBeth Kuemmerle, Hamilton-Wehnam GC

2nd Laura Lindop, Acton GC

3rd Andrea Little, Curbs & Cobblestones GC

HM Gail Reichert, Greenleaf GC of Milford

Class 2, Through the Woods

1st, Designers' Choice Award Suzanne Savage, Rutland, VT GC (photo below)



2nd Jacqueline Hauser, Sudbury GC, Norwell GC

3rd Vicki Harrington, Holliston GC

HM Sarah Riberio, Worcester GC

Class 3, Crossing from Autumn to Winter

1st Sandra Joyce, Hudson GC 2nd Sarah Taylor, Springfield GC

3rd Kim Cutler, Worcester GC

HM Donna Johnson, Sudbury GC

Section B, Colors of the Season Class 1, November's Blushing Landscape

1st Candance Morganstern, Newport &Tiverton, RI GC

2nd Donna Johnson, Sudbury GC

3rd Minal Akkad, Framingham GC

HM June Donnelly, Greenleaf GC

Class 2, Following the Freeze

1st Kathy Miche, Worcester GC

2nd Seta Lepore, Belmont GC

3rd Carolyn Ellis, Weston GC

HM Hazel Schroder, Greenleaf GC

Class 3, Late Autumn Glow

1st, Tricolor Award
Janet Demers,
Belmont GC (photo below)



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2nd Beverly Huckins, Greenleaf GC

3rd Suzanne Reed, Springfield GC

HM Abby Ann Lavoie, Winter GC of Marblehead & Arrangers of Marblehead

Section C, Cozy Cuisine Class 1, Leaf Peepers' Picnic

1st, Table Artistry Award
De Feldman, Barrington, RI GC
(photo below)



2nd Carolyn Sharrino, Belmont GC3rd Sandra Tosches, Greenleaf GC

HM Diane Weinberger, Framingham GC

Class 2, Slow Sunday Morning

1st Nancy Martin, Framingham GC

2nd Deborah Coleman, Hopkinton GC

3rd Eileen Milaszewski, Greenleaf GC

HM Joy DiMaggio, Thursday GC of Sudbury

Class 3, Post-Game Warm up by the Fire

1st Jamie Risley Hall, Springfield GC

2nd Patricia Clemence, Southbridge GC

3rd Carol Burke, Greenleaf GC

HM Arlene Cardwell, Framingham GC

Section D, Pocket and Backpack Treasures

Class 1, Looking Back on Summer

1st Julie Lapham, Southborough GC Worcester GC

2nd Ruth Gorman, Hopkinton GC

3rd Sarah Riberio, Worcester GC

HM Betty Mudway, Framingham GC

Class 2, Little Luxuries

1st, Petite Award &
Award of Design Excellence
Joanne Kennett,
Hamilton-Wenham GC
(photo below)



2nd Thelma Shoneman, Acton GC

3rd Rose McClintock, Framingham GC

HM Priscilla Olson, Framingham GC

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Class 3, Memories Preserved

1st Terry Mallory, Norwell GC

2nd Maureen Marshall, Holliston GC

3rd Bonni L. Dinneen, Curbs & Cobblestones GC

HM Cathy Felton, Hamilton-Wenham GC Northshore GC

Division II Horticulture,

top award winners: Section A, class 3 - Award of Merit Sarah MacLennan, Framingham GC

Section B, class 8F Award of Merit Hazel Schroder, Greenleaf GC of Milford

Section D, class 16 Award of Merit Sandra Tosches, Greenleaf GC of Milford

Section E, class 17
Eileen Milaszewski,
Greenleaf GC of Milford,
Arboreal Award

Section F, class 27G
Henry Schmidt,
Hopkinton GC
Arboreal Award, Award of
Horticultural Excellence
(Photo top right)

Section G, class 28
Deborah Coleman,
Hopkinton GC,
Growers' Choice Award

Section H, class 32
Jacqueline P. Hauser,
Sudbury GC, Norwell GC
Growers' Choice Award



Division III, Special Exhibits (Educational), top award winner:



"Practical Planters from Problem Waste"

Andrea Taylor and Ruth Evans, Framingham Garden Club, Educational Top Exhibitor Award (*Photo above*)

ANNUAL MEETING 2015

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts presents its 88th Annual Meeting, June 2 and 3, 2015 at the SHERATON FRAMINGHAM HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER,

1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701

President Marisa McCoy has planned a fantastic meeting including:

- The Natalie Wolf Forum, a spectacular art and floral presentation
- Judges' Council Flower Show, an absolutely beautiful show produced by <u>your</u> friends and fellow garden clubbers
- Workshops (and, yes, by popular demand, we will repeat Money Matters!)
- A meet-and-greet with newly installed National President Sandra H. Robinson
- State, Regional and National award presentations
- The installation of the GCFM 2015-2017 Board of Directors and Executive Board

Don't miss this meeting. For those of you who are new to your club boards — first-time Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Treasurers — the workshops will provide you with contacts, information and support for your new positions. Club members, we want you! Come and learn what the Fed-

eration does for you and why you are important to the Federation — remember, you ARE the Federation. Learn about your Federation Schools: Garden Study, Environmental Studies, Flower Show and Landscape Design — something for everyone, all available to you. Learn about scholarships and "twofers." And learn why the Schools are important to you, your clubs and your communities.

So mark your calendars, invite your friends, and join President Marisa McCoy at our 88th Annual Meeting. Watch for more information on our web site, www.gcfm.org, under the Meetings tab.

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DISTRICT DOINGS

Central North - Betsy Howard, District Director

In celebration of the 80th anniversary of its founding, Acton Garden Club sponsored an open-to-the-public presentation on Thursday evening, October 23rd. The speaker was Gretel Anspach, past president of the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association (MMGA), who offered practical advice on land-scape design for one's property, whether it be a patio or an estate. Despite unpleasant weather, the event was extremely well attended and enjoyed by all.



Gretel Acton, MMGA, lectured on landscape design at Acton GC.

On October 25th thirty volunteers took part in a fall cleanup at The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Harvard. Participating Central North garden clubs included Pepperell Garden Club, The Garden Club of Harvard, Groton Garden Club, Littleton Country Gardeners, The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury, and Sterling Gar-

den Club. Volunteers cleaned four garden beds and two water features, planted daffodil bulbs, and decorated containers for the fall season.



Four of the many garden club members who cleaned up beds at the Healing Garden

Central South - Joan Schofield, District Director

On October 24th the Central South District held its Presidents Coffee. GCFM officers Marisa McCoy (President), Betty Sanders (1st Vice President), Caroline Nijenberg (2nd Vice President), and Penni Jenkins (Treasurer) shared their knowledge and answered questions. The presidents then had time to visit and exchange insights.

On November 7-9 the Central North and Central South Districts sponsored "Autumn Joys," a Standard Flower Show, at Tower Hill Botanic Garden. Ruth Evans, president of Framingham Garden Club, served as general chairwoman and reports that the show was a great success.

Holliston Garden Club had over 200 guests in attendance for a November floral design demonstration

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by Kirsten Van Dijk, "Holidays Flowers with Global Appeal." Kirsten's lighthearted patter had the audience laughing most of the evening.

On November 17th the **Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford** hosted popular floral designer Bill Graham, who took attendees through a "Winter Wonderland."

Two days later Northborough Garden Club held "Holiday Enchantment," also with Bill Graham, who made his 15th appearance in as many years. The talk packs the auditorium every year.

Middlesex - Susanne McCance, District Director

In mid-June Temple Shalom Garden Club of West Newton celebrated its 55th anniversary by hosting a Small Standard Flower Show entitled "Give My Regards to Broadway." The Award for Design Excellence went to Lynn Baden for her "Breakfast at Tiffany's" tray. Other 1st prizes were awarded to Julie Pipe for "All That Jazz" and Joan Whalen for "West Side Story."



One of the award winners in Temple Shalom's summer flower show

Metro - Jean McCarthy, District Director

Beth Shalom Garden Club, Needham, kicked off its 2014-15 season with a floral design presentation by Debbie Kraft. The program prepared members for the following month's meeting, where members were asked to interpret a "Pair" in flowers. As a thought-starter for members, Debbie chose to interpret Hansel & Gretel in a woodland scene and Snow & Ice in a white and silver scene.



A woodland floral design representing Hansel & Gretel

In response to members' requests for more opportunities to learn from each other, The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury held an October "Ask the Garden Gurus" panel discussion, with some of the club's most experienced members serving as panelists. Members submitted questions/photos in advance, which were shared with the "gurus" and turned into a lively PowerPoint presentation. Topics ranged from invasive plants to sick hydrangeas to dealing with landscape issues such as hellstrips.

Each year The Garden Club of the Back Bay decides where to focus its attention for the coming

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season. In 2013-14 members welcomed local authors of important gardening books. In past years the club looked at gardens of America and Japan, water conservation, ethical gardening practices, trees, women garden designers and patrons, garden history, the science of gardening, art in the garden, plant societies, and more. For 2014-15 members have chosen to celebrate technological advances in the art of gardening.

Members of **The House & Garden Club of Wellesley** were kept busy this fall putting their butterfly gardens to bed for the winter. Gardens are located at the town's elementary schools.

The Needham Garden Club opened its year with a floral design program by GCFM President Marisa McCoy. Her presentation was especially geared to "traditionalists" in the club and could not have been better received. Having generated a record number of new members the past two years, the club also held a mixer to help folks get to know each other better. For October, the Flower Arranging Committee organized a team "Books in Bloom" activity followed by a club luncheon.

Medfield Garden Club started its new year with "Extremely Low-Maintenance Perennials" presented by author and lecturer Kerry Ann Mendez, who inspired members to simplify their gardens with wonderful plants.

Northeastern - Ellen Todd, District Director

2014 marked the 90th anniversary of The Cape Ann Garden Club, Gloucester. Founded by summer residents in 1924, the club has historically been "summer only," holding meetings May thru September. The

anniversary was celebrated with an afternoon tea hosted by club Historian Jan Charles at her historic home overlooking Gloucester Harbor. Members and guests wore period attire and were served "high tea" from a beautiful silver service.

The Seaside Garden Club of Manchester held a 45th anniversary celebration as part of their September meeting. The Manchester Community Center was transformed into a lovely dining room with linen tablecloths, beautiful floral centerpieces and a delicious meal prepared by chef and horticulturist Paul Split. The club honored founding members and past presidents, and Board member Lenore Kepler presented a history of the club



Seaside GC founding member Barbara Watson and former president Sally Loring

Northern - Lisa Bourgeois, District Director

Billerica Garden Club shared their time and talents with the young at heart as they once again created beautiful corsages and boutonnieres for their community's COA Sweetheart Dance and the Senior of the Year Banquet.

In October, The Country Lane Garden Club, Chelmsford, kicked

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off their 40th anniversary year, recapping their accomplishments, projects, awards and special moments of fun and friendship through the years. One recent program featured a holistic view of gardening, including new and innovative ideas to conserve resources while creating and maintaining a beautiful garden. They also sponsored a program on planning a Victory Garden and another on the many uses of essential oils.

Groveland Garden Club sends congratulations to area Girls Scouts who earned their Native Plant Badges with the help of National Garden Clubs, Inc., and the many club members who shared their time, talents, and knowledge with these future stewards of the earth.

Haverhill Garden Club created a Garden of the Month Award that recognizes individual gardens throughout the city during June, July, August and September. The award aligns with their mission: to encourage an interest in gardening and the protection and conservation of all natural resources... and to promote civic beauty.

North Andover Garden Club had a wonderful summer tending to the gardens at the historic Parson Barnard House. Members were also involved with gardening efforts at the Stevens Memorial Library and Patriots Memorial Park. Informal garden visits to members' homes encouraged the sharing of gardening secrets.

This is an especially exciting year for the **Spade & Trowel Garden Club**, Andover: in celebration of their 60th anniversary, the club held a party at member Belva Hopkins' garden, attended by members of other area garden clubs, GCFM officers and town officials. The club honored its three longest-serving members, Peggy Turgiss (1958), Lorraine Kerwin (1971)

and Belva Hopkins (1974). Current club president Paulette Grundeen presented Peggy, Lorraine and Belva with certificates recognizing their many years of participation, work and dedication.



Honorees at the recent Spade & Trowel GC 60th anniversary party

Southeastern - Sandy Slavin, District Director

Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne members were busy travelers this fall, taking field trips to a local nursery and to the Trustees of Reservations' newest property, the former Allen Haskill home, gardens, and nursery in New Bedford. The club also held a successful fall plant/bake sale, with members donating many unusual plants from their gardens. In November Kaye Vosburgh taught a session on ikebana, and each participant went home with a lovely arrangement.

For a fourth growing season The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth continued to maintain all of the landscaping for the Plymouth Manomet Branch Library that services the southern part of Plymouth.

In September Falmouth Garden
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Club held an in-house program where members were asked to "think outside the box" and design an arrangement using their own containers and what was available in their own or neighbors' yards. In October the club hosted Bill Graham, who designed holiday arrangements. November saw Delores Ahern, Fluffy Winner and Hila Lyman delight members with arrangements in unique containers.

The Garden Club of Hyannis remained busy over the fall season: Members run a monthly garden therapy program at the Barnstable Senior Center. They also provide weekly flowers for the Hyannis Public Library. In mid-November members held a Holiday Showcase in support of both the Cultural Center of Cape Cod and the club's scholarship fund.

In October Lakeville Garden Club participated for the 10th year in the Lakeville Arts & Music Festival, selling pies, baked goods, vinegars and vanilla, along with garden and gift items. The club held its annual meeting, installing its first ever co-presidents.

Taunton Garden Club planted

bulbs for spring and decorated newlyrefurbished "Welcome to Taunton" boxes throughout the city with winter greens. In October two members conducted a fun workshop on constructing a scarecrow for the garden. No two were alike! November. Gretel Anspach, Massachusetts Master Gardener, an-

swered members' questions about basic pruning — the when and how of pruning woody plants.

South Shore - Leslie Mullen, District Director

Walnut Hill Garden Club, Hanover, kept busy with civic beautification projects at Forge Pond Park. In September members planted tiger lilies along the rock wall entrance to the park. In November, the club organized a community planting of 2,000 spring flower bulbs.



Signs pointed to a community bulbplanting event.

In October Weymouth Garden Club took part in the annual townsponsored "Pumpkin-Give-Away-Day" for local families. Club members who volunteered included Barbara Fleming, Sue Wencek and Jordan Fleming.



GC members staffed Weymouth's pumpkin giveaway.



13th ANNUAL CIVIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 26, 2015 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
The Espousal Center, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA
(Registration opens 8:30AM)

How-to's for Civic Projects

"Planning for Civic Projects" and "Choosing (the right) Plants" Speaker: Warren P. Leach

landscape designer, landscape horticulturist, horticulture & design instructor, co-owner of Tranquil Lake Nursery, Inc., Rehoboth, MA

Practice what you learn in a small group hands-on session

Group #1. Design a large in-ground civic planting Group #2. Design a container planting for a civic site

If your club is responsible for in-ground or container plantings at public buildings, large open spaces or traffic islands, this seminar is for you.

Networking opportunities, light refreshments, raffles, and a chance to learn from others.

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY!

Registration \$15 per person

New and mint condition Raffle items gratefully accepted.

Please complete registration form below and send with check payable to GCFM, Inc. to: Louise Sironi, Civic Development Chair. P.O. Box 2123, Hanover, MA 02339-8123 Email: sironied@verizon.net Ph: 781-826-8421

Name of Attendee:		
Garden Club:		
Ph:	*Contact Email:	
Mailing Address:		
Names of additional club m	sambar(s) who will attend	

*Please include Contact Email to receive program updates & scheduling information.

GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

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\$70 – One Day Registration (non-member & make up exam)
\$15 a day with beverage – Box Lunch fee:
Indicate choice if applicable
Choice of Sandwich (turkey, roast beef or veggie) with chips & baked
good or Salad (white albacore tuna salad, bed of greens)



GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

Gardening Study School
Course II Series 10
April 9 & 10, 2015
Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505

Required Reading:

- Botany for Gardeners by Brian Capon maybe purchased through Amazon.com
- 2. The National Gardener, subscription is \$18 for 3 years. To subscribe call or email Lillian Cohen, (781) 721-2888, or lilandbud@verizon.net

Subjects covered:

Thursday, April 9

- ♦ Container Gardening Yvonne Russell, Horticulturalist
- ♦ Plant Diseases & Garden Pests Laura Eisener
- ♦ Techniques for Growing Veggies Carol Julien, landscape designer Friday, April 10
 - How New Plants Are Developed Paul Rogers, Horticultural Consultant
 - ♦ Lawn and Lawn Alternatives Paul Rogers, Horticultural Consultant
 - ♦ Plant Hunters Nancy Hubert Gardening Consultant Council

Make checks payable to: The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. (GCFM).

Mail registration form (see page 18) and fee to:

Mary B. Nokes, Registrar, 35 Woodpark Circle, Lexington, MA 02421-7207 (781) 863-1203 or sekon_mary@gmail.com

Registration deadline is March 16, 2015. No refunds:

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

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB'S RECOGNITION OF ANNIVERSARY CLUBS 2014 -2015

Each June at the Annual Meeting, the Garden Club Federation of MA celebrates "Anniversary Clubs" with a special NGC Certificate of Recognition for clubs celebrating 50, 55, 60, 65, etc., years of being FEDERATED. Remember this is not the date when the club was <u>organized</u>, but **FEDERATED** as part of the NGC and GCFM.

GCFM Historian, Pat Artis has compiled the list of anniversary clubs for both 2014 and 2015; a special recognition ceremony will be included as part of the GCFM Annual Meeting in June of 2015. Anniversary clubs who have already been recognized in 2014 should not expect any further recognition. District Directors and Club Presidents will be reminded in the spring of their club's upcoming anniversary celebration. Club officers should plan to attend the GCFM Annual Meeting to receive their award.

Any further questions should be forwarded via email (gcfm@verizon.net) to GCFM Historian, Pat Artis.

2015 Anniversary Clubs

Williamstown Garden Club (1965) - 50

Community Garden Club of Cohasset (1960) - 55

Fairbanks Garden Club (1960) - 55 Littleton Country Gardeners (1960) - 55

Abington Garden Club (1955) - 60

Country Gardens of Georgetown (1955) - 60

The Cape Ann Garden Club (1955) - 60

Country Garden Club of Weston (1955) - 60

Attleboro Garden Club (1950) - 65

The Beacon Hill Garden Club (1945) - 70

Hopkinton Garden Club (1945) - 70

Dover Garden Club (1940) - 75

Hamilton Wenham Garden Club (1935) - 80

Holliston Garden Club (1935) - 80

Sudbury Garden Club (1935) - 80

Taunton Garden Club (1935) – 80 Winchester Home and Garden Club (1935) – 80

Billerica Garden Club (1930) - 85 Lincoln Garden Club (1930) - 85

2014 Anniversary Clubs

Flower Work of Lynnfield (1964) - 50 Open Gate Garden Club of Chelmsford (1964) - 50

Amateur Gardeners of Milton (1959) - 55

Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham (1959) - 55

The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury (1959) - 55

New Meadows Garden Club of Topsfield (1959) - 55

Temple Shalom Garden Club of West Newton (1959) - 55

South Shore Country Gardeners of Weymouth (1959) - 55

Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne (1949) - 65

The Saugus Garden Club (1949) - 65

Boxford Village Garden Club (1939) - 75

Needham Garden Club (1939) - 75

Falmouth Garden Club (1934) - 80

Sharon Garden Club (1934) - 80

Winchester Garden Club (1934) - 80

Andover Garden Club (1929) - 85

Chestnut Hill Garden Club (1929) - 85

Cohasset Garden Club (1929) - 85

Noanett Garden Club (1929) - 85

The Duxbury Garden Club (1929) - 85

The Gloucester Garden Club (1929) - 85

Great Barrington Garden Club (1929) - 85

The Garden Club of Harvard (1929) - 85

The Ipswich Garden Club (1929) - 85

Wellesley Garden Club (1929) - 85

Worcester Garden Club (1929) - 85

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GCFM is offering for sale *sterling silver* President Pins with the Federation Seal and/or Past President Bars. Please note changes in price due to increase in silver price and added tax.

Cost: Pin alone - \$50 plus \$3.13 in tax *plus <u>5 first-class postage stamps</u> for shipping*.

Bar alone with connecting chain that attaches to pin - \$30 plus \$1.88 tax plus 1 first class postage stamp for shipping.

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To order complete the form below and mail it with check and stamps to: Teddi Hickey, 3 Clarendon Ave., Brockton, MA 02301 Make check payable to: GCFM. Inc.

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The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

Hortículture Morníngs

"Container Gardens for Every Occasion"

Joann Vieira, Horticulture Director, Tower Hill Botanic Garden At the Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St., Waltham, MA

Monday, March 2, 2015, 10AM

"Backyard Foraging"

from NYC, **Ellen Zachos**, master forager At Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA **Monday April 13, 2015, 10 AM**

"Wake Up Little Garden!"

C.L Fornari, WXTK GardenLine lady South Shore/Cape Cod: venue to be arranged Monday, May 4, 2015, 10 AM

Members of GCFM and guests welcome. Donation \$5/ \$10 (guests) at the door.

In the event of bad weather, call to confirm 781-237-0336

PROGRAM WORKSHOP REGISTRATION for Garden Clubs 2015

The GFCM runs workshops to aid our clubs in planning exciting programs. You are invited to meet many speakers who offer a variety of programs and workshops to the clubs. You will have the opportunity to hear them speak briefly about what they offer and collect their handouts and/or flyers. The speakers will give two minute presentations beginning at 10 AM.

We invite two members from each club to take advantage of this year's program workshops. For your convenience, he workshops occur on two dates in two locations.

Come meet the presenters and get ideas for next year's programs for your club.

First Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Location: Elm Bank, 900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Second Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Location: Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Participants must preregister by March 15. Club member substitutions for preregistered members are permitted. Space is limited, so send in your registration early to have your choice of days.

When you sign in you will be given a nametag and a list of all presenters and their table numbers. Their full advertisement appears in this issue of the *Mayflower* or will appear in a later issue. You will have the opportunity to listen to 2 minutes from 30 speakers and then to visit all the presenters at their tables to gather information. If you have questions you may contact Joanne Lyons at Joanne.Lyons@comcast.net.

Mail the completed registration form to: Joanne Lyons

Deadline March 15th. 20 Hope Street, Newton

MA 02466

Or email completed form to Joanne Lyons at Joanne. Lyons@com
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Please check the date(s) you will	be attending.
Elm Bank April 8	Tower Hill, April 15
Member Name (contact person) _	
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Additional Member Name	
Garden Club	

GCFM Club Insurance Sign up March 15 through April 15, 2015 only Coverage effective June 15, 2015 through June 14, 2016

This 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 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, Kathy Uvanitte at (781) 235-0502 ext. 250 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, 219 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. 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.

Any questions, Contact Caroline Nijenberg (Second Vice President), carolinen@rcn.com or 781 862—4465.

GCFM CLUB INSURANCE SIGN-UP FORM SIGN-UP PERIOD: MARCH 15 TO APRIL 15, 2015 INSURANCE EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 15, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 14, 2016

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Corrections and additions to GCFM yearbook 2014-15

- Page 7 FSS Course II Correct dates April 29 and 30 and May 1, 2015.
- Page11 add-Bensancon, Rosemary PO Box 72 South Egremont, MA 01258 413-248-3622 rosebud01258@aol.com
- Page 13 Joyce Bakshi, new address 9 Virginia Rd., Andover, MA 01810 Email: joycebakshi1947@gmail.com Phone: 207-636-2403
- Page 12, 14, 24 & 26 email address and phone# for Teddi Hickey Correct 508-587-0604 email teddi@bobteddi.com
- page 15 add Michelle Gilligan, 320 State St.,Great Barrington, MA 01230 413- 528-1313 mgilligan@roadrunner.com
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- Page 17- Anne Tiffany email Annelambtiffany@gmail.com
- Page 23 Historic Preservation chair Leslie Frost
- Page 24 change raffle to fundraising Meredith Chase
- Page 34 Replace Besancon with Melendez-Delaney (See entry for page 61)
- Page 43 co-president Abington GC Linda Masabny email is ljmasabny@yahoo.com
- Page 45 The Ashland Garden Club now has an official Post Office Box: Box 43, Ashland, MA 01721
- Page49 Boxborough GC delete P.O. box address
- Page 60 Community GC of Duxbury president email is $\underline{ cgcdpresident 2013.2015@gmail.com}$
- Page 60 Duxbury Garden Club president Nancy Scheerer, PO Box 176 Duxbury, MA 02331 H: 781-934-7398 email: nlscheerer@mac.com
- Page 61- President of the Egremont Garden Club is Mrs. (Chet) Genis Melendez-Delaney: 28 Lakeside Drive, Great Barrington, MA 01230. 413-528-6957. E-mail: genismd@verizon.net
- Page 72 Kingston GC Judy Randall is a co-Vice President with Carol Tennant
- Page 76 Mansfield GC president phone number 508-339-7396
- Page 77 Marblehead Cottage Gardeners president new email address is betseydinsmore@gmail.com.

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Page 83 Kalmia GC new email enickles3@aol.com

Page 91 Reading GC president Demetra Tseckares 106 Oak Street,

Reading, MA 01867 781.315.6060

email:demetra@gardensbydemetra.com

VP is Denise McCarthy, 43 Latham Lane, Reading, MA Â 01867.

781-944 6525 dm43@comcast.net

Recording Secretary Adeline Kilduff billkilduff@verizon.net 944 6525

Page 101 Wellesley GC Margie MaGowen is VP/Secretary

Page 133 Flower Show Awards Chairman is Maureen Marshall

GCFM MEMORY BOOK 2014-2015

If a member of your garden club has passed away during this fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2014), 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

Pat Artis, GCFM Historian, 357 Billings Road, Quincy, MA 02170, or e-mail to bijou357@aol.com no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

A Memory Book is being created and their names and a ceremony will be presented at the GCFM Annual Meeting, in June of 2015.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL COURSE II

April, 29, 30 & May 1st. 2015
Please print clearly

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GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC

Flower Show School Course II April 29, 30 and May 1, 2015

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA 01757

Subjects Covered:

Wednesday, April 29th

Flower Show Procedure Part 1 – Sandra Joyce Horticulture – Catherine Felton

Thursday, April 30th.

Flower Show Procedure Part 2 – Sandra Joyce Design - Mary Huntoon

Friday, May 1st
Written exam

Registration Form on following page.

Make Checks payable to: The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. (GCFM)

Mail registration form and fee to: Julie Pipe, Registrar, 54 Pilgrim Road, Holliston, MA 01746. 508-429-7646 <u>juliepipe@comcast.net</u>

Registration Deadline is April 10, 2015. No refunds.

For further information please contact chairman: Cathie Healy 508-429-5055 or lafleure55@yahoo.com

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, Garden 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
- b. It is submitted to the Chairman of the Helen De Orsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarship Committee by May 1st of the calendar year.
- c. The applicant may not be a previous recipient of a scholarship. The scholarship is a onetime 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 Fall Conference-Meeting and must be used in the current fiscal year.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2015

- 2 Horticulture Morning, "Container Gardening for All Occasions" presented by Joann Viera 10:00 AM -12 noon at the Espousal Center 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA \$5 donation (GCFM members), \$10 at the door (guests) Contact Betsy Williams Chairman 978-470-0911 or betsy@betsywilliams.com
- 4 7:00 P.M. 8:15 P.M. The Evening GC of West Roxbury presents
 "Natural Vegetable Gardening from the Ground Up," by Paul Split
 Location: Elks Lodge 1 Morrell St. West Roxbury (opposite the W. Rox
 bury Veterans Hospital) \$10 at the door (no reservations needed)

Contact: Ann Morgan @ ann.morgan2@verizon.net

- 4 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM Espousal Center Waltham, MA
- 7-8 Beth Shalom GC presents "Needham's Art in Bloom 2015"
 9:00 AM 5:00 P.M (3/7); 1:00 P.M. -4:00 P.M. (3/8) Student artwork with floral interpretations by Beth Shalom Garden Club members. Location: Needham Public Library at 1139 Highland Ave., Needham, MA. Contact: visit www.needhamartinbloom.com
- 11 15 Boston Flower and Garden Show
- GC of Norfolk hosts "Gardening Is Murder" presented by Neal Sanders
 7:00 P.M. Location: Norfolk Public Library, Community Room, 139
 Main St. Norfolk, Contact: Michelle Noonan: mickymac21@yahoo.com
- 13 Springfield GC hosts "The Perennial Plant Collector's Corner," pre sented by Kerry Mendez . 11:30 AM Location: Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA Contact: springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com
- 19 Stoneham GC presents Jessie Barazi 1:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M. Location: Whip Hill. \$5 guest fee Contact: Connie Filosi at connie.filosi@gmail.com
- 23 Back to Basics #3 Workshop 10:00 AM Location: Espousal Center 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA Contact: Helga Frazzette, frazz@comcast.net or Diane Bullock, dbull29441@aol.com
- 26 13th Annual Civic Development Workshop 9:00 AM (Registration opens at 8:30 AM) -12:30 P.M.
 Location: The Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St., Waltham, MA Contact: sironied@verizon.net Ph: 781-826-8421
- 27 Landscape Design Council
- 30 The Beth Shalom GC, "How to make your flowers a WOW factor," presented by Michael Theriault. 7:30 P.M.

 The Needham Garden Club and the Kalmia Garden Club will join the Beth Shalom Garden Club for the evening's event. Location: Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Ave, Needham, MA Contact:

 Fawn Hurwitz fhurwitz@aol.com

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31 Norwood Evening GC, "Plant Combinations: Creating Harmony in the Garden" presented by Laura Bibler . 6:45 P.M. Location: First Baptist Church Parish House 71 Bond St., Norwood, MA Cost: \$5 donation - Public is welcome Contact: Nancy Costa @ 781-248-4038 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org

APRIL 2015

- 1 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM Espousal Center Waltham, MA
- 8 The Evening GC of West Roxbury, "Seasonal Care for Gorgeous Well-Behaved Gardens", presented by Kerry Mendez 7:00 P.M.- 8:15 P.M. Location: Elks Lodge 1 Morrell St. West Roxbury (opposite the
- W. Roxbury Veterans Hospital) Cost: \$10 at the door (no reservations needed) Contact: Ann Morgan, ann.morgan2@verizon.net
- 8-10 Gardening Study School
- 8 Program Workshop #1
- 10 Springfield GC, "Invasive Alien Plant Crisis in the Connecticut Valley," presented by Peter Alden 11:30 AM Location: Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA Contact: springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com
- 11-12 Norwood Evening GC, hosts its "11th Annual Art in Bloom"
 10:00 AM 5:00 P.M(4/11/2015), 1:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M(4/12/2015)
 Location: George H. Morse House, 1285 Washington St, Norwood, MA
 Contact: Nancy Costa @ 781-248-4038 or visit
 www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org
- 13 Horticulture Morning, "Backyard Foraging" presented by Ellen Zachos master forager, author, NY Botanic Garden teacher. 10:00 AM Location: Tower Hill Botanic Garden 11 French Dr. Boylston, MA Cost: \$5 donation (GCFM members), \$10 at the door (guests) Contact: Betsy Williams Chairman 978-470-0911 or betsy@betsywilliams.com
- Millis GC, "Iris, Lilies & Daylilies" presented by Suzanne Mahler 6:30 P.M.(Hospitality); 7:00 P.M. (Program)
- Design Workshop #3, 10:00 AM 12 noon Location: Massachusetts Horticultural Society Hunnewell Bldg 900 Washington St., Wellesley, Contact: Fluffy Winner PO Box 457 West Falmouth, MA 02574 Flfmor@aol.com
- 16 Stoneham GC presents Meg Muckenhoupt 1:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M. Location: Whip Hill. Cost: \$5 guest fee Contact: Connie Filosi at connie.filosi@gmail.com

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- 16 Northeast District Annual Meeting
- 17 South Shore District Annual Meeting
- 21 Gardening Consultants Council
- 21 Needham GC, "Jaw-Dropping Container Gardening" presented by Deborah Trickett. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- 22 Metro District Annual Meeting
- 23 Southeast District Annual Meeting
- 24 Landscape Design Council
- 24-27 Art in Bloom Location: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 27 Central North and Central South Districts Annual Meeting
- Norwood Evening GC presents "Eve did not apply Roundup: organic practices for home gardeners" presented by Trish Wesley Umbrell 6:45 P.M. Location: First Baptist Church Parish House 71 Bond St., Norwood, MA Cost: \$5 donation Public is welcome Contact: Nancy Costa @ 781-248-4038 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org
- 28 Middlesex District Annual Meeting
- 29 Northern District Annual Meeting
- 29 5/1 Flower Show School, Course 2

MAY 2015

- 1 Judges Council
- 4 Horticulture Morning See Page 23
- 6 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM Espousal Center Waltham, MA
- 7 Landscape Design Council Annual Meeting
- 9 Norwood Evening GC, "Annual Plant Sale" 9:00 AM. 1:00 PM. Hawes Pool Park (next to Coakley Middle School) Washington St., S. Norwood, MA Contact: Nancy Costa @ 781-248-4038 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org
- 11-18 NGC Convention Location: Louisville, KY
- 13 Deadline for Club Presidents to send the name(s) of members who have passed away since 7/1/14 with short biography etc for 2014-2015 GCFM Memory Book to Pat Artis, GCFM Historian, 357 Billings Road, Quincy, MA 02170 or e-mail to bijou357@aol.com.
- 16 Fairbanks GC, "Plant Sale" 9:00 A.M. 12 noon Location: Fairbanks House, Dedham, MA
 - Contact: charlottepollock@verizon.net or 781-329-5273
- Boxford Village GC, "Annual Plant Sale" 9:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. Location: 2 Elm Street, East Boxford, MA

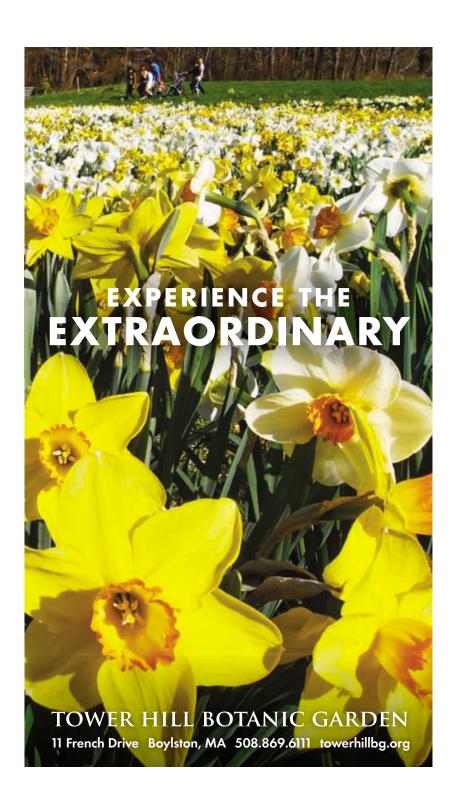
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- 16 GC of Norfolk, Annual Plant and Bake Sale 9:00 A.M. -12 noon Location: Norfolk Town Hill and Gazebo, Norfolk, MA Contact: Michelle Noonan @ mickymac21@yahoo.com
- 21 Beacon Hill GC, presents "Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Annual Tour" 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. Self-guided tour through twelve private gardens from 9am-5pm. Rain or Shine. Advance Tickets at a \$10 savings are available online at www.beaconhillgardenclub.org or Tour Day tickets (\$45) are available at information tables on the day of the tour. For more information go to www.beaconhillgardenclub.org
- 21 Stoneham GC, "Plant Sale and Lobster Roll Luncheon" 10:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. Location: All Saints Episcopal Church, 79 Central St. Stoneham Contact: Jane Trenholm 781-438-9529 or geotren@rcn.com
- 23 Landscape Design Council
- 26 Norwood Evening GC, present "Jaw-dropping, Traffic Stopping, Get Your Neighbors Talking Containers" presented by Deborah Trickett 6:45 P.M. Location: First Baptist Church Parish House 71 Bond St., Norwood, MA Cost: \$5 donation Public is welcome Contact: Nancy Costa @ 781-248-4038 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org
- 28 Historic Preservation Workshop, "Preservation in the 21st Century," a Conference with Tovah Martin, Christie Higginbottom of Old Stur bridge Village & Sally Zimmerman of Historic New England 10:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M. Location: St. Brigid Church Parish Center Hall 1995 Mass Ave., Lexington, MA and 4 Lexington Gardens Cost: \$37.50 which includes lunch Contact: Winnie Fitzpatrick at rfitzpa24@aol.com or 508-457-6246
- 30 The Friendly GC of Beverly, "Plant Sale" 8:00 A.M. -12 noon Location: Beverly Senior Center, Colon Street, Beverly Contact: 978-381-3597 or <u>01915gardenclub@gmail.com</u>
- 30 Springfield GC, "Annual Plant Sale" 9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
 Location: Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle, 21 Edwards Street,
 Springfield, MA Contact: springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com

JUNE 2015

- 2-3 GCFM Annual Meeting and Installation at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701 see page 11 or www.gcfm.org
- 2-3 Judges Council Flower Show (see page 31)
- 10 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM Espousal Center Waltham, MA



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