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The Newsletter of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts  
Fall 2018



NATIVE SHRUBS: Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)



## ***An American Icon - The Apple***

### ***An NGC Standard Flower Show***

***Sponsored by the Central North and Central South  
Districts of the Garden Club Federation of  
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Worcester County Horticulture Society***

**at Tower Hill Botanic Garden  
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10 AM – 4 PM Sunday**

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Members and Children under 5 free**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., is dedicated to assisting our member clubs with education and appreciation of Horticulture, Landscape and Floral Design, Gardening and Environmental concerns.

## President's Message



*The only thing  
consistent in life  
is change –  
Heraclitus*

It's August as I  
write these  
words to you.  
My home  
garden bears all  
the signs of ne-

glect and visits by my family of rabbits  
and passing deer. There are clumps of  
strong crabgrass and plentiful other  
garden foes. However, it's a beautiful  
day for weeding and that's my silver  
lining!

We have been a busy group since our  
break in June. Between summer  
travels and (thanks to technology!)  
there have been meetings to discuss a  
variety of changes and challenges that  
will affect us positively both  
immediately and in the future. The  
first, and most pertinent to the GCFM  
membership as a whole, is the new  
GCFM website. I realize that I have  
been promising this for over a year and  
we are finally ready to launch. This  
will happen in October to coincide with  
the Fall Conference on October 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Part of the day's programming will be a  
tutorial 'walk' through to present all of  
the new bits and pieces. I'm excited to  
announce that our keynote morning  
speaker will be Claudia Thompson,  
founder of 'Grow Native'. The venue  
for the Conference is a little different.  
It will be held at Massachusetts  
Horticultural Society's Elm Bank.  
Please see the website ([www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org))  
for details and registration.

More news but less pertinent is that we  
are moving offices. The office is  
currently located in Wellesley where it  
has been for a great number of years.  
Many factors contributed to the need to

find new space for our intrepid Office  
Administrator. We will have a new  
mailing address in November.  
Thankfully we'll be in a great,  
convenient location. Please stop by  
when the dust is settled!

Our location for Board Meetings in  
Waltham is also slated to change. The  
property has been the subject of a real  
estate battle and we were recently told  
that it has been taken by eminent  
domain by the City of Waltham to  
build a new high school. In addition to  
monthly Board meetings, we use the  
building for many GCFM sponsored  
workshops, 'schools', and ancillary  
meetings. Though this will not affect us  
until the end of the year (December 31,  
2018) we need to begin the search as  
soon as possible for a new, affordable  
space. Let me know if you have any  
ideas!

One thing that hasn't changed is our  
great need for a number of members to  
come forward to chair (or co-chair)  
some important committees. Among  
these are Awards, Civic Development,  
Program Speakers Workshop, Flower  
Show School, Photographer, Social  
Media, and Raffle Coordinator. As I  
mentioned in my words to you at the  
June Annual Meeting, we need  
members to come from the shadows  
and step up. It's time to give those who  
have volunteered their time for so  
many years a bit of a break. Please let  
me know how you can contribute.

*We can face change with bewilderment  
or we can look at it chance to see and  
experience something new, wonderful,  
and challenging.* It's coming on fall. I  
know that in my garden its time to rip  
up, rearrange, transplant and redesign  
I hope that you'll join me and see  
where you can make a change. I'm  
looking forward to visiting your Clubs,  
the District Fall Coffees, and to seeing  
you at the GCFM Fall Conference on  
October 24<sup>th</sup>!

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<http://www.gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-publication-release-fillable-01.pdf>.

The completed form must be submitted to the GCFM, Inc. Office,  
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gardenclubfedma@gmail.com

### **To list an event in the Calendar:**

Send date, time, location, sponsoring club, event or program title, cost (if applicable) and contact person's name, email and/or telephone # to:

**CalendarEditor@hotmail.com**

### COVER STORY *Ilex verticillata*

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) also called Michigan holly, is a deciduous multi-stemmed shrub rather than an evergreen tree. Native to the eastern two-thirds of the United States and lower Canada, Winterberry can be found in swamps, marshes, river beds and coastal plains.

Like all members of the holly family, it needs a male and female plant to produce berries on the female. One male bush will service three to five females. Depending on the cultivar, it grows 3' to 12' high and wide depending on the cultivar. Plant in full to partial sun and provide moderate moisture. It is also very adaptable to drier conditions. It is hardy from Zones 4 to 8. Prune to shape in early spring just before new growth appears. No serious insect or disease problems, but does get leaf spot and powdery mildew

Winterberry blooms in June and July; and in late summer produces clumps of bright red fruit, contrasting against dark green foliage. The fruits produced on this shrub are not a preferred food for songbirds, but persist on the branches into late winter and are thus available when other foods are scarce, offering food for mockingbirds, robins, waxwings and other fruit eaters.

The foliage is on the menu for woolly bear caterpillars. Winterberry is a beautiful addition to your yard.

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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, September 5, 2018 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:30 AM
- Wednesday November 7, 2018 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, December 5, 2018 10:30 AM

Jill Malcolm, *Corresponding Secretary*

### DIRECTIONS TO THE ESPOUSAL CENTER

554 LEXINGTON STREET, NORTH WALTHAM, MA 02452-3029

FRONT DESK: 781-209-3120

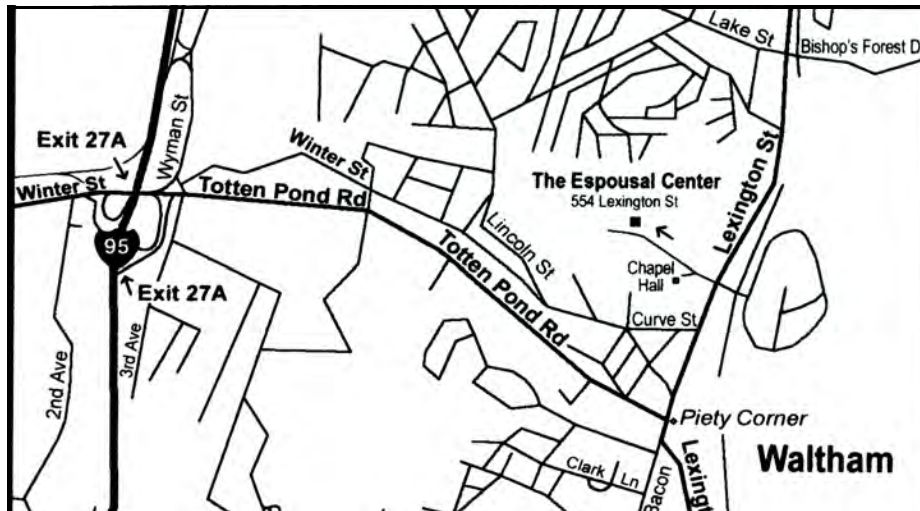
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OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 – 4:00, MON-FRI

From the North: Exit Route 128/I-95 at Exit 27A, Totten Pond Rd. East. Follow Totten Pond Rd. 1.7 miles toward Waltham. Turn left at Lexington Street and go 0.3 miles to sign on left for 'Espousal Center'.

From the South: Exit Route 128/I-95 at Exit 27B, follow signs for Winter Street and turn right onto Wyman St. After 0.2 miles, turn left at traffic light for Totten Pond Rd. eastbound. Follow Totten Pond Rd. 1.7 miles toward Waltham. Turn left at Lexington Street and go 0.3 miles to sign on left for 'Espousal Center'.



**CALL TO FALL CONFERENCE**  
Club Presidents, Garden Club Members and Guests



Please Join

President Suzanne McCance  
“Plant America; Start With a Seed”

Along with the Board of Directors of  
**THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION  
OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**

Wednesday October 24, 2018

At

**The Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Elm Bank,  
900 Washington St, Wellesley MA 02482**

9:00 AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Boutique Shopping
9:30 AM	Call to Order – Welcome, Announcements, and Business Meeting
10:00 AM	<i>Claudia Thompson: Grow Native Massachusetts</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Welcome to and walk through of the NEW GCFM Website</i>
11:30 AM	Civic and Historic Grant Recipients
11:45 AM	Boutique Shopping and Socializing with Friends
12:30 PM	Buffet Luncheon by Peppers Artful Events
1:00 PM	Flower Show Awards
1:30 PM	Floral Design Program – A Surprise!
2:30 PM	Opportunity Drawing/Final Credentials Report & Adjournment

For Boutique & Educational space contact:

Helen Ann Knepper : [hakneppeer@gmail.com](mailto:hakneppeer@gmail.com)

For overnight accommodations please call the Marriott Newton  
2345 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 617-969-1000

Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact

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**FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**  
**The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.**  
**Fall Conference Wednesday October 24, 2018**

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**ONE Registrant per Form Please**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply

☐ GCFM Committee Chairman

☐ Former GCFM President

☐ GCFM Garden Club President

☐ Former National Officer

☐ GCFM District Director

☐ National Board Member

☐ GCFM Garden Club Member

☐ National Life Member

☐ GCFM Board Member

☐ National Officer

☐ GCFM Life Member

☐ Region Board Member

☐ Guest

☐ Region Director

Continental Breakfast: Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Teas, and Breakfast Pastries.

Luncheon: Fall inspired buffet luncheon provided by Peppers Artful Events

Food /Medical Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION/ LUNCHEON FEES:**

\$55.00 if postmarked on or before October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**SORRY – we CANNOT accept late Registration or Walk-ins the day of the meeting**

**Mail Check payable to GCFM, Inc. and mail to:**

Christine Bjorklund, Registrar, 1 Velvet Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824

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The Topsfield Fair and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Present



A Standard Flower Show  
at the  
Topsfield Fairgrounds  
207 Boston Street, Route 1 North  
Topsfield, MA 01983

***Section A: Designs Through the Ages***

Class 1: The Gilded Age 1870-1900

A Mass Design staged on a pedestal 37" high with a 17" square top.

4 Entries

Tricolor

Class 2: Art Deco 1905-1939

Design in the style of the American period staged on a  
Pedestal 37" high with a 17" square top.

4 Entries

Tricolor

Class 3: Farm and Technology 1958-2018

A Creative Design staged on a platform 20" high with a 20x30" top  
and an attached backboard 30x40" high

4 Entries

Designer's

Choice

***Section B: A Walk Around the Fair***

Class 4: The Romance of the Midway

A Multi-Rhythmic Design staged on a pedestal  
34" high with a top 11.5" square

4 Entries

Designer's

Choice

Class 5: The Parade

A Parallel Design staged on a shelf 20" wide x 12" deep.

4 Entries

Tricolor

Class 6: Cotton Candy

A Design, freedom of style staged on a pedestal  
34" high with a round top 11.5" in diameter.

4 Entries

Designer's

Choice

For the full Schedule (including Education and Horticulture), General Rules,  
Committee and Entry Form, go to [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org), click Flower Shows and scroll to  
Show Information, then Topsfield Fair.

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### **Gardening Consultant's Council Annual Meeting**

On June 11<sup>th</sup> the Gardening Consultant's Council held their Annual Meeting at Garden in the Woods in Framingham. There were 32 people in attendance on a beautiful day. The day began with Fred Sechler, Ecological Programs



Coordinator, giving a very informative program on "Invasive Plants." (See photo above) Members learned how to identify invasives, what to do when they find them, and the problems they cause. Following the lecture, attendees



broke up into two groups. Fred led one group and Ted Elleman, Teacher and Naturalist, led the other. (See photo above) Participants went on a walk through Garden in the Woods and were able to see some of the invasive plants up close and personal. Upon return to the visitor center, GCC members had a boxed lunch outside on the picnic tables, followed by a short meeting led by GCC Chairman Deb Mattia. Everyone was then free to check out the plants for sale and the gift shop.

#### **BLUE STAR MEMORIAL LANDSCAPING**

Please consider working on and applying for



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARD #29

#### **"Blue Star Memorial Landscaping"**

Participation in this most worthwhile program is encouraged

*THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW*

*TO HONOR OUR ARMED FORCES.*

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**BACK TO BASICS 2018-19**  
DESIGNING PRINCIPLES IN  
FLORAL DESIGN

Join us for a series of interactive programs with distinguished  
Massachusetts designers  
demonstrating how to create designs.

Monday, September 24  
Monday, November 12  
Monday, April 15

Time: 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
The Espousal Center  
554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA 02452

Total Fee: \$45.00 for all three sessions  
Make checks payable to GCFM, Inc.  
Please mail check and registration to:  
Ruth Evans, 11 Willowbrook Drive, Framingham, MA 01702

Registration deadline: September 22, 2018

2018-19 Back to Basics Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

## GCFM MEETINGS: Answers to Your Frequently Asked Questions

A number of people have raised questions about attending the GCFM Annual Meeting and Fall Conference, as well as GCFM District Annual Meetings. Here are a few answers that hopefully you will find helpful:

**Q:** Why does the GCFM hold these meetings?

**A:** Two reasons:

Education/Inspiration: The Annual (June) and Fall Meetings are the primary ways the GCFM disseminates information to our club members on key topics such as horticulture, floral design, landscape design, and environmental concerns. We typically hire nationally-recognized speakers to share current thinking on one or more of these topics. Meetings also enable us to share what clubs are doing in these important areas through brief case studies on recent club projects or awards.

Recognition: These meetings also provide a platform for the Federation to recognize and celebrate clubs for their excellent hard work through State, Regional and National Awards.

**Q:** Who should attend?

**A:** Meetings are open to all club members, not just officers. Attendance is not mandatory, but it is our hope that every club will send a representative to take part in the educational activities and carry the information back to other members. In the case of larger clubs with many members who are employed, a GCFM liaison is sometimes appointed who is free during daytime hours to represent the club.

**Q:** How do clubs hear about these meetings?

**A:** The Federation sends personal invitations to clubs receiving awards or celebrating anniversaries. We email all club presidents a Call to Meeting, which hopefully they share with membership.

**Q:** How do clubs handle the cost of meeting attendance?

**A:** Policies vary:

Some clubs budget in advance for 1-2 members to attend some or all of the meetings: GCFM Annual Meeting, GCFM Fall Conference, and GCFM District Annual Meeting. If there is no budget, club members can vote to approve the cost.

One of our clubs currently budgets for two members to attend. If more members want to participate, the club shares the cost with them 50/50.

Other clubs ask members to submit their own reservation and payment but then reimburses either all or part of the cost.

**Q:** How does the GCFM determine the cost to club members?

The Federation continues to work hard to hold down the cost of meetings, which has increased steadily over the years. The use of multiple specialized staff add to the cost of the basic space. Speaker costs, floral materials for design demonstrations and centerpieces also add up. To minimize the portion of costs that is passed along to attendees, we hold Opportunity Drawings and charge vendors

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## Environmental Studies Schools



Sponsored by: The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

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### Series 5, Course 3: The Living Earth – Air and Related Issues

**Saturday and Sunday, November 3 & 4, 2018**

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(includes time for optional exam on Sunday)

**Elm Bank, 900 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA**

#### Subjects to be covered:

Ecology - Air

Wildlife – Endangered Plants and Wildlife

Plants – the Rain Forest

Initiating School Programs

Environmental Ethics

Earth Stewardship

Environmental Science - Pollution

Field Trip

**Recommended reading before your session:** *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas W. Tallamy and *Living in the Environment* by G. Tyler Miller, Jr. 7<sup>th</sup> edition or later

**For more information contact:** Betty Sanders, ESS Chairman,  
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#### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN/CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ NGC L/M# \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

Please check all applicable fees:

\_\_\_\_\_ NGC-federated garden club member/Student: \$130

(includes exam fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ Refresher (already completed a series, no exam) \$115

(includes refresher application fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ One-day registration Saturday Sunday \$ 80

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday lunch (choices to be provided) \$ 15

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday lunch (choices to be provided) \$ 15

TOTAL FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For any dietary concerns or restrictions, contact our Registrar, Chris Cotter at [mg07chris@gmail.com](mailto:mg07chris@gmail.com).

Enclose this form with a check that includes all applicable fees, made payable to GCFM, Inc. No refunds.

Mail your check by October 26/ to Chris Cotter, Registrar, at 16 South Kingman St., Lakeville, MA 02347 Tel: 508-946-0197

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL LECTURES TO TAKE THE EXAM  
OR TO RECEIVE REFRESHER CREDIT!

*"Art is everywhere you look for it"...El Greco*  
*An NGC Standard Flower Show*  
July 24-26, 2018. Heritage Museums and Gardens, Sandwich MA  
*Photographer, Ann Worthington, Falmouth Garden Club*

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT AWARDS:**

**Roberta Clark Award** to a Horticulture Division exhibit of outstanding horticultural quality.

**Sec. H. Class 28 Flowering Annuals.**

*Amaranth Display.* Hila Lyman, Falmouth Garden Club

**District Director's Award** for the most creative interpretation of the schedule.

**Class 2 Millstone Sculpture Gallery.**

*Design w/exhibitor's sculpture.* Karen Knaub, GC Hyannis

**William F. Clark Award** to the design best exemplifying the sensitive use of plant material.

**Class 9 Bayberry Quilt Show. Traditional Mass Design.** Elaine DiGiovanni, Belmont GC  
**Laverne Collard Award** to a design of outstanding beauty in use and arrangement of predominately fresh plant material.

**Class 1-B Cultural Center of Cape Cod. Poet-Lauren Wolk.**

*A Duo Design.* Sylvia Strand, Wareham Garden Club

**Mollie-Lue Traggis Award**, awarded in honor of Mollie-Lue, to a design that best expresses the exhibitor's artistry.

**Class 12 Pairpoint Glass. A Petite 6" Design.** Bobbie Lingard, Aptucxet GC of Bourne

**Division I - Horticulture, 225 entries**

**Award of Horticulture Excellence, Award of Merit:**

**Sec. C. Bulbs, Corm, Tubers, Rhizomes.**

**Class 10 Liliun orientalis 'Golden Stargazer'** Geri Williams, Plymouth Garden Club

**Arboreal Award: Sec. A. Flowering Hydrangea Branches**

**Class 2 Hydrangea macrophylla 'Endless Summer'** Ginger King, Scituate/Cohasset GCs

**Award of Merit: Sec. B. Flowering Perennials**

**Class 7 Hemerocallis 'Lugosi'** Geri Williams, Plymouth Garden Club

**Award of Merit: Sec. D. Vegetables**

**Class 15 Phaseolus 'Triomphe de Farey' (Beans)** Geri Williams, Plymouth Garden Club

**Grower's Choice Award: Sec. E. Container-grown Plants, Grown for Foliage**

**Class 18 Phlebrodium aureum 'Blue Star'** Sally Baer, Aptucxet Garden Club

**Grower's Choice Award: Sec. F. Container-grown Plants, Grown for Flowers in bloom**

**Class 26 Phalenopsis cv. (Orchid)** Susan Dewey, Osterville Garden Club

**Collector's Showcase Award: Sec. G. Collections**

**Class 27 Coleus Collection.** Isabel Melo, Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne

**Collector's Showcase Award: Sec. H. Displays**

**Class 28 Flowering Annuals, Amaranth Display.** Hila Lyman, Falmouth Garden Club

**Division II - Design.**

**Class 1 Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Artist-Lauren Wolk. A Duo Design.**

**Class 1-A Mixed Media.**

**Design Excellence Award, Designer's Choice Award & 1<sup>st</sup>** Dolores Ahern, GC Hyannis

**2<sup>nd</sup> 90+** Christine Decas, Wareham GC

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Gail Reilly, Osterville GC

**HM** Sylvia Strand, Wareham GC

**Class 1-B Poet**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Sylvia Strand, Wareham GC

**2<sup>nd</sup> 90+** Dolores Ahern, GC Hyannis

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Christine Decas, Wareham GC

**HM** Gail Reilly, Osterville GC

**Class 2 Millstone Sculpture Gallery. A Design featuring sculpture by the exhibitor.**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Gloria Freitas-Steidinger, Easton GC

**2<sup>nd</sup> 90+** Karen Knaub, GC Hyannis

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Shirley Minott, Walnut Hill GC

**HM** Helga Frazzette, Hyannis/Andover/Nauset GCs

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**Class 3 Cape Cod Symphony. Multi-Rhythmic Design**

1<sup>st</sup> Ann Marie Carlson, GC Hyannis      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Judy Sheehy, Aptuxet GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Graveline, Jr League Boston GC      HM Joyce Capobianco, GC Hyannis

**Class 4 Windy Hill Farm. Functional Table for Two.**

**Table Artistry Award &** 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Ladd, Belmont GC      2<sup>nd</sup> Cheryl Baer, GC Hyannis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Kaplan, Beth Shalom GC      HM Donna Rumpf, Osterville GC

**Class 5 Jobi Pottery. Exhibition Table including pottery.**

1<sup>st</sup> Gail Hubacker, GC Hyannis      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Judy Morgan, Wareham GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kitty Lorenz, GC Hyannis      HM Pat Lee, Bridgewater GC

**Class 6 Maison Villatte, French Bakery. A Functional Breakfast Tray.**

1<sup>st</sup> Gloria Gammons, Aptuxet GC Bourne      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Isabel Melo, Aptuxet GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> 90+ Linda Kiley, GC Hyannis      HM Nancy Walsh, GC Hyannis

**Class 7 Tao Water Gallery. A Design influenced by traditional or contemporary Asian art.**

**Tricolor Award &** 1<sup>st</sup> Sally Zeghibe, Aptuxet GC      2<sup>nd</sup> Davie McNamara, Easton GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jane Kennedy, GC Hyannis      HM Diane Cochran, GC Hyannis

**Class 8 Fine Art, Artist-Gerald Parker. Designer's choice of style.**

1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Sharrino, Belmont GC      2<sup>nd</sup> Ginger King, Scituate/Cohasset GCs  
3<sup>rd</sup> Irene Mitchell, Nauset GC      HM Alda Barron, Aptuxet GC

**Class 9 Bayberry Quilt Show. Traditional Mass Design.**

1<sup>st</sup> Susan Dewey, Osterville GC      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Marisa McCoy, Wareham GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fluffy Winner, Falmouth GC      HM Elaine DiGiovanni, Belmont GC

**Class 10 Focus Gallery. Photographer-Steve Dunwell. Petite 11" Construction Design.**

1<sup>st</sup> Nancy Jamieson, Village GC Dennis      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Lisa Pattenson, Community GC Duxbury  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cathy Felton, Hamilton-Wenham GC      HM Jacqueline Hauser, Sudbury/Norwell GCs

**Class 11 Arthur Moniz Gallery. Petite 9" Transparency Design.**

**Petite Award &** 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Davis, Nauset GC      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Geri Williams, Plymouth GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Deborah Coleman, GC Hyannis      HM Meredith Chase, Aptuxet GC

**Class 12 Pairpoint Glass. Master Art Blower-Guy Maxwell. Petite 6" Creative Design.**

1<sup>st</sup> Bobbie Lingard, Aptuxet GC Bourne      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Minal Akkad, Framingham GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Angela Kimball, Village GC Dennis      HM Mariette Wooden, Community GC Duxbury

**Class 13 Coastal Crafts Gallery. Companion Class. Patio Vignette Design.**

**Judges' Class Commendation**

1<sup>st</sup> Dottie Palko & Deb Falconer, GC Hyannis  
2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Eileen Pratti & Cheryl Carlevale, Bridgewater GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> 90+ Diane Cook & Michelle Heard, Wareham GC  
HM 90+ Judith Brown & Pat Parker, Plymouth GC

***Division III – Education. Competitive Educational Exhibits***

**Judges' Commendation**

***"New Handbook Designs" Educational Award &*** 1<sup>st</sup> Shirley Minott, Walnut Hill GC

***"Introduction to Petite Designs"*** 2<sup>nd</sup> Bobbie Lingard, Aptuxet GC

***"Artists from the Class Titles"*** 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Knaub, GC Hyannis

***"Botanical Arts Designs formerly in the Design Division"*** HM Ginger King, Cohasset GC

***Division IV – Botanical Arts***

**Sec. A. Artistic Crafts made of plant material.**

**Class 1 Bead Society of Cape Cod. A Bracelet.**

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Lee, Bridgewater GC      2<sup>nd</sup> 90+ Andrea Anderson, Falmouth GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce DiGiovanni, EE-DAH-HAW GC      HM Angela Kimball, Village GC Dennis

**Class 2 Eisenhauer Gallery. Ballerina-Agnieska Pilat. A Tutu on a mannequin.**

**Artistic Crafts Award &** 1<sup>st</sup> Alda Barron, Aptuxet GC  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Freitas-Steideger, Easton GC      3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Walsh, GC Hyannis  
HM Janice Clark-Fitzgerald, Evening GC Plymouth

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**Class 3 Maggie Mae Designs. Milliner-Sally Steinman. Fascinator on a head-form.**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Susan Dewey, Osterville GC  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Mimi Gregory, Falmouth GC

**2<sup>nd</sup> 90+** Gail Connor, Plymouth GC  
**HM** Jeanne Burnell, Plymouth GC

**Botanical Arts Horticulture. Container-Grown Miniature Gardens**

**Class 1 Highfield Hall. A Fairy Garden**

**Peoples' Choice Award** Judy Morgan, Wareham Garden Club

**1<sup>st</sup>** Shirley Minott, Walnut Hill Garden Club, Hanover

Isabel Melo, Aptucxet GC

Lucia Robertson, Wareham GC

Denice Martinez, Falmouth GC

Diane Erickson, GC Hyannis



*Design Excellence,  
Designer's Choice*  
**Dolores Ahern**



*William Clark Award*  
**Elaine DiGiovanni**



*Mollie-Lue Traggis Award*  
**Bobbie Lingard**



*Hort Excellence Award*  
**Geri Williams**



*Artistic Crafts Award*  
**Alda Barron**



*Tricolor Award,*  
**Sally Zeghibe**



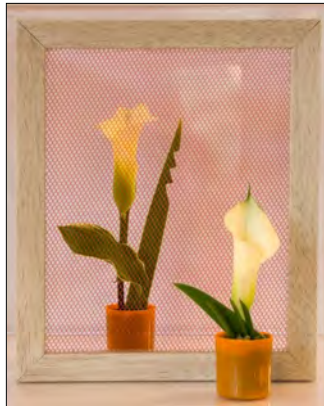
*Roberta Clark Award*  
**Hila Lyman**



*Table Artistry Award,*  
**Linda Ladd**



*District Director Award*  
**Karen Knaub**



*Petite Award,*  
**Sharon Davis**

*Educational Award*



*Peoples' Choice Award*  
**Judy Morgan**



*Laverne Collard Award*  
**Sylvia Strand**



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**What:** Landscape Design School is a series of four courses presented by distinguished lecturers on landscape design, history, theory, methods and analysis. In Massachusetts, one course is given each year in sequential order. LDS is open to the public. The course also serves as a Refresher for LDC Consultants and Masters Consultants. *If you last refreshed in 2013, you need to refresh before 12/31/18 to maintain your consultant status!*

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**Where:** St. Brigid's Hall, 2001 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts

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# Fall is Here, Bringing Leaves and Elections

by Maria Bartlett, Environmental Issues Chair

## Leaves

Fall reliably brings the cascading of deciduous leaves, year after year, with the perennial challenge of handling them. Leaving them whole on lawns and planting beds can smother plants and damage lawns, so what is the best way to handle them? First of all, it may help to have a bit of an attitude adjustment....this is not a burden to be dealt with grudgingly, but a gift of nature's bounty delivered within our reach! Composted by you as the "brown" material along with "green" material such as kitchen scraps and grass clippings, leaves turn into a rich material that adds humus, microorganisms and nutrients to your lawn and gardens. I also now broadcast compost on my lawn in early July after I was told it discourages Japanese beetles from laying their eggs....that hatch later as grubs! The story goes that the beetles do not seem to like compost and go elsewhere.

Rather than composting your leaves, you might want to try shredding them. Shredding leaves with a mulching mower and applying the shred as a mulch to flower and shrub borders is a wonderful way to enrich the soil. I just ask my lawn mowing company to run the mower over a pile of leaves with the bag attached then I spread the shred around my beds. You can also save extra shred in bins or bags to use in your compost pile/bin over the winter or next season.

If you do not have a lot of leaves, consider running the mulching mower over the leaves on the lawn without the bag attachment, leaving the cut-up leaves in place...they will decompose over the winter and be incorporated into the soil... what a boon for the lawn! All this added texture helps the lawn retain moisture during dry weather, as well as adding nutrients and microorganisms.

If you prefer not to do any of the above suggestions, send the leaves to your town's composting area....many MA towns now operate such areas. It is important to avoid sending leaves to landfills or incinerators....the former is a waste of valuable landfill space, and the latter releases CO2 into the atmosphere and adds to global warming.

## Elections

Speaking of global warming, that takes me to the Elections part of this article. As important as it is for all of us to do our individual part to compost, to recycle, to garden organically, to insulate our homes, to drive high mpg vehicles, and the many other individual actions we can take, it is even more important how we vote in elections! Who we elect to make state-wide and national environmental decisions have far-reaching consequences beyond what we as individuals can accomplish alone. It is important to find out the environmental positions and voting records of all candidates. Of course, this might not be the only issue of

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importance to you, but I am making a pitch for this issue to move up on your list of priorities....if we do not address climate change assertively now, it will only make other issues more severe. For example, if you are concerned about budget deficits, global warming is making droughts, wild fires, and flooding much more damaging and costly, eating in to budgets. If you are concerned about the aging infrastructure in the US, increased spending needed after more severe storms due to global warming will mean less money to fix infrastructure. If you are concerned about asthma and Lyme disease, global warming is increasing the incidence and severity of these health issues, to name just two. Severe heat is killing people in India as I write this article in July as it did several years ago in France!

I am including a link to the [non-partisan](#) MA League of Women Voters 2018 Online Voting Guide. This includes all the candidates running in Massachusetts for district, county, state and federal positions this fall, and includes their positions on critical issues, such as the environment and climate change. It also includes links to all the candidates' websites for more information. You can also contact candidates personally to ask for clarification on their positions. Please vote on November 6 and do so with a focus on the environment. Go to [www.informedvoterma.org](http://www.informedvoterma.org).

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for space in our popular Boutique. If club members have suggestions for meeting venues or speakers, please contact GCFM President Suzanne McCance.

Lastly, these meetings are for YOU, our valued garden clubs and club members. We hope that your members will want to attend for the information, the inspiration, and the companionship of like-minded friends. If you have any suggestions, they are always welcome. Thank you.

## GCFM Memory Book

Each year at the GCFM Annual Meeting in June, the Federation honors those garden club members who have passed during the current year (June 1 to May 30). If your club wishes to honor one of your members who pass during the year, please send their name, garden club and a few sentences of what they did in the club. If you have a picture, please include that. Sometimes pictures and other information can be obtained from their obit. Email the information to:

Linda Jean Smith, GCFM Historian @ [lindaJean.smith@comcast.net](mailto:lindaJean.smith@comcast.net)

or mail to: 23 Bentley Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824



## ***DISTRICT DOINGS***

### **Central South District (Ruth Evans, Director)**

**Ashland Garden Club** recently took part in an Intergenerational Collaboration Project involving the Ashland Recreation Department and the Senior Center. In conjunction with a unit on pollinators presented to preschoolers, their parents, and seniors, club members created a pollinator garden. The project was made possible by a grant to Ashland Garden Club from the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association (MMGA).



*Children working in one of Ashland GC's pollinator beds*

**Franklin Garden Club** members created two large arrangements for the Franklin Library as part of the town's ArtWeek celebration. The arrangements, dubbed "Art in Bloom," reflected the design and colors of two paintings displayed in the library foyer. Members also created 40 silk-flower May baskets for residents of the Franklin Skilled-Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



*Franklin Garden Club's arrangement featured at the Franklin Library*

This past spring **Holliston Garden Club** organized and opened a new Seed Library within the Holliston Library, allowing patrons to check out free packets of seeds. At the end of summer, recipients report their results and, if possible, save seeds to return back to the Seed Library for future borrowers.



*Holliston GC's Seed Library*

In April, **Garden Club of Norfolk** worked with the Norfolk Public Library

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to present “Books in Bloom”: twelve floral designs representing books chosen by member- designers. Designs and books were on display for four days. The exhibit opened with a reception showcasing the designers, who informally discussed their inspirations.



GC of Norfolk member Anne Prior interpreted the book Out of the Woods in her floral design.

Working in conjunction with the local senior center, **Northborough Garden Club** members made May baskets to cheer less fortunate members of the community. The club also recently selected the recipient of their annual \$1,000 college scholarship.

**Southeast District  
(Gail Reilly, Director)**

The 186 members of **The Garden Club of Harwich** continue to be active in many projects, including tending 18 community gardens and 39 containers. The club's monthly Blooming Bouquets program provides flowers for assisted living residents; and students can take advantage of scholarships, “toolships” and grants. The club's latest initiative is an effort to have Harwich designated a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. The club's goal is to help raise

public awareness of the importance of creating backyard and public gardens that provide all creatures with food, water, shelter and places to raise their young.

**Osterville Garden Club** celebrated Arbor Day by planting a weeping cherry tree at the Osterville Historical Museum, where club members maintain the colonial flower and herb gardens. One of the club's provisional members recently led a guided tour of St. Mary's Daffodil Garden in West Barnstable, which is divided into different “rooms”: a rose garden, a meadow, an orchard, a memorial garden, and an herb garden with sculptures and water features.



Osterville GC members who participated in the Arbor Day celebration

Two members of **The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth** – Janice Clark Fitzgerald and Jean Nalen-Dobachesky – participated in Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. They are pictured below with the Statue of Vishnu.



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**Somerset Garden Club** recently awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship to Megan Anderson of Dartmouth. As part of their civic involvement, members also conducted a holiday greens workshop for the Somerset Historical Society. They also maintain civic gardens and planters throughout town.

**Middlesex District  
(Joanne Lyons, Director)**

The **Middlesex District** Annual Luncheon was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>; fifteen clubs were represented. Following lunch, Former GCFM President Marisa McCoy dazzled attendees with examples of new NGC floral designs as well as some of her own. Arrangements were taken home by lucky Opportunity Drawing winners.



*Designer Marisa McCoy works on a Cascade design at the Middlesex District Annual Luncheon.*

**Belmont Garden Club** collaborated with the Belmont Library, Friends of the Library, Library Foundation, and Historical Society to celebrate the library's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Birthday Weekend. The club's "Books in Bloom" featured twenty-three designs interpreting books from *Frankenstein* to *Fifty Shades of Grey*. In addition, the club's Junior Gardeners created ten dish gardens for the Children's Room. In mid-April the public was invited to a free club-

sponsored lecture in memory of Anne Allen, an honorary member. The speaker was Joann Vieira, former Chief Horticulturalist at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, who spoke on the topic "Native Plants for the Home Garden."

**Carlisle Garden Club** organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual town-wide seed swap and potluck dinner, working in collaboration with a local environmental non-profit, CSA farmers, the town's agricultural committee, and their farmers market coordinator. Hands-on activities included potting edible peas for consumption as microgreens, creating seed "bombs," making origami seed packets from recycled gardening/food magazines, and a demonstration of hügelkultur, "beetle banks" and beneficial insects.

**Lexington Field & Garden Club** was recently cited in a *Boston Globe Magazine* article comparing the attributes of Lexington and Concord. Under the heading "Random Claims to Fame," the article said, "The Lexington Field & Garden Club is the oldest garden club in the nation, proving the town was 'going green' long before that was a thing." For Arbor Day, club members annually visit young students in their classrooms, providing interactive presentations about trees. Each child receives a white spruce seedling to take home and plant, to help Lexington continue as a recognized "Tree City."

**Stoneham Garden Club** is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Continuing in its traditions of working for and with the community, the club tended public garden sites at Whip Hill and the Town Hall through the summer months. The club held a "Books in Bloom" event in May, in

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conjunction with the Stoneham Public Library.

**Waltham Garden Club** had a display at the Waltham Public Library for the month of April. Fairy gates created by members, books about fairies, fabrics and floral materials were combined to highlight the fantastical world of nymphs and fairies.



*Jane Gibbons, current Waltham GC President (left) and Alexis Shaw, former President, in front of their fairy garden display*

Several members of the **Temple Shalom Garden Club** (West Newton) created twelve floral centerpieces for the Temple Sisterhood Women's Seder. They also created two presentation bouquets for honored guests.



*Lynn Baden, Temple Shalom Garden Club, organized floral arranging for a recent celebration.*

### **Northern District**

**(Marsha Ledbury, Director)**

The **Northern District Annual Meeting** was held at the Tewksbury Country Club with seventeen clubs and six GCFM officers in attendance. The primary goal was to increase awareness of garden club projects and showcase club members' talents as well as to introduce resources that help support club activities.



*Northern District Director Marsha Ledbury and GCFM 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bonnie Rosenthal commend West Newbury Club President and Master Gardener Kathy Mandeville for her inspirational presentation.*

**Andover Garden Club's** Earth Day wine-tasting event combined enjoyment of "the fruits of the earth" with an educational display of earth-friendly tips and products. The purpose of the event, which was held at the North Andover Country Club, was to have fun with friends while raising funds to support the club's community outreach.



*Andover GC President Tina Girdwood addressed attendees at a recent Earth Day event.*

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Several members of **Billerica Garden Club** attended North Reading Garden Club's Silver Tea fundraiser, enjoying an evening with Tony Tedesco, who is a legend within floral design circles.



*Billerica GC member Kathleen Baronas won a Tony Tedesco floral arrangement.*

**The Country Lane Garden Club** (Chelmsford) was recently asked by Chelmsford's Conservation Commission to redesign a conservation area entrance. Landscape designer Alison Tannenbaum (club Treasurer)



submitted a xeriscape design which was approved by the ConComm in the spring; it featured low-maintenance, drought-tolerant plants. The plan is being implemented this year. *Pictured below left, Country Lane GC is implementing new xeriscape garden for the entrance to this Chelmsford conservation area.*

**Dracut Garden Club** President Kathy Gauthier created a trayscape for the Northern District Annual Meeting. The design featured beach accessories, a *Tillandsia ionantha* air plant, and a seafood menu.



*Dracut GC President Kathy Gauthier with her beach-themed trayscape*

**North Reading Garden Club** floral designer Judy Colburne – assisted by Charlene Malek – created a beautiful floral arrangement for the Art In Bloom event at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Their assignment was to

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interpret a Chinese vase from the Qing dynasty.



*North Reading GC members Judy Colburne and Charlene Malek at the MFA Art in Bloom show*

**Tewksbury Garden Club** proudly celebrated this year's GCFM State Poetry and Essay Contest winners (who happen to be sisters) with certificates, flowers, applause and refreshments. The winners' parents also attended.



*North Reading GC contest winners Amaya and Dasia Allen (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from left), flanked by member Roberta Kane (far left), club President Jackie Stone, and Northern District Director Marsha Ledbury*

**Topsfield Garden Club** sponsored its 5<sup>th</sup> "Grow Spring! Expo" on April 7<sup>th</sup> with over 1,000 visitors. This free annual event is for all backyard gardeners, environmentalists and amateur

ecologists. At part of its Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration the club gave 115 tree seedlings to children and participated in town festivities by providing educational exhibits.



*Topsfield GC member Patty Knight demonstrated worm composting at the club's EXPO and Earth Day events.*

#### **South Shore District (Roni Bache-Lahage, Director)**

The South Shore District Luncheon was held at the Agricultural Hall at Marshfield Fairgrounds and themed "A Picnic at the Fair." Helpers for the day included: Susan Roche, Linda Varitomas, and Suzanne Cutler (Mattakeesett Garden Club of Pembroke); and Pam Laiosa, Andi Kindamo and Paulette Tozzi (The Yise Gardeners of Marshfield). Attendees were invited to mingle and discuss their clubs' most interesting speakers and most effective fundraisers. District Director Roni Bache-Lahage spoke about the centerpieces, which were exhibits from Marshfield Fair Horticulture; she also shared how easy and fun it is to enter the Marshfield Fair. Volunteers distributed popcorn to enjoy, while listening to speaker Neal Sanders.

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*Attendees at the South Shore Annual Meeting, "A Picnic at the Fair"*

**The Garden Club of Mansfield** celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in mid-April. The refreshment table was arranged with a cake, flowers and punch in champagne glasses. Mansfield GC meets in the evening, welcoming members who are employed during the day. One of the club's male members arranged the flowers based on an idea from a previous presentation. Suzanne Mahler's "Get Ready for Spring" presentation was well received.



*Mansfield GC members celebrated the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**Amateur Gardeners of Milton** held their annual garden therapy workshop with senior citizens at the Milton Council on Aging. This program – a workshop and luncheon with entertainment provided by music groups from Milton High School – is a favorite with attendees and club members alike.



*Attendees at the annual garden therapy workshop sponsored by Amateur Gardeners of Milton*

**Weymouth Garden Club** participated in Art in Bloom at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Michelle DeLorey Cappellini and Yoshie Picciotto designed a floral arrangement to complement Georgia O'Keeffe's painting "Fishhook from Hawaii No. 2." The ocean, waves and sky were represented by hydrangeas, delphiniums, lisianthus, orchids, and calla lilies. A row of peach-colored carnations highlighted the horizon. A spray of red ginger, astilbe and calla lilies mimicked the feathers on the lure, and the hook was made out of kangaroo paw.



*Weymouth GC designers Yoshie Picciotto and Michelle DeLorey Cappellini with their MFA Art in Bloom design.*

*CINDORA GOLDBERG AWARD WINNER*



Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' 2018 Cindora Goldberg Award is given to Minal Akkad of the Framingham Garden Club.

The winning design, exhibited at the MFA's Art in Bloom this year, was an impressively innovative interpretation of the Asafo Militia Flag (Ghana). Bold and dramatic use of plant material was created with fan palms, which were used in their natural color as well as bleached to suggest the divergent philosophies depicted in the art, along with heliconias, New Zealand flax, and protea

## **GCFM State Awards**

### **II. Civic Development Awards**

#### **II.A. Civic Projects**

##### **2. Municipal Gardens**

**Weston Garden Club**, a **Certificate of Merit** for designing, installing and maintaining a Native Plant Garden at Town Hall in Weston.

##### **3. Landscaping Public Buildings**

**Groton Garden Club**, a **Certificate of Merit** for their initiative of planting Arbor Day trees and designing and installing a new landscape at the Groton Fire Station.

##### **4. Memorial Gardens**

**Peabody Garden Club**, a **Certificate of Merit** for their community involvement and landscape design of the Peabody Public Safety Memorial honoring Peabody police and firefighters.

#### **II.C. Continuing Civic Projects Award**

##### **1. Clubs with 10-49 members**

**North Reading Garden Club**, a **Certificate of Merit** for funding and maintaining the "Welcome to North Reading" sign and surrounding gardens since 1990.

##### **2. Clubs with 50-99 members**

**Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham**, a **Certificate of Merit** for 33 years of maintenance and planting at "Remembrance Circle", a memorial garden honoring Vietnam veterans.

### **III. Conservation and Environmental Awards**

#### **III.A. Mildred S. Parker Conservation Award**

**Weston Garden Club Conservation Committee**, a **Silver Bowl** for the extensive revitalization project at Forbes Land, a native wildflower sanctuary in Weston.

#### **III.B. Conservation**

##### **2. Open Spaces**

**Weston Garden Club Conservation Committee**, a **Certificate of Merit** for the extensive revitalization project at Forbes Land, a native wildflower sanctuary in Weston.

### **IV. Flower Show Awards**

**G. The Margaret E. Marsh Flower Show Achievement Award**, a **Silver Bowl** to the **Springfield Garden Club** for the "Rooted in the Past & Still Growing" flower show at the Wood Museum of Springfield History, Springfield, MA.

**H. The Violet E. Maclaren Flower Show Schedule Award**, a **Flower Show School Scholarship**, for the highest point scoring schedule evaluated, to the **Southeastern District** for "Endless Summer", at the Heritage Museums and Gardens in Sandwich, MA.

**I. The Arrangers of Marblehead Flower Show Award for Staging**, a **Flower Show School Scholarship**

for excellence in staging to the **Springfield Garden Club** for "Rooted in the Past & Still Growing", at the Wood Museum of Springfield History.

**L. The Marie Hancock Cook Certificate of Merit for Achievement in Traditional Flower Arrangement** to **Marisa McCoy** (Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham) for her American Traditional Mass Design at the Boston Flower Show.

**M. The Diane Bullock Award**, a **Silver Trophy** for the most original interpretation of class theme, to **Linda Pare** (Ashland Garden Club, NH) for her Grouped Mass Design at the Boston Flower show.

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**N. The Clare Richards Award**, a **Plaque** for the design that best exemplifies the sensitive use of color to **Karen Knaub** (Garden Club of Hyannis) for her Grouped Mass Design at the Boston Flower Show.

**O. The Jeanne-Marie Parkes Creativity Award**, a **Silver Bowl** to **Gail Hubacker** (Garden Club of Hyannis) for a Grouped Mass Design at the Boston Flower Show.

**Q. The Ruth A. Wallack Schedule Award**, a **Silver Tray** for the flower show schedule with the most creative design division, to the **Springfield Garden Club** for "Rooted in the Past & Still Growing", at the Wood Museum of Springfield History.

**S. The Barbara May Award of Design Excellence**, a **trophy** for the design scoring the highest number of points in a Designer's Choice class, to **Judy Gray** for a Grouped Mass Design at the Boston Flower Show.

#### **VII. Landscape Design**

**Virginia Thurston Landscape Design Award**, a **Certificate of Merit** to **Weston Garden Club** for designing, installing and maintaining a Native Plant Garden at Town Hall in Weston.

#### **X. Publicity/Public Relations Awards**

##### **A. Public Relations**

###### **1. Clubs with 60-99 members**

**Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham**, a **Certificate of Merit** for the annual Art in Bloom event pairing artwork from Needham High School students with floral interpretations by garden club members.

###### **2. Clubs with 100+ members**

**Garden Club of Harvard**, a **Certificate of Merit** for celebrating their club's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a choreographed flash dance in the town's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

##### **B. Publicity Press Book Awards**

**Certificates of Merit** awarded to the following clubs for their books consisting of published articles of garden club activities:

##### **Medium Clubs, 26-50 members:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Reading Garden Club**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Norwood Evening Garden Club**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hull Garden Club**

##### **Large Clubs, 51-150 members:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Springfield Garden Club**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chelmsford Garden Club**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Acton Garden Club**

#### **XI. Publications**

##### **A. Publications Award**

**The Southeastern District**, a **Certificate of Merit** for their Annual Meeting booklet, which includes annual reports from the Director, club presidents, flower show chairman and free ads for special events by District clubs.

**B. Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award**, a **Silver Tray**, for three consecutive editions of the club newsletter:

###### **1. Clubs with 30-59 members**

**Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford**

###### **2. Clubs with 100+ members**

**Community Garden Club of Cohasset**

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### **C. Yearbook Award**

A **Certificate of Merit** awarded for the best garden club yearbook in the following categories:

**Under 20 members: Chicatabot Garden Club (Dover)**

**20-29 members: Crystal Garden Club (Reading)**

**30-44 members: The Friendly Garden Club (Beverly)**

**45-69 members: Walnut Hill Garden Club (Hanover)**

**70-99 members: Acton Garden Club**

### **XV. Wildflower Preservation**

**The Laverne B. Collard Wildflower Award** to the **Weston Garden Club**, a **Silver Bowl** for designing, installing and maintaining a Native Plant Garden at Town Hall in Weston.

### **XVI. Youth Activities**

**A. Mitzi Belitsky Award**, a **Silver Vase** in recognition of outstanding achievement in work with children.

#### **1. Clubs with 60-99 members**

**Saugus Garden Club** for their hands-on year-round gardening program at the Saugus Public Library inspiring a new generation of gardeners.

#### **2. Clubs with 100+ members**

**Garden Club of Harvard** for their Art in Bloom, featuring 25 pieces of student art interpreted in floral designs by club volunteers.

### **XVII. GCFM Special Awards**

#### **A. The Cindora Goldberg Award**

A **Certificate of Merit** for the most innovative floral design is awarded to **Minal Akaad** (Framingham Garden Club) for her dramatic and imaginative interpretation of the Asafo Militia Flag at the MFA's Art in Bloom.

**B. Helen Deorsay Friedberg Tribute Scholarship**, awarded each year for each of the NGC schools.

**Flower Show School: Julia Patriciu** (Belmont Garden Club)

**Garden Study School: Janice Clark Fitzgerald** (Evening GC of Plymouth)

**Landscape Design School: Maria Shapiro** (Andover Garden Club)

**Environmental Study School: Diana Brandi** (Nahant Garden Club)

**Landscape Design Council Award for Excellence** in Recognition of Outstanding Civic Accomplishment, to **Christine Poff**, Director of the Community Preservation Committee, for her work to support parks and open space.

### **NGC Awards**

**#57 Standard Flower Show Achievement Award** for a flower show staged in a **Public Building**, a **Certificate of Merit and Ribbon** to the **Springfield Garden Club** for "Rooted in the Past & Still Growing" at the Wood Museum of Springfield History.

**#PUB 1-2Aiv. Newsletter Award, Medium Club**, a **Certificate of Participation** to **Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford**.

**#PUB 1-2-iv. Newsletter Award, X-Large Club**, a **Certificate of Participation** to **The Community Garden Club of Cohasset**.

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**GCFM 501(C)(3) Umbrella Status Renewal**  
***Important: This form must be received by October 1, 2018***

As a 501(C)(3) club under the Federation umbrella, you must submit a simple annual financial report together with any address or contact changes to the Federation by October 1 of each year.

To renew your 501(C)(3) status with the Federation you must:  
Already be under the Federation umbrella.

Either use the renewal form below or send a letter to the Federation with the following information by October 1 of the current calendar year:

- Your club's EIN (Employee Identification Number – looks like social security number)
- The name of a contact person who can answer financial questions, and that person's contact information.
- Any address or contact person changes from previous year.

A copy of the income and expense or profit and loss statement for the previous year (like taxes, you send it in for the year that has just passed). This statement should show what money has come into your club and from what sources, and what money has been spent and in what categories. This is not a copy of your checking account statement.

Clubs are required to file a 990N e-postcard with the IRS. Failure to file with the IRS will lead to the IRS removing you from the Federation's tax-exempt umbrella. If your club's gross income from projects, cash donations, dues, etc., is over \$50,000, you must file the IRS 990 EZ forms with the Federal Government. A copy of the filing must be included with the information you send to the Federation.

No filing fee is required.

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- Mail to: The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc  
Attn: Second Vice President  
219 Washington Street  
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

501(C) (3) Umbrella Renewal Information

Club's Name

Club's EIN

Mailing address

Is this the same mailing address as last year? (Circle one) Yes No

Contact person email

Contact person Phone #

Is this the same contact person from last year? (Circle one) Yes No

Please attach a copy of income and expense statement for the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

Income was over \$50,000 (If yes, include a copy of your IRS 990-EZ form)  
(circle one) Yes No

## GCFM 501(C)(3) Umbrella Status Application

### **Why this is important**

If the IRS does *not* acknowledge you as a not-for-profit organization, you must pay taxes on your club's income and file state and federal tax returns each year. By being under GCFM's tax-exempt umbrella, you will be classified as a charitable group by the federal government.

As a 501(C)(3) organization, you can accept donations from corporations and individuals. They can in turn deduct these gifts from their income tax.

**Special note:** Becoming a tax-exempt organization is *not* the same as having a sales tax exemption from Massachusetts that allows you to purchase items without paying sales tax. You need to register with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts separately for sales-tax-exempt status. Go to the Mass Attorney General's website and click on "Charities" for more information. Once this is granted, you may apply to the Department of Revenue for a sales tax exemption.

### **How does a club become a 501(C)(3) under the**

#### **Federation umbrella?**

First, your club must have its own EIN (Employee Identification Number), even though you have no employees. This number is required to obtain a club checking or a savings account. To acquire an EIN, you must file an SS-4 form. You may get this form online at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov). When completed, the form can be faxed to 631-447-8960 or call 1-800-829-1040 and follow the menu for [business employee identification numbers](#), and you can get it over the phone. We suggest you have a filled-in form in front of you when filing over the phone.

Your club may or may not be incorporated but cannot be a private foundation.

Your club must be a member of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Your club's fiscal year must be the same as the Federation's (July 1 to June 30).

### **By October 1 of the current calendar year, you must submit the following completed information to the Federation:**

A letter requesting to be included in the 501(C)(3) umbrella with the Federation, signed by a club officer.

A one-time filing fee of \$25 to cover expenses made out to "GCFM".

(This is not an annual fee; you pay it only when you first apply.)

The name and contact information, including phone number and email address, of someone who can answer questions about the club's finances.

A mailing address for the club. Although it is not mandatory, we suggest a post office box so the address will remain the same each year.

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GCFM 501(C)(3) Umbrella Status Application,

A one-page description/list of club activities.

A copy of your club's bylaws with the following two IRS clauses included, word for word. These *must* already appear in the bylaws when applying.

**Dissolution Clause:** In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall, after payment of necessary expenses, be distributed to such organization as shall qualify under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law or to the Federal Government, a State or Local government for public purpose, subject to the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**Nondiscrimination Clause:** The (Name) Garden Club shall not permit in their conduct of club affairs, any restriction or limitation whatsoever based upon race, color, creed, gender, and national origin or employment status.

**Financial information on your club:**

- An income and expense or profit and loss statement for the previous year.
- A copy of a budget for the coming year.
- If a new club to the Federation, only current finances and proposed budget.

To maintain tax-exempt status under the GCFM umbrella, a club must submit an annual financial report with any address or contact changes by October 1 of each year AND file with the IRS.

Once you are under the umbrella, each year, you will need to file a 990N/e postcard information return with the IRS if your club's gross income is under \$50,000. You must file a 990EZ if over \$50,000. *Gross income* includes dues; revenue from sales and fund-raisers; monetary gifts given to the club; and income from CDs and other financial instruments. Income does *not* include non-financial gifts such as plants, labor, or materials.

If you *lose* your status by failing to file each year, getting back your tax-free status becomes expensive and difficult.

**Mail all COMPLETE packages and financial reports to:**

**GCFM Office: 219 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills 02481  
Attn: Second Vice President**

**For questions: Call Betsy Howard 781-507-2175 or 978-302-8841 or email [howardbetsy@msn.com](mailto:howardbetsy@msn.com)**

**Application and Renewal Forms are available at [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org) under Forms.**



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**#MP-4-7 (A)iii. Video/CD/DVD/Flash Drive Award (Large Club). First Place, Weymouth Garden Club** for their video that included their Art in Bloom event, and segments on gardening tips that aired on local cable TV.

**#YB-1.6. Yearbook, 70-99 member club. First Place, Acton Garden Club.**

#### NGC Scholarships:

**Tempie Dahlgren Scholarship Award** presented to **Caitlin Swalec.**

**Barbara D. May Scholarship Award** presented to **Abigail Burke.**

### President Pins/Past President Bars

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 6 first-class postage stamps for shipping.**

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

Pin and Bar - \$80 plus \$5.01 tax **plus 6 first-class postage stamps for shipping.**

To order, complete the form below and mail it with check and stamps to:

Jill Malcolm, 33 Bonnie Dr., Holliston, MA 01746

Make check payable to: GCFM, Inc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Number of Pins@ \$50 each \_\_\_\_ Number of Bars@ \$30 each

\_\_\_\_ Number of Pin/Bar Combo \_\_\_\_ Stamps for shipping

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 5 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, Espousal Center, Waltham, 10:30 AM
- 10 Falmouth GC presents Ruth Loiseau, white House Floral Designer,  
9:00 AM, First Congregational Church 68 Main Street, Falmouth  
**Cost:** \$15 guest donation
- 11 Horticulture Morning, 10:30 AM, Espousal Center (*See back inside cover*)
- 12 Middlesex District Coffee,
- 13 Metro District Coffee, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Needham Public Library,  
1139 Highland Ave, Needham Heights
- 15 Easton GC “Fall Plant Sale,” 9 – 1 AM, Yardley-Wood Skating Rink,  
388 Depot St., South Easton
- 17 Central North Coffee
- 20 Southeastern District Coffee, Mashpee Public Library
- 22 South Shore District Coffee, 9 AM -12 PM, No. Community Church Hall,  
Marshfield Hills,
- 23 Arlington GC “Garden Tour,” 12:00 NOON - 4:00 PM, Purchase tickets:  
The Book Rack, 13 Medford Street, Arlington, MA. 781-646-2665  
\$30 in advance; \$35 day of tour. Contact Patsy Kraemer at  
[patsylkraemer@gmail.com](mailto:patsylkraemer@gmail.com) .... 781-858-8629
- 24 Back to Basics, Espousal Center, Waltham, 10:30 AM, Kaye Vosburgh
- 25 Northeast District Coffee at 4:00 PM
- 26-28 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- 27 GCC Board Meeting, 10:30 am, Wellesley Community Center,
- 28-Oct 8 Topsfield Fair Flower Show

### OCTOBER 2018

- 1-8 Topsfield Fair Flower Show
- 1 Deadline for 501(c) 3 renewals**
- 2 Northern District Coffee, Lowell Cemetery, 10 AM -12 PM
- 3 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, Espousal Center, Waltham,  
10:30 AM, Investment Committee meeting follows Board
- 4 Judges Council, Elm Bank
- 5 -6 Nauset Garden Club presents a Standard Flower Show, “Autumn  
Leaves. October 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday NOON to 5 PM., Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM  
till 4 PM at the Crosby Mansion, 163 Crosby Lane Brewster, MA.  
\$10 Donation at the door. Contact person: Peggy Sheehan 508 255 3026  
or cell 508 212 7617
- 10-14 Tower Hill Flower Show, Fri. & Sat, 10 AM -5 PM, Sun., 10 AM -4 PM
- 15 Deadline for Yearbooks to Federation office (3 copies)**
- 15-16 New England Garden Clubs Annual Meeting, Westbrook, CT
- 16-18 Connecticut Symposium, Westbrook, CT

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- 24 **GCFM FALL CONFERENCE** – See Page 6. (Please reserve)
- 25-26 Landscape Design School, St. Brigid's Keilty Hall 2001 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington, MA 02421 **Contact:** Maureen O'Brien, at [maureen.t.obrien@outlook.com](mailto:maureen.t.obrien@outlook.com)
- 30 The Norwood Evening GC will host peony expert Kathleen Gagan, 6:45 PM, Parish House, behind First Baptist Church, 71 Bond St., Norwood. \$5 donation. Contact [donnamlane@verizon.net](mailto:donnamlane@verizon.net)

#### NOVEMBER 2018

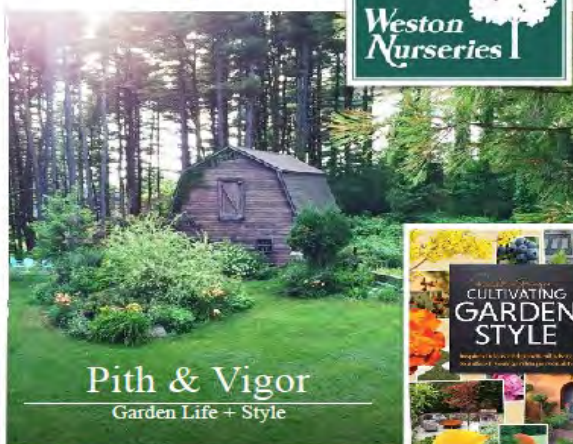
- 3-4 Environmental School, Elm Bank, Wellesley
- 4 Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Needham High School. Beth Shalom GC presents The Needham Antique Show (21<sup>st</sup> year). \$6.00 with notice. Antiques, Cafe, Bake Sale, GC table. [Suekflowers@yahoo.com](mailto:Suekflowers@yahoo.com)
- 6 Design Morning, Elm Bank, Wellesley, 9:30 AM– 12:30 PM
- 7 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, Espousal Center, Waltham, 10:30 AM
- 7 GC of Norfolk "Evening with Tony Tedesco," 6:30 PM, 70 Boardman St., Norfolk, \$15
- 12 Back to Basics, Espousal Center, Waltham, 10:30 AM, Marisa McCoy
- 15 **Deadline IRS and State filing**

#### DECEMBER 2018

- 1 **Deadline for Award applications & Poetry & Essay contests**
- 1 GC of Harwich "Holiday House Tour," 11:30 AM – 4:30 pm, details on website, [gardenclubofharwich.org](http://gardenclubofharwich.org)
- 1 Easton GC "Holiday Green Sale," 9 AM – 1 PM, Easton Historical Society & Museum, Mechanic St., N. Easton
- 5 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, Espousal Center, Waltham, 10:30 AM



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## **HORTICULTURE MORNING**

**CULTIVATING GARDEN STYLE WITH ROCHELLE GREAYER**

**September 11, 2018 10:00 - 11:30am**

The GCFM is excited to host Rochelle Greayer, garden designer and the author of *Cultivating Garden Style*. Spend a morning with Rochelle as she shares her own inspirations and helps you find yours. From exploring the wild nature of New England to beautifully designed gardens around the world, there is always a unique spirit to be discovered in every place. Learn how to examine your own tastes in fashion, home decor, and even your hobbies and couple it with the special characteristics and history of your land to tell your own unique and interesting garden story.

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

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

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ROCHELLE'S BOOK *CULTIVATING GARDEN STYLE*: \$25.00/EA SOLD SEPARATELY

LOCATION: THE ESPOUSAL CENTER (354 LEXINGTON STREET, WALTHAM, MA)

DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 (10:00 - 11:30AM)

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5.00/AT THE DOOR

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

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