

# MAYFLOWER

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SUMMER 2017



## PROGRAMS that Start in September

### DESIGN WORKSHOP

series of three hands on sessions includes instruction and materials

October 10, 2017

January 16, 2018

April 10, 2018

Located at Massachusetts Horticultural Society  
900 Washington St., Wellesley MA 02482

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September 18, 2017

November 13, 2017

February 26, 2018

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554 Lexington St., North Waltham MA 02452

Check on details and find costs and registration forms  
at

[www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org)

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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



## 'Plant America: Start With a Seed'

Hello All,

Our NGC President, Nancy Hargroves, has chosen 'Plant America' as the theme for her term in office. State Presidents were instructed to develop our platform based on that. There were so many avenues to choose. I decided to "Start With a Seed". That's the beginning. Where we go from there is caring, choice, and creativity.

In my surprisingly rapid rise to the position I find myself in today, I have quickly realized that the choices we all make inform our eventual outcome. We can decide to take on that bedraggled civic project, against our better judgment, with the lack of available hands and funding and find that the mission has been accomplished with the exceptional few and willing Club members. We can decide to take on a complex flower show schedule and hunt to make sure that each class is represented to its fullest, and that each entrant is pleased with the program and their personal task. It

is the choice we make to truly dedicate ourselves to these projects that help them bloom.

Within each of us is a teacher although not necessarily an academic. Each of us has something to share. Within our Garden Club world we have designers, diggers, researchers, plant specialists, horticulturalists, artists, tech experts, and leaders. Our knowledge, passion, and engagement are the "seed". It is our mission to "plant" that seed in our community and beyond to encourage responsible, creative, and concerned citizenship. Look to the Federation to provide you with the tools to make your ideas a success in your communities. With 180 Clubs and over 11,150 members, we certainly have the experience and knowledge to share with you and to help you "*plant your seed.*"

I'm looking forward to my term and to meeting as many of you as possible. I revel in the idea of growth and cooperation in our Clubs, within the Federation, and in our towns, counties, and State. Keep that going!

I wish you all a wonderful summer in your gardens and beyond,

Suzanne McCance, President  
GCFM, Inc.

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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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# 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, June 14, 2017 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 13, 2017 10:30 AM

Bonni Dinneen, *Corresponding Secretary*

### DIRECTIONS TO THE ESPOUSAL CENTER

554 LEXINGTON STREET, NORTH WALTHAM, MA 02452-3029

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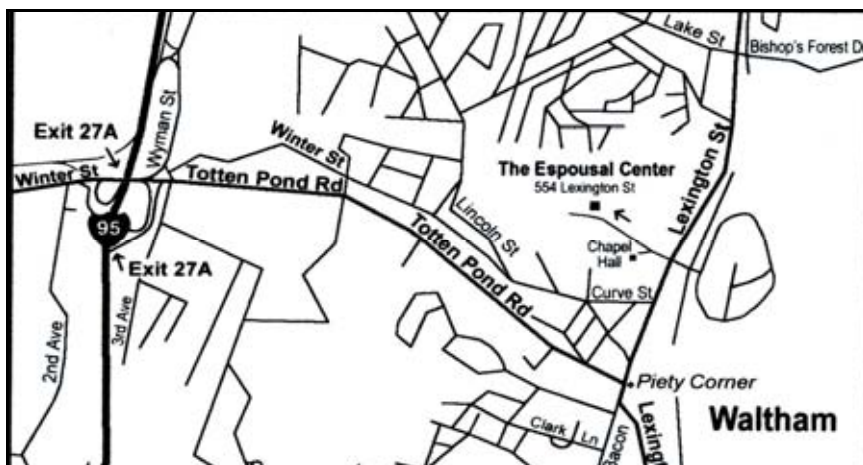
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## Poetry and Essay Contest Winners



State winner in the Poetry Contest for Fifth Grade, Charlotte Sumner, pictured above, is a student from Sutton Massachusetts, sponsored by the Seaside Gardeners of Squantum.



The North Reading Garden Club recognized Chloe DeAngelis as the winner of the Grade 1 statewide poetry competition for the 'We Three: Bees, Butterflies, and Me' Pictured below, Chloe was presented a certificate by the state Youth Poetry and Essay Chairperson, Charlene Malek.



Brenna Donovan, sponsored by the Scituate Garden Club, is the state winner for Sixth Grade in the Poetry Contest. She is pictured above with Suzanne Rynne, Scituate GC President, and Junior Gardener chair Betty Tufankjian .

Abby McCarthy a senior at Wayland High School, is the first place winner in the Essay Contest. Her essay, entitled, Bring the Bees to your Block, reflected the theme of "We Need our Pollinators". Abby is pictured at top right with Patrice Barton of Wayland GC.



Emma Wall, from North Reading High School placed Second in the Essay Contest for her submission entitled " Monochromatic Aurora". In the photo are AJ LoPrete, Principal, Charlene Malek, Emma Wall, Jeff and Laura Wall, parents, and Superintendent Jon Bernard.





The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.  
and  
The Marshfield Agricultural & Horticultural Society  
Present



# Take Me To The Fair

The Design Division of a Standard Flower Show

## Marshfield Fair

Route 3A, Marshfield, MA

August 18 to 27, 2017

### DESIGN CLASSES

#### Class 11 Chicago 1893 - The Ferris Wheel

A Design, Freedom of Choice, inspired by this symbol of fun and fairs everywhere.

**Eligible for the Designers Choice Award 4 Entries**

#### Class 2 Paris 1889 – The Eiffel Tower

A Functional Table for lunching with Gustave Eiffel, the tower's architect, staged on a black tray 22" wide, 14" deep and 4" high. Placed in front of a 40" wide by 30" high backboard with a 40" wide by 30" deep underlay, on a platform 30" high.

**Eligible for the Tri Color Award 4 Entries**

#### Class 3 Brussels 1958 – The Atomium

A Multi Rhythmic Design using this icon as inspiration.

**Eligible for the Designers Choice Award 4 Entries**

#### Class 4 Seattle 1962 – The Space Needle

A Creative Design, Freedom of Choice, evocative of this structure.

**Eligible for the Designers Choice Award 4 Entries**

#### Class 5 Montreal 1964 – The Biosphere

A Traditional Mass Design reminiscent of this Canadian symbol

**Eligible for the Tri Color Award 4 Entries**

#### Class 6 China 2010 – The China Pavilion

A Design, Freedom of Choice, reflecting the Pavilion Architecture.

**Eligible for the Tri Color Award 4 Entries**

### STAGING

Unless otherwise noted, all designs are staged in front of a backboard 30" wide by 40" high with a 30" square underlay, placed on a platform 33" high.

**ENTRIES:** Contact Teri Mallory, [terinp@verizon.net](mailto:terinp@verizon.net)

To help control costs and reduce waste, all correspondence with exhibitors will be via email unless otherwise requested.

Be sure to check your email often for Show updates.

*The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.*  
**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT**



*presents*

**“ENDLESS SUMMER”**

**An NGC Flower Show**

**A Standard Flower Show Celebrating Hydrangeas**

Heritage Museums and Gardens, 67 Grove Street, Sandwich, MA 02563

Free with Museum Admission. Tuesday July 11, 2017 noon-5pm

Wednesday –Thursday July 12-13, 2017 10am – 5pm

*New Design Club Competition Class...A Buffet Table!!*

*New Photography and Artistic Crafts Classes!!*

All **“TITLES”** are names of Hydrangea **“CULTIVARS”**!

This Flower Show follows the requirements of the

**NEW** *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows Revised 2017*

**Wish to Volunteer and to Hostess?**

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**Be sure to follow NEW Flower Show Rules in the Schedule.**

**To purchase NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition**

**Contact National Garden Clubs, 1-800-550-6007.**

*All NGC Flower Shows presented after July 1, 2017*

*are required to follow the new Handbook Rules.*

*There are many exciting changes so be sure to order your copy.*

The SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT presents  
**“ENDLESS SUMMER” An NGC Flower Show**

A Standard Flower Show Celebrating Hydrangeas

Summary of the Schedule:

Horticulture Division I – “Grow”

**Flowering Branches** of *Hydrangea* and Branches with variegated foliage  
**Perennials** like *Delphinium*, *Hemerocallis* (Daylily), *Rosa* (Roses), and Ferns,  
Grasses, *Hosta*, *Heuchera*

**Bulbs, Corms, Tubers** like *Allium*, *Dahlia*, *Lilium* (Lily) and Calla Lily

**Flowering Annuals** like *Cleome*, *Cosmos*, and *Zinnia*

**Combination Plantings** like Dish Gardens, Terrariums, Desertariums and Challenge Planters...and what we grow in our gardens!

Design Division II – “Create”

**Section A. “APPLAUSE”** New Design Types by NGC (advanced)

**Class 1 “TWIST-N-SHOUT”** Low-Profile Design

**Class 2 “FUJI WATERFALL”** Cascade Design

**Class 3 “LET’S DANCE MOONLIGHT”** Grouped Mass Design

**Section B. “SUPERBOWL”** Hydrangea Festival. Hydrangeas included in Designs.

**Class 4 “SEASCAPE”** A Design

**Class 5 “FANTASIA”** American Traditional Mass Design

**Class 6 “ROMANCE”** Functional Table for Two

**Section C. “MUNCHKIN”** Petite Designs, no larger than...

**Class 7 “LITTLE LIME”** All-green Design...12” in height, width, depth

**Class 8 “LITTLE HONEY”** A Design...8” in height, width, depth

**Class 9 “LITTLE QUICK FIRE”** A Design...5” in height, width, depth

**Section D. “ALL SUMMER BEAUTY”** Club Competition

**Class 10 “SUNSET”** Functional Buffet Table for Four

Education Division III – “Learn”

Competitive Educational Exhibits 1, 2, 3

Botanical Arts Division IV – “Imagine”

**Section A. “BLUSHING BRIDE”** Artistic Crafts of plant material

**Class 1 “TIARA”** Bridal Headpiece

**Class 2 “WHITE DIAMONDS”** Bridal Neck Jewelry

**Class 3 “LOOKING GOOD”** The Groom’s wedding outfit

**Section B. “PAINTER’S PALETTE”** Photography, colored 8x10 photos

**Class 4 “BOUNTY”** A garden featuring Hydrangea bloom/s

**Class 5 “HARMONY”** A summer garden

**Class 6 “SPREADING BEAUTY”** A summer pollinator



## The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

### Scholarship Fundraiser

### *“Victoria's Secret Revealed”*

Dear Garden Club Members:

There are many ways in which garden clubs and individuals can contribute to the success of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. *Scholarship Fundraiser, High Tea, “Victoria's Secret Revealed”*, being held on **November 8, 2017**, held at **The Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Milford, Massachusetts**.

The GCFM's Scholarship Fund is in great need of additional donations to help us continue to award scholarships to needy students to help with their future endeavors. All donations will be recognized in the upcoming issues of *Mayflower*, and in the program book of the above event. The GCFM, Inc. is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

The *Bouquet of Donors* will honor cash donation in the following amounts:

Carnation	\$25	Delphinium	\$75
Rose	\$50	Peony	\$100
Above \$100	A Tussie Mussie		

Please make check payable to: **The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.** Memo line on check should read: **FLOWER NAME and Victorian High Tea** and please send to: **Leslie Frost, Vice Chairman** of event, 31 Lowell Street, Andover, Mass. 01810.

We appreciate any help your garden club members can give, no matter how large or small the donation. It would be wonderful if we had 100% participation of all Massachusetts garden clubs. Our sincere thanks to all of you for your support of a very worthwhile Fundraiser.

Diane Bullock, Chairman  
“Victoria's Secret Revealed” Scholarship Fundraiser.



**SAVE THE DATE.....SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Scholarship Committee of  
The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.**

**Presents**

***“Victoria's Secret Revealed”***

**A Scholarship Fundraiser High Tea  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017  
to be held at  
The Double Tree Hilton Hotel  
Milford, Massachusetts**

***Presenting: Candace Morgenstern of Rhode Island***  
**A new innovative program just for you!**

**Registration: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Victorian Hat Contest: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Program: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Friendship – 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Victorian High Tea Luncheon: 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
Opportunity Drawing and Announcements**

**Donation: \$60.00**

**Tickets available from: Diane Bullock, Event Chairman: Leslie Frost, Vice Chairman: District  
Directors and Fundraiser Committee Members**

**By Mail: send check payable to: The GCFM, Inc. and mail to: Diane Bullock, 456 Shore Road,  
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**More secrets to be revealed!**

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL  
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL  
DESIGN WORKSHOP  
BACK TO BASICS  
HORTICULTURE MORNINGS  
*under EDUCATION*

for GCFM FALL CONFERENCE  
under *MEETINGS*

And Garden Club Events and Programs  
under *CALENDAR*

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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 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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MA  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

I/We would like to make a gift to the GCFM Scholarship

Fund:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

If your gift is in Honor of or in Memory of someone, fill in the appropriate information below.

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

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

**IN MEMORY OF:**

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

Please send acknowledgment to:

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

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

Please designate:

Gift given to a specific Scholarship –

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

Gift given to general Scholarship

Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail gifts to:

**GCFM SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Deb Taverna,

109 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, MA. 01824

Garden Clubs that make a gift of \$50 or more will receive a certificate of appreciation as well as an acknowledgment card.

# DISTRICT DOINGS

## **CENTRAL NORTH(Jill Malcolm, Director)**

**Northborough Garden Club** Co-President Francesca "Cessy" Bombara was recently profiled in the *Community Advocate* newspaper, which serves North-, South- and Westborough as well as Grafton, Hudson, Marlborough and Shrewsbury. Cessy has been a member and/or officer of Northborough GC for over 20 years; she is also the current GCFM Recording Secretary. A New York State native, Cessy previously held positions on the board of the NY Garden Club Federation. She is also currently on the board of the Friends of the Northborough Senior Center, which works to improve the lives of the community's mature citizens. The



*Advocate* article praised Cessy for her dedication to the community, which has been reciprocated in the form of many devoted friendships. Cessy was quoted as saying, "I like what we do because we are helping people."

## **METRO (Ruth Kenworthy Ecker, Director)**

Members of **Fairbanks Garden Club** (Dedham) gathered at the

Endicott Greenhouse to make holiday wreaths for donation to nine Dedham town buildings.



*Fairbanks GC wreath-makers Annette O'Shea, Carol Cook, Ginny Sfrowanson, Annette Eddy, Therese Stegall, Joan Hartzel, Lisa Brayton, Alice Ungethuem, Natalie Fata, Mary Devine-Bentz and Carol Dixon.*

In November members of **Medfield Garden Club** hosted Thelma Shoneman with her floral design presentation, "Through the Holidays." The club also spent a week creating arrangements, boxwood trees and wreaths for its annual Greens Sale; proceeds go toward beautifying the town. In January, MGC held its annual Appreciation Tea, and a group visited "Flora in Winter" at the Worcester Art Museum.



*Selected items from the Medfield GC annual Greens Sale*

In late November, **The House & Garden Club of Wellesley** made wreaths to be hung on all the win-

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dows of Wellesley Town Hall. In December the club held its annual Holiday Luncheon & Auction at the Wellesley Country Club; \$2,500 was raised for Wellesley Friendly Aid's Camp Scholarship Fund.



*Wellesley House & GC member Cindy Jaczko served as auctioneer for the club's holiday fundraiser.*

**Wellesley Gardeners' Guild** members enjoyed their annual December Holiday Workshop, creating a beautiful nature-themed centerpiece using a wooden farmhouse tray, sheet moss, mixed greenery, pine cones, fresh white roses, and candles wrapped in birch bark. The club donated one centerpiece to the Wellesley Free Library.



*Wellesley Gardeners' Guild members made natural centerpieces for the holidays.*

As the final celebration of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, **The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury** and founding member Lois Baho hosted an English-style High Tea for members. As party favors, atten-

dees received vintage teacups containing spring bulbs for forcing. Teacups were also donated to a senior living community; and gifts were collected for local shelter residents.



*Attendees wore period hats to The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury's High Tea.*

**MIDDLESEX (Kathy Leva, Director)**

**Burlington Garden Club's** garden therapy group regularly visits the residents of Atria Longmeadow Place in Burlington to bring sunshine to the seniors. Members help residents create small fresh flower arrangements for their rooms. In December they created a holiday design.



*Garden therapy with seniors*

**Lexington Field & Garden Club** held its annual Greens Party in December. Members shared supplies of

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fresh greens, containers and decorations to create arrangements for themselves, the club's holiday boutique and local organizations. Holiday music and refreshments added to the fun all afternoon and evening.



*Lexington Field & GC member Julia Francis working on a holiday arrangement*

In early December ten members of **Lincoln Garden Club** met to make thirty-four floral arrangements to be donated to area residents in need of holiday cheer. Girl Scouts made holiday cards for each design.

**Stoneham Garden Club**, led by President Connie Filosi, participated in the annual Christmas Fundraiser at Whip Hill, a 30-acre conservation center and wildlife refuge owned by the Town of Stoneham and operated by the Stoneham Conservation commission.

Just in time for Thanksgiving, **Waltham Garden Club** held a "Make and Take" centerpiece workshop as part of their year-long 75th anniversary celebration. Members received containers and their choice of greens and decorations.



*Waltham GC member Courtney Ogg-Mancuso led a pre-holiday floral arranging event.*

**Winchester Home & Garden Club** welcomed Betsy "Mrs. Thrift" Williams for an event that was billed as an educational journey for the taste buds. Williams shared herb infused condiments and spread a table of fragrant, green herbs for taste-testing.

#### **NORTHERN (Donna Vallois, District Director)**

**Andover Garden Club** continued over the winter to create and maintain seasonal arrangements in a pair of mid-19th century urns that stand in front of the Old Town House in the town center. The club donated the urns to the town during the 1990s.

*Page 17 top left—One of two urns donated to the town and maintained by Andover GC*

In late January **Country Lane Garden Club** (Chelmsford) took a field trip to Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston. After members explored the Orangerie and Limonaia conservatories, Joanne Vieira, Director of Horticulture, took them on a behind-the-scenes tour.

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*Country Lane GC members toured Tower Hill Botanic Garden.*

**Open Gate Garden Club of Chelmsford** hosted Marcia & Mark Wilson of Eyes On Owls for a program entitled, "Who's Watching You." The presentation was open to the public, and visitors from seniors to children came to see and learn about the six guest-owls.

In December two Chelmsford garden clubs (**Country Lane and Open Gate**) worked together to decorate a tree at Bartlett Park as part of the Chelmsford Land Con-

servation Trust's holiday program. Trees were displayed at various conservation sites, and children and parents took part in a contest to find them.



*Two Chelmsford GCs worked together to decorate a holiday tree: (L to R) Beth Morris and Marybeth Hayes (president) of Country Lane GC; Deb Linnehan (president), Martha Sherburne (VP) and Gail Noonan (past president) of Open Gate GC.*

**The North Andover Garden Club** gathered in late November to enjoy a Green's Workshop and potluck luncheon. Wreaths were decorated and distributed to the town's public buildings. Members new to wreath-making learned how to do it, using greens, berries and festive bows.



*North Andover GC wreath makers*

As part of last year's community Veteran's Day program, **Tewksbury Garden Club** dedicated a

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Blue Star Memorial Marker on the Town Common. The marker is a living memorial honoring the veterans in the community, past and present. Several hundred residents gathered for the event to support their community, veterans and the club's project.



*Tewksbury GC Blue Star Committee Members: (L to R) Barbara Fleming McFadyen, Roberta Kane, Marsha Ledbury (president) and Jeanne Riccio*

**New Meadows Garden Club of Topsfield** recently hosted award-winning chef Donna Ryan for a program on "Cooking with Herbs and Spices." She and sous chef Cheryl Connor prepared a meal, followed by a talk about the use of herbs and spices in the various hors d'oeuvres and entrees.



*"Cooking with Herbs" instructors prep hors d'oeuvres for the New Meadows GC.*

## **NORTHEASTERN (Fran Lucas, Director)**

The Friendly Garden Club of Beverly annually decorates the dining room at Balch House for the Beverly Historical Society's turkey raffle. Chestnut garland and dried corn adorned the huge cooking fireplace.



*Beverly GC members Louise Michaud, Diana Jason, Catherine Winskowicz and Jeanne Murdock decorated Balch House for Thanksgiving.*

**The Arrangers of Marblehead** recently hosted J. P. Goodwin with a demonstration of "Creative Holiday Floral Designs," which were then included in an opportunity drawing. Working with other area garden clubs, the Arrangers decorated a room at the King Hooper Mansion as part of the Marblehead Christmas Walk. The club's January meeting featured awards and the introduction of new officers.



*New Arrangers of Marblehead officers: (L to R) Peggy Oleson (president), Jane Nielsen (VP), Karen Fitzgerald (treasurer), Pat*

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Adams (assistant treasurer), Diane Sponholz (recording secretary), Nancy Delisio and Anne Austin (members-at-large). Missing is Cathy Kashner (corresponding secretary).

**Peabody Garden Club** had a very successful Holiday Craft Fair. Mem-

bers also decorated the Felton House for the Peabody Historical Society's Open House and created over 100 floral arrangements for residents of the Chelsea Jewish Foundation, where the club's monthly meetings are held.

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- 4 "Lincoln Tree Tour and Champagne Reception" 1:00 -7:00 P.M.  
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- 4-10 National Garden Week
- 6 Andover GC, presents "Sogetsu Ikebana: Japanese Flower Arrang-  
ing Presentation" and demonstration by Tomoko Tanaka. 9:30 A.M.  
General meeting; 12:00 P.M. Luncheon & Presentation \$40, includ-  
ing lunch and speaker. Checks payable to Andover Garden Club  
due by May 24, 2017. Mail to Sandy Clevesy, 165 Hidden Road,  
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meeting beginning at 9:30 am Andover Country Club Canterbury  
St., Andover, MA Contact: Sandy at [sclevesy@gmail.com](mailto:sclevesy@gmail.com)
- 7 GCFM Annual Meeting Westford Regency
- 14 GCFM Board Meeting 10:30 AM Espousal Center Waltham
- 15 Gardening Consultants Council Annual Meeting
- 24 Springfield GC, "The Hidden Gardens of Forest Park Garden Tour"  
Tickets for the 11 gardens can be purchased in advance from mem-  
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### JULY 2017

- 11 Springfield GC presents, "Gardening Workshops Under the Pines"  
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### AUGUST 2017

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