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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

And now let us  
welcome the  
New Year, full of  
things that have  
never been.  
-Rainer Maria  
Rilke

### Spring Greetings!

I'm excited! It's spring again. Gone is the bone chilling cold and snow, and we're looking ahead to sprouting plants and blooming shrubs and trees. It's undeniable, and incredible. Spring is on its way. Every year I look out at the melting snow with hope. I see the bits of garden plantings peeking through melted dots. I remember the great plans that I have to rearrange things and create bigger, wider gardens. The seed and plant catalogues arriving daily remind me of the list that goes along with those plans. Emails announce classes and workshops on all things pertaining to the development and execution of those plans. I'm feeling excited and a little overwhelmed. Then it snows again and I relax a little knowing that I have a few more days to think about the Grand Plan.

It's spring for you and your clubs, too. Welcome back from your winter breaks. Much like the yearly plan for our personal idea of Versailles on our plots, it's time to get it up and going again. It's time to recharge and reach out. Districts are looking forward to Annual Meetings with hopes for a great turnout. At the same time, clubs are preparing for their own Annual Meetings. Look around at each of these events and see amazing members who give their time, experience, and talent to keep your clubs running and vibrant. You can be one of those great people, too, and we need you! It takes a little bit of time. It takes a little bit of effort. The payback is tenfold. Take heart in remembering that you don't need to reinvent the wheel or become a Nobel

Laureate. Jump in, maybe with a friend, and see what great things happen.

To that end, when I found myself in this position, still a bit green, I was looking forward to gathering a group of like-minded and passionate people who had an interest in continuing the great legacy of the GCFM and helping the GCFM make further strides in reaching out to our nearly 180 clubs statewide. We continue to make strides in making ourselves more relevant and accessible. We encourage you to do the same within your community. Try an evening meeting, or partner with youth civic groups such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Perhaps a meeting in collaboration with your library or town conservation committee would bring interest. The possibilities are endless. We want to hear how you're doing.

The Federation is in the process of updating our website. We have engaged the services of a professional to take us into modern times. As things progress I will keep you posted. I'm excited to have an up-to-date interactive experience. To that end, this will be the last print issue of our Mayflower. We have been compiling research for a few years and have found that the vast majority of our subscribers have chosen to go "electronic-only" with their Club newsletters, newspapers, etc. As subscriptions to the print version of the Mayflower have dropped from thousands to less than a few hundred, the unit cost has increased dramatically. We hope to make the new online magazine easily accessible and a pleasure to read.

Aside from my garden and meeting with you at your Club and District meetings, I have so much to look forward to. Spring has not sprung yet, but she is on her way. What are YOU looking forward to?

Suzanne

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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

### *Amelanchier canadensis*

*Amelanchier canadensis* is commonly known as serviceberry, but is also called shadbush, shadblow and juneberry. It is a fast growing, multi-stemmed deciduous shrub or tree that grows in sun or the understory of larger trees. It reaches anywhere from 15 to 30 feet tall. It features showy, 5-petaled, slightly fragrant, white flowers in drooping clusters which appear before the leaves emerge in early spring. In June flowers give way to small, round, green berries which turn red and finally mature to a dark purplish-black and resemble blueberries in size and color. These berries are edible and used in jams, jellies and pies.

The spring blooms attract pollinators and other insects. The serviceberry also attracts a variety of birds to dine on the berries as they ripen. Visitors include robins, cardinals, woodpeckers, bluebirds, Baltimore orioles and turkeys to name a few.

Serviceberry is hardy in Zones 3-9 and do best in moist, acidic soil. They grow in shade to part sun and do best in woodland or naturalized gardens, especially with dark backdrops which tend to highlight the form, flowers and fall color. They have no serious disease or insect problems but can be susceptible to rust, leaf spot and powdery mildew as well as leaf miners and scale.

In the eastern U.S., hybrids and cultivars of serviceberry are downy Serviceberry (*A. arborea*) and Allegheny smooth serviceberry (*A. laevis*), sold as *A. x grandiflora*, 'Autumn Brilliance', 'Snowcloud' and 'Robin Hill'.

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# ATTENTION

## GCFM BOARD of DIRECTORS

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

- Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:30 AM
- Wednesday May 2, 2018 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:30 AM

Jill Malcolm, *Corresponding Secretary*

### DIRECTIONS TO THE ESPOUSAL CENTER

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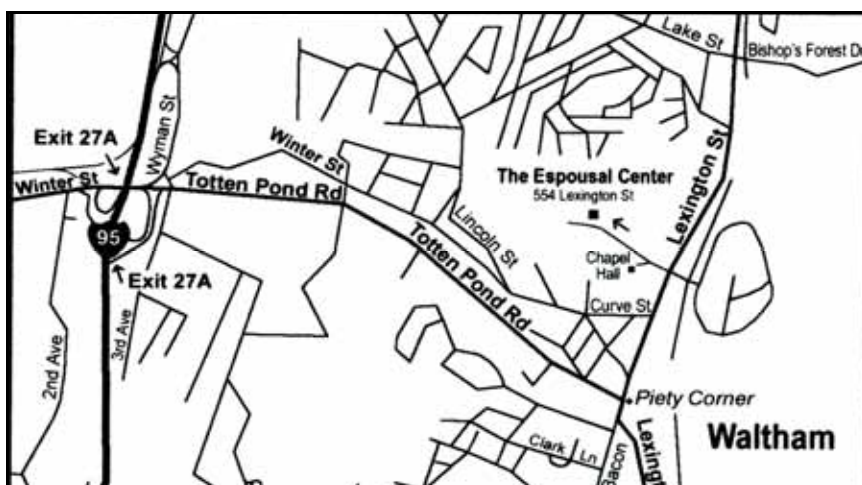
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The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.  
**RUTH A WALLACK FUND**  
Presents International Designer  
**Francine Thomas** from New Zealand



**Francine Thomas**, from Tauranga in the North Island of New Zealand, is the Featured Designer at the 2018 lecture. Francine's passion for flowers and Floral Art has taken her to many different heights. In 2010 Francine decided to start her own business called "A Floral Affair by Francine." She joined the Tauranga Floral Art Group and became a qualified Teacher, Judge, Demonstrator, and Lecturer for the Floral Art Society and Consultant for florists. Since joining Floral Art, Francine has been Stage Hand for many well known designers: Irene Brockwell of Australia, Rob Platel

from Holland, Gregor Lersch from Germany, Mark Pamplung from Australia, Tomoki and Suri from Japan and many others.

Francine has done many workshops and large floral Theatres in New Zealand. She has been a guest designer on television on New Zealand's Good Morning show, has traveled to Australia on several occasions to demonstrate and teach for the New South Wales Floral Art Society and has done large installations for the Bay of Plenty Garden and Art Festival. She also has her own floral sundries supplier's ecommerce website.

In 2016 Francine won New Zealand National Floral Art Designer of the Year, and was the National Demonstrator representing New Zealand at the WAFA World Show in Dublin, Ireland in 2014. She was Designer of the Year in the 2006, 2010 and 2014 Bay of Plenty Art Festival. Francine has the Floral Art Society of New Zealand (FASNZ) diploma in Teaching, Judging and Demonstrating from the New Zealand Professional Florist Inc. (NZPF).

Francine has an energetic sense of humor which can be contagious and which is evident in her shows. She is inspired by what she sees and feels inside, to come up with her ideas. She loves sharing those ideas to inspire other people to do the same.



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There will also be a hands-on workshop with our designer, Francine Thomas, on May 1st, 2018, 10:00 AM, at Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Ave., Needham, MA 02494

**\$157.00 Fee includes 2 Distinctive Designs and Lunch**

**If interested please sign-up by April 1, 2018**

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**GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**

**Gardening Study School  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$140 – Non-member (2 day fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$70 – One Day Registration (non-member & make-up exam)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$18 a day with beverage – Box Lunch fee: *Indicate choice if applicable*

Choice includes a baked good

Sandwich/wrap (turkey, roast beef or veggie) with chips or  
salad

Thursday\_\_\_\_\_

Friday\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total**



## **GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.**

Gardening Study School  
Course I Series 11  
April 12 & 13, 2018  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden  
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505

### **Subjects covered:**

Thursday, April 12. (Tested subjects)

- ◆ Basic Botany - Dr. Judith Sumner, Botanist
- ◆ Characteristics of Soils – Betty Sanders, Horticultural Consultant
- ◆ Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers – Betty Sanders, Horticultural Consultant

Friday, April 13. (Non-tested subjects)

- ◆ Plant Propagation - Joann Viera, Horticulturalist Tower Hill
- ◆ Vegetative Propagation - Joann Viera, Horticulturalist Tower Hill
- ◆ Composting - Paul Rodgers - Horticultural Consultant
- ◆ Test for those becoming consultants

### **Suggested Reading:**

1. *Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon maybe purchased through [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

### **Make checks payable to:**

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. (GCFM).

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**Registration deadline** is March 16, 2018. No refunds:

For further information please contact Chairman:

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## **GCFM MEMORY BOOK 2017-2018**

If a member of your garden club has passed away during this past year (beginning June 1, 2017), please send their name; a very short bio on them (garden club, date of death, number of years a member, contributions to garden club and community); and an electronic photograph (jpeg file), if possible, to Linda Jean Smith, 23 Bentley Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824, 978-256-3101, [lindajean.smith@comcast.net](mailto:lindajean.smith@comcast.net) no later than Friday, May 12, 2018.

We are crating a memory book. Deceased members names will be presented as part of a ceremony at the GCFM Annual Meeting, in June of 2018.

**Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarships**  
**President, Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts 1990-1993**

The Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarships are awarded to honor her legacy of dedication, leadership and unstinting efforts for the Garden Club Federation of MA, Member Clubs and Affiliates.

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute.
2. One scholarship will be awarded each year for each of the NGC schools held in Massachusetts: Environmental Study, Flower Show, Gardening Study and Landscape Design Schools.
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  - b. The School must be held in Massachusetts.
  - c. The applicant may not be a previous recipient of a scholarship. The scholarship is a one time award.
4. The scholarship awarded covers only tuition. Books, lodging, travel and incidentals are not covered.
5. The scholarships will be awarded at the GCFM Annual Meeting and must be used in the following fiscal year.

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(Application deadline May 1)

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# DISTRICT DOINGS

## CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT (Joyce Fricke, Director)

**Acton Garden Club** held an NGC Small Standard Flower Show entitled "Acton Outdoors" at the Acton Memorial Library. The building's first floor featured "Horticulture: Around Acton" and a special exhibit titled "Take a Walk." The second floor housed the design competition, "Go Outdoors." Close to 40 members of the club participated.



*Acton GC member Lori Krinsky's design, "A Snowy Winter Hike in the Woods on Great Hill," created for the club's recent show.*

**Laurelwood Garden Club** (Fitchburg) turned a 19th century horse trough into a memorial to late member Julia Casey, at whose passing her family requested donations be made to the club, inspiring members to keep her memory alive. Ms. Casey was a dedicated member of the club and a strong supporter of the club's mission to beautify the City of Fitchburg.



*Laurelwood GC's striking memorial to a deceased member*

**Pepperell Garden Club** sponsored a special presentation on putting the garden to bed for the winter, featuring guest speaker Jean Anderson. The lecture was open to the public.



*Pepperell GC member Jeanne Nivard (left) receives help from recent speaker Jean Anderson. (Photo courtesy Joanna Reagan)*

## CENTRAL SOUTH DISTRICT (Ruth Evans, Director)

**Franklin Garden Club** officers and a committee chairperson were interviewed by Franklin TV for a segment on the cable station's Almanac program; the story featured the club's ongoing work at the Veteran's Memorial Garden on the Town Common. In June club mem-

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bers visited Blithewold Mansion and Gardens in Bristol, Rhode Island, enjoying a self-guided tour followed by a private tea and lunch. In late September members divided and sold perennials from their gardens at the Franklin Farmer's Market; proceeds benefited the club's community activities, including a scholarship program and an Arbor Day celebration featuring free pine tree seedlings for the town's first graders.



*Franklin GC members enjoyed a summer visit to Blithewold.*

**Holliston Garden Club (HGC)**, which collaborates on town beautification projects with the local chapter of America in Bloom (AIB), worked especially hard over the summer and fall to prepare for AIB's 2017 national symposium. The event was held in Holliston in mid-October: the organization's first visit to New England. New HGC projects included the installation of a bird and pollinator garden at the back of the town library. Members also helped plant and maintain a new 350-foot border in the center of town. To welcome AIB's 200+ symposium attendees, club members helped decorate the meeting venue with cornstalks and mums, and provided centerpieces and stage decorations.



*One of Holliston GC's decorations for the recent America in Bloom symposium.*

**The Southborough Gardeners** hosted a booth at the town's annual fall Heritage Day Celebration, selling pumpkin planters and daffodil planting gift packs for children. The event also included an opportunity drawing for chances to win bird-houses and a gardening tool set. Proceeds from the event went to the club's town beautification fund.



*Sandra Peters in Southborough GC's booth at the town's fall festival*

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In September, **Springfield Garden Club** members were treated to a presentation by former president Janet Dolder on the club's founding members. The lecture included photos of the founders, their gardens and homes, as well as excerpts from the journal of founding member Mrs. Moses Lyman. In October the club held a flower show, "Rooted in the Past and Still Growing," at the Wood Museum of History in Springfield which was open to the public. Because of the unseasonably warm weather, the Horticulture Division was full of spectacular specimens. Kudos to Suzanne Reed, Sarah Taylor, Jamie Hall and other members of the Flower Show Committee.



*Sarah Taylor's winning design in Springfield GC's flower show*

## **METRO DISTRICT (Ruth Kenworthy Ecker and Fawn Hurwitz, Co-Directors)**

**The Fairbanks Garden Club** (Dedham) held its annual "Pumpkin Patch" fundraiser at the Endicott Estate in mid-October. The donated pumpkins were decorated and purchased by club members.



*Fairbanks GC pumpkin decorators (L to R): Rose Favret, Beverly Gustavson, Carol Cook, Jeanette Evans, Nancy D'Attilio and Annette Eddy. Not pictured, Joan Hartzel.*

Members of **The House & Garden Club of Wellesley** enjoyed an October morning walk with Cricket Vlass, Landscape Planner for the Wellesley Park and Tree Division, along a section of the newly renovated Fuller Brook Park. Fuller Brook is a public park, a portion of which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Vlass described improvements including diverting water flow and the installation of rocks and plant material at water's edge to prevent erosion.



*House & GC of Wellesley members toured renovated Fuller Brook Park.*

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**Medfield Garden Club** hosted Suzanne Mahler in September for a talk about dividing perennials; many members went home with new plant divisions. In October – the club's annual workshop for their Holiday Home Sale – members were joined by GCFM President Suzanne McCance and Parliamentarian Andrea Little. Later in the year Massachusetts Master Gardener volunteer Gretel Anspach led an educational hands-on pruning workshop at the Vine Lake Cemetery.



*Medfield GC members pruned shrubs at a local cemetery.*

**Norwood Evening Garden Club** presented a Small Standard Flower Show in mid-October at the Westwood Library. Kathleen Pellegrini won the blue ribbon in the Novice Class, "Colors of Fall," a Monochromatic Color Harmony Design. This was Kathleen's first blue ribbon in a judged flower show.

***Pictured top right,** Kathleen Pellegrini with her winning entry in Norwood Evening GC's recent flower show*

**MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**  
(Joanne Lyons, Director)  
**Lexington Field & Garden Club's** "Art in the Garden" fundraiser attracted over 100 invited guests for an afternoon in a private garden surrounded by outdoor art created by 5 local artists; all art was



available for sale. This new initiative included a silent auction of goods and services, as well as refreshments. Event proceeds will be used for continued work at Emery Park, one of Lexington's most visible and frequently used public spaces.



*Entrance to the site of Lexington Field & GC's recent fundraiser.*

On a beautiful fall day in September, members of **Reading Garden Club** visited the Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover for a tour of the house and gardens. Of particular interest were the perennial and French potager gardens. Members were invited to pick their own bouquets from the cutting garden.

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*Reading GC members enjoyed a tour of Stevens-Coolidge Place.*

**Stoneham Garden Club** began its fall season with a schedule of informative speakers, including an October program titled “Charles River Perspectives” with Renata von Tscharnier, founder and president of the Charles River Conservancy. October’s meeting was also a “President’s Tea”. Club President Connie Filosi and attending members welcomed presidents from several area clubs.

**Waltham Garden Club** members were up and moving at their first meeting of the year. Personal trainer Judy Wolff demonstrated several exercises to keep everyone in shape for gardening, along with handouts on how to do the routines at home.



*Judy Wolff (center) and members of the Waltham Garden Club*

#### **NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT (Nancy Davidge, Director)**

In October, members of **Hamilton/Wenham Garden Club** partici-

pated in a garden therapy workshop, followed by “spring therapy” with two presentations on tulips: first a fascinating historic account of these magnificent bulbs, followed by a special field trip to a local bulb distributor.



*Hamilton/Wenham GC helped to build community with a creative garden therapy workshop.*

**Cottage Gardeners of Marblehead & Swampscott** members worked over the summer with the Marblehead Parks & Recreation Department to create planter boxes and grass gardens at the entrance to Devereux Beach, a popular family destination and ongoing garden club project.



*Cottage Gardeners of Marblehead & Swampscott members Lynda Cudihy, Charlene Tyler, and Starr Campbell with Peter James, Parks & Recreation Department Superintendent.*

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**The Garden Club of Harvard** was founded in October 1927 by Mary Abbot. Ninety years later the club celebrated its anniversary with a “stroll through the decades” as members – who were dressed in period clothing – shared stories of the club’s activities over the years. Cake was served, and everyone went home with a present.



*Members of The GC of Harvard celebrated the club’s 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in period costumes.*

**The Nahant Garden Club’s** October meeting, “An Evening about Marie Ford,” honored this 40-year member who passed away in August. In their tributes, members noted that Marie served seven years as president and was a long-time florist and business owner (“Specialties by Marie”). A National Federation of Flower Show Judges member, Marie won many ribbons at the Boston Flower & Garden Show and Topsfield Fair. Her five children attended the club event.

*The Nahant GC recently honored deceased member Marie Ford.*



**Peabody Garden Club and Salem Garden Club** held a joint meeting in October with a lecture on hydroponic gardening. Paul Sellev, CEO of Little Leaf Farms, Devens, explained the process and technology behind his 10-acre greenhouse that produces fresh locally-grown lettuce all year long.



*Peabody and Salem GCs partnered in October for a joint meeting. L to R: Tracy Rubin (Salem, Co-President); Tina Smith (Peabody, Co-President); Meg McMahon (Salem, Co-President); Barbara McLaughlin (Salem, Program Co-Chair); Mary Ellen Widberg (Peabody, Co-President).*

**Sudbury Garden Club** members spent the summer cleaning and restoring the gardens in Heritage Park in preparation for observances of September 11th and Veterans Day. The Goodnow Library garden also was cleaned and planted with autumn annuals to brighten the area.

**The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury** has many reasons to thank its members for their efforts last fall: volunteers held an annual bulb planting in the Children’s Garden, complete with a book-reading, cookies and cider; a five-person team decorated the front entrance and containers at the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden; and a

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large team weeded and planted bulbs in front of the town hall, continuing the Sudbury Daffodil Trail.



*Thursday GC of Sudbury members volunteered at the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden: (L to R) Marie Royea, Joy DiMaggio, Stephanie Avgerinos, Mary Hardwick and Christine Clark*

### **NORTHERN DISTRICT (Marsha Ledbury, Director)**

**Northern District** clubs enjoyed a sunny morning at the Butterfly Place in Westford for their GCFM District Coffee. Fifteen clubs attended, as well as GCFM President Suzanne McCance, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bonnie Rosenthal, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Betsy Howard and Treasurer Ann Webster. Everyone shared ideas while enjoying pastries and beverages prior to touring the butterfly exhibits.



*Attentive attendees at the Northern District fall coffee*

In October, **Andover Garden Club** visited iFarm in Boxford. An historic Federal-era farmstead painstakingly restored to its mid-19th century grandeur, this solar-powered property offers farm-based education and wholesale organic herbs.



*Andover GC members toured solar-powered iFarm in Boxford.*

Over the past summer and fall **North Andover Garden Club** members completed a beautification project at the town's new fire station. The project resulted from a request by the town's fire chief for the club's help and expertise. Members created a planting design, purchased plant material, and – with assistance from firefighters – prepared and planted the bed. The club also recently planted a dogwood tree in memory of deceased club members.



*North Andover GC completed a new bed at the town's fire station.*

For the past few years **Topsfield Garden Club** has decorated a float for the Topsfield Fair Parade. For a change of pace in 2017, members instead created a garden display in the fair's Flower Barn, primarily using plants from their own gardens. The display earned the club "The Donald Miller Award" for the show's best medium-sized garden display.

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*Topsfield GC's winning garden display at the Topsfield Fair*

### **SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT (Gail Reilly, Director)**

In mid-fall, members of **Aptucuxet Garden Club of Bourne** participated in a workshop on Ikebana design, taught by Kathleen Coyle of Wareham Garden Club. Participants went home with Moribana-style designs and a better appreciation of this Asian art form.

**Attleboro Garden Club** member Kathi Garipey, a Massachusetts Master Gardener volunteer, presented a fall talk on "The Benefits of Gardening." Not only does gardening beautify our yards, but also – as members learned – it boosts our immune systems. Later the same month, Art Scarpa's "Traveling Cactus Show" gave club members a chance to see different specimens, including a rare cactus valued at \$1,500.

**The Garden Club of Harwich** struck gold in October, receiving two awards: The Harwich Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Civic Beautification Award and The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts's (GCFM) "Mildred S. Parker Conservation & Environmental Award" for

Thompson's Field, which is sustainably planted.

**The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth** participated in the town's Art in Bloom held in October at the Plymouth Center. Club member Jean Nalen Dobachesky's design, which interpreted a painting titled "Winter Refuge," won the popular vote. Janice Clark Fitzgerald, a first-time entrant, chose to interpret "Strawberry Faire."



*Evening GC of Plymouth novice designer Janice Clark Fitzgerald with her entry from the local Art in Bloom show.*

### **SOUTH SHORE DISTRICT (Roni Bache Lahage, Director)**

**The GCFM South Shore District Coffee** was well attended, with delicious food and lots of networking. GCFM 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bonnie Rosenthal gave an overview of GCFM schools and workshops, answered questions and handed out a schedule of upcoming programs. Mariette Wooden of the Community Garden Club of

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Duxbury introduced herself and spoke about being the new chair of the Marshfield Fair Flower Show.

**Brockton Garden Club's** Halloween meeting featured a presentation by District Director Roni Lahage of an NGC Certificate of Merit commemorating the club's 70 years in the GCFM. Just for fun, club members enjoyed a s'mores bar; they also collected cleaning products for a hurricane relief organization.

**Community Garden Club of Duxbury** members and junior gardeners planted a successful vegetable garden in 2017. The plot produced a large variety of fresh produce, which was donated to the Duxbury Lion's Share Food Pantry. In mid-October the club hosted a morning coffee, welcoming new members, introducing them to existing club members and answering questions. The coffee was followed by planting daffodils at the historic Keene Saw Mill.



*Community GC of Duxbury donated garden produce to a local food pantry. L to R: GC President Cindy O'Neill and Food Pantry Manager Mary Lou O'Connell*

**Easton Garden Club** continued their fall tradition of hosting a "Books in Bloom" floral design show at the local library. Their fall plant sale, "Something for Everyone," included a table with information on invasive plants.



*Easton GC member Carol Lundeen hands out information on invasive plants.*

**Hull Garden Club** continues to maintain their many traffic island gardens. Sprucing the sites up for the fall, members had help from Hull's Department of Public Works.



*Hull GC'S traffic island cleanup crew - Front row (L to R): members Nancy Deforest-Courier, Shirley Moloney, Maria Gianquitto and Susan Hannah. Standing (L to R): club member Gen Sartell and DPW staffers Erik Ahlsted and Mike Goodwin.*

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**Seaside Gardeners of Marshfield** won a GCFM Historic Preservation Grant for their perennial garden at the historic 1699 Isaac Winslow House. Club President Sue Sylvester presented a slide show on this project at the GCFM Fall Conference.



*Seaside Gardeners of Marshfield members Marcia Joyce, Sue Sylvester (president) and Jean Leahy at the club's Isaac Winslow House garden.*

After two years of effort, **Mattakeesett Garden Club of Pembroke** dedicated a Blue Star Memorial on Sunday, September 10, 2017. The marker was incorporated into the Pembroke Public Library flagpole garden, which the club maintains. Pembroke's Veterans Agent Robin Kernan gave the dedication speech; members of the American Legion did the unveiling. State Representative Josh Culter presented the club with a citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



*Members of Mattakeesett GC of Pembroke with their new Blue Star Memorial*

Members of **Amateur Gardeners of Milton** provided centerpieces for the Milton Library Gala held on November 1, 2017 at Granite Links in Quincy, MA. In October the club toured the house and grounds of the beautifully preserved 1878 Eustis Estate, Milton (a Historic New England property).



*Amateur Gardeners of Milton floral designers (L to R) Carolyn Burke, Andrea Gordon, Kathy Branca and Sharon O'Connell.*

**Weymouth Garden Club** members sponsored a table in the town's annual "Pumpkin Give-a-Wey," a family fun day with music, games and contests. Club members answered gardening questions, shared information on upcoming events and gave out tickets for chances to win prizes created by club members.



*Weymouth GC participated in a local fall festival. Club volunteers (L to R): Sue Wencek, Jordan Gagarolo, Karen Corkery, Carmela Rihn and Lisa McCrosson.*

# Pictorial Highlights: 2017 Fall Conference

by Linda Jean Smith

The Federation Fall Conference was held on October 25, 2017 at the Boxborough Regency Hotel. There were over 128 garden club members registered. A moment of silence was held for the passing of former GCFM 1st Vice President Caroline Nijenberg. An arrangement and photo of Caroline were placed center stage for the morning meeting.



Also in the morning, attendees were treated to talks by Roni Bache-Lahage, South Shore District Director, on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marshfield Fair. Roni gave the history of the fair while photos of the horticulture from the fair were shown. Roni is horticulture chair for this 10-day August event.

Next, Susan Sylvester of the Seaside Gardeners of Marshfield told of her club's award winning Civic & Historic Grant project. They have a 50-year old herb garden at the 1699 Winslow House. When the Daniel Webster law office building was moved from the site to the Daniel Webster estate, a foundation was left. The club decided to create a garden using the foundation. It

has been a 3-year project, with adjustments made for the wildlife who also enjoy the garden.



Following Susan, came Joyce Bellefeuille (*pictured left*), the founder of a non-profit organization known as Power of Flowers. This group takes leftover flowers from weddings, funerals and other places and reuses them to make smaller arrangements that are then donated to hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. The organization is located on the campus of the Tewksbury Hospital.

Joyce showed photos of the group at work and resulting happy recipients.

The main speaker of the morning was Quentin Prideaux of Sustainable Wellesley. His talk was on "Climate Change: Causes, Impact, Actions." He explained the greenhouse effect and the effect of carbon pollution and how this impacts global warming, which is irreversible. What we can do is "learn, reduce, speak up, vote and join." His lovely English accent and humor on such a serious subject made the audience not only learn but also enjoy his talk. He had a booth in the vendor area, which attracted a lot of interest and questions during the Boutique Shopping (*pictured right*).







Next was a break from the morning meeting for Boutique Shopping in the vendor area with lots of interesting items to buy. A popular new item was a pad for kneeling when gardening. (*Entrance to vendor area pictured left.*) Also featured was jewelry, beautiful scarves and other clothing as well as gardening tools. Educational displays on Gardening Study School, Invasive Plants and the Treeture Project were also set up.

Lunch was a salad with chicken, candied walnuts, bleu cheese and apples, squash and apple soup, and apple crisp for dessert, giving a definite fall taste to the meeting. During lunch GCFM Awards Chairman Joan Butler, Civic and Historic Grants Chairman Nancy Hubert and President Suzanne McCance gave out seven awards and four grants. Springfield GC (*pictured right*) received both the President's Bowl and a Historic Preservation Grant for their restoration of the historic Forest Park Rock Garden using native plants.



The day concluded with a floral design program entitled, "It's all about the book. . ." As of July 1, National Garden Clubs has come out with a new flower show judges' handbook, which includes some new designs. Three flower show designers created designs in front of the audience to explain the new designs. Marisa McCoy did a Cascade Design (*pictured left*); Andrea Little did a design with a Featured Plant Material (*pictured center*), and



Diane Bullock did an example entitled "a Low Profile Design" (*pictured right*). Some of the attendees were fortunate enough to go home with a design and container. Many photos were taken of the designs. The meeting ended around 2:45 PM, and attendees went home with lots of new information.

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### **Rules**

Submitted designs will be limited to three entries from any one designer. They should represent the most outstanding example of that designer's work.

The designer should mail completed application form along with a color photograph at least 5" x 7" in size to the address below.

The designer should also email the image (JPEG, minimum of 1 MB) to the email address below.

An entry form must accompany each application listing all plant materials and other components, along with a short description of the design.

Up to three separate designs will be accepted on individual application forms.

**All entries must be received by April 7, 2018.**

All entries will become the property of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. and will not be returned.

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Entries will be judged by The GCFM Cindora A. Goldberg Award Committee: Susan Kaplan, Chairman (suekflowers@yahoo.com) with Sandi Joyce, Shirley Minott, Tony Todesco and Natalie Wolf.

**Send application form and design image by April 7, 2018 to:**

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The GCFM is excited to host Jamie Colen, the Garden Director at Fuller Gardens in North Hampton, New Hampshire. A Horticulture Morning not to be missed! With almost 20 years as Garden Director, at one of the last working formal estate gardens of the 20th century. His slide show presentation "Common Sense Growing" dispelling many garden myths and misconceptions as well as touch upon a short history of Fuller Gardens.

**LOCATION: THE ESPOUSAL CENTER (WALTHAM, MA)**

**DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018 (10:00- 11:30AM)**

**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5.00/AT THE DOOR**

**QUESTIONS & RSVP CONTACT: MISTY FLOREZ (MISTYFLORAL@YAHOO.COM)**

## **How is Massachusetts Doing on Addressing Climate Change?**

By Maria Bartlett, Environmental Issues Chair

As the federal government significantly reduces American efforts to address Climate Change, many cities, states and corporations have stepped up their efforts. What has Massachusetts done, and what still needs to happen?

Massachusetts can be proud of its efforts so far as one of the leading states in addressing climate change. In July 2008, then-Governor Deval Patrick signed the Green Communities Act (which promotes the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency) and authorized MA to rejoin the RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) with 8 other northeastern states. This is a cap and trade market-based system aimed at reducing the CO2 emissions from power plants.

Also in 2008, Governor Patrick signed the Global Warming Solutions Act that set specific CO2 reduction goals from all sectors of the economy. The goals were set at 25% reduction in CO2 emissions below 1990 levels by 2020 and at least 80% reduction by 2050. The Green Communities Act also specified that electric utilities had to increase the renewable portion of their fuels by 1% of the total per year. (We are now at 13%.)

Much progress has been made with the power sector—emissions have been reduced by 50%, mainly by closing coal plants and changing over from oil to natural gas in others. Less progress has been made reducing emissions from the heating and transportation sectors. It is thought that much of the reduction in emissions from heating and transportation may come through electricity (electric vehicles and electric heat), so it is increasingly important that power plants accelerate their reduction in emissions. Many consider 1% per year too low.

Regulations to fully implement these 2008 Acts, mandated for 2013, were just finalized...5 years late! Governor Charlie Baker's Clean Energy Standard goes on line in 2018 and will accelerate CO2 reductions by power plants via the RGGI. However, the CES also allows power plants to access out-of-state hydroelectric power and nuclear power to meet the goals, rather than requiring an accelerating increased percentage from in-state renewables such as wind and solar. (Hydro and nuclear are not universally considered to be "clean" energy, but some think MA cannot meet the 25% reduction by 2020 without these accessible sources.)

The Massachusetts legislature is working on bills that will help MA meet the 2020 goals, and the more challenging 2050 goals:

1. Carbon Pricing, S1821/H1726: This would add a carbon pollution charge/fee to heating gas/oil and to transportation fuels. RGGI already uses a market-based cap-and-trade system for power plants. This would be a market-based system for the transportation and heating sectors, which are now producing the most CO2 emissions. It would include rebates so there is no burden on low- and moderate-income households/businesses. Carbon

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pricing would reduce greenhouse gas emissions; protect vulnerable residents and businesses through rebates; stimulate the state's economy by keeping energy dollars in Massachusetts and through growth in the technology, innovation and renewable energy sectors; promote renewable energy jobs/businesses; and reduce global warming.

2.S1876/H2700 This bill would accelerate our adoption of renewable energy by at least 2% per year.

3.S1846/H2706 This bill would eliminate solar net metering caps, establish a statewide solar target of 25% by 2030, and move to at least 50% clean energy by 2030 or an increase of 3% per year. This would get MA closer to its goals for 2050.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH 2018

- 7 GCFM Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 AM Espousal Center, Waltham
- 10-11 Needham's Art in Bloom 2018 Sponsored by Beth Shalom GC, 9:00 AM-5:00PM 3/10; 1:00PM- 6:00PM, 3/11 Needham Public Library 1139 Highland Ave. Needham. Contact Allison Shapiro 781-453-9880 or [needhamartinbloom.com](http://needhamartinbloom.com)
- 14 GC of Norfolk presents "Six Simple Steps to Successful Rose Gardening" with Mike and Angelina Chute, 7:00 PM Norfolk Library 139 Main St, Norfolk, MA. Contact Liz Davey, [Liz.davey@comcast.net](mailto:Liz.davey@comcast.net)
- 14-18 Boston Flower and Garden Show
- 20 Program Speakers Workshop, 10:00AM - Elm Bank,
- 21 Hamilton Wenham GC presents "Hydrangea Highlights" with Gail Anderson," 7:00 PM Miles River Middle School 787 Bay Road, Hamilton [www.hwgardenclub.org](http://www.hwgardenclub.org)
- 26 Brockton GC presents "Vegetable Gardening" with Eric Eisenhauser 7:00-9:00PM Arnone School 135 Belmont St. , Brockton  
Contact: [www.hwgardenclub.org](http://www.hwgardenclub.org)
- 27 Norwood evening GC presents "The Art & Science of Floral Design" with Tony Todesco, 6:45 PM Carriage House, 71 Bond St, \$5 donation.
- 28 Horticulture Morning presents "Common Sense Growing" with Jamie Colen. 10:00 AM Espousal Center, Waltham
- 29 Program Workshop 10:00 AM Tower Hill Botanic Garden
- 30 Civic Beautification Workshop

### APRIL

- 3 Northern District Annual Meeting
- 4 GCFM Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 AM Espousal Center, Waltham
- 7 Topsfield GC Fifth Annual "Spring Expo" - Topsfield Commons
- 7-8 Norwood Evening GC Art in Bloom 4/7 10:00 AM - 5PM; 4/8 1:00-5:00PM George H. Morse House 1285 Washington St. Nowood Contact Nancy Costa 781-248-4038 .Free Admission
- 10 Design Morning
- 11 Metro District Annual Meeting
- 11 "Books in Bloom" presented by GC Of Norfolk. Norfolk Library 139 Main St, Norfolk, Contact Liz Davey, Publicity Chairman, Garden Club of Norfolk, [Liz.davey@comcast.net](mailto:Liz.davey@comcast.net)
- 12 Massachusetts Horticultural Society Flower Show Awards Ceremony, 7:00-8:30 PM, Hunnewell Building, Elm Bank
- 18 North Reading GC, Annual Holiday Silver Tea, "It Must Be Spring" with Tony Todesco, 7:00 PM Union Congregational Church 148 Haverhill Street North Reading, MA. Guest donation \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door For tickets contact Lisi Lesch at [ecolessch@gmail.com](mailto:ecolessch@gmail.com)
- 19 Southeastern District Annual Meeting
- 21 Earth Day
- 23 Brockton GC presents "Soil Preparation" 7:00-9:00 PM Arnone School, 135 Belmont St. Brockton
- 24 Wallack Program
- 25 Northern District Annual Meeting 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM Tewksbury Country Club. (includes Breakfast, Lunch, Vendor Shopping and Speakers)

- 26 Gardening Consultants Council Meeting
- 27 Arbor Day
- 27-29 Art in Bloom MFA
- 28 Hamilton Wenham GC presents "Books in Bloom" 7:00 -8:30 PM First  
Congregational Church 624 Bay Road, Hamilton  
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## MAY

- 1 "The History of the Tulip" with Ila Cox, presented by Needham GC, 9:30  
AM Needham Public Library, 1139 Highland Ave, Needham Heights,  
MA
- 1 Deadline for GCFM Membership Dues. Contact: Pat Ratay at  
978-352-2592 or [pattay25@aol.com](mailto:pattay25@aol.com)
- 2 GCFM Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 AM Espousal Center, Waltham
- 9 Reading GC "Geraniums and More" Plant Sale, 9:00AM-1:00 PM .Rain  
or Shine! Reading Town Common
- 9 Middlesex District Meeting
- 9 GC of Norfolk presents "Water Smart Gardening" with Betty Sanders,  
7:00 PM, Norfolk Library 139 Main St, Norfolk, MA Contact: Liz Davey,  
Publicity Chairman, Garden Club of Norfolk [Liz.davey@comcast.net](mailto:Liz.davey@comcast.net)
- 15 Horticulture Morning
- 16 Landscape Design Council Annual Meeting
- 17 Judges Council Meeting
- 19 Hamilton-Wenham GC Plant Sale, 9:00 AM-Noon. Hamilton Senior Cen-  
ter (front lawn) 299 Bay Road, Hamilton Con-  
tact: [www.hwgardenclub.org](http://www.hwgardenclub.org)
- 19 Stoneham GC. Plant Sale and Lobster Roll Luncheon. 10:00 AM-2:00  
PM Common, Central Street, Stoneham. Lunch will be served at the  
First Congregational Church next door. Contact: Connie Filosi at 781-  
572-3101, or [Connie.Filos@gmail.com](mailto:Connie.Filos@gmail.com)
- 19 Fairbanks GC Plant Sale, 9:00 AM -Noon. Fairbanks House, Dedham,  
MA Contact: Charlotte Pollock 781-329-5273.
- 19 Canton GC Plant Sale 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM
- 19 Scituate GC Annual Plant Sale 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Historic Mann farm-  
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- 19 Weymouth GC Annual Plant Sale, 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM at the DPW, 120  
Winter St. Weymouth Contact: Charlotte Champagne, 781-331-6380 or  
[13roses.cc@gmail.com](mailto:13roses.cc@gmail.com)
- 21 Brockton GC Plant Sale 8:30 AM- 11:00 AM Brockton Park Department  
45 Meadow Lane, Brockton
- 21-24 NGC Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA

## JUNE 2018

- 3-9 Garden Week
- 6 GCFM Annual Meeting Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Milford
- 13 GCFM Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 AM Espousal Center, Waltham

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