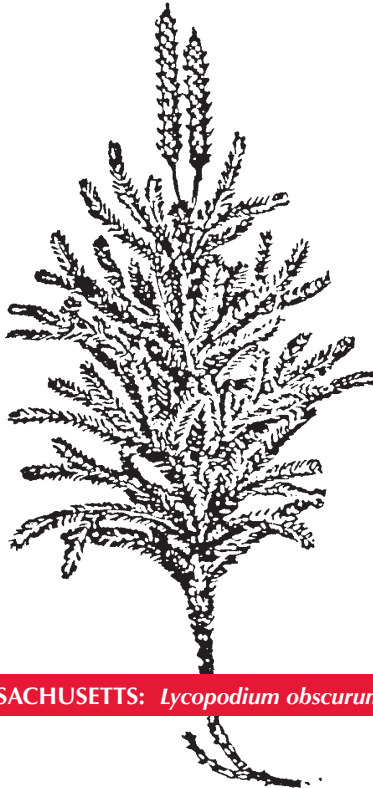


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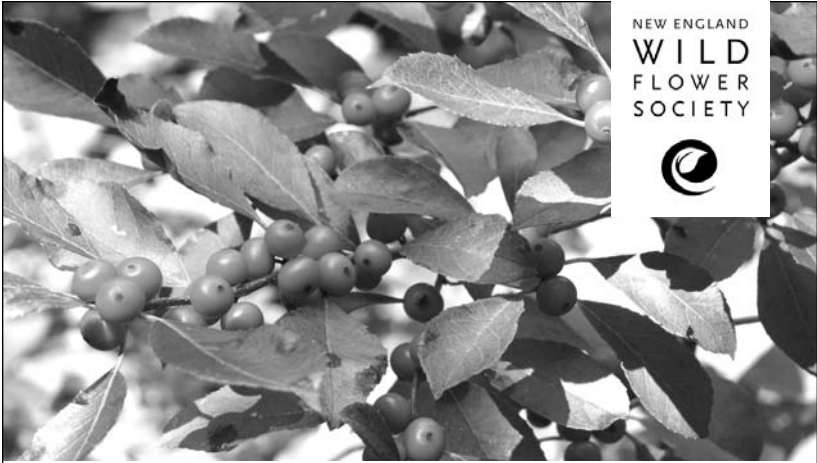


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Winter in New England teaches gardeners patience. Despite the muted palette of the season, we look out at the “bare bones” of our gardens and, remembering them clothed in summer, we dream of the color, warmth and beauty which will return with spring.

Then, in the depths of winter, the garden catalogues arrive and we are off into that magical world of planning glorious gardens with perfect blooms in a rainbow of colors, with lovely heirloom plants and dramatic new varieties all thriving in a weed-free world of sunny days and balmy weather.

We are tempted by new and unusual plants, even as we cherish those that are perennially beautiful, beloved and durable. No matter how often we have found that the gardens of our February imagination may not quite look the way we hoped in July, few gardeners give up. There is always room for a fragrant new peach rose or an exotic lavender eggplant. So we happily plan for the next season with hope, faith and optimism.

For garden clubs, during those dreaming days of winter when we are planning to restore and renew our gardens to more than just their past glory, we can also embrace new visions for our members for the coming season. As we are inspired to add beauty to our gardens, we can

look for ways to add inspiration and meaning in our relationships with others. We can sustain our members with programs that provide new enthusiasm for our mission. Just as we seek out new plants, we can seek out new members. Just as we learn about new cultural techniques for gardening, we can discover new ways of cultivating both new and established club members as we include them in our ongoing projects and in creating new ones.

Winter in New England is a time for reflection and a time for planning how to put our dreams into practice. It is a time to go from planting the seed of an idea to nurturing its growth, with the hope of reaping the benefits of dreams that can become a reality.

Planting five tiny snowdrops or a row of radishes may seem insignificant, but not all worthwhile endeavors have to be grandiose. Planting a window box is better than lamenting the lack of space for a big garden.

We know that not all our winter dreams will lead to springtime glory, but if we don't dream those dreams, if we don't encourage seminal ideas, if we don't nurture the hope of making a more beautiful, sustainable world, if we don't believe in the benefit of acting together, we cannot make much difference. We know there are weeds to contend with, but we don't have to let the weeds win! There is always hope; if you don't get rid of them, the frost will.

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

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## COVER STORY

### *Lycopodium obscurum*

#### Princess Pine

With the coming of frost, many plants of the forest floor die back, revealing the few evergreen ones. Among these are the club mosses – miniature trees, usually under a foot tall, which look like moss but have stems and branches. Thoreau commented that it was like looking down on an evergreen forest. There are several species of club moss in our area, but the most common is princess pine, *Lycopodium obscurum*. It grows by an underground root that sends up stems at regular intervals. In late fall it produces spores on the club-like spires at the top of the plant. It is a pleasant little plant but has the misfortune to be most conspicuous at the time people are looking for evergreen decorations! Before the present emphasis on conservation, it was often ripped out of the ground, root and all, and great strings of it, representing many years' growth, were harvested to wrap around lamp posts and mail-boxes.

Club mosses are not flowering plants and, as a result, are usually ignored by gardeners; but they have a remarkable history. They were among the first large plants on earth. In the Carboniferous period, long before the dinosaurs emerged, club mosses grew to the size of large trees. In the ages that followed, the climate changed, the remains of the plants compacted into coal, and

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## GCFM BOARD of DIRECTORS

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- Wednesday, February 5, 2014 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, March 5, 2014 10:00 AM

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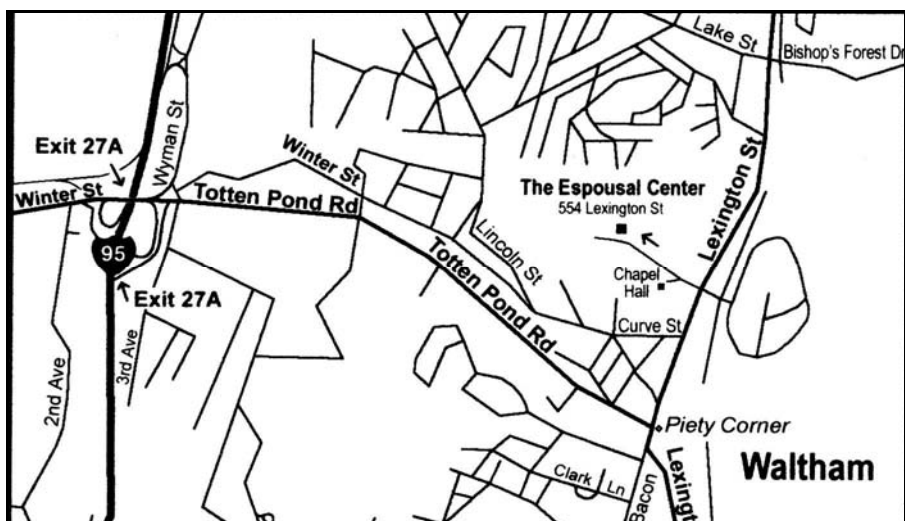
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## Ikebana International Flower Show

By Linda Jean Smith

On October 5 & 6, 2013, Ikebana International had a flower show at Tower Hill Botanic Gardens. Ikebana designs are not judged but show the styles of the different schools. As part of the show, several GCFM members showed their style of design. The entrance to the building held the design by Kaye Vosburgh who also teaches Ikebana design lessons at Tower Hill (*photo right*). Other designs were created by (*clockwise from top left*) Thelma Shoneman, (Sogetsu); Rita DeLollis (one of two designs, both Sogetsu); Minal Akkad, (Ohara), Joy A. Kreutzburg, (Sogetsu); and Pat Clemence, (Sogetsu).



# Marshfield Fair Flower Show Winners

Friday, August 16, 2013

## Class 1 - The Zakim Bridge

- 1st Kathleen Coyle,  
Wareham,  
Tewksbury GC
- 2nd, 90+ Linda Ladd,  
Belmont GC
- 3rd Susan Lunin,  
Temple Shalom GC
- HM Joyce Capobianco, GC of  
Hyannis,  
Framingham GC

## Class 2 - The Green Monster

- 1st Susan Hand,  
Scituate GC
- 2nd, 90+ Marilyn Maclellan,  
Scituate GC
- 3rd Nancy Callanan,  
Scituate GC
- HM Abby Ann Lavoie,  
The Arrangers of Marble  
head, Winter GC

## Class 3 - Dinner in the North

### End

- 1st Teri Mallory, Norwell  
GC, Walnut Hill GC
- 2nd Donna Morrissey, GC of  
Back Bay, Wareham GC
- 3rd Davie McNamara,  
Easton GC
- HM Jackie Hauser, Sudbury  
GC, Norwell GC

## Class 4 - The Public Gardens

- 1st, Tricolor  
Betty Sanders,  
Medfield GC  
See photo page 11
- 2nd, 90+ Darya Cotter,  
Easton GC
- 3rd Donna Johnson,  
Sudbury GC
- HM Ruth Evans,  
Framingham GC

## Class 5 - The Museum of Fine Arts

- 1st, Designers Choice,  
Design Excellence  
Karen Knaub,  
GC of Hyannis  
See photo page 10
- 2nd Fluffy Winner,  
Falmouth GC
- 3rd Andrea Little,  
Westborough GC
- HM Hila Lyman,  
Falmouth GC

## Class 6 - Old Ironsides

- 1st Joanne Lyons,  
Temple Shalom GC
- 2nd, 90+ Robin Kallfeltz,  
Easton GC
- 3rd Janis Bigelow,  
Osterville GC
- HM Meredith Chase,  
Aptucxet GC of Bourne

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## Wednesday, August 21, 2013

### Class 1 - The Zakim Bridge

- 1st, Designers Choice  
LuBeth Kuemmerle,  
Hamilton-Wenham GC  
See photo page 10
- 2nd, 90+ Ann Marie Carlson,  
GC of Hyannis,  
Brockton GC
- 3rd Shirley Minott,  
Walnut Hill GC
- HM Cindy McEachern,  
Scituate GC

### Class 2 - The Green Monster

- 1st Anne Elwell Reardon,  
GC of Hingham,  
Cohasset GC
- 2nd Gail Hubacker,  
Needham GC
- 3rd Alice Ericksen,  
Hyannis GC
- HM Kathryn Leva,  
Arlington GC

### Class 3 - Dinner in the North End

- 1st Ginger King,  
Cohasset GC,  
Scituate GC
- 2nd Donna Lane,  
Norwood Evening GC,  
Beth Shalom GC
- 3rd Michelle Creamer,  
Greenleaf GC of Milford
- HM Eleanor Makinnon,  
Amateur Gardeners of  
Milton

### Class 4 - The Public Gardens

- 1st, Tricolor  
Dolores Ahern,  
GC of Hyannis  
See photo page 11
- 2nd, 90+ Polly Pyne,  
Scituate GC
- 3rd, 90+ Susan Hand,  
Scituate GC
- HM Sarah McCormick,  
Community GC of  
Duxbury

### Class 5 - The Museum of Fine Arts

- 1st Joanne Nikitas,  
Plymouth GC
- 2nd Laura Lindop,  
Acton GC
- 3rd Louise Sironi  
Walnut Hill GC of  
Hanover
- HM Michelle Creamer  
Greenleaf GC of Milford

### Class 6 - Old Ironsides

- 1st Jeanne Ebert, Easton GC
- 2nd Johanna Longo,  
Plymouth GC, Evening  
GC, Plymouth
- 3rd Marcia Hoar,  
Scituate GC
- HM Diane Cochran,  
GC of Hyannis



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August 16, 2013 Class 5  
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Design Excellence,  
Karen Knaub,  
GC of Hyannis





August 21, 2013 Class 4  
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Dolores Ahern,  
GC of Hyannis

August 16, 2013 Class 4 -  
1st, Tricolor  
Betty Sanders,  
Medfield GC



# DISTRICT DOINGS

## **BERKSHIRE (Diana Harwood, District Director)**

▪ **Egremont Garden Club** members beautify their village all year-round: bridge flowers in the summer and, in the winter, holiday wreaths for all public buildings.

For the enjoyment of local residents,

▪ **Academy Garden Club of Lenox** keeps the monument in the center of town decorated with flowers and puts seasonal displays in the front windows of the post office.

## **CENTRAL SOUTH (Joan Schofield, District Director)**

▪ This summer **Ashland Garden Club** offered members and the public three educational programs: "Ergonomic Tips for Happier Gardeners" (Mary Panda); "Hostas — There's Always Room for One More!" (Mary K. Arnberg); and "A Peek Into My Gardens" (Marlies Plaggenborg).

▪ **Holliston Garden Club's** June garden tour was a happy occasion: Guests loved the gardens *AND* the garden owners enjoyed sharing *AND* the club made a profit!

▪ **The Greenleaf Garden Club** of Milford expanded members' garden knowledge with two tours: Milford's Stonecutter Farm and Maple Grove in Boylston, the garden of John Trexler, former Executive Director of Tower Hill Botanic Garden. Club members also won top awards at Tower Hill's 2013 Lily Show and Herb Show.

▪ **Fifteen Gardeners of Natick** held a year-end tour of members' gardens, each charming in its own unique way. The club also honored their president, Marianne Faling, for her many years of leadership.

▪ Members of **The Garden Club of Norfolk** used their artistic talents to create holiday centerpieces for the Norfolk Food Pantry, Senior Center and clients of the Norfolk Meals On Wheels program.

▪ **Northborough Garden Club** held a private tour of members' gardens in June. In July the club had its annual meeting at Tower Hill Botanic Garden with a lecture on hostas. Over the summer club members maintained a number of annual/perennial planters and flower beds throughout the community.

## **METRO (Jean McCarthy, District Director)**

▪ One of **The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury's** four beautification sites — the West Rox-



bury Branch of the Boston Public Library — was a winner in Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino's 2013 Garden Contest. Pictured above: Martin Grealish (2nd from left), a dedicated member/volunteer and Bob

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Gaudet from the Friends of the Library (far left) accepts **The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury's** award from Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino (seated) This is the library's second award in three years. The club has won three times overall, including in 2008 for its work at the Beethoven School.

**NORTHEASTERN (Ellen Todd, District Director)**

▪ **Friendly Garden Club of Beverly** held a successful plant sale in May. Members donated plants from their gardens; containers, herbs, a garden boutique and raffle items added to the excitement. Proceeds from the sale support the club's ongoing civic beautification projects, including a memorial garden at the Beverly Public Library.

▪ The State Department of Transportation approved a proposal by **The Cape Ann Garden Club, The Gloucester Garden Club and The Rockport Garden Club** to manage plantings at the Grant Circle rotary, which is a major access point to Cape Ann. Maintaining the circle will be a collaborative effort among the three clubs.

**NORTHERN (Lisa Bourgeois, District Director)**

▪ In June **Groveland Garden Club** welcomed the public to "Beyond the Garden Gate," a garden tour and plant sale featuring Veasey Memorial Park as well as North School, a restored one-room schoolhouse that is headquarters for the club. Veasey Park was a project of the Groveland Junior Garden Club.

**SOUTHEASTERN (Sandy Slavin, District Director)**

▪ In late July the **Southeastern**

**District** presented "Fairy Tales Can Come True," a standard flower show, at the Barnstable County Fair. This was the District's 34<sup>th</sup> appearance at the fair. Chairman Geri Williams and her team did a great job.

▪ **Village Garden Club of Dennis** was very busy this summer. In addition to a garden tour, they also hosted an informal flower show at the Josiah Dennis Manse Museum. The Dennis Historical Society displayed some of their unique, rarely-viewed quilts; and club members displayed their talent through interpreted floral designs.

▪ During the summer four clubs held garden tours, offering visitors peeks into some special private gardens: **Village Garden Club of Dennis, Lakeville Garden Club, Plymouth Evening Garden Club, and Falmouth Garden Club.**

▪ **Falmouth Garden Club** maintains several gardens at the Falmouth Historical Society, including an herb garden, a colonial garden and a newly-planted memorial park.

▪ **Garden Club of Greater New Bedford** held their 90<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in June. The club's early activities included planting yews at the Center Library (1934) and managing community gardens during WWII. Seven members were recognized for long-time service: Phyllis Allen (59 years), Ruth Edwards (53 years), Valerie Oberg (47 years), Gloria Smith (46 years), Jeanne Bancroft (41 years), and Ann Moniz and Diane Poole (both 40 years).

▪ Combining club member talent

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with local history, **Osterville Garden Club** held "A Seaside Journey" standard flower show at the Osterville Historical Museum. Over 200 visitors saw members' beautiful floral designs displayed among historical artifacts.

• **Plymouth Garden Club** was busy this summer maintaining their flower beds and gardens for the enjoyment of visitors from all over the



world. Members of the club also participated in the Plymouth Antiquarian Fair, where they ran a table benefiting the Antiquarian Society. (See photo above)

• **Wareham Garden Club** celebrated its 70th anniversary as a federated club. The organization received a "Certificate of Merit" at the GCFM Annual Meeting in June.

• **Wareham Garden Club** collaborated with the town Community & Economic Development Authority (CEDA) on the revamping of the Main Street shopping area. The club's Landscape Design Committee, chaired by Christine Decas, was involved in selecting and planting trees and other materials.

### **SOUTH SHORE (Leslie Mullen, District Director)**

• **Easton Garden Club's** summer civic projects included planting daffodils and grasses at the newly opened Keach Field, clean-up and planting of native plants at Militia Park, and — in honor of Arbor Day — planting two Dawn Redwoods at Swift Park. In July three club members hosted a progressive garden/dinner party at their homes.

• In April **Sharon Garden Club** held a highly successful Gardening Forum & Fair. Experts lectured on garden photography, design, and water conservation. Items available for purchase included teacup arrangements, local produce and "supermarket" floral arrangements.

• **Walnut Hill Garden Club** (Hanover) and **Hanover Garden Club** joined forces in May to host a "Books in Bloom" flower show at the Hanover Library. The event drew over 250 visitors and featured more than 36 arrangements designed by club members. Proceeds go to support beautification projects in the town. (See Photo below)





## GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Thanks to **Ipswich Garden Club (IGC)**, historic North Green on "Town Hill" in Ipswich, is now home to a Butterfly Meadow, a four-season habitat for butterflies, birds and beneficial insect of every shape, size and color.

North Green — the site of the garden — is a National Historic District with a rich legacy, including the "Revolution of 1687," in which residents denounced taxes levied by British governor Sir Edmund Andros, who was ultimately deposed, returning Massachusetts Bay Colony to self-government. This history — as well as the town's striking 18th and 19th century architecture — make the North Green neighborhood a magnet for local residents and tourists alike.

With this rich legacy in mind, the IGC wanted to ensure full community input and support for their new garden. In early 2013 the "North Green Streetscape Enhancement Project" (a federal- and Commonwealth-funded initiative) was nearing completion, but it was still necessary for the IGC's determined leadership to enlist a number of other organizations to help bring the Butterfly Garden to fruition:

- The Town of Ipswich Planning Board and the Ipswich Shade Tree and Beautification Committee enthusiastically approved the project.
- The First Congregational Church, which abuts the Butterfly Garden, gave not only its approval but also permission to use church water for irrigation.
- Area business New England BioLabs, Inc., awarded grant money.
- The Ipswich Department of Public Works agreed to prepare the site.



Photo above of gardeners at work.

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## Activities, continued

In March club members began turning and amending the soil (*see photo previous page*) for the Butterfly Meadow, a garden area "in the round," surrounded by walkways and benches for strolling, relaxing and enjoying the plants.

By June more than 200 perennials were in place: In keeping with horticultural best practices, all of the plants chosen by the club are drought-tolerant and self-sustaining, requiring "no till" maintenance. The IGC also used organic fertilizers and compost. Club member Barbara Monahan designed the garden's colorful palette.

Founded in 1927, the Ipswich Garden Club has 50 active and 15 sustaining members. The club's new Butterfly Meadow definitely supports their mission: to promote interest and provide educational opportunities in horticulture; support conservation efforts; and beautify the Town of Ipswich.

(Photo below of completed project)



# Looking to Join a Plant Society?

Donna Lane

There are almost as many plant societies as there are plants. Hostas, cactus and succulents, daylilies, roses, orchids, bromeliads, begonias, gesneriads, herbs, rhododendrons, conifers, ferns and iris are only some of the plants that have enthusiastic growers who meet to share ideas, usually monthly. Most societies have educational programs for their members, as well as yearly shows with prizes for the best-grown specimens. One of the greatest rewards of joining a society is the interaction with others who are as passionate as you about a particular genus.

Finding out who to contact and what's involved in joining a plant society is not always easy, even with access to the World Wide Web. As the GCFM Plant Society Liaison, my task is to make it easier for garden club members to find and contact local societies that may be of interest. In some cases, there may be no group or chapter in Massachusetts, but there may be one group in a contiguous state.

For example, when I first became interested in dahlias, I checked with my local Chamber of Commerce to find out if there was a group that I could join to learn more about growing these wonderful flowers. At the time, there were none in Massachusetts, so I joined the national organization, receiving their publication and learning as much as I could from a distance.

After several years, I learned there was a group that met in Rhode Island; however, finding out whom to contact proved difficult. With help from the national organization, I finally connected and have been a member of that society for more than 20 years. During that time, a dahlia society was organized in Massachusetts. Unfortunately (for me), it is in Provincetown, which is a 2-1/2 hour drive each way versus my relatively easy hour's ride to Rhode Island.

But I digress. The point is, it should be easier to get information and contacts to join a plant society. Toward that end, I am working on a list of local societies that will identify who to contact for membership, the cost for joining, the national affiliate, and a website address where available. When ready, it will be available on the GCFM website. In the meantime, if you have a question about how to contact a particular society, send me an email at [addictedgardener@verizon.net](mailto:addictedgardener@verizon.net).

## **The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts College Scholarships**

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. offers scholarships for undergraduate students (including high school seniors who will be freshmen in the Fall), and graduate students who will be attending accredited colleges and universities.

Applications are due **March 1**.

Scholarships are available for students majoring in:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| - horticulture                     | - environmental studies |
| - floriculture                     | - land management       |
| - landscape design or architecture | - botany                |
| - conservation                     | - biology               |
| - forestry, agronomy               | - and allied subjects   |
| - city planning                    |                         |

Applicants must have maintained a legal residence in Massachusetts for at least one year, have a minimum "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), have good character, and have financial need.

There are eleven (11) scholarships available. Only one application is required per student. It should be noted that the Ruth Cleveland Scholarship is available to graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences and that three of the scholarships require that the student attend the University of Massachusetts. The GCFM Scholarship Committee determines a student's eligibility based on a completed application package.

▪ Applications and financial aid forms are available on the GCFM website, <http://www.gcfm.org/education>scholarship>

The current Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Scholarship funds are as follows:

1. "The Margaret Motley Scholarship Fund" in honor of the first president of the Federation. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **students attending the University of Massachusetts, majoring in floriculture, horticulture or landscape design.**

2. "The Harold T. Bent Horticulture Scholarship Fund" in recognition of Harold T. Bent's services as horticulture chairman and advisor. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **students attending the University of Massachusetts majoring in some phase of horticulture.**

3. "The Lottie S. Leach Scholarship Fund" in honor of Lottie S. Leach for her outstanding contribution in the various fields of federated garden club work, both state and national. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **students of the University of Massachusetts pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**

4. "The F. Carroll Sargent Scholarship Fund" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the state-wide horticulture program of the Federation. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate college students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**

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5. "The Violet E. MacLaren Conservation Scholarship Fund" in memory of a beloved past president of the Federation. Applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate college students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to conservation in its widest aspect.**

6. "The Baker Scholarship Fund" in honor of Dr. & Mrs. E. Carlisle Baker for their joint outstanding contributions to the many activities of the Federation. Dr. Baker was a staunch supporter in furthering the objectives and interests of the Federation, and his wife, Edna, was the 13th president and an Incorporator of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**

7. "The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund" is presented by the Andover Garden Club in recognition of her efforts to enrich the lives of garden club members in the pursuit of all the arts and sciences. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences.**

8. "The Margaret Bent Patterson Scholarship Fund" established in 1982 by the Chestnut Hill Garden Club in recognition of her dedicated service to the club and to The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. In 1950 she was one of the signers of the Articles of Incorporation of the Federation, and in 1972, its 25th president. The recipient (one person) shall be a **college senior or graduate student pursuing the study of landscape architecture or horticulture considered in its widest aspect.**

9. "The Evelyn R. Cole Scholarship" is presented in memory of the 15th president of The Garden Club of Hingham, as well as past president of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. It is a scholarship to be awarded in recognition of Mrs. Cole's efforts to enrich the lives of Garden Club members everywhere. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the environmental sciences in its widest aspect.** There shall be no restrictions on this scholarship except that the applicant must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

10. "The Landscape Design Critics Council Scholarship Fund" established in 1986 by the membership of LDCC to encourage students to pursue the study of Landscape Design and related fields. Applicants for this scholarship shall reside in Massachusetts. The recipient should be a **junior, senior or graduate student majoring in landscape architecture, city planning or related fields of interest, including horticulture and conservation.**

11. "The Mary M. Conley Scholarship Fund" established in 1997 by a bequest in the will of Mary M. Conley. She was a member of the West Newbury Garden Club, a Master Judge and a member of the Landscape Design Council. Applicants for this scholarship shall be a **graduate or undergraduate student pursuing the study of horticulture, landscape design, environmental science or related fields of interest.**

## Planting Seeds for the Future

Our scholarships plant the Seeds for the future. The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts offers 11 scholarships each year to high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students who will be attending accredited colleges and universities.

This year we are honored to have a National Scholarship winner. Samuel Woodford III, a graduate student in Conservation Energy and Sustainable Development with a GPA of 4.0. He received the MA. Sargent Scholarship.

The other ten students who received scholarships from GCFM are:

Samantha Anderson residing at Amherst, Ma received our Motley Scholarship, helping her to attain a masters in Landscape Architecture.

Kalynn Kennedy from Fall River received the Bent Scholarship for her studies in Sustainable Horticulture.

Jarrold Fowler from Falmouth received the Leach Scholarship for his masters in Sustainability Science.

Kathryn Cooney from Chelmsford received the MacLaren Scholarship for her studies on Environmental Science and Natural Resources Conservation.

Conor Laffey from E. Falmouth received the Baker Scholarship for his major in Arboriculture and Forest Management.

Mark Pacheco from Taunton received the Cleveland Scholarship majoring in Biology. He is the first in his family to attend college.

Hannah Traggis from Hubbardston will receive the Patterson Scholarship to pursue a Masters of Science in Plant Physiology.

Sophie Purdom from Acton received the Cole Scholarship for her studies in Environmental and Urban Studies.

Natalie Raffol from Needham received the LDC Scholarship to attain a Masters of Urban and Environmental Planning.

Amelia Prior of Methuen received the Conle Scholarship to finish her undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies.

Many of these students have won our scholarships previously ... helping them to stay in school,

Most of us know a worthy student. In these difficult times each club can announce the availability of these scholarships, contact and work with the high school Guidance Department and put an article in your local paper about GCFM Scholarships in January, prior to our March 1 deadline for applicants. Application forms are available on line at [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org)

Submitted by Deb Taverna, Scholarship Chairman

## **Announcing the 2014 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!**

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2014 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest! The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles.

### **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!**

Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for fire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "**Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!**" encourages personal responsibility for fire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

### **LEND A HAND-CARE FOR THE LAND!**

Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment.

He challenges children to "**Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!**" and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, planting and caring for trees, using resources wisely, and not littering.

For further information go to the NGC Web site:

<http://gardenclub.org/youth/contests/smokey-bear-poster-contest.aspx>

**Send to: Due Date: January 23, 2014**

**Bonni L. Dinneen, Poster Chairman**

**279 Wentworth Avenue**

**Lowell, MA 01852**

**[bonni.dinneen@gmail.com](mailto:bonni.dinneen@gmail.com)**

### **POSTER RULES**

1. All poster entrees must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must not feature both together
3. Smokey Bear posters must be based upon and include Smokey's fire prevention message (Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!). Woodsy Owl posters must be based upon and include Woodsy's conservation message: Land a Hand, Care for the Land!
4. The entry posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
5. **Each entry is 11 x 17 inches in size.**
6. Materials that can be used include; crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc.
7. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted!

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Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest- continued

8. The **artist's name, grade level, school, teacher's name, City/Town, State and Zip Code** **must be printed on the back of the poster in the lower right corner.**

Each poster must also **show the name of the sponsoring local Garden Club.** (Do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through.) Should school policy preclude giving students' address and phone number, please include the school address and phone number as well as garden club members address, phone number and email.

9. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from first to fifth grade.

10. The **Local Garden Club Chair must submit the poster entries no later than January 23, 2014**, to his or her State's Chairman.

**Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts**

### **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.

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Gardening Study School

Course I Series 10

April 3, 4, 5, 2014

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505

### Required Reading:

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

### Subjects covered:

Thursday, April 3.

- ◆ Soils – Paul Rogers, Horticultural Consultant
- ◆ Basic Botany for Gardeners – Dr. Judith Sumner, Professor of Natural Sciences, Assumption College
- ◆ Composting – Betty Sanders, Master Gardener

Friday, April 4,

- ◆ Houseplants – Harriet Hathaway, former gardening consultant at Lexington Gardens
- ◆ Plant Propagation – John Trexler, Director Emeritus Tower Hill Botanic Gardens

2. *The National Gardener*, subscription is \$18 for 3 years. To subscribe: call or email Lillian Cohen, (781) 721-2888, or [lilandbud2@gmail.com](mailto:lilandbud2@gmail.com)

### REGISTRATION FORM on following page

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

### Mail registration form and fee to:

Mary B. Nokes, Registrar, 35 Woodpark Circle, Lexington, MA 02421-7207

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**Registration deadline** is March 12, 2014. No refunds:

For further information please contact Chairman:

Linda Jean Smith (978) 256-3101 or [linda jean.smith@comcast.net](mailto:linda jean.smith@comcast.net)

## Gardening Study School REGISTRATION FORM

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 a day with beverage – Box Lunch fee: *Indicate choice if applicable*

Choice of Sandwich (turkey, tuna or veggie) or

Salad (tuna, apricot chicken, grilled Asian Chicken, or veggie)

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Gardening Consultants Council Meeting

On October 3, 2013, the Gardening Consultants Council held a meeting at Long Hill in Beverly, home of the Trustees of Reservation. Members enjoyed a talk and PowerPoint presentation by Liz Anderson on “Foraging for Mushrooms.” Liz teaches a class on mushrooms at Northern Essex Community College. After the interesting presentation, Liz lead the group on a foraging walk through parts of the property to look for mushrooms. Despite the dry conditions, the group was able to find some mushrooms to look at as seen in the picture. (*Liz Anderson far left & GCC Chairman Jan Brink far right*)



The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

# *Horticulture Mornings*

**Betty Sanders**

## **"VEGETABLES FOR YOUR GARDEN"**

*Garden-keeper of Mass. Horticultural Society's bountiful vegetable garden at Elm Bank, Betty shows us how to grow delicious vegetables.*

*South Church, 41 Central St. Andover  
Monday, March 3, 2014 10 AM*

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**Mal Condon**

## **"HYDRANGEAS FOR EVERY LANDSCAPE"**

*Mal Condon, owner of the Nantucket Hydrangea Farm, shares his extensive knowledge of all things hydrangea.*

*Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston  
Monday, April 28, 2014 10 AM*

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Donation \$5.00, at the door.  
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*Chairman: Betsy Williams 978-470-0911,  
[betsy@betsywilliams.com](mailto:betsy@betsywilliams.com)*

## SPEAKERS REGISTRATION for GCFM Program Workshop 2014

First Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014  
Location: Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA  
Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Garden Clubs come from 10 AM – 1 PM)

Second Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014  
Location: Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St., N. Waltham, MA  
Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Garden Clubs come from 10 AM – 1 PM)

GCFM is pleased to provide this opportunity for speakers to meet Garden Club program planners. At this workshop many of the speakers will be allowed to have the mike for 2 minutes each. All the speakers will receive an introduction and approximately one half a table to display their flyers and other information. New speakers and those who did not get a chance to speak last year will be given priority and the order of receipt of registration forms sent with checks will be considered for the other speakers. There will be a list available of speakers and their contact information as well as the location of their table.

You may register for one day or both days. You are required to purchase at least a ¼ page (3 1/4" high x 2" wide) *Mayflower* advertisement for \$75. In addition there is a fee of \$30 for one day and \$50 for two days' attendance. The deadline for your ad to be in the Spring Issue is December 1st. If you miss this date, your ad will appear in the next issue. If you choose to run a larger ad, the \$75 can be used as credit. Contact the office 781-237-0336 for questions on ads in the *Mayflower*.

### **Registration Deadline: February 15, 2014 Speakers must register to attend!**

But you may wish to send it in by December 1<sup>st</sup> to meet the *Mayflower* Deadline.

Fill in form below and mail with your check made out to **GCFM**.

Send to: Kaye Vosburgh, Program Chair  
110 Pickwick Rd, W. Newton, MA 02465

Please check the dates you will be attending. Circle your preferred speaking date if attending both days

Tower Hill, Tuesday, April 15\_\_\_\_\_ Espousal Center, Wednesday, April 23\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check enclosed: \$75 for *Mayflower* ad plus \$30 or \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

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Topics: Must conform to GCFM mission to assist clubs with education and appreciation of Horticulture, Landscape and Floral Design, Gardening and Environmental Concerns

## GARDEN CLUBS REGISTRATION for Program Workshop 2014

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

We invite two members from each club to take advantage of our 2014 program workshops. For your convenience the workshops occur on two dates in two locations. Come meet the presenters and get ideas for next year's programs for your club.

First Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2014  
Location: Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA  
Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Second Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014  
Location: Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St, N. Waltham, MA  
Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Participants must pre-register by March 15. Club member substitutions for pre-registered members are permitted. Space is limited, so send in your registration early to have your choice of days. If you do not pre-register the fee is \$10 per person subject to space available.

When you sign in you will be given a nametag and a list of all presenters and their table numbers. Their full advertisement will appear in the Spring issue of the *Mayflower* or later issues. You will have the opportunity to listen to 2 minutes from 30 speakers and then to visit all the presenters at their tables to gather information. If you have questions you may contact Kaye Vosburgh at [vosburghk@aol.com](mailto:vosburghk@aol.com).

Mail the completed registration form to: Kaye Vosburgh  
Deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>. 110 Pickwick, Rd., W. Newton, MA 02465

Please check the date(s) you will be attending.

Tower Hill, April 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Espousal Center April 23 \_\_\_\_\_

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2013

- 11/23 - 12/7 Easton GC "Festival of Trees" 12 noon - 8:00 pm (weekends); 4:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M. (weeknights) Follow the signs to Easton's Festival of Trees. Contact: Jeanne Ebert, 508-238- 3524.
- 2 Back to Basics II
- 3 Friendly GC of Beverly presents "Deck the Halls" with FTD Designer Bert Ford; Cove Community Center, 19 Corning St. \$10 (advanced sale), \$15 (at the door). Refreshments, Greens Basket, Boutique and Raffles. Contact: Margi Monagle at 978-712-0712 or [www.beverlygardenclub.org](http://www.beverlygardenclub.org)
- 4 GCFM Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 AM Espousal Center, Waltham
- 5 Community GC of Cohasset - "Yuletide 2013 House Tour" - five of Cohasset's unique charming homes, dressed for the holidays. [www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org](http://www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org) or phone 781 383 0361. Cost: \$35 (advanced ), \$40 (day of tour)
- 7 Bridgewater GC "Annual Greens Sale 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Bridgewater Cole-Yeaton Senior Ctr, 10 Walley Krueger Way, For information call 508-697-7617

### JANUARY 2014

- 8 Tewksbury GC presents, "A Husband's Point of View of Gardening" a lecture by Neal Sanders, an author and garden lover. 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Open to Public – No Charge. Please bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry.
- 10 Judges Council
- 14 Design Workshop II (Snow Date 1/15/2014)

### FEBRUARY 2014

- 1 Winter Interlude, Cocktails and Floral Designs. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Beechwood Hotel, 363 Plantation St., Worcester, MA \$50 Donation. Contact Bonni Asbjornson at 978-692-8685 or email [asbjornson@comcast.net](mailto:asbjornson@comcast.net)
- 4 Walnut Hill GC presents, "Get Ready for Spring"- A demonstration, slideshow and Q&A with Suzanne Mahler. 7:15 P.M., Phoenix Lodge, 133 Broadway, Hanover, MA
- 5 GCFM Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 AM Espousal Center, Waltham

### MARCH 2014

- 3 Horticulture Morning, South Church, Andover
- 5 GCFM Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 AM Espousal Center, Waltham
- 8-9 Needham's Art in Bloom at Needham Public Library. March 8, 9:00 Am- 5:00 PM, March 9, 1:00 PM-4:00PM. Free. Information at [www.NeedhamArtinBloom.com](http://www.NeedhamArtinBloom.com)

## Part 2 - MAYFLOWER SUBSCRIBER SURVEY

**Please respond by January 15, 2014**

Thank you to subscribers who answered our survey in the fall *Mayflower* issue. Due to a delay in the fall mailing, many of you were unable to respond by the survey deadline. Here is your 2nd chance to share your opinions with us.

**EVEN IF YOU ANSWERED THE FALL SURVEY, PLEASE RESPOND AGAIN, AS SURVEY QUESTIONS HAVE CHANGED. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.**

First a bit of background: The Federation is considering adding a free electronic issue of *Mayflower* (*e-Mayflower*). The **printed *Mayflower* will continue to be available** for an annual fee; print subscribers will be able to receive both the print and electronic versions, providing they have an email address and Internet access.

By adding an electronic issue the Federation will be able to:

- Send *e-Mayflower* to all members of all federated GCs, at no charge
- Include more photographs, which will all be in color
- Distribute *e-Mayflower* more quickly
- Maintain an archive of past *e-Mayflower* issues on gcfm.org

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- Access each issue on the gcfm.org web site
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- If preferred, download the issue to their computers and/or print it

### ***e-Mayflower Survey***

**Clip, Complete and Return to the GCFM by January 15, 2014  
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Please complete the questions below and mail to Mayflower Survey, c/o GCFM, 219 Washington St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. You may also respond via email to gcfm@verizon.net - please make sure to include all of the requested information in your email. Responses must be received by **January 15, 2014**.

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