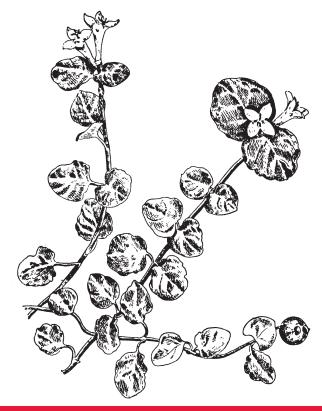


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The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., is dedicated to assisting our member clubs with education and appreciation of Horticulture, Landscape and Floral Design, Gardening and Environmental concerns.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As winter sets in and we are in semi-hibernation along with our dormant gardens, we can take time to reflect on lessons to be gleaned from nature. If we drop a small pebble into a pond, it causes ripples which spread in ever-widening circles. Tranquil water is suddenly in motion. The things we do in our clubs, districts and federation can have a similar effect on the world around us.

The NGC President's Projects to protect the earth have struck a resounding chord with many clubs. Activities going on right now are a tribute to what we are capable of doing for our world. All of these projects qualify for NGC awards this spring. Awards at the state, regional and national level highlight your accomplishments. strengthen our federation and attract new members and supporters by letting others know what we are doing. (Every club should be applying for all awards for which they may qualify.)

Many thanks to those club presidents who answered my personal appeal for a list of their conservation activities. Some noteworthy projects are the Sharon Garden Club's monthly program topics for environmental education; this year have planned programs on 'What's

Up with the Birds?', Lyme disease tick-borne Illnesses. 'Gardening Wiser'. The Wareham Garden Club is offering programs for their members and guests on "Enjoying a Biodiverse Lawn", conservation of wildlife on the Canal preservation land; and organic gardening for a coastal town. The Seaside Gardeners of Squantum offered a program on Project Covote, a North American coalition which promotes coexistence between people and wildlife. The Plymouth Garden Club has produced a program for the town's fifth grade classrooms on Plymouth's rare ecosystem pine barrens which constitute Plymouth's sole aguifer. The fifth graders become aware of the responsibility they bear as stewards of this aquifer and the endangered species that rely on the ponds and pine barrens above it. The Aptucxet Garden Club educates by example, removing invasives, showcasing native plants along a hiking trail with explanatory signage, planting food sources for insects and wildlife, and running a Junior Gardeners program working with middle-school children to teach them about plants and their role in the environment.

There is a Native American proverb, "Treat the earth well; we do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." Commendations to all of you for everything you are doing in your clubs and districts.

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

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#### COVER STORY PARTRIDGEBERRY

For some people the first sight of partridgeberry is in a bowl set up as a Christmas decoration. though the plant, Mitchella repens is common from Nova Scotia to Texas, it is small and often concealed by leaves and brush. Most people do not notice it unless they are looking for it. The usual method of display is to put a few cuttings of the partridgeberry in a rich compost mix in a glass bowl with a concave rim. The humidity stays high, encouraging rooting. By the time it is no longer of interest as a decoration it should have the beginnings of roots.

In its natural setting. partridgeberry is usually found in forest shade, in combination with mosses and lichens. The dark green leaves are small, oval, opposite, with a pale gray center line. The fragrant white flowers are borne in late spring to early summer. Although the flowers normally occur in pairs, they are joined at the base and produce only one fruit. fruit is a red berry, about a quarter inch in diameter. It persists through the fall and into winter.

Since the plant is very small and grows slowly, some care is required to keep it from being overwhelmed by faster growing weeds. With sufficient grooming, the partridgeberry can be maintained as an attractive native groundcover in a rock garden or at the base of trees in combination with mosses and lichens.

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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, December 3, 2014, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, March 4. 2015, 10:00 AM

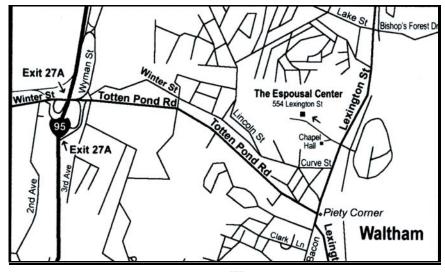
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- Follow Totten Pond Road east toward Waltham to the traffic light at road's end, about 1-1/3 miles.
- Turn left onto Lexington Street. Go 0.3 mile. Turn left into the driveway at the sign for the Espousal Center.
- For the **Retreat House**, drive up the hill, bearing right, to the large tan brick building on your right.



#### BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER UPDATE

When president Marisa McCoy took office in 2013 she issued a challenge to all GCFM garden clubs: By the end of her administration she hoped there would be a Blue Star Memorial Marker in every Massachusetts community that has a federated garden club.

A total of 36 GCFM clubs have placed markers in their communities since 1954. While we still have a long way to go to achieve 100% representation, in 2013-14 three clubs delivered on Marisa's request, dedicating markers in their towns.

#### Salem Garden Club

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2013 members of the Salem Garden Club participated in a moving patriotic ceremony at Salem High School, celebrating the placement of a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker on the city's Hawthorne Boulevard traffic island, near the Hawthorne Inn. Other ceremony participants included Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, representatives from Salem Veterans Services, members of the Salem High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC program, and many state and local dignitaries. Veterans from each branch of the military stood and were recognized as the band played their anthems.

Erecting a Blue Star Marker was initially the brainchild of former club president Meg McMahon, who personally led fundraising efforts. Her successors, current club co-presidents Paula Contilli and Gail Sados, praised Meg's efforts as well as those of Ellen Talkowsky (Manager of Special Projects for the City of Salem, who facilitated site selection) and Tom Mackey (Thomas Mackey & Sons General Contractors, who mounted the plaque).

To make the marker a reality for their community, each month for a year of club meetings, enterprising club members created large themed "goodie baskets," which were raffled to raise money for the project.

Salem GC members continue to maintain a garden bed at the site of their marker, which was newly planted when the photo below was taken.



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#### Seaside Gardeners of Squantum

On Memorial Day weekend 2014, Seaside Gardeners of Squantum dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Squantum Fire Station. Club president Sandra Summer welcomed guests to the dedication ceremony, including club members, state and national garden club representatives, neighbors and dignitaries from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Quincy. In her opening remarks, Sandra credited many individuals and organizations for bringing the project to fruition: garden club members, the club's many donors, and City and Commonwealth officials who provided support and assistance.

The Reverend Doug Gray of the First Church of Squantum offered an invocation, followed by the presentation of colors by members of the Robert I. Nickerson American Legion Post 382. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and sang our national anthem. Andrea Little, National Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman, read the history of the program. Helen Weiser, Massachusetts State Blue Star Memorial Marker Chairman, and Celeste Wilson, New England State Chairman, were also present.

To close the ceremony, a wreath was laid at the new marker by Jim Doherty, Commander of the Robert I. Nickerson Post, and Squantum Vietnam veteran James Summer. A reception followed.

Below; Dedication ceremony attendees flank the new Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Squantum Fire Station. (Left to right) Deni Sindel, local real estate agent; Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch, Seaside Gardeners of Squantum members Peggy Kelly, Sally Erickson and Patricia Herbert; Massachusetts 8th District Congressman Stephen Lynch; Seaside Gardeners of Squantum president Sandra Sumner and members Frieda O'Brian, Donna Richardson and Edward Swartz; and Massachusetts State Representative 1st Norfolk District Bruce Ayers.



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#### **Dracut Garden Club**

On July 16, 2014, the Dracut Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the town's Turner Square, Hildreth St. and Boston Rd. The location and the new marker honor Air Force Sergeant Daniel Robert Turner (1948-1969), who was represented at the event by members of his family.

The club's Project Chairperson Mary Anne Johnston provided opening remarks, welcoming all attendees, especially veterans and Sgt. Turner's family members. American Legion Post 315 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9307 presented the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by U. S. Navy Seabee Bob Pare.

Gail Morrissette, former club president, introduced Andrea Little, National Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman; Lisa Bourgeois, GCFM Northern District Director; CMSgt. Bobby Jacques, tribute speaker; Dracut State Representative Colleen M. Garry; and Dracut Town Manager James Duggan.

Following the unveiling of the marker, Dracut DPW Director Mike Burton, who was instrumental in the installation of the marker, laid a memorial wreath, closing the ceremony.

Congratulations and thank you to both of these clubs for their hard work and dedication in bringing Blue Star Memorial Markers to their communities.



At left, Dracut GC members who attended their Blue Star Marker dedication ceremony surround the new Blue Star Memorial Marker. Members planted the surrounding garden bed with Tide Hill Korean boxwood, Snow in Summer, Veronica Tidal Pool, and Red Drift Summer roses.

The Blue Star originated as a World War II icon on flags and banners displayed in churches, businesses and private homes to honor our nation's sons and daughters away at war. At the end of the war, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (today called National Garden Clubs, Inc.) began planting "a ribbon of living memorial plantings traversing every state." Markers were added in 1947 and the program subsequently was expanded to honor all men and women who had served in our nation's armed forces, as well as active and former members of the U.S. military. The program will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2015 and remains a fitting tribute to the men and women who preserve and protect our freedom.

#### DISTRICT DOINGS

#### CENTRAL NORTH

(Betsy Howard, District Director)

For the second year, Holden Garden Club members staffed a booth at the "Holden Days Celebration." They used the opportunity to promote the club's activities, highlight concerns regarding invasives, and share plants with the community.

The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury staged a successful summer fundraiser, "Simply Sudbury, a Garden Tour and Tea." Ticket holders toured seven gardens and were served tea and sweet and savory snacks. Club members created container gardens, teacup arrangements, birdhouses and home-baked treats, which were available for purchase. Vendors also offered items for sale.



The Thursday GC of Sudbury held a garden tour and tea

METRO DISTRICT (Jean McCarthy, District Director)
The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury spent the summer transitioning responsibilities from outgoing to incoming board members, planning 2014-15 meetings/ events, and maintaining its four beautification sites. Gardens at the homes of five members and the West Roxbury Branch Library were

featured on the Garden Conservancy's Greater Boston Open Day, June 8. Club members continue to write a monthly "In the Garden" column for the West Roxbury Transcript newspaper, including an August article on the merits of joining a garden club.



The Evening GC of West Roxbury's handiwork was featured in a recent newspaper article on how to create beautiful traffic islands.

#### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT (Ellen Todd, District Director)

The Gloucester Garden Club participated in the 2nd Annual Gloucester Garden Tour sponsored by local volunteer garden organization Generous Gardeners. Proceeds benefited the "Plant Grant Circle" project, the goal of which is to revitalize plantings at the rotary on Rt. 128 in Gloucester. A joint project of the Cape Ann, Rockport and Gloucester garden clubs, the initiative has so far raised \$90,000.

Manchester Garden Club members worked over the summer to beautify the train station and flower beds around the Manchester Com

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munity Center. Spearheaded by Co-President Teresa Ramirez, the project included planting Knock Out® roses and catmint around trees adjacent to the parking lot. As another part of their community outreach efforts, the club also planted a butterfly garden at the entrance to Pathways for Children in Gloucester. The garden, which was designed by Kim Smith, flourished over the summer and attracted many butterflies



Manchester GC members hard at work creating a butterfly garden.

In June twenty-five members of **The Saugus Garden Club** visited Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. The tour included museum highlights, main galleries and a new wing, followed by lunch.

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

Thanks to the efforts of chairperson Geri Williams and her team, the Southeast District once again participated in the 35th Barnstable Standard Flower Show.

Attleboro Garden Club completed a three-year project restoring the 1950s-vintage Anderson Rose Garden in Capron Park, which is open to the public. Renovations have included soil replacement, mulching, a new irrigation system, and planting three "rings" of roses: red and pink Knock Outs® in the center; and middle and outer rings of fragrant yellow, apricot, white, Pink Fairy and New Dawn climbing roses. The garden is frequently used for wedding and graduation photos and has received rave reviews from the public.

The Evening Garden Club of Plymouth held a "June in Bloom" garden tour, featuring eight locations.

Over the summer **Greater New Bedford Garden Club** maintained gardens at a number of historic and civic sites, including Seamen's Bethel, Wing's Court and Peter Francisco Square.

Osterville Garden Club continues its nine-year effort to maintain historical and herb gardens as focal points at the entrance to the Osterville Historical Museum. Members also maintain a butterfly garden at Mass Audubon's Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary.

Plymouth Garden Club tends ten flower beds at the town's main library, as well as gardens at Brewster Garden and the Antiquarian Society's Hedge House Museum, sites popular with locals and tourists alike. Club members also participate in the Barnstable County and Marshfield Fairs.

**Taunton Garden Club** continues to celebrate its 80th anniversary, including a summer members-only garden tour, followed by dinner.

Wareham Garden Club actively participated in the community's "2014 Summer of Celebration," which included a 275th birthday party and the 200th anniversary of

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the British invasion in the
War of 1812-14. The club held
a "Scents of Summer" garden
tour and created 34 floral centerpieces for a Founders' Day
ball. New club members were

ball. New club members were treated to a luncheon with tenured members, who shared their experiences and information on club activities.

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

Easton Garden Club members worked hard over the summer, designing and planting three new traffic islands: two at Rt. 138 and Depot Street in Easton and the third in the parking lot of the town little league complex.



One of three newly-planted Easton GC traffic islands

Hull Garden Club's beautification team spent the summer giving the community's islands a new look. Anasto's Corner, a main entry point into Hull, boasted new flowers and greenery with a coastal theme. Flowered water collection containers (pictured) were painted by club member and local artist Jean Morse. Warm-weather visitors to the seaside town regularly stopped to take pictures at the colorful island.



Lynn Hollingshead, Hull GC member, master gardener and professional photographer, captured this shot of the club's Anasto's Corner effort.

**Kingston Garden Club** took part in a fundraiser to maintain the 1714

Major John Bradford Homestead: each Sunday during the summer a different organization hosts an outdoor breakfast at the site, sponsored by the Jones River Village Historical Society. The garden club's breakfast was attended by 125 people, who enjoyed a hearty meal and colorful floral arrangements.

In the spring the club enjoyed trips to the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston) and Tower hill for the Daffodil & Primrose Show. The Kingston club's annual spring plant sale helped fund community beautification projects.

Mattakeesett Garden Club of Pembroke entered the Marshfield Fair for the first time, with two exhibits, both winners: 2nd Place for their Romantic English Garden and 2nd Place for a dish garden exhibit.

Perennial Gardeners of the South Shore, Hingham, continued to maintain gardens surrounding

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the children's entrance to the Hingham Public Library, including a rain garden, an herb garden, several perennial beds, trees and bushes. In the spring they also completed a new project to disguise an unsightly utility box at the library. The club's Community Service Chairperson Margaret Taylor worked with the Hingham DPW and members to enhance the area with Knock Out® roses, Shenandoah switch grass. and blue fescue.



The result of efforts by the Perennial Gardeners of the South Shore to disguise a utility box

In addition to dedicating a Blue Star Memorial Marker (See article page 6), Seaside Gardeners of Squantum spent part of its summer supporting local school children, holding workshops on planting and watering, and awarding a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Club members maintain thirty flower beds lining the causeway from Quincy to Squantum, as well as the Gilbert Memorial at the entrance to their neighborhood. The club also works with the City of Quincy to help maintain the integrity of marshlands.

In May members of the Walnut Hill Garden Club of Hanover Kindergarten Seed Planting Committee helped Hanover students plant beans. They talked with students about what is necessary for seeds to grow and read the book *One Bean* to the class. The students were very appreciative.

Over the summer the Walnut Hill club took part in the town's annual fair, "Hanover Day." Their booth offered information on the organization and displayed members' floral arrangements. Young booth visitors had their faces painted and made tissue paper flowers.



A young visitor to the Walnut Hill GC's "Hanover Day" booth

Weymouth Garden Club members participated in the Abigail Adams Green clean-up in April.



Weymouth GC members at the Abigail Adams Green, one of several civic and community projects.

# Historic Gardens Conference & Garden Tour May 28, 2015 at St. Brigid Church Parish Center Hall 1995 Mass. Ave.

Lexington, MA. 02421

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

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#### AWARDS! The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT'S 35th Annual Standard Flower Show

#### "Time Marches On", the Barnstable County Fair,

DISTRICT AWARDS - Exhibitors from both entry days are eligible.

Roberta Clark Award July 24th Class 27 Grown from seed, Cherry Tomato

Bert Kelley, South Dennis MA (photo top right)

District Director's Award, July 21st Class 4

Gloria Freitas-Steidenger, Easton Garden Club (photo bottom right, page 15)

William F. Clark Award July 24th Class 1

Ginger King, Cohasset Garden Club (photo bottom right)

Laverne Collard Award July 21st Class 6

Sally Zeghibe, Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne (photo middle right)

Mary Lou Alla Award July 21st Class 6

June Aronson, Plymouth Garden Club Photo top right page 15)

JULY 21, 2014: HORTICULTURE DIVISION I, 178 entries.

Awards of Horticultural Excellence, Arboreal Hydrangea macrophylla 'Endless Summer';

Geri Williams, Plymouth GC

Award of Merit Lilium 'Miss Lucy'; Davie McNamara, Easton GC

Award of Merit Ervngium planum 'Blue Thistle': Dolores Ahern, GC Hvannis

Award of Merit Heuchera 'Midnight Rose'; Penny Bergles, Osterville GC

Award of Merit Celosia 'Burgundy Velvet; Carolyn Lane, Osterville GC

Award of Merit Hosta 'June', Penny Bergles, Osterville GC

#### **DESIGN DIVISION II, July 21, 2014**

#### Class 1 Let The Day Begin Functional Breakfast Tray

1st Andrea McGrath, Village GC Dennis

2nd Kathy Tunsley, Falmouth GC

3rd Ginger King, Scituate/Cohasset GCs

HM Cheri Ikasalo, Wareham GC

#### Class 2 It's Five O'Clock Somewhere Exhibition Table Type II

1st Kaye B. Vosburgh, GC Back Bay

2nd Nancy Jamieson, Village GC Dennis

3rd Abby Ann Lavoie, Arrangers of Marblehead, Winter GCs

HM Jean McCarthy, Chicatabot GC

#### Class 3 *Party Time!* Functional Table for Two Table Artistry Award,

1st Nancy Donaldson, Arrangers of Marblehead, Friendly GCs

2nd 90+ Joanne Nikitas, Plymouth GC

3rd Gail Hubacker, GC Hyannis

HM Fran Spadea, GC Hyannis

#### Class 4 Beach Read Choice of Design style interpreting a book title

1st Cyndy Bush, Harpswell GC ME

2nd 90+ Gloria Freitas-Steidenger, Easton GC

3rd Christine Decas, Wareham GC

HM Jane Kennedy, GC Hyannis

#### Class 5 A Beautiful Garden Hanging Design Type I Non-Kinetic Award of Design Excellence, Designer's Choice Award

1st Andrea Little, Westborough, Curbs & Cobblestones GCs

2nd 90+ Carolee Packard, Aptucxet GC of Bourne

3rd 90+ Barbara Geagan, Wareham GC

HM Jacqueline Hauser, Sudbury, Norwell GCs

#### Class 6 Dance The Night Away

#### Monochromatic Design, Exhibitor's choice of style

1st Marisa McCov, Wareham GC

2nd 90+ Sally Zeghibe, Aptucxet GC Bourne

3rd June Aronson, Plymouth GC

HM Joyce Capobianco, GC Hyannis





#### SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION III, June 21, 2014

Sec. A. Quiet Time In The Garden Temporary Gardens Club Competition Award,

1st GC of Greater New Bedford

2nd 90+ Aptucxet Garden Club Bourne

3rd Plymouth Garden Club

HM Osterville Garden Club

#### Sec. B. The Clock Is Ticking

1st Molly Caruthers, Nauset GC

2nd 90+ Teri Mallory, Norwell, Walnut Hill GCs

3rd Joyce DiGiovanni, Moscow GC, ID

HM Carolee Packard, Aptucxet GC Bourne

#### JULY 24, 2014:

#### HORTICULTURE DIVISION I, 247 entries.

**Awards of Horticultural Excellence** Cherry Tomato, container-grown from seed, *Lycopersicon esculentum* 'Gold Nugget' Bert Kelley, S Dennis

**Award of Merit** *Lilium* 'Golden Stargazer'; Patricia Parker, Plymouth GC

**Award of Merit** *Hemerocallis* 'Mike Longo'; Shirley Minott, Walnut Hill GC

**Award of Merit** *Chamanthium latifolium*, Northern Sea Oats; Ruth Evans, Framingham GC

**Award of Merit** *Cleome* 'Rose Queen'; Geri Williams, Plymouth GC

Award of Merit Hosta 'Whee'; Ann Marie Carlson, GC Hyannis

Arboreal Award Buddleia davidii 'Black Knight'; Marge Galletta, Plymouth GC



Class 1 Let The Day Begin Functional Breakfast Tray District Director Award, 1st Evelyn Polli, Belmont GC

2nd 90+ Seta Lepore, Belmont GC 3rd Mimi Gregory, Falmouth GC

HM Fleur Hynes, Winchester Home & GC

#### Class 2 It's Five O'Clock Somewhere Exhibition Table Type II Table Artistry Award, 1st, Davie McNamara, Easton GC

2nd 90+ Helga Frazzette, Andover, Nauset, Hyannis GCs

3rd Karen Knaub, Hyannis GC

HM Gail Reilly, Osterville GC

#### Class 3 Party Time! Functional Table for Two

1st Andrea Kruvchuk, GC Hyannis

2nd 90+ Fluffy Winner, Falmouth GC

3rd 90+ Elaine DiGiovanni, Belmont GC

HM Diane Cochran, GC Hyannis

#### Class 4 Beach Read Choice of Design style interpreting a book title Award of Design Excellence, Designer's Choice Award

1st Linda Ladd, Belmont GC

2nd Yvonne Capella, Wareham GC

3rd Betty Sanders, Medfield GC

HM Kathy Leva, Arlington GC

#### Class 5 A Beautiful Garden Hanging Design Type I Non-Kinetic

1st Judy Sheehy, Aptucxet GC Bourne

2nd 90+ Mollie Lue Traggis, Wareham GC

3rd 90+ Ann Marie Carlson, GC Hyannis

HM Irene Mitchell, Nauset GC

#### Class 6 Dance The Night Away Monochromatic Design,

Exhibitor's choice of style

1st Shirley Minott, Walnut Hill GC

2nd 90+ Ruth Evans, Framingham GC

3rd 90+ Donna Morrissey, Wareham GC

HM Karen Acton Alfano, Falmouth GC





#### GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

#### Required Reading:

1. Botany for Gardeners by Brian Capon maybe purchased through  $\underline{\text{Amazon.com}}$ 

#### Subjects covered:

Thursday, April 9

- ♦ Container Gardening Yvonne Russell, Horticulturalist
- ♦ Plant Diseases & Garden Pests INSTRUCTOR to be announced
- ◆ Techniques for Growing Veggies Carol Julien, landscape designer Friday, April 10
  - How New Plants Are Developed Paul Rogers, Horticultural Consultant
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**Make checks payable to:** The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. (GCFM).

#### Mail registration form (see page 16) and fee to:

Mary B. Nokes, Registrar, 35 Woodpark Circle, Lexington, MA 02421-7207 (781) 863-1203 or <a href="mailto:sekon\_mary@gmail.com">sekon\_mary@gmail.com</a>

Registration deadline is March 16, 2015. No refunds:

For further information please contact Chairmen: Linda Jean Smith (978) 256-3101 or <u>lindajean.smith@comcast.net</u>

#### SPEAKERS REGISTRATION for GCFM Program Workshop 2015

First Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2015

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

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Garden Clubs come 10 AM - 1 PM)

Second Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Location: Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Garden Clubs come 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 will be given priority for speaking both days. A list containing speakers' names and their contact information as well as the location of their table will be available.

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 \$25 for one day and \$40 for two days attendance. The deadline for your ad to be in the spring Mayflower 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:**

#### March 8, 2015 Speakers must register to attend!

But you may wish to send it in by December  $1^{st}$  to meet the Spring 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.

Elm Bank, Wednesday, April 8\_\_\_\_\_ Tower Hill, Wednesday, April 15\_\_\_\_

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#### PROGRAM WORKSHOP REGISTRATION for Garden Clubs 2015

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

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

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

First Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2015

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

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Second Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

When you sign in you will be given a nametag and a list of all presenters and their table numbers. Their full advertisement 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 Joanne Lyons at Joanne.Lyons@comcast.net.

Mail the completed registration form to: Joanne Lyons

Deadline March 15th. 20 Hope Street, Newton

MA 02466

Or email completed form to Joanne Lyons at Joanne.Lyons@comcast.net before Mar. 15.

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## The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Hortículture Morníngs

"Container Gardens for Every Occasion"

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Tower Hill Botanic Garden

At the Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St.,
Waltham, MA

Monday, March 2, 2015, 10AM

#### "Backyard Foraging"

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

#### "Wake Up Little Garden!"

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

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

Information: GCFM 781-237-0336
Betsy Williams, Chairman 978-470-0911,
<a href="mailto:betsy@betsywilliams.com">betsy@betsywilliams.com</a>
Rita DeLollis, Vice-Chairman 978-475-1038,
<a href="mailto:rdelollis@aol.com">rdelollis@aol.com</a>

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

#### Marshfield Fair Flower Show Winners

#### August 15, 2014 Class 1, Time Flies

1st,Designers Choice Award Karen Knaub GC of Hyannis (photo below)

2nd Joanne Lyons Temple Shalom GC

3rd Kathleen Coyle, Wareham GC

HM Nancy Callanan Scituate GC



#### Class 2 - Long Time no See

1st Hila Lyman Falmouth GC

2nd Linda Ladd, Scituate GC

3rd Cindy McEachern, Scituate GC

HM Betty Sanders, Medfield GC

#### Class 3 - Lunch Time

1st Roni La Hage Y'ise Gardeners of Marshfield

2nd Abby Lavoie Arrangers of Marblehead Winter GC of Marblehead

3rd Pat Michaud, Scituate GC Cohasett GC

HM Kathryn Leva Lexington Field and GC

#### **Class 4 Time Traveler**

1st Davie McNamara Easton GC

2nd Polly Pyne Scituate GC 3rd Martha Gangemi Cohassett GC

HM Robin Kalfetz, Easton GC

#### Class 5 - It's About Time

1st Ginger King, Scituate GC Cohassett GC

2nd, 90+Fluffy Winner Falmouth GC

3rd Louise Sironi Walnut Hill GC

HM Donna Johnson, Sudbury GC

#### Class 6 - Old Timer

1st, Tricolor Award Darya Cotter, Easton GC

Darya Cotter, Easton GC (photo page 23 lower left)

2ndSarah McCormick Community GC of Duxbury

3rdSusan Lunin

Temple Shalom GC HM Donna Morrissey

GC of Bac k Bay, Wareham GC

#### August 20, 2014 Class 1 - Time Flies

1st Gail Hubacker GC of Hyannis/Needham GC

2nd Jaclyn Robinson Y'ise Gardners of Marshfield

3rd Kathy McCormick Scituate GC

HM Laura Lindop Acton GC

#### Class 2 - Long Time no See

1st Jacqueline Hauser Sudbury GC, Norwell GC

2nd Christine Decas, Wareham GC

3rd Martha Gangemi Cohassett GC

HM Sarah McCormick Community GC of Duxbury

#### Class 3 - Lunch Time

1st Marilyn MacLellan Scituate GC

2nd Joanne Nikitas, Plymouth GC

3rd Ann Marie Carlson GC of Hyannis, Brockton GC

HM Marsha Hoar Scituate GC

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#### Class 4 Time Traveler

1st, Designers Choice Award Nancy Costa Norwood Evening GC (photo bottom right)

2nd Donna Lane Norwood Evening GC

3rd Teri Mallory
Walnut Hill GC, Norwell GC
HM Marcia Connors. Easton GC

#### Class 5 - It's About Time

1st Karen Knaub GC of Hyannis

2nd Barbara Cox Scituate GCD 3rd Jaclyn Robinson

The Seaside Gardeners

HM Kathy Hawes, Sharon GC

#### Class 6 - Old Timer

1st, Tricolor, Award of Design Excellence (photo top right) Anne Elwell Reardon GC of Hingham, Cohassett GC

2nd, 90+ Cindy McEachern Scituate GC

3rd Diane Cochran GC of Hyannis

HM Joan Thomas, Hanover GC







#### 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 **February 15**, **2015**.

Scholarships are available for students majoring in:

horticulture,
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- 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.qcfm.org/

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

- "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.

- 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 contribution 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.

#### The Benefits of Evening Meetings

A number of garden clubs across the state (and across the country) have chosen to change from daytime to evening meetings. They do this in order to broaden their appeal beyond those prospective members who have the flexibility to arrange their work schedules around meetings, who are retired or who stay at home with schoolage children.

What are the advantages to evening meetings and are there disadvantages?

Working folks can attend. Garden clubs were once the provenance of stay-at-home wives and mothers. With the majority of women in the workplace today, garden clubs are inadvertently excluding those women and men who are interested in gardening, but who have jobs that require they be at work every day. Many of those people are eager to attend meetings where they can learn more about gardening, landscaping and floral design.

Whether they are devotees of hostas, conifers, tomatoes, daylilies or flower design, they are looking for places to learn more about their specialties and more information on gardening. Gardening is a great change of pace for someone who is working indoors all day. And everyone loves to add "curb appeal" to their home.

Mothers home caring for small children. Mothers often cannot attend daytime meetings because infants and pre-school children are not ready to sit through hourlong meetings. They need babysitters that may be in short supply during the day. But in the evening the same mothers may be able to call on older siblings, neighborhood babysitters or even dad to watch the youngsters while they spend the evening with friends at the garden club.

Couples can attend. Gardening can be a solitary activity, but many of us prefer to work alongside friends or spouses. Families who garden together are not unusual. It provides an opportunity to be together, pass on knowledge and share a love of their environment. Many couples garden together (even if each has an individual garden) and attend garden clubs and gardening workshops together. Some clubs even offer a couples rate—a discount of \$5 or \$10 off the price of two memberships. There are possible downsides that clubs contemplating a change may need to address. Some older members may object that they do not drive at night and would therefore be excluded from attending meetings. The solution is very simple, ride buddies: pairing those uncomfortable with driving after dark with members who aren't. They may even go from being club acquaintances to friends as people have a chance to learn more about others in the club.

Evening meetings are not a cure-all for clubs with stagnant or falling membership. Clubs still need to promote their meetings in local media, welcome visitors warmly and provide interesting and innovative programs to keep them coming back. The greatest threat to garden clubs is that, without intending to, they can become insular. Frequent "member teas" and "backyard get-togethers" that replace monthly programs are a signal that the organization may be more social than garden related. Current members should be assigned to sit with visitors, call new members to remind them of meetings and get them involved with the work of the club.

But evening meetings can greatly broaden a club's prospective audience. It is not uncommon for evening clubs to have nearly equal numbers of men and women and a far greater mix of ages. For a club seeking to remain relevant or to grow and change with its served community, evening meetings merit a close examination by leadership and the membership.

**Betty Sanders** 



#### 13th ANNUAL CIVIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 26, 2015 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Espousal Center, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA (Registration opens 8:30AM)

#### How-to's for Civic Projects

"Planning for Civic Projects" and "Choosing (the right) Plants"

Speaker: Warren P. Leach

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

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

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

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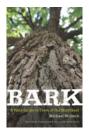
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#### Calendar of Events

#### DECEMBER 2014

- 2 6:00 P.M.(Greens Sale & Boutique), 7:00 P.M. Program Friendly GC of Beverly, Holiday Open Meeting with Bert Ford, Designer at Beverly Cove Community Center, 19 E. Corning St., Beverly, Massachusetts
- 3 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 AM Espousal Center
- 5 Springfield GC, "Make Your Own Fresh Greens/Boxwood Tree,",presented by Suzanne Reed. 11:30 A.M. Public is invited.

  Preregistration & prepayment required. \$10 members, \$20 nonmembers. Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham, Contact: springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com
- 7 Needham GC, Annual Ways and Means Wreath Sale
- 7 4:00 P.M., Reading GC, "Memory Tree" lighting ceremony at Reading Senior Center. Purchase a memorial light for \$5.
  Contact: Mary Ann Higgins @ 781-944-4428 or mahiggins5@gmail.com
- 9 Judges Council
- 13 Canton GC, "Winter Luncheon & Holiday Boutique" 10:00 AM 4:00 PM, Canton Public Library
- 13 Design Workshop #2, 10:00 A.M. 12 noon. If the Wellesley schools are closed on this day the event will be held on 01/14/2015. Location:
- 14 Massachusetts Horticultural Society Hunnewell Bldg 900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA Contact: Fluffy Winner PO Box 457 West Falmouth, MA 02574 Flfmor@aol.com

#### JANUARY 2015

- 13 Design Workshop #2 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon. Massachusetts Horticul tural Society Hunnewell Bldg 900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA Contact: Fluffy Winner at Flfmor@aol.com
- 20 9:30 A.M. Needham GC, "Mrs. Thrift Cooks Up A Storm," presented by Betsy Williams Location: Needham Public Library at 1139 Highland Ave., Needham, MA. \$4.00 donation from non club members Contact: Bonnie Waters at bonniewaters@comcast.net
- 27 6:45 P.M., Norwood Evening GC, presents a Panel Discussion about Water Features & Fountains, First Baptist Church Parish House 71 Bond St., Norwood, MA. \$5 donation Public is welcome Contact: Nancy Costa @ 781-248-4038 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org

#### FEBRUARY 2015

- 4 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 AM Espousal Center
- 10 Gardening Consultants Council
- 11 7:00 P.M. 8:15 P.M. The Evening GC of West Roxbury, "High on Hydrangeas" presented by Jeanie Gillis Bring your questions for Jeanie, former horticulturist for the hydrangea collection at the Heri tage Museum, Sandwich. Location: Elks Lodge 1 Morrell St. West Rox bury (opposite the W. Roxbury Veterans Hospital) \$5.00 at the door (no reservations needed) Contact: Ann Morgan ann.morgan2@verizon.net

- 13 11:30 A.M. Springfield GC, "Sailors' Valentines-A History, Demonstra tion & Workshop, presented by Bonnie Pedersen Public is welcome! Contact: springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com
- 9:30 A.M. Needham GC, "The Plant Doctor Is In-What's Wrong With My Plant?" presented by Dr. Paul Steen. Dr. Steen will cover the five basic symptoms that all plants show when they are sick.. Attendees may bring their under-performing plants to receive Paul's prescription for a guaranteed cure. Needham Public Library at 1139 Highland Ave., Needham, MA. \$4.00 donation from non club members Contact: Bonnie Waters at bonniewaters@comcast.net
- 24 Norwood Evening GC, presents "Thelma Shoneman's Floral Design Program" 6:45 PM..Public is welcome \$5 donation. Contact: Nancy Costa at 781-248-4038 or visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org
- 27 Landscape Design Council
- 27- Canton GC & Canton Public Schools present "Artists in Bloom 2015"
- -3/1 Canton Garden Club and Canton Public Schools presents ARTIST IN BLOOM 2015. This exhibition combines the talents of Canton students with creative floral arrangements by our Garden Club members. At ;Pequitside Farm 79 Pleasant St., Canton, Ma

#### MARCH 2015

- 2 10:00 AM 12 Noon. Horticulture Morning "Container Gardening for All Occasions" presented by Joann Viera, Horticulture Director at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Location: Espousal Center 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA. \$5 donation (GCFM members), \$10 at the door (guests) Contact: Betsy Williams Chairman 978-470-0911 or betsy@betsywilliams.com
- 4 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM Espousal Center
- The Evening GC of West Roxbury, "Natural Vegetable Gardening from the Ground Up", presented by Paul Split 7:00 PM 8:15 PM

  Location: Elks Lodge 1 Morrell St. West Roxbury (opposite the W. Roxbury Veterans Hospital) Cost: \$10 at the door (no reservations needed) Contact: Ann Morgan: ann.morgan2@verizon.net
- 7-8 Beth Shalom GC presents, "Needham's Art in Bloom 2015"
  45+ pieces of mixed media Needham High School student artwork with floral interpretations by Beth Shalom Garden Club members.
  9:00 AM- 5:00 PM 3/7; 1:00 PM 4:00 PM 3/8 Needham Public Library at 1139 Highland Ave., Needham, MA.
  Visit: www.NeedhamArtinBloom.com
- 11-15 Boston Flower and Garden Show

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