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President's Message



I think of winter as the scary season. Like most of you, I've been snowed in, slipped and slid around highways, got

stuck in the snow in my own driveway and thought I would get frost-bite between the door and the mailbox. For dirt gardeners it's a down time where we are restricted to tending house plants while our gardens are sleeping peacefully under a blanket of snow—undisturbed (we can only hope) by moles, voles, and other hungry creatures.

Winter is also the time we can devote to the things we don't have time for in the summer. And it is also the time to prepare for next year. I make plans for the gardening season knowing, like all best laid plans, they will be very different in execution than they are on paper. I hunger for the colors of spring but I have never been jealous of the people who go where winter is just a variation on spring, summer and fall. I appreciate evergreens in winter as I seldom do in the other seasons. Besides, when else do you get to make snow angels?

The Garden Club Federation cannot hold schools in the winter. There is too much risk of bad weather. But you should not take that to mean you cannot continue learning about gardening, landscaping, the environment and even floral arranging. While we sit snugly in our home we can read books and online articles. Catch up on your reading (gardening books yes, but

also anything else that catches your fancy).

Good ideas come from all manner of inspirations. Try to get your gardening information websites that end with '.org' or '.edu'; they are there to teach. They're not trying to sell you products or their season's top plant or whatever as the '.com's' are. Look for garden information on sites such as UMass Extension's Home Lawn & Garden site or the Cornell Extension service. The horticulturalists who work for these sites are university staff offering free, well researched facts on 'how-to' or 'what-is-that' type questions. For a small fee, the New England Wildflower Society offers informative webinars. You can learn while sitting in the comfort of your home.

But nothing is as good as learning with friends. So make plans to visit the Boston Flower & Garden Show (March 22 through 26). Better yet, volunteer to be a docent in the floral design area and go for free (go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B45AFAD28A1FD0-docents to volunteer) Sign up for the Civic Development Workshop on March 30 at the Espousal Center in Waltham to get new ideas for the roadside and park gardens your club maintains. Circle April 3 on your calendar for the next Horticulture Morning. And then send in an application for Garden Study School (April 6 & 7) at Tower Hill. I'll be looking for you at all of them.

Betty

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COVER STORY

Snowberry: *Symphoricarpos albus*

Coming from the honeysuckle (*Caprifoliaceae*) family, *Symphoricarpos albus* is known by the common name common snowberry. This deciduous shrub is a North American native that is found throughout much of [Canada](#) and the northern and western United States. Snowberry is an erect plant that reaches four feet tall. Its flowers are pink and held in small clusters, which turn into large white, marble-like-berries on delicate stems, lasting long after foliage has fallen.

Snowberry accepts poor soil and exposed sites, is drought tolerant and likes full sun to dry shade. It is good for holding hillsides and may easily become a hedge.

It self-propagates from young shoots appearing from the base; underground roots spreading to form new plants, and stems touching the ground and rooting.

Snowberry is listed as endangered on the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. It is a vital food source for wildlife, such as [bighorn sheep](#), [white-tailed deer](#), and [grizzly bears](#). Domestic livestock such as [cattle](#) and [sheep](#) consume it as they graze. Birds and small animals rely on snowberry for both food and shelter. It was a popular [ornamental plant](#) around old houses of the 1890s to the 1920s. Its origin is unknown, but is listed in *Bartram's Observations* around 1807 and is one of the GCFM Historic Preservation Contest Heirloom Plants.

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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 7, 2016 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, March 1, 2017 10:30 AM

Bonni Dinneen, *Corresponding Secretary*

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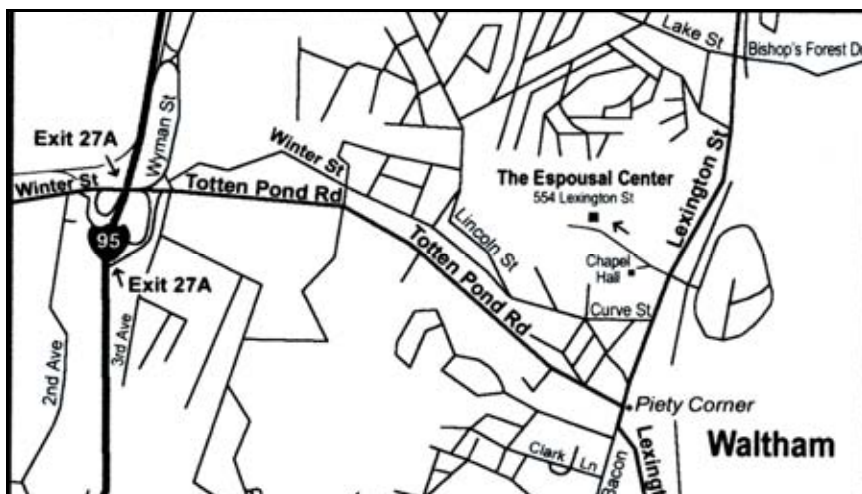
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East. Follow Totten Pond Rd. 1.7 miles toward Waltham. Turn left at Lexington Street and go 0.3 miles to sign on left for 'Espousal Center'.

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FLOWER SHOW AWARDS, SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

"Americana...Revisited" Standard Flower Show

September 12-15, 2016. Cahoon Museum of American Art, Cotuit

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT AWARDS:

Roberta Clark Award to an exhibit of outstanding horticultural quality in the Horticulture Division.

Class 16 Planter/Combination Planting. Deborah Coleman, GC of Hyannis.

District Director's Award, Design Division, for the most creative interpretation of the schedule.

Class 1 Today, Creative Mass Design. Bobbie Lingard, Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne.

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

Class 8 Nature Studies, Choice of Design style, all-foliage. Alda Barron, Aptucxet GC of Bourne.

Laverne Collard Award to a design of outstanding beauty in use/arrangement of predominately fresh plant material. Class 8 Nature Studies, Choice of Design style, all-foliage. Terri Goldstein, GC Hyannis.

Division I - Horticulture, 275 entries

Award of Horticulture Excellence & Award of Merit: Sec. B. Foliage Cut Specimens

Cl 7 *Paonia obovata* or Woodland Peony, Catherine Felton, Hamilton-Wenham GC

Award of Merit: Sec. A. Flowering Perennials

Cl 1 *Dahlia* 'Bodacious', Marge Galletta, Plymouth GC

Arboreal Award: Sec. C. Branches/Flowers, Fruit, Seasonal Color

Cl 10 *Vitex trifolia*, Gloria Freitas-Steidenger, Easton GC

Award of Merit: Sec. D. Flowering Annuals

Cl 13 *Celosia cristata* 'Raspberry Velvet', Carolyn Lane, Osterville GC

Grower's Choice Award: Sec. E. Container-Grown Challenge

Cl 16 Combination Planting Planter, Deborah Coleman, GC Hyannis



Hort Excellence Award
Catherine Felton

Division II - Design

Class 1 Today. Creative Mass Design.

1st Bobbie Lingard, Aptucxet GC Bourne

2nd 90+ Gail Hubacker, GC Hyannis

3rd Jane Kennedy, GC Hyannis

HM Barbara Geagan, Walnut Hill GC

Class 2 Tomorrow. Choice of Design style.

Design Excellence & Designer's Choice Award,

& 1st Gloria Freitas-Steidenger, Easton GC

2nd Diane Cochran, GC Hyannis

3rd Helga Frazzette, Nauset GC, GC Hyannis

HM Judy Sheehy, Aptucxet GC Bourne



District Director Award
Bobbie Lingard

Class 3 Yesterday. Traditional Design, Colonial America.

1st Sally Zeghibe, Aptucxet GC Bourne

2nd 90+ Ginger King, Scituate/Cohasset GCs

3rd Andrea Graveline, Junior League Boston GC

HM Fluffy Winner, Falmouth GC

Class 4 Quilting. Small Creative Plaque.

Petite Award, 1st Dolores Ahern, GC Hyannis

2nd 90+ Meredith Chase, Aptucxet GC Bourne

3rd 90+ Nancy Jamieson, Village GC Dennis

HM Irene Mitchell, Nauset GC



Laverne Collard Award
Terri Goldstein

Class 5 Mermouse's Mealtime by Martha Cahoon.

Choice of Small Design style incorporating dollhouse item/s.

1st Cathy Felton, Hamilton-Wenham GC

2nd Evelyn Polli, Belmont GC

3rd Julie Lapham, Worcester/Southborough GCs

HM Gretchen Partridge, Falmouth/Sherborn GCs



William Clark/Tricolor
Alda Barron

Class 6 Ships a-Sailing the Waters of Cape Cod.

Small Creative Line or Line-Mass Design

1st Joyce Capobianco, GC Hyannis

2nd Teri Mallory, Norwell/Walnut Hill GCs

3rd Geri Williams, Plymouth GC

HM Lisa Pattinson, Community GC Duxbury

Class 7 Windmills on the Cape. Creative Hanging Design.

1st Linda Ladd, Belmont GC

2nd Jacqueline Hauser, Norwell/Sudbury GCs

3rd Cheryl Ikasalo, Wareham GC

HM Mollie Traggis, Wareham GC

Class 8 Nature Studies. Choice of Design style, all-foliage.

Tricolor Award, 1st Alda Barron, Aptucxet GC Bourne

2nd Judy Morgan, Wareham GC

3rd Terri Goldstein, GC Hyannis

HM Carol McInnes, Falmouth GC

Class 9 Ye Old Homestead. Still Life Design.

1st Shirley Minott, Walnut Hill GC

2nd 90+ Ann Marie Carlson, Brockton GC/GC Hyannis

3rd 90+ Mariette Wooden, Community GC Duxbury

HM Gloria Gammons, Aptucxet GC Bourne

Division III - Special Exhibits

Sec. A. Educational Exhibits, competitive

“Phabulous Phat Plants - Succulents”

Educational Award, 1st Eleanor Kopp, Falmouth GC

“Quilts and Color”

2nd Barbara Van Inwegen, Wareham GC

“America’s Historic Fruit - the Cranberry”

3rd Christine Decas, Wareham GC

Sec. B. Artistic Crafts of plant material

Class 1 Sailor’s Valentine. Design in a hexagonal box.

Artistic Crafts Award, 1st Angela Kimball, Village GC Dennis

2nd 90+ Mimi Gregory, Falmouth GC

3rd 90+ Carolee Packard, Aptucxet GC Bourne

HM 90+ Mary Rianhard, Falmouth GC

Class 2 Whimsical Creature Contrived sea creature

inspired by Cahoon’s mermaids and mermen.

1st Andrea Anderson, Falmouth GC

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

3rd Karen Knaub, GC Hyannis

HM Geri Williams, Plymouth GC

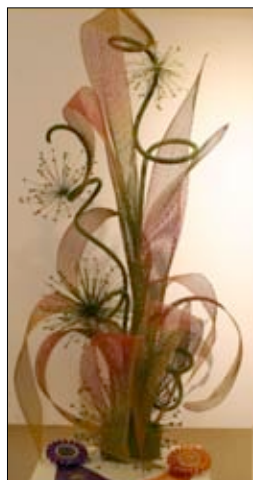
Class 3 Forever Summer. A dried flower picture in a frame.

1st Kathleen Coyle, Wareham GC

2nd Carolee Packard, Aptucxet GC Bourne

3rd Gail Reilly, Osterville GC

HM Martha Lehane, Magnolia GC Johns Island, Seabrook GC



Award of Design Excellence
Gloria Freitas-Steidenger



Petite Award
Dolores Ahern



Educational Award
Eleanor Kopp



Artistic Crafts Award
Andrea McGrath

DISTRICT DOINGS

CENTRAL NORTH DISTRICT

(Joy Dimaggio, Director)

Acton Garden Club members Cathy Fochtman and Joan Gardner created a waterwise-gardening exhibit for the Acton Memorial Library. In the face of ever-increasing concerns about water, the display was intended to educate the public regarding the value of plants that thrive with minimal water.



Acton GC's display on waterwise-gardening.

Groton Garden Club members held a successful plant sale on the morning of May 7th, then participated that same afternoon in the town's Arbor Day festivities. The club worked with Groton's Friends of Trees to purchase and plant an Amelanchier (serviceberry) at the town's historic Old Burying Ground. Over the summer they also sponsored a lecture at the Nashua River Watershed Association and took field trips to Blithewold and Falmouth GC's garden tour.

Photo top of right column: Groton GC members co-sponsored an Arbor Day tree planting.



Pepperell Garden Club members enjoyed a day at the Bridge of Flowers, which crosses the Deerfield River, linking the small towns of Buckland and Shelburne Falls. Taking time to "smell the flowers," members admired the clusters of shrubs and vines on the fence and light posts.



Pepperell GC members visited the Bridge of Flowers. L to R: Marion Cerra, Joanna Reagan, Lois Libby, Dianne Kazanjian, club president Terry Geddes, and Millie Razaboni.

The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury hosted their biennial fundraiser "Simply Sudbury: A Garden Tour and Tea." Visitors toured seven locations, ranging from small-space condominium gardens to a unique farm. Club members also got together over the summer to celebrate the birthday of "Super Senior"

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member" June Allen.



Members of The Thursday GC of Sudbury celebrated a member's special birthday.

METRO DISTRICT

(Ruth Kenworthy Ecker, Director)

The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury continued celebrating its 20th anniversary with a "floral arrangement" made of paper daisies, pansies, gardenias and jonquils. Flowers were decorated by members and included sentiments about the club such as "inspiration," "learning," "friendship," "community" and "service."



A basket of member-created paper flowers celebrated The Evening GC of West Roxbury's 20th anniversary.

Members of **The House & Garden Club of Wellesley** and their spouses took a summer road trip to Green Animals Topiary Garden in

Portsmouth, RI, the oldest and most northern topiary garden in the USA. *Only a gas tank away!*

Susan Miao and Barb Viechnicki



(2016-17 House & Garden Club of Wellesley president and vice-president) take a break during Green Animal's tour.

Medfield Garden Club members enjoyed a talk and workshop on "Infusing Your Life With Herbs" presented by Karen O'Brien. The club also held its annual perennial plant sale fundraiser. June featured a tour of Garden in the Woods. In July members attended a luncheon with former member Thelma Spicer, including a tour of her gardens.



Medfield GC members Vicki Costello, Joan Kiessling, Fran Fedor and Lois Hazen made herb butter at a spring workshop.

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Needham Garden Club hosted its first members-only "Garden Stroll," featuring six properties. Hosts/hostesses wrote brief descriptions of their gardens for the club newsletter and served light refreshments. The club hopes to repeat the event in 2017.

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

(Kathy Leva, Director)

Lexington Field & Garden Club held its spring plant sale at the town's Public Services Building. The club partners with Public Services to maintain traffic islands and important sites. In addition to unique perennials, the sale included 150 locally grown dahlias, cannas, organic vegetables and herb seedlings.

Stoneham Garden Club enjoyed a busy spring with a successful plant sale, annual meeting and planting in town square. The club also launched a junior garden club, with eager students participating in a variety of projects at the town library.



West Newbury GC members and customers at their spring plant sale

Waltham Garden Club was so inspired by the GCFM's Annual Meeting presenter, Liz Barbour, that twelve members traveled to her home in Hollis, NH to tour her garden and enjoy the events at the town's annual Strawberry Festival.



Waltham GC members took a field trip to Hollis, NH.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

(Fran Lucas, Director)

The Friendly Garden Club of Beverly held their annual dinner in June at the Danversport Yacht Club. Each member received agapanthus roots for a horticulture contest to be judged in September. Over the summer the club hosted "Garden Peeks" at members' gardens and visited the Ipswich Watershed Association to learn about water conservation ecology.

Hamilton/Wenham Garden Club wrapped up a successful year with a June celebration at Appleton Farms, including a tour and catered dinner. The 1,000-acre landscape features rolling grasslands, grazing livestock, stone walls and historic farm buildings.

Peabody Garden Club's June meeting featured a successful "Trash to Treasure" auction held at the home of one of their co-presidents. They also held a "Come Visit My Garden" tour with many members participating.



Peabody GC members relax after touring a member's garden.

Salem Garden Club members — led by Judy Bonito and Tracy Rubin — planted and maintained seven large urns at a major entrance to the town. The containers are refreshed quarterly, rain or shine, to reflect the season. The club also maintains plantings at a Blue Star Memorial, installed two years ago through the efforts of member Meg McMahon. They also provide a monthly floral arrangement that is displayed at the Salem Public Library.



Happy Salem GC members refreshed one of their containers for the summer.

NORTHERN DISTRICT
(Donna Vallois, Director)
Boxford Village Garden Club

was saluted by the *Triton Transcript* newspaper for their "Great Group" outreach for women age 80+. The program provides monthly crafts workshops and refreshments. **North Andover Garden Club** hosted an open-to-the-public lecture featuring Bill Gette of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, who presented on "Backyard Bird Sanctuaries." As part of their garden therapy program, club members also held a summer-themed arrangement workshop with residents of their local assisted living facility, Brightview.



North Andover GC members held a floral design workshop with assisted living residents.

West Newbury GC held its annual spring plant and garden sale. College scholarships were awarded to two local high school students with plans to major in environmental sciences.

SOUTHEASTERN **(Fluffy Winner, Director)**

Falmouth Garden Club held a mid-July fundraiser titled "Villages in Bloom," featuring a two-day garden tour with four different properties each day. Museums on Green

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provided ticket-holders with the opportunity to view three additional gardens which are maintained by the club. The event also included a plant sale and boutique. Proceeds benefit the club's annual scholarship award and other club activities.



Falmouth GC members Patti Riccardelli, Kathy Tunsley and Jan Munier helped to staff the club's plant sale.

Below

West Newbury GC members held a plant and garden sale. See page 11.



SOUTH SHORE DISTRICT (Dawn Vercollone, Director)

Weymouth Garden Club participated in their community Weyfest, decorating the entertainment stage with colorful flowering containers and creating centerpieces for the VIP reception tent. A membership and information table offered face painting and invited visitors to plant a flower or vegetable seed to take home and grow. The club's newest video, featuring a cooking demonstration and members' gardening handiwork, can be viewed at <http://weymouth.tv/video-on-demand>; search for Garden Club.



Club members Carmela, Don and Lisa staffed Weymouth GC's table at Weyfest.

2017 NGC Anniversary Clubs (Federated-Anniversary)

Congratulations to the 26 clubs listed below for achieving 50+ years of federation within the Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc and the National Garden Club, Inc. Club presidents will receive recognition for this milestone at the GCFM Annual Meeting in June of 2017.

Pat Artis, GCFM Historian

Community Garden Club of Duxbury (1927 – 90)
The Garden Club of Hingham (1927 – 90)
Milton Garden Club (1927 – 90)
North Andover Garden Club (1927 – 90)
Peabody Garden Club (1927 – 90)
Scituate Garden Club (1927 – 90)
The Garden Club of Swampscott (1927 – 90)
Wayland Garden Club (1927 – 90)
North Shore Garden Club of Wenham (1927 – 90)
Arlington Garden Club (1932 – 85)
Belmont Garden Club (1932 – 85)
Boston Junior League Garden Club (1932 – 85)
Wakefield Garden Club (1932 – 85)
Weymouth Garden Club (1932 – 85)
The Arrangers of Marblehead (1937 – 80)
Wareham Garden Club (1942 – 75)
Brockton Garden Club (1947 – 70)
Charles River Valley Garden Club (1952 – 65)
Seaside Gardeners of Squantum (1952 – 65)
The Crystal Garden Club of Reading/Wakefield (1957 – 60)
The Nahant Garden Club (1957 – 60)
Norwell Garden Club (1957 – 60)
Kalmia Garden Club of Needham (1962 – 55)
The House and Garden Club of Wellesley (1962 – 55)
Burlington Garden Club (1962 – 55)
Egremont Garden Club (1967 – 50)

2016 Topsfield Fair Flower Show

“Treasures From Our Past”

Kathy Leva, Donna Vallois Chairmen

September 29, First Entry Day

Class 1 – Historic Essex County

- 1st Constance McCausland
Ipswich Town & Country GC
- 2nd Blanche Garone
Derry, NH GC
- 3rd Sue Spicer
Chelmsford Country Lane GC
- HM Rita Delollis
Village GC of Andover

Class 2 – Show Time

- 1st Suzanne Savage
Rutland, VT GC
- 2nd 90+ Fran Lucas
Peabody GC
- 3rd Fern Doucette
Ashland, NH GC
- HM Abby Ann Lavoie
Arrangers of Marblehead
Winter GC

Class 3 – The Joy of Color

- 1st, **Tricolor** Judy Colburne
North Reading GC
- 2nd 90+ Marisa McCoy
Beth Shalom & Wareham GC
- 3rd Julianna Kallas
Hamilton-Wenham GC
- HM Emma Houseman
Chelmsford Open Gate GC

Class 4 – Are You Goin’?

- 1st, **Designers Choice**
Carrie Podmostka
Danvers GC
- 2nd 90+ Marie Ford
Nahant GC
- 3rd Evelyn Polli
Belmont GC

- HM LuBeth Kuemmerle, HM
Hamilton-Wenham GC

Class 5 – Our Fair Lady

- 1st Elaine DiGiovanni
Belmont GC
- 2nd 90+ Carolyn Sharrino
Belmont GC
- 3rd Teri Mallory,
Norwell & Walnut Hill GC
- HM Bernadine DiLuzio
Stoneham GC

Class 6 – Country Post Cards

- 1st Betty Anderson
Danvers GC
- 2nd 90+ Joan Mason
Hamilton-Wenham GC
- 3rd Betty Sanders
Medfield GC
- HM Lisa Greene
Georgetown Country Gardeners

Pauline Bowden Award



October 5, Second Entry Day

Class 1 – Historic Essex County

- 1st Betty Anderson
Danvers GC
- 2nd Joanne Kennett
Hamilton-Wenham GC
- 3rd Andrea Little
Curbs & Cobblestones GC
Westborough GC
- HM Michelle Mensinger
Derry, NH GC

Class 2 – Show Time

- 1st Karren Cummings
Hamilton-Wenham GC
- 2nd 90+ Sue A. Cram
New Hampton, NH GC
- 3rd Margo Maione
Groveland GC
- HM Marlene Baxter
Groveland GC

Class 3 – The Joy of Color

- 1st Sarah McCormick
Community GC of Duxbury
- 2nd Ginger King
Cohasset & Scituate GCs
- 3rd Donna Porter
Arrangers of Marblehead,
- HM Bonni Dinneen
Curbs & Cobblestones GC

Class 4 – Are You Goin'?

- 1st, **Designers Choice**
Julianna Kallas
Hamilton-Wenham GC
- 2nd, 90 + Deborah Stashis-Pugia
Danvers GC
- 3rd Nancy Donaldson
Arrangers of Marblehead
- HM Peggy Oleson
Arrangers of Marblehead

Class 5 – Our Fair Lady

- 1st **Tricolor** Carrie Podmostka,
Danvers GC
- 2nd Jeanne Whitman
Hamilton-Wenham GC
- 3rd Donna Johnson
Sudbury GC
- HM Seta Lepore
Groveland GC

Class 6 – Country Post Cards

- 1st Lisa Pattinson,
Community GC of Duxbury
- 2nd Terri Taskey Turner
Danvers GC
- 3rd Sue Anderson
Manchester GC
- ,HM Kathy Hawes,
Sharon GC



Designers
Choice

**Georgia
McHugh
Novice
Award**

TriColor



DAY 1 BLUE RIBBON DESIGNS



Class 1 Entry 3
Connie McCausland
Town & Country



Class 2
Entry 1
Suzanne Sav-
age

Class 6
Entry 3
Betty Anderson
Danvers GC



Class 5 Entry 1
Elaine DiGiovanni
Belmont GC

DAY 2 BLUE RIBBON DESIGNS



Class 1 Entry 4
Betty Anderson
Danvers GC



Class 2 Entry 2
Karren Cummings
Hamilton-Wenham GC

Class 6 Entry 3
Lisa Pattinson
Community GC of Duxbury

Class 3 Entry 4
Sarah McCormick
Community GC of Duxbury



Class 3 Entry 4



National Garden Clubs 87th Fall Board Meeting

By Linda Jean Smith

On September 20-24, 2016, the 87th National Fall Board Meeting of National Garden Clubs, Inc. was held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, Maine. In odd numbered years the board meeting is held in St. Louis, Missouri at the National Garden Clubs headquarters. In the even numbered years the board meeting travels to different states. Five to six years ago, The Garden Club Federation of Maine volunteered to host the board meeting and has been working diligently to accomplish it. GCFME past president, Rebecca Linney was chairman; and GCFM past president, Diane Bullock was an advisor and was the National Flower Arrangers Chairman at Victoria Mansion event.

For Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, individual committees met to talk about programs and plan for the upcoming year's projects. Friday was a day of tours and special events for those who had



traveled to the meeting. Tours included the Wadsworth-Longfellow House garden, Maine Historical Society Museum, Gulf of Maine Research Institute and the Portland Museum of Art. (Pictured

boot.) GCFM past president, Arabella Dane conducted a sunrise photography workshop at Fort Williams/Headlight.

In the evening there was a garden party entitled "Botanical Excellence" at the Victoria Mansion sponsored by National Flower Arrangers in



cooperation with the NGC. Designers from all over the country and Brazil did exciting floral designs that graced the Mansion. (Pictured above Diane Bullock and Becky Linney with a botanical necklace created by Joyce DiGiovanni.)

Friday was the actual board meeting, with budgets, appointments



and reports. Featured at lunch were Ann Gibbs, Director of Animal and Plant Health from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Sarah Kirn, Education Programs Strategist at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (Pictured above left) spoke on Currents of Citizens

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Sciences,” which are programs begun by citizens to encourage and support conservation and the environment



The board meeting concluded at 4:30 PM and attendees prepared for a fellowship hour and dinner. After dinner,

Massachusetts's own floral designer, Julie Lapham presented a design program entitled “Horizons Unlimited.” (*Pictured above with creation and Chairman Rebecca Linney far right.*)

Sunday, September 25th, attendees either headed home or boarded a bus for a Tri-refresher of Landscape Design, Gardening Consultants and Environmental Consultants to points along the Maine coastline to Boothbay

Northern District Coffee

By Linda Jean Smith

On October 4, 2016 the Northern District President's Coffee was held at the Dracut Historical Society's Harmony Hall. About thirty club members were present, representing 15 of the 22 Northern District clubs. Northern District Director Donna Valois opened the meeting and introduced GCFM officers, President Betty Sanders, 1st Vice

President Caroline Nijenberg, 2nd Vice President Suzanne McCance and Treasurer Ann Webster who each presented information to the clubs on upcoming events, schools, awards, insurance, 501(C)3 and NGC special projects.

Each person present was then given a couple of minutes to tell what their clubs were doing. In addition each club was asked to talk about one or two favorite programs they have had. District Director Donna Valois will combine the suggestions and send them out to the clubs for future reference.

A silent auction, with each club donating an item, was held to raise funds for Northern District programs and projects. Fall refreshments including cider and fall decorations from the Northern District Board completed the coffee.



Pictured above District Director Donna Valois standing, Federation Officers, Caroline Nijenberg in green jacket and Betty Sanders in pink shirt and club members

Wildlife - for the Birds

by Susan Lunin, Wildlife Committee Chairman

Winter is an ideal time to plan changes to your property that can make it more beautiful to you and more attractive and healthy to birds. While there are many wild creatures we do not want in our gardens, most of us are thrilled by the songs, colors and antics of birds in our yards. With many guides available to help you, it is easy to put together the right combination of elements to attract more species of birds.

Declining numbers of birds worldwide is evidence of the effects of habitat loss or degradation. Every animal needs food, water, cover, shelter and a place to nest. Even a very small yard can meet an amazing number of these requirements. Oaks, for example, provide two kinds of food: acorns for larger birds and the caterpillars that feed on its leaves that are a vital food for feeding the young. And the same oak offers shelter and nesting sites. Ornamental trees like dogwoods provide not just blooms for our enjoyment but, again, food. Evergreens such as spruce and firs are beautiful focal points in your yard and offer food and shelter for birds. Go to [Mass Audubon.org](http://MassAudubon.org) for lists of plants that provide habitats birds need.

Native plants in particular do double or triple duty. Heard that burning bush is bad for the environment? Replace it with a blueberry bush. It's good eating for you if you beat the birds to the berries and provides fabulous red color in the fall. Fothergilla and itea, two native shrubs that light up the fall with their brilliant colors after attracting pollinators in the spring to their flowers.

Perennials such as purple coneflower (echinacea), black-eyed susan (rudbeckia) and bee balm (monarda) are beautiful, long lived garden stalwarts that are important food sources for birds and butterflies.

You can add feeders to attract birds into your yard. A small hummingbird feeder hanging off the deck brings beautiful guests whose antics amuse as their speed and daring amaze. Different seeds will attract different birds. Research indicates that some species have moved farther north because of the availability of food in backyard feeders.

Water is vital for all life on earth. Some birds are thrilled with bird baths; some prefer moving water but any clean, shallow container provides them with that precious resource.

A variety of dense trees and shrubs allows birds to hide from predators and shelter from severe weather. Some birds want to be close to the ground; others prefer height... so a mixture increases your yard's attractiveness.

Shelter close to feeders and water sources are especially important. These shelters also offer a variety of nesting sites options. If there is a dead tree or large branch, it is a potential home for cavity dwellers such as woodpeckers. You can add birdhouses — fancifully decorated are okay — and, again, Mass Audubon has advice on placement, upkeep and size for the specific birds you wish to attract.

Creating a landscape that satisfies both you and your neighborhood birds is a positive step we can all take to toward conserving and enhancing the environment. Listening to the birds sing or chatter, enjoying the beauty they bring to your area is something we all enjoy as we help preserve these precious gifts for the future.

Marshfield Fair Flower Show Awards

Friday, August 19, 2016

Class 1 -

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

1st Kathleen Coyle
Wareham GC, Tewksbury GC

2nd 90+ Linda Ladd
Belmont GC

3rd Andrea Little
Westborough GC, Curbs &
Cobblestones, Lowell

HM Nancy Callanan
Scituate GC

Class 2 - Goodnight Moon

1st, Designer's Choice Award
Donna Johnson
Sudbury GC

2nd Marie Ford
The Nahant GC

3rd Lisa Pattinson
Community GC of Duxbury

HM Nancy Jamieson
Village GC of Dennis

Class 3 - Mother Goose

1st Sarah McCormick
Community GC of Duxbury

2nd Susan Lunin
Temple Shalom GC

3rd Hila Lyman
Falmouth GC

HM Abby Lavoie
The Arrangers of Marblehead
Winter GC

Class 4 - Mad Hatter's Tea Party

1st Joanne Lyons
The Temple Shalom GC

2nd90+ Carolyn Tatarian
Norwell GC

3rd Kathy Hawes
Sharon GC

HM Judy Morgan
Wareham GC

Class 5 - Peter Pan

1st Marilyn MacLellan
Scituate GC

2nd90+ Elaine DiGiovanni
Belmont GC

3rd90+ Polly Pyne
Scituate GC

HM Kathy Leva
Lexington Field & GC

Class 6 - The Cat in the Hat

1st, Tricolor Award, Award of
Design Excellence
Marisa McCoy
Wareham GC,
The Beth Shalom GC

2nd Janice Todd
Community GC of Cohasset
Cohasset GC

3rd Mariette Wooden
Community GC of Cohasset
Cohasset GC

HM Martha Gangemi
Cohasset GC

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Class 1 -

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

1st Ginger King
Cohasset GC, Scituate GC

2nd90+ Janice Todd
Community GC of Cohasset,
Cohasset GC

3rd Diane Cochran
GC of Hyannis

HM Cindy McEachern
Scituate GC

Class 2 -Goodnight Moon

1st Ann Marie Carlson
GC of Hyannis

2nd Teri Mallory
Norwell GC, Walnut Hill GC

3rd Betty Sanders
Medford GC

HM Karen Knaub
GC of Hyannis

Class 3 - Mother Goose

1st, Designer's Choice Award,
Anne Elwell Reardon
GC of Hingham, Cohasset GC

2nd Nancy Costa

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Norwood Evening GC
 3rd Louise Sironi
 Walnut Hill GC, Norwell GC
 HM Betsy Currier
 Walnut Hill GC

Class 4 - Mad Hatter's Tea Party
 1st Patricia Michaud, Scituate GC
 Cohasset GC, Fox Hill GC
 2nd90+ Barbara Desmond Cox
 Scituate GC
 3rd90+ Lisa Pattinson
 Community GC of Cohasset
 HM 90+ Carla Morey
 Milton GC

Class 5 - Peter Pan
 1st, Tricolor & Award of Design Excellence
 Marsha Hoar
 Scituate GC
 2nd90+ Deborah Coleman
 Hopkinton GC, GC of Hyannis
 3rd Lori Krinsky
 Acton GC
 HM Fluffy Winner
 Falmouth GC

Class 6 - The Cat in the Hat
 1st Shirley Minott
 Walnut Hill GC
 2nd90+ Gail Hubacker
 GC of Hyannis,
 The Needham GC
 3rd Patricia Simmons
 Sharon GC
 HM Marcia Connors
 Easton GC

Day 1, Class 2,
 Designers
 Choice Award
 Donna Johnson
 Sudbury GC



Day 1 Class 6
 Tricolor
 Award,
 Award of
 Design
 Excellence
 Marisa
 McCoy
 Wareham
 GC, Beth
 Shalom GC



Day 2,
 Class 5,
 Tricolor
 Award and
 Award of
 Design
 Excellence
 Marsha Hoar,
 Scituate GC

Day 2, Class 3,
 Designer's
 Choice Award
 Ann Elwell
 Reardon,
 GC of
 Hingham,
 Cohasset GC



2016 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!



Smokey Bear Theme:
"Only You can Prevent Forest Fires"

Woodsy Owl Theme:
*"Lend a hand,
Care for the Land"*



Open to children in first
through fifth grade
Deadline January 10, 2017

Contact Massachusetts Poster contest co-chairman
Laura Semple - wawasemp@msn.com
Meredith Chase - meredithchase@comcast.net

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.

Visit www.gardenclub.org to find more information and recent National winners under Youth Programs

Visit www.gcfm.org to see recent state contest winners



GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

Gardening Study School

Course IV Series 10

April 6 & 7, 2017

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505

Subjects covered:

Thursday, April 6.

- ◆ Specialized Styles of Gardening – Laura Eisner, Landscape Designer
- ◆ Techniques For Growing Woody Ornamentals – Paul Rogers
- ◆ Home Irrigation Techniques– Paul Rogers, Horticultural Consultant
- ◆ Techniques for Growing Fruit – Joann Viera, Horticulturalist
Tower Hill

Friday, April 7,

- ◆ Outdoor Identification of Plants – Dr. Judith Sumner, Botanist
- ◆ How to Exhibit Horticultural Specimens in a Flower Show – Sandy Joyce, NGC Flower Show Instructor & Master Judge
- ◆ Test for those becoming consultants

Suggested Reading:

1. *Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon maybe purchased through Amazon.com

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

Mail registration form and fee to:

Linda Jean Smith, Registrar, 23 Bentley Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824

Linda Jean Smith (978) 256-3101 or lindajean.smith@comcast.net

Registration deadline is March 16, 2017. No refunds:

For further information please contact Chairmen:

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**GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL
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_____ \$140 – Non-member (2 day fee)

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

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Indicate choice if applicable

Both include chips and baked good

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Thursday _____

Friday _____

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23 Bentley Lane

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SPEAKERS REGISTRATION for GCFM Program Workshop 2017

First Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

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

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

Second Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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)

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 to club representatives.

You may register for one day or both days. You are required to purchase at least a ¼ page (3 ¼" high x 2" wide) *Mayflower* advertisement for \$75. If you choose to run a larger ad, the \$75 can be used as credit. There is a fee of \$50 for one day and \$85 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. Contact the office 781-237-0336 for questions on ads in the *Mayflower*.

Registration Deadline: March 6, 2017. Speakers must register to attend!

You may wish to send it in by December 1st to meet the *Mayflower* Deadline. Fill in form below and mail with your check made out to **GCFM**. (Please note "Speaker Registration" in the memo.) Send registration to: Joanne Lyons, Program Chair, 20 Hope Street, Newton, MA 02466

Send *Mayflower* advertisements to: the GCFM office at GCFM@verizon.net. (Use "**your name - Mayflower AD**" in the subject line).

Please **check the dates** you will be attending. *If attending both days, circle your preferred speaking date.*

Elm Bank, Wednesday, April 12 ____ Tower Hill, Tuesday, April 18 ____

Amount of check enclosed: \$50 or \$85 Plus \$75 for *Mayflower* ad Total \$ ____

Name: _____ Name of Business _____

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Telephone: _____ Email : _____

Please check no more than 3 Program Categories below. (Your program must conform to GCFM mission to assist clubs with education and appreciation of Horticulture, Landscape and Floral Design, Gardening and Environmental Concerns). Your name will appear in these categories in the *Mayflower* and on the list distributed to club representatives at the workshops:

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Gardening History ____ Gardening ____ Herbs & Edibles ____
Landscape & Garden Design ____ Garden Photography ____ Public Landscape ____
Special Events ____ Trees, Vines, Shrubs ____ Travel ____ Workshops ____

PROGRAM WORKSHOP REGISTRATION for Garden Clubs 2017

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 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.

You may register for **only one** location. With few exceptions, the speakers generally present at both locations. Our venues have a capacity limit. This request is so all clubs have an opportunity to send representatives to their first choice location.

First Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

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

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Second Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Location: Tower Hill Botanic Gardens, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Participants must pre-register by **March 15, 2017**. Club member substitutions for pre-registered members are permitted. Space is limited, so send in your registration early to have your choice of day and location.

When you sign in, you will be given a nametag and a list of all presenters and their table number. Their full advertisement will appear in the spring issue of the *Mayflower* or later issues. You will have the opportunity of listening to 2 minutes from 30 speakers and then of visiting all the presenters at their tables to gather information. If you have questions, you may contact Suzanne McCance at sbmccance@verizon.net.

Mail the completed registration form to: Suzanne McCance

Deadline **March 15th**. 534 Franklin Street, Reading, MA 01867

Or email completed form to Suzanne McCance at sbmccance@verizon.net before **March 15**.

Please check the date you will be attending:

Elm Bank Wednesday, April 12, 2017 _____ **or**

Tower Hill Tuesday, April 18, 2017 _____

Member Name (contact person) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (contact person) _____

Email Address (contact person) _____

Second Attending Member's Name _____

Garden Club _____

(Please include the full name of the club)

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, 2017**.

Scholarships are available for students majoring in:

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

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/>

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.**

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.**

Calendar of Events

December 2016

- 3 Needham GC, presents "Annual Wreath Sale" 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Needham Congregational Church, Administrative Bldg, 1180 Great Plain Ave, Needham
- 3 Danvers GC presents its "Annual Greens Sale" 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 4 Endicott Park Carriage House, Forest St., Danvers, MA
Contact: Julie McCarriston jmccarriston@verizon.net
- 3 Salem GC, "Annual Christmas Boutique" 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (or until sold out) Hawthorne Hotel Library Function Rm, 18 Washington Sq. W, Salem, MA Contact: Tracy Rubin, 978-590-0650
- 6 Friendly GC, presents "Holiday Happenings" fundraiser with design presenter Robby Atherton of Rose Hip Farm, plus greenery sales, and refreshments 6:00 P.M Cove Community Center, 19 East Corning St., Beverly, MA For Tickets, Contact 978-381-3597.
- 7 GCFM Board Meeting 10:30 AM The Espousal Center 554 Lexington St. Waltham, MA
- 11 Lexington F&GC, "Home for the Holidays Tour", 1:00PM - 5:00 PM
Advance Tickets: \$25 members, \$30 non members, \$10 students at www.lexgardenclub.org.
Day of tickets, \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers, \$10 students may be purchased beginning at 12 Noon at the Church of Our Redeemer, 6 Merriam St., Lexington. Tour begins at same address at 1:00PM

January 2017

- 17 Needham GC, presents "Art in Bloom" with Marisa McCoy
9:30 AM Needham Congregational Church, 1180 Great Plain Ave, Needham Cost: The meeting is free; however, monetary donations are always appreciated!
- 17 Design Morning 10:00 AM Elm Bank Hunnewell Bldg. Wellesley, MA
- 18 Design Morning (SNOW DATE)

February 2017

- 1 GCFM Board Meeting 10:30 AM, The Espousal Center
554 Lexington St. Waltham, MA
- 28 Needham GC, presents "Hydrangea Highlights" with Gail Anderson
9:30 A.M. Needham Congregational Church, 1180 Great Plain Ave, Needham Cost: The meeting is free; however, monetary donations are always appreciated!

President Pins/Past President Bars

GCFM is offering for sale *sterling silver* President Pins with the Federation Seal and/or Past President Bars. Please note changes in price due to increase in silver price and added tax.

Cost: Pin alone - \$50 plus \$3.13 in tax ***plus 6 first-class postage stamps for shipping.***

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

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

Teddi Hickey, 3 Clarendon Ave., Brockton, MA 02301

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