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President's Message



Summer creeps up on us. One minute we are relishing every warm day, cheerfully planting our yards and working on our club's civic gardens. Then suddenly we are craving the beach or the AC, cursing the heat and humidity for what it does to hair and garden. But before we get there, let's go back to the joys of summer.

This year I expect many of you are planting pollinator-friendly gardens filled with native plants to help stem the tide of losses of the hardest working insects: bees and butterflies and moths. These friends in our gardens are vital for much of the food we eat and for the continuation of the plants we love and depend upon. But first in my mind is the way they decorate the garden and add life to the plants. The hard working bees are beautiful. A butterfly or moth fluttering by can lift your spirits. And the contests for Native Pollinator Plants and Heirloom Plants can provide a bonus to your club's finances. Please do your planting this year with a special emphasis on selecting those flowers that add more than just color to your garden. Choose the varieties that add life.

If you look around your garden and think you have no room for new plants, think again. If you have a burning bush, replace it with a blueberry: early flowers for early pollinators followed by luscious fruits that you can choose to keep for yourself (by netting) or share with the birds, followed by brilliant fall color. Or itea, another native shrub with early flowers and great fall foliage.

Do you have an area of your lawn that never grows well because it is too shady? Replace the struggling grass with a wide variety of flowering plants including aquilegia, cardinal flower (lobelia cardinalis), perennial geranium, heuchera, or woodland phlox. It's less work to grow something that's happy in an area than it is to try to get something to grow where it doesn't want to be.

As you go through this issue of Mayflower, you'll see stories about the many workshops and classes coming up in the fall. Now is the time to sign up to avoid being disappointed in September or October when you find they are filled. Whether it's hands-on floral design (Design Mornings) or an introduction to techniques and styles of designing, signing up for Flower Show School or Landscape Design School or Environmental Studies School, these events often fill up quickly. And encourage club members and friends to join you, learning to do what you do better than you did before.

This past club year I have visited about 70 garden clubs (which is just over a third of all the GCFM clubs), been to 8 district meeting and 9 district luncheons, "opened" four schools and many workshops as well as attending National and Regional—and oh, yes—state meetings and state Board meetings. If I couldn't accept an invitation to your club, please understand. And please keep the invitations coming—seeing your club in action and meeting club members is the best part of my job. And the best way to find out what you need and want.

Have a great summer—and plant something!

Betty

Betty Sanders, President

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COVER STORY

Baptisia Australis

Baptisia australis, commonly known as blue wild indigo or blue false indigo, is a flowering plant in the family Fabaceae (legumes). It is a native perennial shrub.

Cherokees and other Native American tribes used it as a source of blue dye, and the early colonists followed their example. Roots were also used in medicinal ways. Seeds, which rattle around in the blackened pods, were once used by children as rattles.

Blue false indigo blooms from June to July with beautiful violet-blue spikes of pea-like flowers 12 - 24 inches long. After blooming, the foliage continues to be attractive. The fruit of the plant is a bluish-black pod about 1-inch long. Once the seeds within the pod are mature, the stems turn a silvery gray and break off from the roots.

It prefers full sun, but it may also be grown in light shade in well drained soil in Zones 3-8. It is a tough, long-lived shrub, which should be planted at least 3 feet apart, as it may grow to 3-4 feet in both height and width. It does not transplant well, so care should be taken in its placement.

This shrub is low maintenance. Butterflies and bees are attracted to its flowers. Once established, it is drought resistant and seldom has insect or disease problems. It is generally ignored by deer.

Blue false indigo is one of the heirloom plants in the Heirloom Plant Contest and the first American Citation is Bartram, Philadelphia 1783.

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

- Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 10:30 AM

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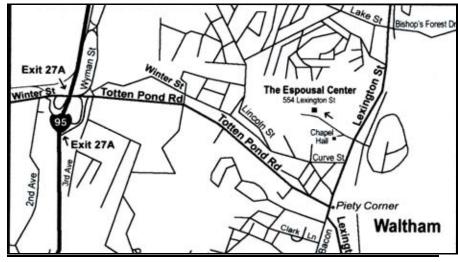
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TEST YOUR BUTTERFLY KNOWLEDGE

I Can't Believe It's Not Butterflies!

1.	A reliable way to distinguish a moth fi a. The shape of their antennae c. The color of the wings	rom a butterfly is by b. The number of wings d. The number of legs
2.	Butterflies occur on every continent es a. Africa c. Antarctica	scept b. Australia d. South America
3.	"Little Boy with a Butterfly Net" is a part a. Rembrandt c. Seurat	painting by b. Monet d. Picasso
4.	A "butterfly " is the term used for a. A racing car steering wheel c. A swimming stroke	b. A bandage for a wound d. All the above
5.	Butterflies taste with their a. Antennae c. Wings	b. Feet d. Mouths
6.	Butterflies smell with their a. Antennae c. Wings	b. Feet d. Nose
7.	Butterfly wings are covered by a. Hair-like fibers c. Natural Oils	b. Overlapping scales d. A powdery substance
8.	Groups of young, bachelor male butter a. Puddle clubs c. Colony	rflies are called b. Swingers d. Streak
9.	Another name for Puccini's "Madam B a. Yamadori c. Mikado	outterfly" was b. Cio-Cio-San d. Suzuki
10.	Butterfly kisses are expressions of affe a. nose b. eyebrows	ection employing your b. finger tips d. eyelashes
11.	Butterflies have a. 2 pairs of legs c. 1 pair of legs	b. 3 pairs of legs d. no legs

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SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT presents

"Americana...Revisited" A Standard Flower Show

NEW LOCATION!!

Cahoon Museum of American Art

4676 Falmouth Road, Cotuit, Massachusetts 02635 Entry Day - July 18, 2016. Final Day - July 21, 2016 Museum Admission - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

2016 marks the 37th annual Standard Flower Show by the GCFM SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT.

This flower show is your opportunity to showcase your talents as a gardener, crafter or floral designer!
Exhibiting opportunities include Horticulture Challenge Classes of Nasturtium from seed, Combination Planting Planters and your cut garden specimens of bulbs and tubers, cut annuals, perennials and flowering branches.

You will be inspired by the fascinating collections of Americana at the Cahoon Museum and want to enter the three classes of Artistic Crafts with exhibits made by YOU of plant material... Sailor's Valentines, Whimsical Contrived Sea Creatures and romantic Pressed Flower Pictures in a Frame.

The Design Division offers new-to-flower-arranging garden clubbers (Novices) an opportunity to exhibit a design of all-foliage plant material.

In addition there are three classes of Small Designs no larger than 8" and six classes of full-sized designs.

Yvonne Capella is Flower Show chairman, ycapella@comcast.net <u>Christine Decas, 508-295-9260, chrisdecas@comcast</u> is accepting entries! Contact her to be part of the fun.

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST WINNERS



Several Poetry Contest winners were sponsored by **Wareham GC**. Above: Emily Roberge reading her poem. Below, left to right: Dianne Murphy - Publicity Chair, Wareham Garden Club; Katelyn Trask- Winner, Grade 6; Emma Sylvia- Winner, Grade 3; McKenna Duggan - Winner, Grade 2; Emily Roberge - Winner, Grade 7; Cheryl Duggan- President, Wareham Garden Club



North Reading Garden Club sponsored Sam Marques, who won First Place for Grade 4, and other contestants. Pictured above: Superintendent of North Reading Public Schools, Jon Bernard; North Reading GC Co-President Zelma Greenstein; Laura Buscemi- Grade 8 Honorable Mention; Sam Marques - Grade 4 First Place, Jennifer Buscemi - Grade 5 Honorable Mention; North Reading GC Youth Chairperson Charlene Malek



Beth Shalom GC sponsored Noah Horne, (pictured at left) the first grade state winner in the Croaking Leaping Frogs Poetry Contest for his poem "Frog Jump City." He attends the Happy Hollow School in Wayland.

Lily Paltrowitz (pictured at right) received State Honorable Mention for Fifth Grade for her poem "Croaking Leaping Frogs."





The Lexington Field & GC sponsored Sreenidhi Dharmaraj, a student at Estabrook, in the National Garden Club (NGC) Youth Poetry Contest, "Croaking Leaping Frogs." Her poem, "Frog in the Fog," won the Massachusetts award for fifthgrade entrant. At the February 10 meeting, president Mary Nokes presented her with a certificate and a copy of the book "The Frightened Frog." Below: Jeannie McIntyre, Dharmaraj, Sreenidhi, and Sheeda, Mary Nokes, and Caroline Nijenberg. Photo: D. Peter Lund.



Olivia Turner, a student at Manchester Essex Middle High School, received the seventh grade State Honorable Mention award in the "Croaking Leaping Frogs" Youth Poetry Contest for her poem, "Pond at Dusk." Olivia and her mother are pictured here at the award ceremony on March 1, 2016 with Board members of the Manchester GC (left to right) Teresa Ramirez, Sue Andersen, and Jeannie McIntyre



Rory Haltmaier, a student at Brookwood School, is the eighth grade State winner in the "Croaking Leaping Frogs" Youth Poetry Contest sponsored by the National Garden Clubs, the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, and the Manchester GC. Her winning poem is entitled, "Slipping Under." She is pictured below at the March 2nd award ceremony with Manchester GC Board members (left to right) Dyane Cotreau, Teresa Ramirez, Sue Andersen, and Jeannie McIntyre



The North Andover GC presented Talia Brown with a certificate from the GCFM for being the ninth grade state poetry winner. Talia also read her winning poem, "A Frog's Point of View," to the 26 club members attending the March 8, 2016 Annual Meeting. Talia's parents, Jamie and David, also attended. Talia attends North Andover High School. Brenda Reeve, president NAGC, made the presentation of the certificate and a bouquet of flowers.



Gardening Consultants Council Meets at Weston Nurseries



The Gardening Consultants' Council met on March 31st at Weston Nurseries in Hopkinton to hear Wayne Mezitt speak on "Dwarf Shrubs & Trees." After defining the difference between dwarf and miniature, Wayne gave many examples of trees and shrubs that could be smaller in stature. Many consultants spent some additional time either before the talk or after shopping at the Nursery.

GCC Board Meeting

The Board of the Gardening Consultants' Council met to plan the 2016-2017 year on Friday, April 8th, during lunch at the Gardening Study School. The Board sadly accepted the resignation of Mary Nokes as long time Membership Chairman and GSS Registrar. Her help and expertise will be missed.

Gardening Study School

Course III, Series 10 of Gardening Study School was held on Thursday and Friday, April 7 & 8, at the Tower Hill Botanic Gardens. Sixty-four people including students, refreshers and committee members were present.



Joann Vieira (above in green jacket), head horticulturalist for Tower Hill, gave talks on pruning and gave a walking/teaching tour of the gardens. Julia McIntosh Shapiro, Curatorial Assistant for Harvard University Herbaria, spoke on "Factors that Influence Plant Growth" and Classifying Plants. A student favorite, Paul Rogers, a horticulturalist and nursery grower, talked about "Growing Outdoor Plants." The course ended with a talk by Claudia Thompson, Director of Grow Native Massachusetts, on Creating Landscapes that Emphasize Native Plants: Why It Matters."

Course IV, Series 10 will be on April 6 & 7, 2017 at Tower Hill. Brochures will be available at the Fall Conference.

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



BEDTIME STORY

The Design Division of a Standard Flower Show August 19 - 28, 2016

Marshfield Fair

Route 3A, Marshfield, MA

DESIGN CLASSES

Class 1 Goldilocks and The Three Bears A Parallel Design Eligible for the Designers Choice Award 4 Entries

Class 2 Goodnight Moon A Reflective Design

Eligible for the Designers Choice Award 4 Entries

Class 3 Mother Goose A Design, Freedom of Choice, inspired by a Mother Goose Rhyme cited by the designer.

Eligible for the Designers Choice Award 4 Entries

Class 4 Mad Hatter's Tea Party A Functional Table for one, staged on a black tray 22" wide, 14" deep and 4" high. Placed in front of a 40" wide by 30" high backboard with a 40" wide by 30 " deep underlay and on a platform 33" high.

Eligible for the Tri Color Award

Class 5 Peter Pan An All Green Design, Traditional or Creative.

Eligible for the Tri Color Award 4 Entries

Class 6 The Cat in the Hat A design, Creative or Traditional, Incorporating a Hat. Eligible for the Tri Color Award 4 Entries

STAGING

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

ENTRIES: Contact Teri Mallory terinp@verizon.net 781-871-4212

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

Be sure to check your email often for Show updates.

DISTRICT DOINGS

CENTRAL NORTH (Joy DiMaggio, Director)

The Acton Historical Society asked **Acton Garden Club** to decorate the Keeping Room at the Hosmer House for the holidays. In keeping with the site's history, members made popcorn and cranberry swags, red and green paper chains and dried orange slices for the tree.

Laurelwood Garden Club of Fitchburg's first meeting of the season was held at the Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, where members learned birds' nesting, mating and migration habits, as well as the dos and don'ts of feeding the local birds in their backyards. In October club President Maggie White and members planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs.



Laurelwood GC members plant daffodil bulbs.

Groton Garden Club hosted a December workshop where members created and then delivered twenty decorated boxwood trees for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry's annual "Shop For Your Kids" event. The fundraiser supports 500 children from Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley. The club does this community service project every year, using proceeds

from their May plant sale to purchase the materials.



Groton GC members hard at work on boxwood trees

Sterling Garden Club enjoyed another successful holiday greens sale under the leadership of chairpersons Susan Jones and Pat Thomas. They were completely sold-out in an hour! The club continues to do seasonal refreshes of garden sites throughout the town.



Sterling GC's holiday handiwork is ready for sale.

Sudbury Garden Club's boxwood tree workshop at the Sudbury Senior Center has become a holiday tradition. Members prepare the materials and provide the expertise for seniors to create their own "trees." Many of the participants return every year.

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Sudbury GC member Polly Meltzler hosted this year's boxwood tree workshop for seniors.

The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury made 40 swags and wreaths to decorate the town center, a favorite annual club activity. With wreaths on buildings and swags on lamposts, the area becomes the quintessential picture postcard of a New England town in winter. Residents and visitors really appreciate Sudbury Center's seasonal feel.



Thursday GC of Sudbury members get ready to make wreaths and swags.

CENTRAL SOUTH (Jill Malcolm, Director)

The Garden Club of Amherst wrapped up its 100th anniversary celebration with a beautifully designed and executed display of club history at the Jones Library in Amherst.

For their November program, "The Designer's Canvas," eight members of **Framingham Garden Club** created floral designs inspired by paintings by area artist Bob Evans. The club's annual gift card donation to "A Place to Turn," a local women's shelter, surpassed past years.



Design by Minal Akkad, Framingham GC inspired by painting below



Painting by Framingham artist Bob Evans.

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Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford hosted popular floral designer Tony Tedesco, who took attendees through a "Fall and Winter Fantasy."

Holliston Garden Club played host to North Shore-based designer Bert Ford as part of a fabulous evening of flowers, food and fun.

Millis Garden Club and Garden Club of Norfolk held a joint meeting with a presentation by Kerry Ann Mendez, award-winning speaker, author and garden designer.

Northborough Garden Club hosted Bill Graham, owner of Beautiful Things in Salem; Bill made his 16th appearance in as many years. This event always packs the auditorium.

The Southborough Gardeners held their annual holiday event featuring award-winning designer Laura Lindop. Guests also enjoyed the club's holiday marketplace.

Southbridge Garden Club hosted a November floral design demonstration by Kirsten Van Dijk, "Holiday Floral Inspirations." Kirsten's lighthearted patter had the audience laughing most of the evening.

In October, Claudia Thompson, president of Grow Native Massachusetts, joined **Springfield Garden Club** members for a dynamic discussion on the benefits of incorporating native plants into our gardens and landscapes. Club members also enjoyed a virtual tour of Ms. Thompson's Cambridge, MA garden. In November the club held a festive holiday boutique, which included a display of seasonal tablescapes created by members.

METRO (Ruth Kenworthy Ecker, Director)

Fox Hill Garden Club members met in early December for a fun and rewarding community service project to benefit "A Place to Turn," a Natick-based organization that provides important social services to Metrowest families in need. Fox Hillers decorated seasonal balsam wreaths and collected nonperishable food items and winter clothing, which were donated.



Fox Hill GC members' wreaths are displayed against a stone wall.

In October Medfield Garden Club took a "weed walk" at the Wheelock School with Lifetime Master Gardener volunteer Sonja Johanson. Later in the fall, members experienced the serene beauty and elegance of Mount Auburn Cemetery in a wonderful and informative guided tour by horticultural docent

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Jim Gorman. In December the club held its annual greens sale, following a great week of member camaraderie making boxwood trees, table arrangements and decorated baskets/wreaths. In January the club celebrated its members and accomplishments at an "Appreciation Tea" and also toured the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.



Master Gardener Sonja Johanson tells Medfield GC members about red sorrel on their recent "weed walk."

As its holiday community service project **Sherborn Garden Club** decorated 53 wreaths for clients of "A Place to Turn" food pantry in Natick. Wreaths were donated by Fran's Flowers in Natick and the Sherborn Boy Scouts. At top right, Lauren Guillette, president of Sherborn GC, and Joanne Barry, director of "A Place to Turn," show off the club's hand-decorated wreaths.



As their contribution to the community, Wellesley Garden Study Group maintains the Mary Cowan Garden, a site that holds special meaning for club members. One of the club's original members circa 1953, Mary, an avid gardener, loved plants and wildflowers. In her memory, a stone marker rests in the garden.



Wellesley Garden Study Group members Liz Tecca and Laurie Plumb work at the Mary Cowan Garden.

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The House and Garden Club of Wellesley annually decorates Wellesley's town hall with greenery and wreaths for the holiday season. The club's annual holiday luncheon and auction raised \$1,625 for the Wellesley Friendly Aid's Camp Scholarship Fund. Luncheon centerpieces were delivered to the Sisters of Charity, who greatly appreciated them.



House and GC of Wellesley members are surrounded by their wreath handiwork.

The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury's November lecture was "for the birds": club member, longtime birder and talented nature photographer Karen Owens Linehan presented a beautifully illustrated talk on "Caring for Our Backyard Birds from Fall till Spring." In December the club's annual Holiday Gathering celebration included the donation of gifts for residents of Project Hope's Dorchester family shelter.

MIDDLESEX (Kathy Leva, Director)

Arlington Garden Club held its fourth successful "Books in Bloom" in conjunction with the Friends of the Robbins Library. Over 200 peo-

ple enjoyed floral interpretations, music and desserts in the historical library building. Over 30 club members enjoyed a winter visit to Elm Bank's *Festival of Trees*, arranged by club trip coordinator Emily Forshay-Crowley.

Belmont Garden Club members were busy in December: They held their annual "Greens and Bake Sale," decorated over 30 wreaths for the local food pantry, and ran holiday centerpiece workshops at both the Belmont Senior Center and Belmont Manor Nursing home. Tracy Baratham, a club member, designed and built a new club website.

Lexington Field and Garden Club held a "Greens Party" in December. While feasting on potluck refreshments, members made wreaths both to donate and to take home. The club's January program was "Fairy Homes and Gardens" with club member Ashley Rooney and Barbara Purchia. Ashley is also an author and lecturer. The following week, two of the club's subgroups held a joint workshop to make their own fairy houses.



Corrine Steigerwald, Gail Harris and Cheryl Fouche created items to decorate Lexington GC members' fairy gardens.

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Stoneham Garden Club collaborated with the Conservation Commission and the Arts and Crafts Society of Stoneham to once again bring Whip Hill Park alive with Christmas spirit. The park drew many holiday visitors, including GCFM President Betty Sanders. In November the club held a flower arranging class for Stoneham's younger citizens, ages 7-12.

Waltham Garden Club celebrated its 15th year of decorating Waltham City Hall for the holidays. Teamwork transforms the location into a welcoming holiday space for the citizens of Waltham. This civic project is a great opportunity for the club to highlight its talents and show appreciation to the community.

Wayland Garden Club, along with clubs from eight other nearby towns, decorated the historic Wayside Inn in Sudbury for the winter holiday season. Event chairperson Jo Ann Forester (Sudbury Garden Club) assigned Wayland GC members the task of giving the inn's upstairs ballroom a festive feel.

NORTHEASTERN (Fran Lucas, Director)

Hamilton Wenham Garden Club held its second annual "Decorative Delights" fundraiser, offering fresh greens for sale. In January the club hosted a lecture on hellebores by Cathy Felton, a Massachusetts Master Gardener volunteer with many other credentials.

The Arrangers of Marblehead held their annual holiday fundraiser with Bill Graham as guest speaker. Bill talked about fashion and made lovely floral holiday decorations which were part of the opportunity drawing. The club's annual greens sale was held at the same time and also featured nature crafts and boutique items. In December the club decorated the ballroom at the historic King Hooper Mansion, featured on the Marblehead Christmas Walk. Members also made donations to three local charities.

Peabody Garden Club held its annual craft fair at Brooksby Farm in the Felton Jr. House; thanks to members' donations, it was a great success. The club decorated the Felton Jr. House for their annual Christmas Open House. In December Fran Lucas led more than 40 members in making boxwood trees, and the club held its Christmas party at the Danversport Yacht Club...always a great evening.

The Great Marsh Garden Club of Rowley spent a November evening making 30 Thanksgiving centerpieces for the local Council on Aging. Centerpieces were distributed to elderly clients along with their Thanksgiving meals. In December the club toured the Great House on Castle Hill in Ipswich, which was decorated for the holidays by area floral designers. January was the club's winter birding trip to Plum Island in Ipswich. Members identified a wide variety of birds. A potluck breakfast was held after the outing.

NORTHERN (Donna Vallois, Director)

Danvers Garden Club's December meeting was held at the Danversport Yacht Club and featured a

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program on designing holiday home decorations. The club's annual "Holiday Greens Sale" was held at the Endicott Park Carriage House.



Sue Farmer and Cindy Larkin Sale display some of the greens baskets sold at the Danvers GC holiday sale.

North Andover Garden Club members came together in early December for their annual greens workshop and luncheon. Using an assortment of greens, plant material, ornaments and ribbons, members decorated 28 wreaths to adorn town buildings for the holidays. NAGC members also contributed gift cards for the "Christmas Kindness" drive to assist local families in need. As reward for a job well done, members enjoyed homemade soup and potluck specialties.

SOUTHEASTERN (Fluffy Winner, Director)

To raise money for its many projects, workshops and programs, Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne continues its tradition of seasonal plant sales as well as a winter greens sale. Club activities include providing holiday wreaths for town buildings and the post office. To raise public awareness of the club, a member who volunteers at Bourne's community TV station has arranged for the club to air a series of "how to" programs, including bulb planting, holiday wreath-making, and a segment about floral design.

To coincide with the town's holiday parade, Falmouth Garden Club partnered with the Falmouth Historical Society and Museums on the Greens to decorate the historic Wicks House, For 2015 the exterior was decorated with roping and bows plus a live tree. Dr. Wicks' office was transformed into Scrooge and Marley's office, including scenes from A Christmas Carol. Other rooms had different seasonal themes appropriate to the late 18th century period. The club reports that the event is a labor of love. commitment and fun.

Osterville Garden Club, Inc. has initiated a new program through its "Under the Green Umbrella" Committee, collaborating with the Girl Scout Cadette Troops of Osterville. To assist with the scouts theme of "Breathe," members presented a program about four types of bulbs for forcing indoors. The club then assisted the scouts in creating container gardens using paperwhites, for holiday gifts to their families.

Garden Clubs at the Festival of Trees

Twelve federated garden clubs donated decorated holiday trees to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's 2015 Festival of Trees. At the end of the show, each tree went home with a visitor who purchased a raffle ticket and "voted" for it, making this event one of the year's most important fundraisers for Mass Hort.



Above: Boston Junior League GC's tree was entitled "Merrie Merrie Cocktails "

Top right: Beth Shalom GC (Needham) decorated their tree with jewelry.

Bottom right: Natick Garden Club topped their gardening-themed tree with a color wheel.





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"Merry Melange" was the theme of The Thursday GC of Sudbury's petite tree.



Waltham GC's tree, "Pretty in Pink," stood out among the holiday greens.



Wellesley Gardeners' Guild's tree, "Candyland," had a pink tutu for its tree skirt.



Dover GC donated "Evergreen Couture."

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Thursday, Oct.6th

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JUNE 2016

- 1 Annual Meeting
- 1 Deadline Yearbook Information Updates
- 5-11 National Garden Week
- 8 GCFM Board Meeting, 10:30 AM Espousal Center, Waltham
- 14 North Andover GC, presents "Window Boxes and Containers" with Carol Julien, 7:00 P.M, St. Michael's Parish Hall, Main Street, North Andover. Light up your landscape with containers! Grow annuals, perennials, and herbs in containers and window boxes.
- 17 Gardening Consultants Council
- 29 Landscape Design Board to Fuller Gardens day trip North Hampton, NH

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 - I. Arbor Day,
 - II B Civic Development and Historic Preservation, Presidents Bowl
 - II E Civic Development and Historic Preservation Grants
 - III C Norma Zettler Award
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- 18-21 Southeastern District Flower Show, Cahoon Museum of American Art, Cotuit, MA

AUGUST 2016

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SEPTEMBER 2016

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- 7. b 8. a 9.b
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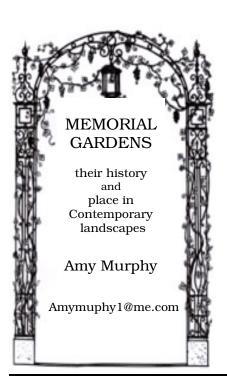
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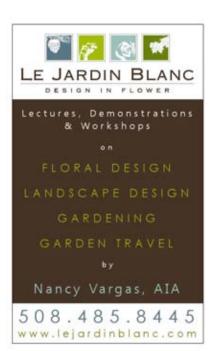
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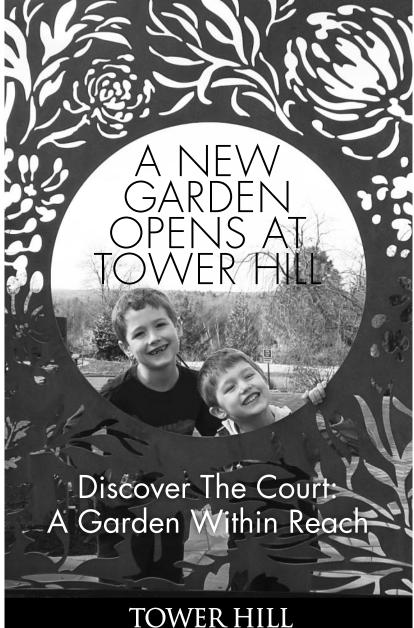
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