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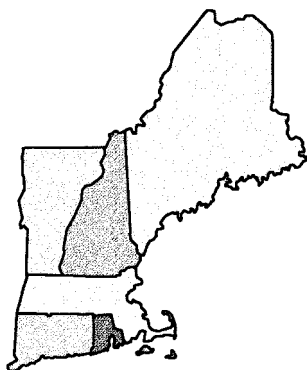
FALL 2016



HEIRLOOM PLANTS: *Clethra alnifolia*, Sweet Pepper Bush

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October 25, 2016
Boxboro Holiday Inn

WONDERS OF NEW ENGLAND A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW



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November 4, 5 and 6, 2016
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10:00 am~4:00 pm Sunday

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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



In June I was honored to be present at the official dedication of a new garden in Chelmsford. A formerly empty

and very unappealing lot had been replaced with a garden that offered grass (which children were rolling on), benches with and without tables, trees that would soon shade those areas and so much more. Chelmsford GC had requested to rebuild the empty lot as a garden, and with help from the town, local businesses and individuals, they created a gem for their community. The first question I asked the organizer was 'You have begun work on your award application, haven't you?' Happily the answer was, "Of course."

Two years ago Attleboro GC took on the task of restoring a neglected rose garden in their town to a place of beauty. With help from the community and volunteers, with a Civic Development grant from the Garden Club Federation, they wowed everyone with a garden now regularly used for bridal photography and for the pleasure of rose lovers. Their efforts won both state and National awards.

Both of these gardens are available to see and be inspired by (addresses at the end). But your club project doesn't have to be BIG in order to be honored. Whether your interest is in building a garden, providing garden therapy to children or adults, putting on a flower show that includes a section for the under-18 crowd to interest them in floral design and horticulture, working with local merchants to improve your town by adding flower pots or flower boxes, or teaching residents how using homemade compost in the garden reduces waste and improves the earth, you need to tell us about what you are doing so we can honor your efforts. Awards are not just for the "wow" projects. We want to honor you for all the things you do to improve

the lives of your members, your community and (ultimately) all of us.

So call your committee chairs together for a glass of iced tea, pull out the GCFM yearbook and start with the instructions on pages 179, "State Awards," and read on through to page 198. Didn't do a flower show? Skip that section, but start again on page 190 with more categories of awards. Awards cover so many areas; every club should be applying for something.

And this year there are two special one-time contests underway. The "Save an Heirloom Plant" contest and the "Plant a Pollinator Friendly Garden" contest. These two are detailed on our website, GCFM.org, under the "Awards" tab. Helping to preserve the tried-and-true plants that have been with us for a very long time, or making an effort to select native and other plants that are beneficial to the beleaguered pollinators can profit (monetary awards) your club while improving the landscape.

Finally, don't forget to have a member of your club apply for the Helen Freidberg Scholarship, which pays the cost of tuition to a school. There are four scholarships to be given each year—one each for flower show, landscape design, environmental studies and garden study schools. There are no requirements except that the member's garden club submits just one name. What have you got to lose?

And what have you got to gain? Winning awards gives you a chance to let your community know, through local papers and online media, about your club's accomplishments. (Another potential way to attract new members.) Your members will know what a great job they are doing and the contributions they are making to the club and community.

Betty

(The Chelmsford garden is at 7 North Road, Chelmsford and Attleboro Rose Garden is the Anderson Memorial Rose Garden in Capron Park, Attleboro)

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To list an event in the Calendar:

Send date, time, location, sponsoring club, event or program title, cost (If applicable) and contact person name, email and/or telephone # to:

CalendarEditor@hotmail.com

COVER STORY

Clethra alnifolia

Clethra alnifolia is commonly known as sweet pepper bush, coastal sweet-pepper bush, summer sweet, or white alder. Linnaeus named *Clethra alnifolia* in his monumental *Species Plantarum*, published in 1753.

It is native to the eastern coastal US to eastern Texas, Zone 4-9. It is a deciduous shrub with a wonderful fragrance, long lasting flowers, good yellow fall foliage, and winter structure with seed pods lasting all winter. *Clethra* will leaf out very late in the spring, and has flowers in mid-summer for 6 weeks. It grows 3-10 feet tall, and is used in erosion control, as a hedge or in the garden border, in utility right of ways to inhibit tree growth, and in rain gardens. It's fragrant flowers attract butterflies, hummingbirds and pollinators.

It requires neutral to mildly acid pH, is moderately salt tolerant and grows near beaches and in slightly wet areas. It is shade tolerant, preferring dappled shade, but can grow in full sun. It is deer resistant and generally trouble free. *Clethra alnifolia* is propagated by division. Plants produce suckers; if provided with plenty of water a thicket results. Many cultivars have been developed for flower size and color, plant size and extended bloom time.

Sweet Pepper Bush is one of the heirloom plants in the Heirloom Plant Contest. The first American Citation is John Bartram, Philadelphia 1751.

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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, September 14, 2016, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:30 AM

Bonni Dinneen, *Corresponding Secretary*

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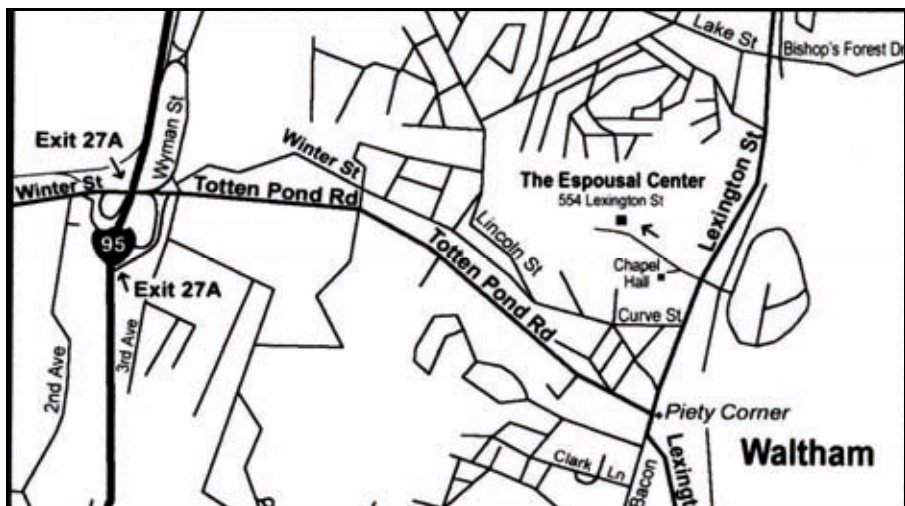
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Chelmsford Has Blue Star Byway Marker Dedication

On May 21, 2016, the four Federated Garden Clubs of Chelmsford (Open Gate GC, Lazy Daisy Gardeners, Chelmsford GC and Country Lane GC) dedicated the Blue Star Byway Marker they had had installed at the Chelmsford Veterans Memorial Park. Celeste Wilson, former GCFM President and Blue Star Chairman, gave the history of the marker. Deborah Linnehan, President of Open Gate Garden Club gave the dedication. Cynthia Chase, President of Country Lane GC, led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Carolyn Langevin, Chelmsford GC President, introduced town officials and guests. Julie Weiss, President of Lazy Daisy Gardeners, introduced the military and gave the tribute. Lazy Daisy works with the Veterans Memorial Park Committee to maintain a garden at the site. Linda Jean Smith of Open Gate GC, chairman of the project, was Master of Ceremonies.

Veterans, town officials and the Veterans Memorial Park Committee were present along with members from all four clubs. Also attending was GCFM Northern District Director Donna Valois.



L-R, two veterans, two club members, selectman Pat Wojtas, Julie Weiss of Lazy Daisy and Linda Jean Smith of Open Gate

New Board Members Bonni I. Dineen, Corresponding Secretary



Bonni is a Life Board Member of National Garden Clubs, New England Region, as well as the Federation. She is an NGC 4-star member, Flower Show

Life Judge, and a member of National Flower Arrangers. She has held GCFM Board and Committee positions since 1999, including North Shore District Director and Executive Board Recording Secretary. A member of all four school councils, she is a former president of the Environmental Consultants Council and former chair of the Gardening Studies Council. Bonni also chairs several New England Region and NGC youth programs.

As president of Curbs & Cobblestones GC, Lowell, Bonni coordinates maintenance of the club's Blue Star Memorial Garden connecting the Lowell National Park's green and waterway.



Dawn Vercollone, South Shore District Director

Dawn is immediate past president of Seaside Gardeners of

Marblehead. Her other community involvement includes Victorian Christmas at the Daniel Webster House, Festival of Trees for Cranberry Hospice, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Up with People and the Boys and Girls Club, as well as local school and church fundraising and outreach. Currently a Governess for the Historic Wunschow House in Marshfield, Dawn has worked in real estate for 25 years.

**The winner of the 2016 Cindora A. Goldberg Award
Gloria Freitas-Steidinger, Easton Garden Club**



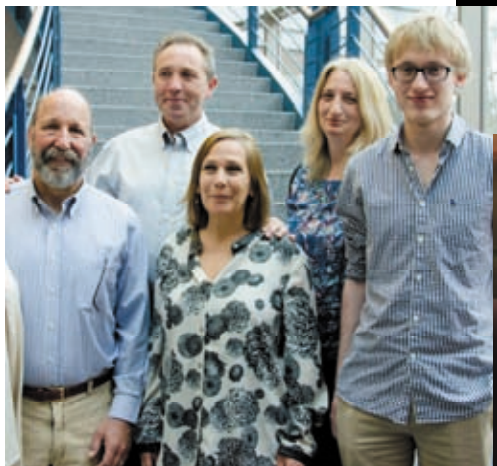
The 2016 Cindora Goldberg Award winning floral design received the Tricolor Award and The GCA Certificate of Excellence in Flower Arranging in The Boston Flower Show "Blooms" in 2013. The class was Smoke and Mirrors - a Creative Design inspired by Art Nouveau. This design incorporates mirrors to reflect the sculpture and floral components -a beautiful, rhythmic design which uses only calla lilies and variegated aspidistra leaves.

2016 Ruth Wallack Lecture

On April 26, 2016 at Regis College, the Wallack Committee presented J Schwanke, a fourth generation florist, author, floral products designer, educator and public speaker on many facets of flower design. The Ruth A. Wallack Memorial Fund was created by the Wallack family in 1990. Ruth was an outstanding floral arranger, a Master Flower Show Judge, a former president of Beth Shalom Garden Club of Needham and an active member of the GCFM for thirty-three years. (Photos by Carol Bello and Karen Gorton)

J Schwanke

Wallack family members



Natalie Wolf



J Schwanke

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT
presents



**“Americana...
Revisited”**

A Standard Flower Show

September 13-15, 2016

Cahoon Museum of American Art

4676 Falmouth Road, Cotuit, Massachusetts 02635

Museum Admission, 10 am - 4 pm

Design Entry Day - September 12, 2016

Horticulture Division I - Nature's Bounty

All exhibits are eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence.

Section A. In Grandma's Garden, Flowering Perennials,

Section B. Down in the Dell, Cut specimens grown for Foliage,

**Section C. Along the Beaten Path Flowering or Fruited Branches or
Branches with Seasonal Color.**

Section D. On the Village Green, Flowering Annuals,

Section E. At the Country Fair, Challenge Classes Container-grown Plants.

Design Division II - The Art of Cape Cod

Section A. Americana Forever

Class 1 Today, Class 2 Tomorrow, Class 3 Yesterday

Section B. A Day in Colonial America

Class 4 Quilting, Class 5 Mermouse's Mealtime by Martha Cahoon

Class 6 Ships a-Sailing the Waters of Cape Cod

Section C Colonial Themes.

Class 7 Ye Olde Homestead, Class 8 Nature Studies Novice Class

Class 9 Windmills on the Cape

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Pictorial Highlights: 2016 Annual Meeting

by Linda Jean Smith

The 88th Annual Meeting of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts was held on June 1, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Boxborough. There were 188 people in attendance. Vendors offered interesting items to purchase, and educational exhibits of GCFM projects. An opportunity drawing which included plants and gardening material and Shirley Minot's morning designs.

After the morning business meeting, Floral Designer and Master Flower Show Judge Shirley Minot (*pictured right*) kept the audience captivated with her "Floral Designs for the Home." Shirley did seven designs which she said anyone could do. She shared clever ideas such as leaves wrapped around the clear glass bowl to hide the mechanics, which, as a judge, she never wants to see.



Attendees could choose from 3 workshops: "Creating a Pollinator Garden" given by Cathy Felton; "Growing the Next Generation of Leaders for Your Club" presented by Kathy Thomas; and GCFM President Betty Sanders' workshop on "The Unexpected Container Garden." Workshops were full, and attendees got a lot of information from each of them.



Many awards given out for all the work clubs and club members accomplish. In the morning eight Flower Show Awards were given out including the Diane Bullock Award for the most original interpretation of class theme, using an adventurous combination of plant material and components. This was won by Mary Huntoon of the Hamilton-Wenham GC (*Pictured left with Diane Bullock on the right*).

There was a Memorial Tribute at lunch for deceased members with their names and clubs shown in a PowerPoint presentation. Each club took home a Memory Book with the names. Another PowerPoint presentation at lunch honored 20 Anniversary Clubs with pictures of the club members in the past and present. Anniversary Clubs received a certificate from National Garden Clubs for their anniversary year as a member of NGC.



In the afternoon 30 awards were given out as well as four New England Regional Awards and 9 NGC Awards. The GC of Norfolk (*pictured right*) won four GCFM awards and 1 NGC award.



Acton GC (*Members pictured left with GCFM President Betty Sanders on the right*) also won 4 GCFM awards, 1 New England Regional Award and one NGC Award.

In addition to the club and flower show awards there were several special awards given out. Theodore (Teddy) Weber of the Green Leaf GC of Milford received the Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarship, which gives tuition to one of the four

NGC schools. Teddy took Landscape Design

School. The Cindora Goldberg Award (for Creativity and Innovation) was given to Gloria Freitas-Steindinger (*Pictured right in middle with President Betty Sanders left and Cindora Goldberg Awards Chairman Maureen Christmas right*) of the Easton GC. Chris Cotter, Chairman of Landscape Design Council, presented the Landscape



Design Council Award for Excellence in recognition of out-

standing Civic Accomplishment to Renata von Tscharnier, President and Founder of the Charles River Conservancy (*Pictured left with Chris Cotter on right*).

After an unexpected false fire alarm forced everyone to stretch their legs in the parking lot, the afternoon speaker, Toby Wolf, a landscape design architect (*Pictured right*), spoke on "The Living Garden: People, Plants and Pollinators." With beautiful photographs of some gardens he designed, Mr. Wolf explained how



to plant and encourage pollinators and the difference it makes in a garden.



Guests for the day included New Hampshire Federation President, Jane W. Goodwin, New England Regional Director, Vera Bowen and Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont President Susan Hinkle. In photo at left, Jane Goodwin, Vera Bowen, GCFM

Protocol Chairman Nancy Donaldson, and Susan Hinkle.

A beautiful day for all who attended.

GCFMStateAwards

II. Civic Beautification Awards

A. Civic Projects

1. Establishing Sanctuary - Certificate of Merit to Garden Club of Norfolk
2. Municipal Gardens - Certificate of Merit to Wareham Garden Club, .
5. Blue Star Marker - Certificate of Merit to North Reading Garden Club.

C. Continuing Civic Projects Award

1. Clubs with 10-49 members - Certificate of Merit Garden Club of Norfolk.
 2. Clubs with 50-99 members - Certificate of Merit Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford, .
- D. William J. Thompson Award - a Silver Vase to Acton Garden Club, for their work with elementary school children to implement four Monarch way-stations.

IV. Flower Show Awards

H. Violet MacLaren Flower Show Schedule Award, a Flower Show School Scholarship, to the Southeastern District, for "Kids' Games" at the Barnstable County Fair.

L. Marie Hancock Cook Certificate of Merit for Achievement in Traditional Flower Arrangement for the blue ribbon winner receiving the highest number of points in a class of traditional designs to Judy Sheehy, Ap-tuxet Garden Club of Bourne.Garden Club.

M. Diane Bullock Award, a Silver Trophy, for the most original interpretation of class theme, using an adventurous combination of plant material and components, to Mary Huntoon, Hamilton Wenham Garden Club.

N. Clare L. Richards Award, a Plaque, for the design that best exemplifies the sensitive use of color, to Susan Schiltgen Johnson, Bow Garden Club, Bow, NH.

O. Jeanne-Marie Parkes Creativity Award, a Silver Bowl, for the most creative interpretation of the class title, to Maureen Christmas, Acton Garden Club.

Q. Ruth A. Wallack Award, a Silver Tray, for the Flower Show schedule with most creative design division, to the Massachusetts Judges' Council, for "Influence," at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center.

R. The Janet Bubier Flower Show Award, a Silver Bowl, for the greatest creative interpretation in a section of Petite Designs, to the Massachusetts Judges' Council for "Influence."

S. Barbara May Award of Design Excellence, a Trophy, for the blue ribbon winner scoring the highest number of points in a Designer's Choice class, to Suzanne Savage, Rutland Garden Club of Vermont.

V. Garden Therapy Awards

A. Mrs. Ralph H. Davis Silver Bowl to Belmont Garden Club for seasonal and holiday-themed floral design workshops with the residents at the Belmont Nursing Home.

B. Garden Therapy Certificate to Andover Garden Club for strong commitment to garden therapy programs at three locations: the Mary Immaculate Nursing/Restorative Center (Lawrence), the Wingate Nursing Home (Andover) and the Senior Center at Punchard (Andover).

VI. Historic Preservation Awards

C. Historic Preservation (Decorating an Historic Building)

2. Clubs with more than 50 members - The Nauset Garden Club of Cape Cod, a Certificate for their Art in Bloom and creative container plantings at the historic Crosby Mansion in Brewster, MA.

IX. Program Awards

C. Helen Freidberg Award, Certificate of Merit to Acton Garden Club, for the program on Horticulture Therapy presented by club member Cathy Fochtmann.

X. Publicity/Public Relations Awards

A. Public Relations, Certificate of Merit, Andover Garden Club, for its Art in Bloom event "Addison in Bloom" at the Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy. Designers from five garden clubs participated.

B. Publicity Press Book Awards; Certificates of Merit awarded to the following clubs for their books consisting of published articles of garden club activities:

Small club: up to 25 members

1st Place: Spade & Trowel Garden Club

Medium Clubs: 26-50 members:

1st Place: Norwood Evening Garden Club

2nd Place: Hull Garden Club

Large Clubs: 51-150 members:

1st Place: Acton Garden Club

2nd Place: Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford

3rd Place: Chelmsford Garden Club

4th Place: Canton Garden Club

Extra large clubs: 151 members and over

1st Place: Wollaston Garden Club (Quincy)

2nd Place: Danvers Garden Club

XI. Publications

A. Publications Award

1. Clubs Under 50 Members, Certificate of Merit to Garden Club of Norfolk, for bookmarks distributed at several local venues.

2. Clubs Over 50 Members Certificate of Merit Acton Garden Club, for bookmarks distributed at the Acton Public Library, to accompany floral designs created by club members.

B. Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award

Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford awarded the Silver Tray for its three consecutive issues of the club's monthly newsletter.

C. Yearbooks

A Certificate of Merit awarded for the best garden club yearbook in the following categories:

20-29 members: Spade & Trowel Garden Club (Andover)

30-44 members: North Reading Garden Club
45-69 members: The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury
70-99 members: Acton Garden Club
100-300 members: Wollaston Garden Club (Quincy)

XIII. Service Awards

A. Special Achievement

Garden Club of Norfolk, a Certificate of Merit, for assisting a 4th grade Girl Scout troop in creating a registered Monarch way-station in Norfolk.

XVI. Youth Activities

A. Mitzi Belitsky Award

Saugus Garden Club, a Silver Vase, for their monthly Youth Outreach Programs at the Saugus Public Library.

B. Junior Garden Clubs

Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne, a Certificate of Merit for their after-school horticulture programs for 3rd grade Junior Garden Club students at the Peebles Elementary School.

XVII. GCFM Special Awards

A. Cindora Goldberg Award, a Certificate of Merit to Gloria Freitas-Steindinger, Easton Garden Club, for the most outstanding design submitted by a member of the GCFM.

B. Helen DeOrsay Freidberg Tribute Scholarship, a Scholarship to Landscape Design School is awarded to Theodora (Teddy) Weber, Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford.

Landscape Design Council Award for Excellence in Recognition of Outstanding Civic Accomplishment, awarded to Renata von Tscharnier, Founder and President of the Charles River Conservancy.

New England Regional Awards

2015 Publicity Press Book Awards:

3rd Place Small Club: Spade & Trowel Garden Club (Andover)

HM Large Club: Acton Garden Club

3rd Place Extra-large Club: Wollaston Garden Club

National Garden Clubs Awards

#16-2A5. Yearbook, 70-99 member club. First Place, Acton Garden Club.

#18-A. Council Standard Flower Show Achievement Award. Southeastern District Design & Horticulture Study Group for "If I Ran the Zoo" at the Heritage Museum in Sandwich, MA.

#27. Radio and/or TV. Overall Winner, Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne for instructional design videos aired on local public TV.

#27-2A. Television (Medium Club). First Place, Garden Club of Norfolk for their Public Service Announcement about the Garden Club of Norfolk, aired on local public TV, government channels and available on their website.

#50. Historical Preservation, The May Duff Walters Achievement Award. Overall Winner, a Silver Tray to Attleboro Garden Club for the restoration of the Anderson Rose Garden in Capron Park, now one of the largest sustainable rose gardens in New England.

#54-2A. Youth Environmental Education, The Jesse M. Connor Award (Large Club). First Place, Acton Garden Club for their work with elementary school children to implement four Monarch way-stations in a school district project.

#56. Award for Major Non-Standard Flower Shows. A Medal to Karen Knaub, Garden Club of Hyannis, for Special Recognition in Floral Design.

#63-1A. Website, Club-Designed (Large Club). First Place, Groton

68-A. Video/CD/DVD (Extra Large Club). First Place, Nauset Garden Club of Cape Cod for monthly instructional design and horticulture videos sent to club members to encourage interest in flower shows.

NGC Certificates in Appreciation of Award Participation

Aptuxcet Garden Club, Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford, The Dracut Garden Club, Garden Club of Norfolk, Nauset Garden Club, Attleboro Garden Club, Acton Garden Club.

GCFCM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2016

Margaret Bent Patterson Scholarship – Joseph Cecchi, Agawam, attending UMass Amherst Stockbridge in Sustainable Farming

Mary M. Conley Scholarship – Conor Black, Southborough, attending University of Vermont in Environmental Science

Evelyn R. Cole Scholarship – Abigail Jackson, Methuen, attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Environmental Protection

Landscape Design Critics Council Scholarship – Holly Giard, New Bedford, attending UMass Amherst in Natural Resources Conservation and Plant, Soil and Insect Science

Margaret M. Motley Scholarship – Joshua Lowe, Dracut, attending UMass Amherst Stockbridge in Landscape Contracting

Harold T. Bent Scholarship – George Locascio, III, Leverett, attending UMass Amherst in Plant, Soil and Insect Science

Violet E. MacLaren Scholarship – Avery Kaplan, Bedford, attending Wesleyan University in Environmental Studies

F. Carroll Sargent Scholarship – Savannah Lyn Haines, Westport, attending University of Maine in Forestry

Baker Scholarship – Cory Rebello, Attleboro, attending UMass Amherst in Arboriculture and Community Forest Management

Lottie S. Leach Scholarship – Maureen Cottrell, Haverhill, attending UMass Amherst in Forest Ecology

Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship – Amanda Putnam, Taunton, attending MIT in Biological Engineering

DISTRICT DOINGS

CENTRAL NORTH

(Joy Dimaggio, Director)

Central District clubs participated in the annual Green Up Day at The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Harvard. District Director Joy Dimaggio sends thank-you's to the following clubs: Groton GC, Sterling GC, Lancaster GC, Hudson GC and The Thursday GC of Sudbury. Says Joy, "It was great fun to get together and clean this wonderful garden space. What a great way to see friends."



Central District club members hard at work at Virginia Thurston.

Groton Garden Club held their annual plant sale in early May at the Groton Town Hall.

Hudson Garden Club hosted Mike and Angelina Chute, authors of *The Northeast Rose Gardener Newsletter*, for a mid-April program on basic rose culture. The speakers also shared seasonal advice as well as tips and personal anecdotes from over two decades of rose gardening. In April **Laurelwood Garden Club** held an "Art in Bloom" show at the Fitchburg Art Museum, featuring three floors of floral designs inspired by works of art.

Sudbury Garden Club's flower

sale featured homegrown perennials, exotic lilies, annuals, herbs and hanging baskets for Mother's Day giving, as well as baked goods and a gift table.

CENTRAL SOUTH

(Jill Malcolm, Director)

In celebration of **Northborough Garden Club's** 90th anniversary and the town's 250th, members have been working with their DPW to replace invasive plant species in the town center. Funding comes from donations received in memory of two deceased members, who will be memorialized with a plaque in the area. The club also hosted an Anniversary Tea with a "Mini Art in Bloom," inspired by historical Northborough buildings as well as club artifacts.

Garden Club of Norfolk received a \$500 grant from the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association for the purchase of plants for the butterfly garden at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary. Plantings are part of a multi-year project to restore the garden to a robust pollinator oasis.

METRO

(Ruth Kenworthy Ecker, Director)

Metro District held its 2016 annual meeting at MIT's Endicott House in Dedham. District clubs showcased the talent of their members by donating table centerpieces. Floral designer Sue Kaplan demonstrated a number of arrangements, followed by a high-tea inspired

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luncheon. Nine clubs presented members with Unsung Hero/Heroine awards, acknowledging extraordinary contributions. Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed a walking tour of the venue's grounds, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Later that afternoon, Fairbanks Garden Club (Dedham) provided guided tours of "The Historic Gardens of Dedham" exhibit at the Dedham Historical Society Museum.



District Director Ruth Kenworthy Ecker (RIGHT) presented Medfield GC member Debbie Gaines with an Unsung Hero Award.

The Evening Garden Club of West Roxbury's 2016 Annual Meeting was themed "Eat, Meet and Greet." Members consumed 13 pizzas and other edibles and earned free tickets for an opportunity drawing in exchange for joining various committees, renewing their memberships, etc. The event succeeded in recruiting volunteers for all 2016-17 hospitality slots, beautification site summer maintenance, and other activities.

At top: West Roxbury GC's Membership Chairperson Kathy Robinson (RIGHT) helps Jeannette Sisco renew her membership at a May event.



The House & Garden Club of Wellesley once again held a successful geranium sale; proceeds benefit Central Park and butterfly gardens at local elementary schools.

Members of **The House and Garden Club of Wellesley** and **Wellesley Garden Club** once again worked together and with the Wellesley Society of Artists to put on a popular "Mini Art in Bloom" at the community center.



One of the floral/art pairings in the 2016 Wellesley "Mini Art in Bloom."

Medfield Garden Club had a busy winter/spring: Members enjoyed a February tour of Tower Hill Botanic Garden's Orangerie and Limonaia,

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followed by a March presentation on "Butterflies of Massachusetts: How to Bring Them Home." In April the club held its annual "Art 'n Bloom," inspired by works from local high school students. New officers were installed at an April meeting/luncheon. In May members participated in a workshop to make herbal butter, vinegar and sachets.

MIDDLESEX

(Kathy Leva, Director)

Middlesex District's Annual Meeting was held in Lexington. Former GCFM President Marisa McCoy gave an informative, colorful program on "Art in Bloom." Guests were treated to a luncheon prepared by District Director Kathy Leva and her sister Barbara Duggan.

For the past six years members of **Temple Shalom Garden Club of West Newton** have been conducting an annual flower arranging workshop at a local elementary school extended day program. This year the club hosted 35 students who were able to take their creations home.



Students in Temple Shalom's workshop created arrangements to take home.

For over twenty years **Waltham Garden Club** has been hosting an annual "Gardening for Fun" event at the Gore Place Sheepshearing

Festival. Activities include seed planting, "Bring a Bird to Lunch," flower bean bag toss, a seed giveaway, and a gardening information center. Youngsters are invited to dig for potatoes in playground mulch.



Youngsters dig for potatoes at Waltham GC's event.

Winchester Garden Club participated in a fundraising campaign to purchase the historical 20-acre Wright-Locke Farm and preserve the open land and growing fields in perpetuity. The farm grows a variety of organic vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers. A club member developed a landscape plan for shrubs and perennials appropriate for a three-season cottage-style garden.

NORTHERN

(Donna Vallois, Director)

The 2016 **Northern District** Annual Meeting was held at the Andover Country Club, with 81 club members in attendance. Awards/certificates were presented to Claudette Poor (New Meadows GC, Topsfield); Lois Bell and Barbara Schiff (Boxford Village GC); and Mary Jo Baur, Leigh Cameron and Gail Morrisette (Dracut GC). Mary Anne Johnson (Dracut GC) received a scholarship for NGC Gardening Study School. The Lifetime Achieve-

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ment Award went to Phila Slade (North Andover GC).

Speakers included Marty Jessel and Randy Johnson of the Essex Beekeeper Association and Jen Kettell, a certified arborist and horticulturist.



Some of Northern District's 2016 award winners

Danvers Garden Club presented the Ellie Grinnell Memorial Award to members Virginia Roaf and Kay Maurice. Virginia, a member for 25 years, chaired the Arbor and Wreath Committees; Kay, a member for 6 years, currently chairs Flowers & Sunshine. The club's award for Outstanding Junior Gardener went to Kayla Johnston for her leadership qualities and enthusiasm.

Top Right: Susan Robertson, Junior Gardener chairperson, and award-winner Kayla Johnston.

Dracut Garden Club celebrated Arbor Day by planting three 10' Princeton American Elm trees at the Dracut Historical Society.

North Reading Garden Club was



awarded the Certificate of Merit at the Northern District Annual Meeting. Co-presidents Patti Neals and Zelma Greenstein accepted. The club's project involved the restoration of a perennial garden within Ipswich River Park, culminating with the dedication of a Blue Star By-Way Marker.

SOUTHEASTERN

(Fluffy Winner, Director)

Plymouth Garden Club celebrated their own Presidents' Day, with nineteen area club presidents and guests in attendance. Participants also included GCFM President Betty Sanders and District Director Fluffy Winner. Three former Plymouth GC presidents did a design challenge using identical containers and flowers. Other former club presidents also participated in the day's events.

Below: Former Plymouth GC presidents and their designs: (LEFT TO RIGHT) Joanne Nikitas, Natalie Caramello and Jean Dobachesky



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SOUTH SHORE

(Dawn Vercollone, Director)

Scituate Garden Club's award-winning floral designer Cindy McEachern and assistant Karen Connolly provided a stunning interpretation for "Art in Bloom" at the Boston MFA, based on fashion illustrator Kenneth Paul Block's work "Warm Pants Because...."

Scituate GC member Cindy McEachern and her "Art in Bloom" design



Gardening Consultants Council Annual Meeting & River

On June 16, 2016 the Gardening Consultants Council held its Annual Meeting at the home of member Jill Sczepanski in Rowley. Jill has a large garden along with several small houses in the garden. Prior to the meeting members had a chance to tour her beautiful gardens and enjoy coffee and baked goods.



GCC Chair Pat Artis conducted the Annual Meeting with year-end reports from the treasurer and the chair. A nominating committee was created and a Vice Chair was appointed for the coming year. The Council will be getting permanent name tags in the coming year.

Following the meeting, members drove to Essex for a lobster roll lunch under a canopy on the river, and then boarded the Essex River Queen of a 90 minute tour of the Essex River. The trip and lunch were organized by Pauline Moroney and Betty Tisevich. Members of LDC and ECC along with some friends and family members



filled the boat. The guide explained the history, the river's changes and the families that built along the river. The tide was low, and clam diggers were out on the flats. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a wonderful time.

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The Design Division of a Standard Flower Show

September 30, 2016 - October 10, 2016

This schedule is written with the intention of stimulating the designer's creative juices with a new twist on an old show

Class 1: Historic Essex County (1995) 4 Entries

A design featuring a Farming Implement, staged on a 20" cube
Designer's choice

Class 2: Show Time (2003) 4 Entries

A Type 2 Hanging Design, incorporating a black metal hoop, 30" in
Diameter, anchored to a pedestal, 37" H, top 17" sq. Designer's Choice

Class 3: The Joy of Color (2014) 4 Entries

A Traditional Design, created in the manner of the Victorian Period,
staged on a pedestal 37" H, top 17" sq. Tri Color

Class 4: Are you Goin'?' (2006) 4 Entries

A Type 1 Hanging Design staged on a door approx 6'6"x 30" w, on a
hook 13" down from the top of the door. Designer's Choice

Class 5: Our Fair Lady (2002) 4 Entries

A Line Design staged on a pedestal 37" H, top 17" sq. Tri Color

Class 6: Country Post Cards (1999) 4 Entries

A Still Life Design, staged in a niche 29"w x 17"d x 24" h.
TriColor

To enter, please contact:

Abby Ann Lavoie, Entries Chairman

2 Foster St, Marblehead, MA 01945

781-639-8224 H 781-799-9231 C

abbylavoie@comcast.net

Call or email to confirm openings.

Co-Chairmen, Kathy Leva - Kathryn.leva@gmail.com

Donna Vallois - dvallois@verizon.net

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC

Flower Show School
Course IV
Oct. 5th, 6th & 7th 2016
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
11 Beaver Street
Milford, MA 01757

Subjects Covered:

Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

Instructor, Barbara May - Flower Show Procedure Part 1

Instructor, Sandi Joyce - Horticulture

Thursday, Oct. 6th.

Instructor, Barbara May - Flower Show Procedure Part 2
- Design

Friday, Oct. 7th.

Written exam

Registration Form can be found at
www.gcfm.org/education/schools and registration

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

Mail registration form and fee to:
Julie Pipe, Registrar, 54 Pilgrim Road, Holliston, MA 01746
508-429-7646 juliepipe@comcast.net

Registration Deadline is Sept. 15 2016. No refunds.

Call or e-mail Gianni Saltalamacchia at the DoubleTree hotel for the room rate. 508-282 4108 gianfranco.saltalamacchia@hilton.com

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What: Landscape Design School is a series of four courses presented by distinguished lecturers on landscape design, history, theory and analysis. In Massachusetts, one course is given each year in sequential order. LDS is open to the public. The course also serves as a Refresher for LDC Consultants and Masters Consultants. *If you last refreshed in 2011, you need to refresh before 12/31/16 to maintain your consultant status!*

When: Lectures: October 27-28, 2016.
Optional Exam: October 28 or 29, 2016

Who: LDS benefits anyone who wants to enhance their knowledge of landscape design—personally, for civic projects or as an introduction to a future career. It is a prerequisite for **GCFM** members who wish to become a Consultant of the **Landscape Design Council**.

Where: Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 900 Washington St., Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Want to Know More? See course content, lecturers and read our FAQs at

www.ldcma.org.

GCFM 501(C)(3) Umbrella Status Application

Why this is important

If the IRS does *not* acknowledge you as a not-for-profit organization, you must pay taxes on your club's income and file state and federal tax returns each year. By being under GCFM's tax-exempt umbrella, you will be classified as a charitable group by the federal government.

As a 501(C)(3) organization, you can accept donations from corporations and individuals. They can in turn deduct these gifts from their income tax.

Special note: Becoming a tax-exempt organization is *not* the same as having a sales tax exemption from Massachusetts that allows you to purchase items without paying sales tax. You need to register with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts separately for sales-tax-exempt status. Go to the Mass Attorney General's website and click on "Charities" for more information. Once this is granted, you may apply to the Department of Revenue for a sales tax exemption.

How does a club become a 501(C)(3) under the Federation umbrella?

First, your club must have its own EIN (Employee Identification Number), even though you have no employees. This number is required to obtain a club checking or a savings account. To acquire an EIN, you must file an SS-4 form. You may get this form online at irs.gov. When completed, the form can be faxed to 631-447-8960 or call 1-800-829-1040 and follow the menu for business employee identification numbers, and you can get it over the phone. We suggest you have a filled-in form in front of you when filing over the phone.

Your club may or may not be incorporated but cannot be a private foundation.

Your club must be a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Your club's fiscal year must be the same as the Federation's (July 1 to June 30).

By October 1 of the current calendar year, you must submit the following completed information to the Federation:

A letter requesting to be included in the 501(C)(3) umbrella with the Federation, signed by a club officer.

A one-time filing fee of \$25 to cover expenses made out to "GCFM".

(This is not an annual fee; you pay it only when you first apply.)

The name and contact information, including phone number and email address, of someone who can answer questions about the club's finances.

A mailing address for the club. Although it is not mandatory, we suggest a post office box so the address will remain the same each year.

GCFM 501(C)(3) Umbrella Status Application, continued,

A one-page description/list of club activities.

A copy of your club's bylaws with the following two IRS clauses included, word for word. These *must* already appear in the bylaws when applying.

Dissolution Clause: In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall, after payment of necessary expenses, be distributed to such organization as shall qualify under Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law or to the Federal Government, a State or Local government for public purpose, subject to the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Nondiscrimination Clause: The (Name) Garden Club shall not permit in their conduct of club affairs, any restriction or limitation whatsoever based upon race, color, creed, gender, and national origin or employment status.

Financial information on your club:

An income and expense or profit and loss statement for the previous year.

A copy of a budget for the coming year.

If a new club to the Federation, only current finances and proposed budget.

To maintain tax-exempt status under the GCFM umbrella, a club must submit an annual financial report with any address or contact changes by October 1 of each year AND file with the IRS.

Once you are under the umbrella, each year, you will need to file a 990N/e postcard information return with the IRS if your club's gross income is under \$50,000. You must file a 990EZ if over \$50,000. *Gross income* includes dues; revenue from sales and fund-raisers; monetary gifts given to the club; and income from CDs and other financial instruments. Income does *not* include non-financial gifts such as plants, labor, or materials.

If you *lose* your status by failing to file each year, getting back your tax-free status becomes expensive and difficult.

Mail all COMPLETE packages and financial reports to:

GCFM Office: 219 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills 02481

Attn: Second Vice President

For questions: Call Suzanne McCance 781-507-2175 or email sbmccance@verizon.net

Application and Renewal Forms are available at www.gcfm.org under Forms

Important: This form must be received by October 1, 2016

To renew your 501(C)(3) status with the Federation you must:

Either use the renewal form below or send a letter to the Federation with the following information by October 1 of the current calendar year:

The name of a contact person who can answer financial questions, and that person's contact information.

A copy of the income and expense or profit and loss statement for the previous year (like taxes, you send it in for the year that has just passed). This statement should show what money has come into your club and from what sources, and what money has been spent and in what categories. This is not a copy of your checking account statement.

If your club's gross income from projects, cash donations, dues, etc., is over \$50,000, you must file the IRS 990 EZ forms with the Federal Government. A copy of the filing must be included with the information you send to the Federation.

Mail to: The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc
Attn: Second Vice President
219 Washington Street
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

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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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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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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)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - CONTESTS

Entries must be sponsored by a single garden club, group of member clubs, councils or districts; or a State Garden Club

Visit www.gardenclub.org and go to Youth Programs for rules and details.

Let's encourage our young people to "make a buzz" by submitting an essay or a poem for this year's youth contests.

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

2016-2017 Theme: "We Need Our Pollinators"

Open to all students attending 9th through 12th grades. Deadline: December 1, 2016
Contact Massachusetts Poetry/Essay Chairman Charlene Malek at malek7@verizon.net

POETRY CONTEST

2016-2017 Theme: "We Three: Bees, Butterflies and Me"

Open to all students Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Deadline: December 1, 2016

Contact Massachusetts Poetry/Essay Chairman Charlene Malek at malek7@verizon.net

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 December 1, 2016

Find Rules at www.gardenclub.org under Youth Programs/Youth Contests

Contact Massachusetts Poster Contest Chairman Laura Semple at wawasemp@msn.com



Environmental Study School

Sponsored by: The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Accredited by: National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Series 5, Course I: The Living Earth

Thursday & Friday, November 3 – 4, 2016 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

(includes time for optional exam on Friday)

UTEC, Inc., 35 Warren Street, Lowell, MA

Subjects to be covered: Ecology Plants - Biodiversity, Environmental Science, Backyard Wildlife Habitat, Environmental Issues, Networking & Outreach, Historic Environmental Actions & Leaders, Sustainability

Leigh Cameron, ESS Chairman, 978-703-0813,

leighb.cameron@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

September, 2016

- 9 Central North Coffee
- 12 Southeast District Flower Show Entry Day
- 14 GCFM Board of Directors Meeting 10:30 AM Waltham
- 15 Southeast District Coffee
- 16 Judge's Council
- 19 Back to Basics - 10:30 AM, Espousal Center
- 20 Horticulture Morning, South Church, Andover
- 20-24 NGC meeting (Portland ME)
- 24 Evening GC Plymouth presents "Fairy Garden Day" 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM, Plymouth Center for the Arts 10 North Street, Plymouth . \$5 visit the Evening Garden Club of Plymouth for further information
- 27 Middlesex District Coffee
- 28 Metro District Coffee
- 29 Gardening Consultants Council Fall Meeting
- 30 – 10/10 Topsfield Fair

October 2016

- 4 Northern District Coffee
- 5 Board meeting 10:30 AM, Waltham
- 5-7 Flower Show School Course IV
- 11 Design Workshop
- 11 LDC program
- 13 South Shore District Coffee
- 17-18 NER meeting
- 18-20 NER Symposium
- 25 Fall Conference Boxboro Holiday Inn
- 27-29 Landscape Design School

November 2016

- 1 LDC Program
- 2 Board meeting 10:30 AM, Waltham
- 3-4 Environmental Studies School UTEC, Lowell
- 4-6 Central North/South Districts Tower Hill Flower Show
- 14 Back to Basics - 10:30 AM, Espousal Center, waltham
- 16 North Reading GC Annual Holiday Silver Tea, "There's No Place Like Home" with Bert Ford, Floral Designer Union Congregational Church 148 Haverhill Street North Reading, MA
Cost: \$15 (at the door), \$12 (advance sale)
Contact: Zelma Greenstein 978-664-3489 or Patti Neals 978-664-1568

December 2016

- 7 Board meeting 10:30 AM, Waltham
- 11 Lexington F&GC, "Home for the Holidays Tour"

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Saturday, November 5th
Sunday, November 6th
10 AM ~ 4PM



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www.nausetgardenclub.com *from garden club*
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