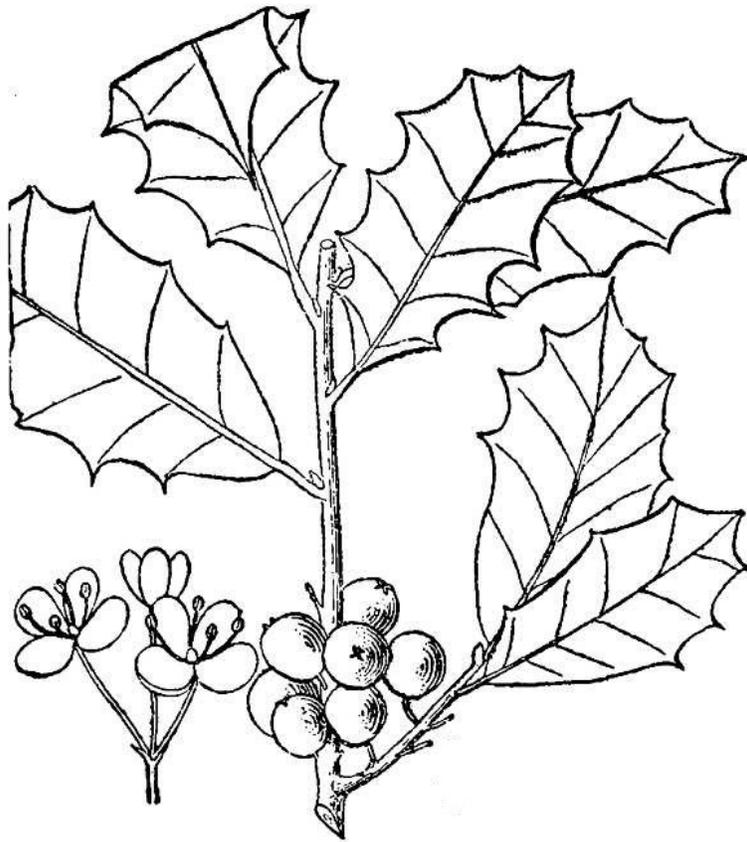




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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Do you remember the last time you experienced an aha! moment? A time when suddenly something made perfect sense to you and it changed the way you viewed the world as a result? I experienced such a moment five years ago during a Landscape Design School lecture given by Claudia Thompson, founder of **Grow Native Massachusetts** ([grownativemass.org](http://grownativemass.org)). Claudia's lecture portrayed the remarkable discovery she made in her small garden in Cambridge when she introduced an emphasis on native plants. The variety and number of bird visits increased dramatically. The birds were there in part because they were finding nutrient packed sources of food in the berries and seeds on her Amelanchier and Eastern Red Cedar trees. By leaving the seed heads on her Echinacea and berries on her Viburnums she provided important fuel for winter migration. By allowing the leaf litter to remain in a section of her garden she was helping the native ground dwelling bees and moths overwinter safely. And, by leaving a "snag" dead tree standing she provided a nesting place for a family of downy woodpeckers to raise their young. Seeing Claudia's photos of those woodpeckers and the remarkable variety of birds in her little garden cemented my aha! moment. ***I understood that birds, bees, butterflies and other native insects rely on our native plants to provide their most important food sources, shelter and nesting places.*** And even more importantly, I realized that I could do this too! I could improve the biodiversity of my own garden space and support the ecological processes by planting natives and altering some of my own gardening practices.

As I left LDS that day, I made a promise to myself that I would begin a redesign of my garden with the eventual goal of 50% native trees, shrubs and perennials. Five years later, I have accomplished that with trees and shrubs alone. They have added tremendous beauty and

increased wildlife to my garden in all four seasons.

I hope you discover your own aha! moment in a garden sometime soon and that you will join my President's Project, **The Native Plant Challenge**. I encourage every GCFM member to find a garden space, from large civic gardens to small back-step containers, and incorporate 50% native plant material into the design. All of these gardens will be eligible to join the Challenge. A NPC Ambassador from your District (see Page 8) will help keep track of participating gardens. At the end of two years we will celebrate all of the native plant gardens that have been created in Massachusetts and the tremendous ecological value that they will bring to our natural world. ***Every Garden Matters - Every Landscape Counts.*** This is the tag line of *Grow Native Massachusetts* and this is their message: because so much land has been developed and subdivided into ever-smaller parcels, what each of us does at home and in our local communities is critically important. It is exciting, rewarding and fun to recreate healthy ecosystems.

1. Plant with an emphasis on native plants.
2. Remove invasive plants and dispose of them so they cannot spread further.
3. Garden for beauty and biodiversity by reducing lawn area; use organic fertilizers in small amounts and stay away from pesticides.

**To learn more and find a comprehensive list of trees, shrubs and perennials native to New England visit: [grownativemass.org](http://grownativemass.org)**

Whether you are migrating south or remaining in New England this winter, rest up.

Spring will be here before we know it!

*Bonnie*

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## COVER STORY

### *Ilex opaca*

American holly or Christmas holly is a species of holly, native to the eastern and south-central United States, from coastal Massachusetts south to central Florida, and west to southeastern Missouri and eastern Texas. This species is easily identified because it is the only native U.S. holly with spiny green leaves and bright red berries. This is the Christmas holly whose berry-laden boughs are typically collected at Christmas time each year for ornamentation

It is a broad-leaved evergreen tree reaching 15 to 30 feet high and 10 to 20 feet wide. It does not always reach its full potential in northern climates (considered marginally hardy in zone 5). A young tree is pyramidal in shape and dense, but becomes open and symmetrically conical with age. The dark green, elliptical leaves have several spiny teeth along the leaf margin. New growth pushes off the old leaves in spring. Its bark is smooth, gray and thin. Flowers are creamy white, fragrant, but very small. This is a very slow growing tree. Trees are either male or female and require several to get fruit production; bright red berries on the female plant. The male must be the same holly species as the female and bloom at the same time to produce the fruit.

It is easily grown in average, consistently moist, acidic, well-drained soils. Its leaves will typically yellow in alkaline soils. It tolerates a broad range of soil conditions, but does not do well in clay, and will not tolerate flooding or soils saturated with moisture; so avoid poorly drained soils. Best growth in the wild usually occurs in rich bottomlands and swamp margins. Site in locations protected from cold winter winds. It will take full sun, but really does best in part shade. Part afternoon shade is best in hot summer climates, too, but plant foliage loses density in too much shade

Potential insect problems include holly leaf miner, spider mites, whitefly and scale. Potential disease problems include leaf spot, leaf rot, tar spot and powdery mildew. Plants are also susceptible to leaf drop, leaf scorch and chlorosis (yellowing of leaves in high pH soils).

The whitish, fine-textured wood is especially suited for inlays in cabinetwork, handles, carvings, and rulers, and can be dyed various shades, even black. Many kinds of songbirds, gamebirds, and mammals eat the bitter berries of this and other hollies, but the fruits are poisonous to humans. Berries attract many bird and small mammal species. It also provides cover and nesting sites and is the larval plant for Henrys Elfin butterfly.

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### Editor's Note:

The article on page 34 in the Fall Mayflower titled "What's a Gardener to do about the Climate Crisis?" was written by Maria Bartlett. I apologize for omitting her byline.

## **ATTENTION GCFM BOARD of DIRECTORS**

- Wednesday, December 4, 2019 10:30 AM St. Bridgid Hall, Lexington
- Wednesday March 4, 2020 10:30 AM Elm Bank, Wellesley

Hazel Schroder, *Corresponding Secretary*

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Handicapped parking and entry is available along the side of the Parish Center across from the Church. If necessary, additional handicapped access is available by parking on Mass Ave in front of the Parish Center building and entering via the front door

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From Points North

Take Interstate 95 South (Route 128 South) to Route 16 (Exit 22-21B). Follow 21B (left fork of exit ramp) onto Route 16 West. Follow Route 16 West for about 2.9 miles to Wellesley Center (5-way intersection with stop light); stay left at the intersection to remain on Route 16 West (Washington Street) for another 1.6 miles to the entrance of Elm Bank Reservation (look for a small green sign on the left).

From Points South

Take Route 3 North to Interstate 95 North (Route 128 North) to Exit 21B (Route 16 West). Follow 21B -See above

From Points West

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90 East) to Exit 14 (Weston). Take Interstate 95 South (Route 128 South) for 1/2 mile to Route 16 (Exit 22-21B). Follow 21B - see above.

## NATIVE PLANT CHALLENGE DISTRICT AMBASSADORS

We are excited to announce our NPC District Ambassadors:

**Central District—*Diane Murphy***

**Central South District—*Ann Cairns***

**Metro District—*Cathie Cummings***

**Middlesex District—*Beth Jakubowski***

**Northeastern District—*Diana Brandi***

**Northern District—*Tonie del Castillo***

**Southeastern District—*Nancy La Fave***

**South Shore District—*Susan Solis***

What happens when you take out an exotic and/or invasive plant, like a burning bush and replace it with a native like Winterberry or an oak tree? Thriving wildlife happens! That burning bush or any non-native plant hosts very few native insects and lepidoptera (moths and butterflies). They don't eat it, they don't lay their eggs on it, they do not like it, *Sam I Am!* It takes a very long time for evolutionary biology to develop the plant-wildlife interaction that we have between our native plants and native insects, bees, butterflies, etc.

So why does it matter that we pay attention to this? We gardeners do not merely crave plant beauty, but also a healthy environment. It is this very environment, the habitat of wildlife, that is becoming less diverse and less abundant. The plants we choose for our gardens make a difference.

Join the GCFM garden revolution and participate in the **Native Plant Challenge**. Plant your landscapes with native shrubs and trees! Let's be proud that together, our garden clubs can truly be stewards of the land!

Now that we have entered the non-gardening season, here are some homework opportunities for these "quiet" winter months:

- 1) Research native plants through the Native Plant Trust and Grow Native MA. What we learn informs what we plant!
- 2) Design a section of your garden or a town parcel using natives;
- 3) Sign up for a class or lecture on designing with natives.

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

**NPC Coordinator—Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks ([ellen@schoenfeld.com](mailto:ellen@schoenfeld.com))**

# Judges' Council Horticulture Specialty Flower Show Harvest Celebrations

by Linda Jean Smith

At the 2019 GCFM Fall Conference, Judges' Council presented a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show. This is a new type of flower show with no floral designs and only horticulture and education exhibits. Suzanne Reed was the general chairman and Yvonne Cappella and Christine Decas wrote the schedule. There were four sections and two educational exhibits. Attendees had time to enjoy the show before the meeting and during the Social Hour. Many of the vendors were also in the room with the show.

The show winners were:

## Section A – “Harvest Moon Festival”

### Indoor Container

Class 2 – Grown for Foliage (*Begonia Rex*)

Diane Cook, Wareham GC – Grower's Choice Award



## Section B “Sukkot”

### Combination Plantings

Class 7 –  
Terrariums

Beate Bolen,  
Springfield GC –  
Grower's Choice  
Award



## Section C – “Mehregan” Cut Branches

Class 10 – Broadleaf Evergreen

*Magnolia grandiflora* ‘Cracken's Brown Beauty’

Yvonne Cappella, Wareham GC, Arboreal Award



## Section D – “Lammas Festival” Collections

Class 14 – Corms, tubers, bulbs, rhizomes  
(*Dahlias*)

Cathy Felton, Hamilton-Wenham GC

Collector's Showcase Award &

Horticultural Excellence Award



# Pictorial Highlights: 2019 Fall Conference

by Linda Jean Smith  
Photos by Misty Florez & Nancy D'Ercole

On October 30, 2019, the Federation Fall Conference was held at the Hilton/Boston in Dedham. There were 212 garden club members present. The morning began with round table discussions. Each table had a moderator and discussed three topics, fundraising; getting new members and inexpensive program ideas. The Federation office will compile the results of the discussions and send them to the clubs

Following the discussions, attendees received information on using social media from Misty Florez, the GCFM Social Media Chair. Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks (*right with gold scarf*), GCFM Native Plant Challenge Chairman, explained the challenge to plant more native plants, especially shrubs and trees, in the coming two years. Awards for the most plantings will be given out at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Each district has a Challenge Chairman. Suzanne Reed, chairman of the specialty flower show, explained the new type of show, a Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, and what was needed and how to put on a show. She encourage clubs to give it a try.

Awards Chairman, Deb Taverna gave out the fall awards (*Pictured below*) and



those from the New England Garden Clubs' Annual Meeting. (*Left to right: Acton GC, Barbara May Website Award; Springfield GC, Charlotte Lane Connor Arbor Day Award; GC of Norfolk, Evelyn D. Cronin Horticultural Award & Reading GC the Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award*)

Attendees had an hour break for a social hour and boutique shopping with 15 vendors to choose from. There was also a NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show put on by GCFM Judges' Council entitled, "Harvest Celebrations." It included four sections: container plants, combination plantings, cut branches and collections. Attendees enjoyed viewing the beautiful and in some cases unusual plant material. Division II, Rice Harvest Festival was the education section and the winner was an exhibit on Horticulture Specialty Show (*right*)



(*See more photos on page 9.*)



Before lunch there was also a chance to visit educational exhibits. John Forti (*left in blue shirt*) told of the many changes to Bedrock Gardens. Misty Florez and Deb Kraft (*left to right*) made fall head-



bands and attendees were able to have their picture taken wearing one of the headbands.

After lunch the Civic and Historic Grants were given out by Maureen O'Brien standing in for committee chairman, Leslie Frost. A \$1000 grant was given to the Carlisle GC for their restored rotary garden in the center of town and to Dracut GC for their town hall garden.

The day ended with the Natalie Wolf Forum. Created in 2010 by former GCFM President Kathy Thomas to honor long-time GCFM board member, floral designer and mentor, Natalie Wolf. The Forum was designed to bring together two loves of Natalie's, floral design and art. A chosen artist brings 3 to 4 works of art and designers are selected to interpret that art in flowers. This year's artist was Ann Tarbell and the designers were (clockwise from top right) Helga Frazzette, Thelma Shoneman and Tony Todesco Originally the program was with

the GCFM election and installation of officers in June, but was changed to the Fall Conference to allow attendees more time to enjoy the arrangers and the art.



### FALL CONFERENCE AWARDS – STATE

- I The Charlotte Lane Connor Arbor Day Award – Springfield Garden Club
- II Civic Development Awards – E. Civic Development & Historic Preservation Grants
  - \$1000 to Carlisle GC for restoration of rotary garden in town center
  - \$1000 to Dracut GC for welcome garden at the town hall
- IX Program Award – A. The Evelyn D. Cronin Horticulture Award – Garden Club of Norfolk
- XI Publications – B. Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award – Reading Garden Club
- XIV Website & Other Media – A. Barbara May Website Award – Acton Garden Club

### FLOWER SHOW AWARDS – TOPSFIELD FAIR

- R. The Pauline Bowden Award – Betsy Currier, Walnut Hill Garden Club
- Georgia McHugh Novice Award – Maria Shapiro, Andover GC

### NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS

- The Mary Louise Marks Smith Flower Show Schedule Award – Southeastern District.
- The Maria J. Nahomi Table Design Award – Thelma Shoneman, Acton Garden Club.
- The Nancy H. Atwell Award for the most outstanding publicity incorporating NGC and NEGC objectives – Garden Club of Norfolk

*With over 11,000 members in the GCFM, our clubs are creating beautiful spaces throughout Massachusetts. Club members work hard to make our towns and historic sites shine. We offer informative programs and work with both junior gardeners and seniors. Please look at the available awards in the GCFM Yearbook and on our website and submit an award application – your club deserves recognition for the work they do.*

*Deb. Taverna, Awards Chairman*

# DISTRICT DOINGS

Central North District  
Laura Semple, Director

## Pepperell Garden Club

Members of Pepperell Garden Club maintain many gardens in the town. Picture below shows the rotary in spring. Hard work pays off when motorists travel around this rotary and are able to enjoy the colors of the seasons. Other beds are Town Hall, Senior Center, VFW, barrels along Main Street.



## Groton Garden Club

In mid-September Groton Garden Club hosted a Farm Tour to explore four Groton farms and meet the farmers. Thirty members turned out to visit and learn what these farmers are growing in town. They visited Silveus Plantation which grows Christmas trees (see picture below),



Twomey Farm specializing in chrysanthemums, Whitney Homestead, an heirloom apple farm, and Gilson's Herb Lyceum, grower of many herbs and vegetables and is also a restaurant. The tour ended at the Groton Grange with a box lunch and a history lesson of the Grange. It was fascinating to hear the story of these farmers, how they got started, and how they survive the many challenges that face today's agricultural industry.

## Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury

Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury has been very busy in the gardens. They cleaned the Children's Garden at the Goodnow Library (see photo below)



and planted bulbs and mums to add some fall enjoyment. As part of their children's planting program, member Cynthia Nelissen led children in planting the bulbs also. In the Town Center they cleaned, planted beautiful fall mums, 100 spring bulbs and added some good compost to enrich the soil. Then the group cleaned and planted the Historic Grinnell Rock and added 12 fall mums to brighten the World War 1 Memorial.

## Sudbury Garden Club

Members of the Sudbury Garden Club added some new plantings at the Blue Star Garden they created last year. Club members Dianna Cebra, Diane Kaplan, JoAnn Forester, Lynn Noland, and Sudbury Thursday Garden Club member, Joy DiMaggio, did a clean-up of the site, added perennial grasses and planted bulbs. In September, member Carol Bello instructed the club on how to create a fall arrangement using yarn-covered wire for the structure and an assortment of roses, orchids and dahlias at the Sudbury Senior Center and senior citizens were welcomed to join in (see photo below of results).



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### Stow Garden Club

The Stow Garden Club held its first Bulb Sale (see photo below). They sorted 8000 bulbs, received 135 orders, and stuffed 800 bags of bulbs. On



October 24, 2019, under the direction of Marie Patrice Masse, the club partnered with the Nashoba Regional School District Extended Learning Program to plant over 300 bulbs around the Town Library with students in grades K-5. Not only did the children plant bulbs, but they each took two bulbs home to plant.

**Central South District**  
**Karen Ballou, Director**

### Springfield Garden Club

On October 4 and 5 the Springfield Garden Club presented "Autumn in the Valley: Celebrating Nature's Bounty" A National Garden Club Horticulture Specialty Flower Show at "The Old Monkey House" at Forest Park (see photo below).



The show was the first of its type in the state and scored a perfect 100 points. The Springfield Parks Department provided resources and publicity for the event which was held in conjunction with the announcement of the City of Springfield's plans for a Horticultural Learning Center at Forest Park.

### Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford

In September Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford member Gina Hylander (pictured below with arrangement) represented the club by presenting a design program for the Milford's Women's Club in which the beauty of flowers and floral design were shared.



### Westborough Garden Club

Community members gathered at the Westborough Public Library on September 5 – 7 for the first *Books in Bloom* fundraiser event, a collaboration between the Westborough Garden Club and the library, to support the town's new library. Club

members created flower and plant arrangements to capture the covers of books for the event. At this three-day gala there were 17



flower arrangements. (Pictured above is an interpretation of "The Great Gatsby.")

### Northborough Garden Club

In August, several members of the Northborough Garden Club met at Summer Star Wildlife Refuge in Boylston and were treated to a 3 hour stay, which included a tour of the sustainable building, a nature walk along one of the paths, and a film on chipmunks and their foraging habits. Shalin Liu, the owner, introduced members to the history of her vision when planning Summer Star. Members shared a BYO lunch. In October Joe Biagioni of Arbor Alliance demonstrated pruning techniques for trees and shrubs, allowing

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members to go home and tackle some long-awaited pruning projects.

### **Southbridge Garden Club**

The Southbridge Garden Club held their August meeting at Blithewold Mansion and Garden in Bristol, Rhode Island. The gardens were in full bloom. After the guided tour of the mansion and gardens, club members enjoyed a brown bag lunch and shared informal time together.

### **Berkshire District**

#### **Williamstown Garden Club**

The Williamstown Garden Club hosted a Plant Sale on Paresky Porch in September. Plants were purchased by the public and students from the nearby college for their dorm rooms.

### **Metro District**

#### **Joan Minklei, District Director**

The Metro District held a Fall Information Coffee on Monday October 7, 2019, at the Wellesley Free Library. Over 35 members from 13 district clubs attended. Several of the GCFM executive board were on hand: Bonnie Rosenthal, Jill Malcolm, Ruth Ecker, and Anne Webster. Discussion topics included: archives (how long do we need to keep records and how and where?), fundraising (raffles, opportunity drawings, and filing issues), meeting



places (free or do you pay?), membership (attracting new members, encouraging current members to participate and hold office), publicity (being visible in the community, what is the role of social media?), and programs (cost and quality).

#### **Norwood Evening Garden Club**

At their October meeting, Norwood Evening GC had Eric Olson, biology professor and Senior Lecturer in Ecology at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management's Program in Sustainable

International Development at Brandeis University, speak to them on the impact of *invasive* species on natural and agricultural systems.

#### **Beth Shalom Garden Club Needham**

The Needham Antiques Show sponsored by Beth Shalom Garden Club was held Sunday, November 10, 2019. This was their 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Needham Antiques Show at the Needham High School cafeteria. Dealers from several states sold quality antiques and gave verbal appraisals. There was also a Cafe, Bake Sale & a Raffle.

#### **Garden Club of Brookline**

The Garden Club of Brookline had a busy October. They took a tour of the Frederick Law Olmstead National Historic Site in Brookline (see photo below) with Alan Banks, supervisory park ranger. They also had a lecture given by Erin Gallentine, Director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Brookline, on the "Brookline Project & Reservoir Preview."

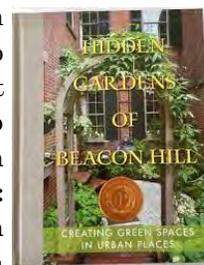


#### **Needham Garden Club**

In November Needham Garden Club invited floral designer Thelma Shoneman to give a program entitled "Through the Holidays." She created six designs for the fall and winter holidays and gave tips on how to change the arrangements so that they can be used throughout the season.

#### **Beacon Hill Garden Club**

During the 2019 year the Beacon Hill Garden Club gave grants to 36 different non-profit organizations. They also published a book **Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill: Creating Green Spaces in Urban Places**, which is a combination wish book and reference book all in one. The book includes many solutions Beacon Hill gardeners have used to make their gardens appealing.



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### Sherborn Garden Club

Sherborn Garden Club's October meeting featured Andi Ross's program, "Hip, Hip Hydrangeas." (right)



members' personal gardens.



Photo above: Beverly Siegal, Lynn Baden, Emily Rubenstein and Susan Lunin

### Middlesex District Cynthia Chapra, District Director



Fifteen of the 24 Middlesex Garden Clubs met in September for Prosecco under a maple tree in Weston. Bonnie Rosenthal, Ann Weber and Jill Malcolm educated them all on what the GCFM can do for their garden clubs. Everyone enjoyed great food and Prosecco as they strolled through the garden.

### Waltham Garden Club

In honor of the city of Waltham's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a celebratory parade was held. Waltham Garden Club members created a float that was recognized by the city with a Second Place award for "Most Original" float (see photo below). WGC members



both on and off the float had a wonderful time participating as part of the great city of Waltham!

### Wayland Garden Club



The Wayland Garden Club was busy with beautification over the summer months. Their beautification team maintains several sites around town including the Wayland Town Sign (pictured right), the wildflower garden on the rail trail, plantings at the post office and Wayland Depot as well as partnering with the Wayland Friends of the Library to maintain the library garden.

### Weston Garden Club

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, twenty members of the Weston Garden Club toured Hayward Brook Farm, the former Arrowhead Gardens, located in Wayland. The farm comprises an old walled garden, flower gardens, a greenhouse, vegetable garden, and many specimen trees, and also a wild flower meadow, pond, stream and woodlands. Part of the property houses a horse stable with paddocks and indoor and outdoor arenas.

### Crystal Garden Club of Reading & Wakefield

The Crystal Garden Club kicked off this season's meetings in September by hosting a 'Savory Potluck' evening. Members brought some wonderful appetizers, and recipes were provided for the most popular. It was a wonderful way to reconnect with current members and welcome some new ones.



### Temple Shalom GC of West Newton

Temple Shalom Garden Club of West Newton members have been busy making floral arrangements for the Jewish high holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and beautifying the temple parking lot with plant divisions from

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**Northeastern District  
Susan Anderson, District Director**

On September 12<sup>th</sup> the Northeastern District held its fall gathering and welcomed new State President, Bonnie Rosenthal, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,



Jill Malcolm, as well as new and continuing presidents, vice presidents and treasurers from the district. Eleven of the 19 clubs were in attendance and discussed GCFM schools, got finance help from Ann Webster, and had a healthy discussion regarding fundraising.

**Driftwood Garden Club**

Driftwood Garden Club of Marblehead members and their husbands enjoyed the Annual Fall Cocktail Party on September 7 at a lovely ocean-front home (see picture below). Views of the ocean



swells were mesmerizing. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts served by three hostesses were scrumptious and plentiful. Conversations with old and new members as attendees reconnected after summer.

**Saugus Garden Club**

The Saugus Garden Club is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Their activities include a Butterfly Garden at DCR Breakheart, Books in Bloom for 5 years, Youth Outreach at library, Strawberry Festival, Save Action Volunteers for Environment, Marla Graves Foundation, support Penny Pines Foundation, and most of all town and civic



organizations (see photo above).

**Salem Garden Club**

Salem Garden Club got its autumn makeover in time for the annual "Haunted Happenings." SGC members turned out to work on the Washington Street urns, City Hall window boxes, and the orange bows that adorn the cornstalks.



(Pictured above are Chris Scoppettuolo, Barbara McLaughlin, Judy Bonaiuto, Janice Baldwin, Marge Wilkens, Julie Cannon, Meg McMahan, Ellen Sweet, Claire Gauthier, Margaret Holmberg, Nancy Arrington, Sunant Tredinnick, and Patti Crane.)

**Manchester Garden Club**

Manchester Garden Club members met at the Community House in Manchester by the Sea to lead a Red, White and Blue themed container workshop with members of the Council on Aging. They guided 12 attendees with planting annuals accented with an American Flag. Northeast Nursery supplied the planting materials. (Pictured right are (left to right) Maria Schmidt, Dyane Cotreau, Constance Leahy and Teresa Ramirez)



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**Northern District  
Susan Schumacher, Director**

The Northern District Coffee was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Weston Nurseries in Chelmsford with over a dozen district clubs in attendance. The new GCFM yearbooks were handed out and GCFM officers spoke about the yearbook and GCFM programs and opportunities available to clubs. Jack Wagner, Weston's Workshop and Container Program Specialist, (*pictured below to right*) took



the attendees on a tour of the nursery and pointed out native plants. He later gave more information on native plants to those present.

**Garden Clubs in Chelmsford**

In November three Chelmsford Garden Clubs, Country Lane, Lazy Daisy and Open Gate pooled their resources and had Maureen Christmas do a floral design program for the clubs entitled "Beyond the Cornucopia." (*See photo below*) Club members enjoyed Maureen's helpful hints on



mechanics and being environmentally friendly along with the beautiful designs. Clubs were pleased to have District Director Susan Schumacker join them for the evening.

**Andover Spade & Trowel Garden Club**

In November club members had a workshop to make boxwood trees led by two club members, Kim Glesmann and Jenn Harmoning.

**North Reading Garden Club**

The garden club is gearing up for holiday workshops. In November they held a hands-on workshop led by club member Judy Colburne. Judy led members in making a table centerpiece using seasonal fall flowers and demonstrated how to enhance a basic balsam wreath for a door by adding mixed evergreens. In December a boxwood tree workshop will be held.

**North Andover Garden Club**

In October, North Andover GC members got together for their traditional clean up of the Olmsted-designed Patriots Memorial Park across from the library (*see photo right*). Progress continued on restoring each of the eight garden beds at the Parson Barnard House. Each bed was refreshed by removing current plants, amending the soil, replanting and reducing those that have become aggressive and replacing those that died or are missing from the original plan.



**West Newbury Garden Club**

In October, West Newbury GC had Steve Flynn from Nunan Florist and Greenhouse in Georgetown come and do a "Forcing Holiday Bulb Workshop" for club members.

**Danvers Garden Club**

In October Danvers Garden Club had master gardener and tree steward Nancy Riggs (*pictured right*). In her presentation she taught the audience all about apples, their history, some orchards she's visited, and the local varieties, then led them through an apple tasting. The participants thought it a lot of fun to try a selection of apples together, and be able to compare and contrast their flavors and textures.



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**Southeast District Doings**  
**Marjorie Dienhart, District Director**

**Swansea Garden Club**

Club members, family and friends recently gathered to plant a Tupelo Tree at Compton's Corner in Swansea to honor Mrs. Jeanne Wadleigh (see photo below). Mrs. Wadleigh was a recognized writer, editor and columnist in the



horticultural field for many years. She embodied the spirit of community service as an active volunteer at Faxon Animal Shelter, Swansea Library, Swansea Garden Club, New England Flower Show and other organizations. She was also a founding member of the Swansea Land Trust.

**Plymouth Garden Club**

The Plymouth Garden Club maintains and supports the 10 library garden beds at the Plymouth Public Library since 1993 (see photo right). The last major renovation occurred in 2008. In October 2018 the club started to renovate all 10 beds again under the direction of chairman Coletta Candini. Family members and local merchants assisted in the project. The soil was tested and amended using compost and alfalfa meal; and Baby Gem boxwood, Blue Hill salvia, Golden Mop thread branch cypress were planted. Sixty chrysanthemums were added in September. The club plans to add more plantings in 2020 in celebration of the town's 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



**Attleboro Garden Club**

Attleboro Garden Club dedicated their Memorial Garden to past members in September. Families of deceased members were in attendance. Attleboro Garden Club members also did center-

pieces for the Zootoberfest held October 5<sup>th</sup> at Capron Park. All materials were donated by Stop and Shop. (See photo right of members working on pumpkin centerpieces.)



**Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne**

This past May Aptucxet Garden Club hosted, again this year, the Junior Gardeners Club at the Bournedale School. The student pictured right has learned how to plant succulents in her little garden. She has added some shells and colored stones as accents. A future gardener!



**Wareham Garden Club**

The Wareham Garden Club is very pleased to announce that Maeve Geagan-Lopes has won Second Grade First Prize for the state of Massachusetts for her poem "My Beach Fun"! Maeve's poem was in response to the subject "Pop Goes the Seed". Her poem was submitted to the National Garden Club's New England Region for judging and was printed in its poetry book. Barbara Geagan, Maeve's grandmother, sponsored her entry. The club will host Maeve at its November meeting, where she will read her poem.



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**South Shore District**  
**Susan MacPherson, Director**

**Hull Garden Club**

The Town of Hull's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated with a parade and a day long festival. The club is proud of their work at town sign. The club also had a booth at the town's Endless Summer event. Senator Patrick O'Connor stopped by to say hello to Hull Garden Club members. He made a donation and joined them for a photo.



*Left to right are Ruth Mullen, Candy Barone, Senator Patrick O'Connor, Susan Short Green, president, Cathy Jaques, Marge Sullivan, Susan Hanna, and Ann Musmeci*

**Scituate Garden Club**

In September, the Scituate Garden Club teamed up with the Scituate Historical Society to host the first annual Mann House Family Farm & Garden Day, an event for Scituate residents. The goal was to showcase the Mann House, an historical site occupied by the same family continuously from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century until 1968, and the beautiful SGC Wildflower Garden developed in 1980 on two acres to showcase wild and primarily native plants and trees. Anne Jones and her Wildflower Garden committee (*see photo below*) had the garden well-groomed with updated plant labels, and new educational materials. Club volunteers were on hand for guided tours.



**Community Garden Club of Duxbury**

The Community Garden Club of Duxbury held the Harvest Moon Flower Show on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Duxbury Senior Center. The show was free and open to the public. The horticulture divisions included vegetables for the first time, collections of 5 hosta leaves, and hydrangeas, in addition to fall annuals, perennials and foliage plants. In addition to traditional mass design, there was creative parallel, creative design incorporating leaf manipulation for novices only; and table for two. The club introduced some new botanical arts classes including wreaths, topiaries, photography, and focused on floral design education with seven workshops providing hands on experience. Of the 24 design entries, eleven were entered by novices who swept the awards.

**Brockton Garden Club**

The Brockton Garden Club celebrated it's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a presidents and guests night on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Deborah Trickett did 2 awesome arrangements. The club received Citations from Brockton City Council presented by Shirley Asack; from the State Senate Office, presented by Michael Brady and Claire Cronin, of the House of Representatives. Club members put together lots of pictures showing some of the club's accomplishments over the past years and everyone had a chance to go around the room and enjoy looking at them as well as eating a menu of pastries and goodies.



**Sharon Garden Club**

The Sharon Garden Club hosted a Secret Garden and Home Tour featuring four beautiful homes on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The tour was very well attended and concluded with a lovely boxed lunch that was enjoyed in a beautiful patio garden setting overlooking a lake. It was a memorable event.

**Foxboro Garden Club**

The Foxboro Garden Club presented "Iris - Greek Goddess of the Rainbow" at their October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Stephanie Markham from the MA Iris Society was the presenter and provided a wealth of fascinating information.

## Status of Native Plant Trust's Seed Ark Initiative

*The following report was given by Arabella Dane at the New England Garden Clubs annual meeting in Woodstock, VT, October 28, 2019*

Native Plant Trust (formerly New England Wild Flower Society) initiated the Seed Ark to save the imperiled plants of New England. A fifth of the region's native plants are on the brink of being lost, and banking their seeds is critical to preserving genetic diversity and reintroducing or augmenting populations of the plants in the wild. The goal is collecting from most of the 3,300 populations of the 388 globally and regionally rare plants of New England by 2020, a target date set by the United Nations' Convention on Biological Diversity in its Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. Once collected, the seeds are preserved in a climate-controlled environment, with the goal of keeping viable seed in perpetuity to grow and reintroduce into suitable habitat. The cost of this campaign is 5 million dollars. They are halfway to goal and need to get there within the year. We can help by contributing to the Seed Ark program, by becoming members of Native Plant Trust, and by volunteering.

### **So why are these plants so rare, and so important?**

These plants are rare in part because of habitat loss, global warming/climate change, and new pathogens, pests, and diseases. They may be what are called narrow habitat specialists – living only in an extremely small range. When they disappear, there will be co-extinction of other species that depend upon them as host plants.

The habitats most at risk are:

- Alpine and Subalpine
- Mixed Northern Hardwood Forests
- Rivers and Streams
- Sandplain Grasslands and Heathlands
- Estuarine Marshes

### **Examples of pest problems you may be**

aware of:

Pests such as the Emerald Ash borer are eliminating our Ash trees. It is anticipated that 20 native moths and other pollinators that depend upon the ash tree will in all likelihood go extinct unless they can adapt to an alternative host plant.

### **There are tales of success where our native plants help other endangered non-plant species survive.**

For example, on the coastal dunes of Cape Cod, native seaside goldenrod *Solidago sempervirens* is being reintroduced, as it is the preferred cover plant for the endangered roseate tern when they nest in the dunes.

The endangered Karner Blue butterfly (state butterfly of NH) is totally dependent upon its host plant, the *Lupinus perennis*. NH is protecting the habitat for this butterfly in the Concord Airport area, and is reintroducing both the plant and the butterfly to this habitat.

For more information about the Seed Ark, visit Native Plant Trust's web site: <http://www.nativeplanttrust.org/conservation/rare-and-endangered/>



*Seed banking is a critical strategy for ensuring the preservation of genetic diversity and for potentially reintroducing species to the wild*

## HOW OUR FOOD CONTRIBUTES TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

by Maria Bartlett, Environmental Awareness Chair

Much of the focus during the holiday season is on food at family gatherings and parties. Let's take a look at its role in climate change.

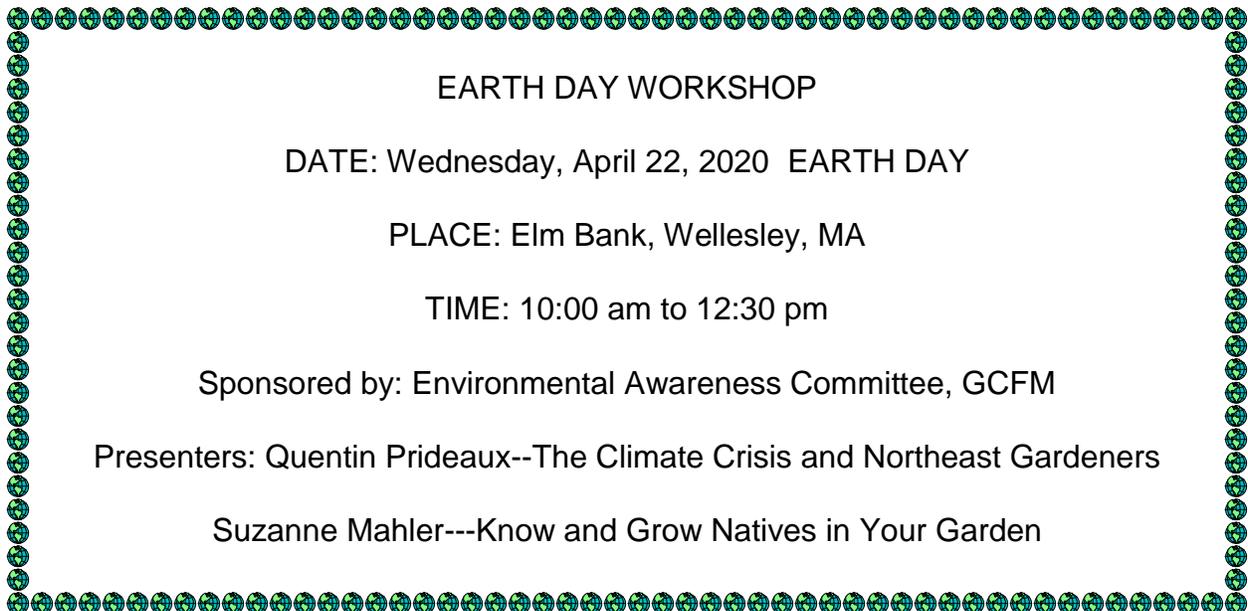
**HOW IT IS GROWN:** Soil has the amazing ability to capture/sequester huge amounts of the CO2 emissions causing the climate crisis. But only if it is cared for properly. Current agricultural methods of growing food, especially in the Midwest, actually limit the soil's natural ability to hold CO2. Plowing and tilling, vast monocultures supported by synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, and not adding back of organic matter all reduce the soil's CO2-holding capacity. Switching to regenerative organic agriculture can change this, using methods such as no-till, planting diverse crops, adding organic matter, using cover crops and no longer using chemical fertilizers and pesticides. US farmers are slowly starting to adopt these methods.

**HOW IT IS TRANSPORTED:** Love blueberries in January and lettuce year round? The transportation involved in trucking food thousands of miles emits significant amounts of CO2. Purchasing food locally grown and in season reduces these emissions.

**WHAT WE CHOOSE TO EAT:** Meat and dairy contribute over 80% of the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from food consumption, compared to only 5% from vegetables, fruits and grains. Eating one vegetarian meal saves the CO2 emissions of driving a car 1,000 miles! Eating less meat, especially lamb and beef, makes a HUGE difference—not only in reduced CO2 emissions but also by freeing up land that can be regenerated into prairies, savannahs and forests to capture more CO2 out of the air!

**WHAT AND HOW WE DISCARD FOOD:** 31% of all food in the US is wasted every year! Much of that ends up in landfills generating methane gas....even worse for climate change than CO2. Buying just what can be used and composting scraps, either in the backyard or picked up for community composting, reduces GHG emissions. (Landfills are anaerobic=methane. Composting is aerobic=no methane)

**WHAT CAN YOU DO:** We can all help by the choices we make. At your holiday meals and parties, serve more vegetables, grains and fruits and less meat. Buy organically grown food, locally sourced and in season whenever possible. Don't overdo the quantities and use leftovers. Those inevitable scraps? Compost them yourself or participate in a pick-up service for community composting.



**EARTH DAY WORKSHOP**

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 EARTH DAY

PLACE: Elm Bank, Wellesley, MA

TIME: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Sponsored by: Environmental Awareness Committee, GCFM

Presenters: Quentin Prideaux--The Climate Crisis and Northeast Gardeners

Suzanne Mahler---Know and Grow Natives in Your Garden

**2019 Topsfield Fair Flower Show**  
**“Autumn Joy”**  
**Abby Ann Lavoie & Judy Colburne, Chairmen**

**Entry Day 1**  
**October 4, 2019**

**Class 1 – Bocce**

**A Low Profile Design – Tricolor**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Judy Colburne, Tricolor, North Reading GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Abby Ann Lavoie,  
 Arrangers of Marblehead & Winter GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Anderson, Manchester GC  
 HM Diane Vanasse Kahn, Peabody GC

**Class 2 – Soccer**

**A Creative Design, Designer’s Choice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carrie Podmostka, Danvers GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrea Little, Westborough GC &  
 Curbs & Cobblestones GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Mariette Wooden, Community GC Duxbury  
 HM Max King, Hamilton-Wenham GC

**Class 3 – Baseball, Design of Your Choice**  
**Designer’s Choice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> LuBeth Kuemmerle, Hamilton/Wenham  
 GC 2<sup>nd</sup> Julianna Kallas, Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Suzanne McCance, Reading GC  
 HM Joan Persola, Danvers GC

**Class 4 – Taking a Hike, A Design,**  
**Designer’s Choice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Betsy Currier, Walnut Hill GC  
Designer’s Choice & Pauline Bowden  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Guest, Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Anderson, Danvers GC  
 HM Bea Heinze, Friendly GC of Beverly

**Class 5 – Falling Leaves (Leaf Peeping)**  
**A Cascade Design, Tricolor**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fleur Hynes, Winchester GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Fran Lucas, Peabody GC 90+  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Carrie Podmostka, Danvers GC  
 HM Cynthia Hosmer, Old York, ME GC

**Class 6 – Harvest Time, A Design, Tricolor**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joanne Kennett, Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Fleming, Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Mason, Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 HM Kathy Leva, Ipswich Town & Country GC

**Entry Day 2**  
**October 9, 2019**

**Class 1 – Bocce**

**A Low Profile Design – Tricolor**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Felton, Tricolor  
 Hamilton-Wenham GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ginger King, Cohasset & Scituate GCs  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Fran Doucette, Ashland, NH GC  
 HM Barbara Monahan, Ipswich GC

**Class 2 – Soccer**

**A Creative Design, Designer’s Choice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Pare, Designer’s Choice Award  
 Ashland, NH GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Fran Lucas, Peabody GC, 90+  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bonnie Rosenthal, Lexington Field & GC  
 HM Teresa Rameriz, Manchester GC

**Class 3 – Baseball, Design of Your Choice**  
**Designer’s Choice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Karen Cummings, Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Margo Maione, Groveland GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Jancsy, Marblehead Winter GC  
 HM Jacqueline Hauser, Norwell & Sudbury GCs

**Class 4 – Taking a Hike, A Design,**  
**Designer’s Choice**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rita DeLollis, Village GC of Andover  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Davie McNamara, Easton GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Minot, Walnut Hill GC  
 HM Abby Ann Lavoie,  
 Arrangers of Marblehead & Winter GC

**Class 5 – Falling Leaves (Leaf Peeping)**  
**A Cascade Design, Tricolor**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Lange, Andover GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Candy McEachern, Scituate GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Colburne, North Reading GC  
 HM Joan Persola, Danvers GC

**Class 6 – Harvest Time, A Design, Tricolor**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Betty Anderson, Danvers GC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Julianna Kallas, 90+ Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> LuBeth Kuemmerle, Hamilton/Wenham GC  
 HM Maria Shapiro, Andover GC  
Georgia McHugh Novice Award

**Topsfield Winning Designs for Day 1 & Day 2** (Photos by Abby Ann Lavoie)



**(Above) Class 1 – Bocce, A Low Profile Design**  
1<sup>st</sup> & Tricolor, Judy Colburne, North Reading GC



**(Top Right) Class 4 – Taking a Hike, A Design**  
1<sup>st</sup> & Designer's Choice & Pauline Bowden  
Betsy Currier, Walnut Hill GC



**Day 2**

**(Center left) Class 1 – Bocce, A Low Profile Design**  
1<sup>st</sup> & Tricolor, Cathy Felton, Hamilton-Wenham GC

**(Center right) Class 2 – Soccer, A Creative Design,**  
1<sup>st</sup> & Designer's Choice, Linda Pare, Ashland, NH GC

**(Left) Class 6 – Harvest Time, A Design,**  
HM & Georgia McHugh Novice Award  
Maria Shapiro, Andover GC

## 2019 Topsfield Fair Flower Show – Day 1 Blues (Photos by Judy Colburne)



*(Pictured left to right)*

Class 2 Soccer – Carrie Podmostka, Danvers GC

Class 3 Baseball – LuBeth Kuemmerle, Hamilton-Wenham GC

Class 5 Falling Leaves (Leaf Peeping) – Fleur Hynes, Winchester GC

Class 6 Harvest Time – Joanne Kennett, Hamilton-Wenham GC

## 2019 Topsfield Fair Flower Show – Day 2 Blues (Photos by Abby Ann Lavoie)



Class 3 Baseball – Karren Cummings, Hamilton-Wenham GC

Class 4 Taking a Hike – Rita Delollis, Village GC of Andover

Class 5 Falling Leaves (Leaf Peeping) – Ann Lange, Andover GC

Class 6 Harvest Time – Betty Anderson, Danvers GC

# Winter greens - bringing the outside in!

by Maureen Christmas

Do you have evergreens? Most are perfect for decorating inside and outside your home for the holiday season and beyond. Feathery, bushy, needle-like, shiny, glossy, sharp, bristly, spiky, velvety – the many textures in your yard can be combined into beautiful designs for your home. Most greens will hold up fine indoors. Boxwood, Scotch pine, arborvitae, laurel, magnolia, princess pine, and chamaecyparis are good options. Spruce, balsam, fir, white pine and holly should be in water when inside. If using holly outside, its longevity is prolonged if sprigs are placed into the soil in your planter or window box. Take note of other treats in the yard to bring inside. Winterberry, pieris, ivy, crab apples, poppy pods, allium heads, rose hips, dill and fennel seed heads are just some of the items that can give your designs extra pizzazz! Consider adding some sparkle by spray painting them. Magnolia leaves are particularly suited to having the green side painted when it fades and leaving the velvety rust colored side as is. Take it up a notch by sprinkling glitter on it while the paint is still wet.

**Pruning** – Chances are your shrubs need a pruning. Look for crossing branches and congested centers. Pruning the latter promotes air circulation and lets light into the middle of the plant. Cut stems on a slant just above a node.

**Storage** - Bunches of greens can be stored outside or in an unheated garage. If not ready to use greens and there is no outside storage available, store in a refrigerator.

**Conditioning** - Branches should be cut and placed in a bucket of water 4-6 hours prior to using in foam. Remove all foliage below the water line to minimize bacteria growth. Re-cut stems on an angle for easier insertion into foam. DO NOT smash the stems!!! This damages the xylem which is the transportation system for water and nutrients up the stem.

**Designing Considerations** – Location and longevity are the primary questions to ask. Is your design for a mantle over a hot fireplace that must last a few weeks or mini-napkin rings for a dinner? (See photo right) If the location is a fireplace mantle, give the greens a water source. This can be a shallow dish with chicken wire folded to create a cage to hold the branches (see



*Start stem insertions from perimeter. Work your way to the center crossing stems as you proceed. Be sure to thread stem through two holes of wire. In deeper containers, taping won't be necessary.*

photo above). Another option is floral foam which comes as a single brick or as a raquette which is a length of foam on a rigid plastic tray completely covered with polyfilm. It is important that the polyfilm is kept on for use – this helps to prevent it from drying out. It has small holes to allow water in when you soak it. You simply pierce the covering with your stems. Foam has been in the conversation lately for environmental reasons. It breaks down into micro-plastics which are hazardous. You may have heard of biodegradable foam. While it sounds ok for the environment, this is not the same as being compostable which is when an item degrades into **non-toxic** substances. Spritzing greens with water will keep them from drying out.

**Basic Design Strategy** – Layering a minimum of three types of greens will give you a pleasing result. Use heavier branches such as spruce or fir to create the base and define the shape. Then develop a focal area(s) with broadleaf specimens



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flowers and ornaments, etc. It's important to keep your design balanced. If you have red berries on one side, be sure to add them to the other (*see photo at right*). The sides don't have to be symmetrical but repeating elements throughout the design will contribute to the flow and rhythm of it. If doing a long arrangement, you can create multiple focal areas and need not have just one in the middle. Doing something for the kitchen or back door? Why not add some rosemary, thyme, lavender or other herb. Do you collect bottles? Showcase them with individual specimens lined up on a shelf, mantle, down your table or as place cards. Place them on mirrors for double the impact.

**Display** - out of direct sunlight and away from the heat for optimal longevity.

**Disposal** - when you are tired of evergreens around the house, put them to work outside. Spread over your garden beds, they help to maintain soil temperature and protect plant roots during those winter thaws.

### Things to note and consider

- Bugs! – check carefully for signs of munching or eggs. Treating with horticultural oil will suffocate them. Let it dry for a few days prior to bringing into the house. You only want the benefit of the greens without the 'friends'!
- Boxwood – may smell like cat pee(!), stand in clean fresh water changing it every 4-5 days - avoid crowding so as to deter leaf drop
- Holly – stand in clean fresh water, changing it every 4-5 days
- Incense cedar – beware of cones opening and spreading pollen on your table!
- Mistletoe – will last longer if stored/used out of doors...isn't limited to just hanging in a doorway...be sure berries are plump and not withered.
- Most greens – can be left outside or in cold store room for at least 2 weeks.
- Hemlock, white pine, eastern juniper and yews – Tendency to drop needles indoors. With yews - remove any berries as they are toxic and wash hands afterwards. Beware of

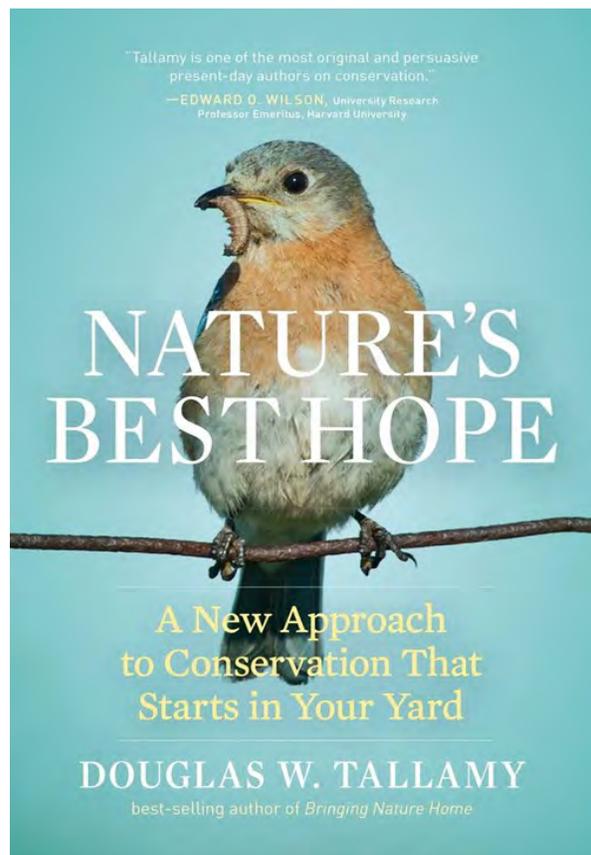


resin with pine.

- Deciduous branches – don't overlook these! Curly willow and Harry Lauder's Walking Stick can add rhythm and interest and elongate the design. Birch twigs can be coated with candle wax to add a wintry, snowy feel.

Hope you are inspired to bring the beauty of the season inside this holiday season!

### Coming 2020





**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 contributions to the many activities of the Federation. Dr. Baker was a staunch supporter in furthering the objectives and interests of the Federation, and his wife, Edna, was the 13th president and an incorporator of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. The applicants for this scholarship shall be **graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, as related to horticulture in its widest aspect.**

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

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

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

10. “The Landscape Design Critics Council Scholarship Fund” established in 1986 by the membership of LDCC to encourage students to pursue the study of Landscape Design and related fields. Applicants for this scholarship shall reside in Massachusetts. The recipient should be a **Junior, Senior or graduate student majoring in Landscape Architecture, City Planning or related fields of interest, including horticulture and conservation.**

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

# The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts College Scholarship Application Form

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home (Legal Address) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level at time of application:

High school senior \_\_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Degree year 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Degree year 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Fifth year Landscape Design \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative Grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ (on a 4.0 scale)

College/University (Attending) \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are not currently attending a College/University, specify first choice school(s))

College/University Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

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College/University Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Schools previously attended (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

GCFM has permission ( ) does not have permission ( ) to include my name, home town and state in listings of scholarship winners for GCFM publicity purposes.

Required with GCFM Scholarship application:

1. Official academic transcripts including the latest grading period. Graduate students must include undergraduate transcript(s).
2. A brief essay (limited to 2 pages) about your goals, aspirations and career plans.
3. A list of activities in which you have participated, listing special honors and/or leadership positions (limited to 2 pages).
4. Three (3) letters of reference discussing scholastic ability, personal character, and/or work related experience (limited to one page each).
5. GCFM Financial Aid Form

All information must be printed, typed or computer generated. **Deadline: Completed application and required items must be received by MARCH 1.**

**Mail to:** GCFM Scholarship Secretary

Kathie Jones

40 Berkshire Drive

Williamstown, MA 01267

For further information email: [gcfmscholarship@aol.com](mailto:gcfmscholarship@aol.com)

## GCFM Scholarship Financial Aid Form

This form must be completed by a student applying for a Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc. scholarship. The information provided will be held in strictest confidence. It will be made available only to members of the Scholarship Committee of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Since actual financial need is one of the determining factors in the awarding of scholarships, it is necessary that all of the requested information be supplied. Use the following form to show all anticipated sources of funds, including scholarships other than the anticipated one from GCFM, educational insurance policies, etc., as well as all projected costs for attending college in the upcoming school year. It is not required that projected resources and expenditures balance. **PLEASE NOTE:** This form must be signed and mailed along with other required application materials, **by March 1** to:

GCFM Scholarship  
Secretary Kathie Jones  
40 Berkshire Drive  
Williamstown, MA 01267  
Email: [gcfmscholarship@aol.com](mailto:gcfmscholarship@aol.com)

### Anticipated RESOURCES

\_\_\_\_\_ From parent or relative  
\_\_\_\_\_ From personal savings  
\_\_\_\_\_ Educational Ins. policies  
\_\_\_\_\_ School-year earnings  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grants/Scholarships  
\_\_\_\_\_ Loans  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Total Funds Available

### Projected EXPENDITURES

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuition & Fees  
\_\_\_\_\_ Housing  
\_\_\_\_\_ Board  
\_\_\_\_\_ Books/Supplies  
\_\_\_\_\_ Clothing/Laundry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Transportation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Total Expenses

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Northern District Clubs Support Lowell Cemetery with Floral Designs

Founded in 1841 and located on the banks of the Concord River, the cemetery is one of the oldest garden cemeteries in the nation. Many of Lowell's wealthy industrialists are buried here, under ornate Victorian tombstones. A 73-acre portion of the 84 acre cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The cemetery was laid out in 1841 to a design by George P. Worcester, a civil engineer, applying principles of the rural cemetery movement that was then just coming into vogue.

Over the past few years a relationship has been built between the cemetery and the GCFM Northern District. Michael Lally, Director of Business Operations, and Julie Danforth, Master Gardener, have spoken at District meetings and to District clubs. A Northern District coffee was held in the Talbot Memorial Chapel, a Gothic Revival structure designed by Boston architect Frederick Stickney.

The cemetery opens its doors twice a year for tours. On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, a fall tour was held. Six Northern District clubs – Andover Spade & Trowel, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Lowell Curbs & Cobblestones and Tewksbury Garden Clubs – all did floral designs that decorated various mausoleums on the tour.



(above) Lord & Lady Ewart Memorial by Andrea Little, Curbs & Cobblestones & Westborough GCs.

(right) Wiggins Memorial decorated by Carol Monaco and Carol Bonfanti of the Tewksbury Garden Club.



*Sargeant Memorial decorated by Judy Carven, Chelmsford Garden Club*

## Gardening Consultants' Council Holds Lecture on Ornamental Grasses

On October 8<sup>th</sup> Gardening Consultants' Council held a lecture for its members at Weston Nurseries in Chelmsford. Jim Connolly, the Garden Center Manager, spoke on "Ornamental Grasses" (see photo below). He covered the types of grasses and whether they would be annual or perennial in Massachusetts, as well as how they would do in sun or shade. Attendees found the lecture informative and took away handouts with lots of good information.



2019 New England Garden Clubs

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the New England Garden Clubs was held at the Woodstock Inn and Resort in Woodstock, VT on October 28 and 29, 2019. Representatives from the six New England states attended with five people from Massachusetts attending.

On Monday evening the attendees were entertained by Ronnie and Hugh Schoelzel from Connecticut. Ronnie, a flower show judge, and her husband had traveled to Argentina several times and fell in love with tango dancing. They gave a wonderful exhibition of the dance for everyone's enjoyment.

Massachusetts was fortunate to received three New England Garden Clubs Awards that evening, which were presented to the clubs at the GCFM Fall Conference.

The Mary Louise Marks Smith Flower Show Schedule Award went to the Southeastern District.

The Maria J. Nahom Table Design Award went to Thelma Shoneman of the Acton GC.

The Nancy H. Atwell Award went to the Garden Club of Norfolk for the most outstanding publicity incorporating NGC and NEGC objectives.

Tuesday began with the business meeting and continued with a presentation by Jamie Maisfield, a Stonemason, on "Stone Walls and Ways to Incorporate Stone in your Garden." NEGC Director, Susan Bushnell (*pictured below, 2nd from the right*) and all the state presidents got together for a photo op.



This year there was a record number of applications (16). The garden clubs are the backbone of most town's landscape. All of these projects, whether civic or historic, are winners not just those receiving a grant – ALL enrich, educate and enhance their communities! The grants are:

A \$500 grant to the **Colonial Garden Club of Marlborough** towards the completion of The Ghiloni Pocket and Wildflower Garden in celebration of the club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the garden's 20<sup>th</sup> year in the spring of 2019. A cohesive showcase for native plants.

A \$500 grant to the **Stoneham Garden Club**

toward the planting of a succulent garden in the shape of a large shoe, (*see photo right*) as Stoneham is known as a shoe city. An innovative design and



appropriate choice of plant material for this dry, sunny area in front of the Stoneham Historical Society.

A \$500 grant to the **Williamstown Garden Club** toward the revitalization of the Sally Tenney Osborne Garden at the Milne Public Library using the original Landscape Plans from 20 years ago. They are preserving the past in context of the present. (*See photo below*)



A \$500 grant to the **Wollaston Garden Club** towards the restoration of the Boxwood Parterre at the Dorothy Quincy Homestead. The boxwood forms the outline of this historic, formal garden, a National Historic Landmark following the National Park Service (NPS) guidelines. A true Historical Restoration.

I hope these projects will inspire your club to apply next year for a grant! You all do wonderful work in your communities....why not apply for a little help from the Federation.!

## Tewksbury Garden Club Celebrates 50 Years

On November 13, 2019, the Tewksbury Garden Club had a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. They invited Ruth Loiseau (*pictured below with design*), award-winning floral designer and White House decorator to do a program entitled, "From the White House to Your House." The program was held at the Tewksbury Country Club and complimentary tickets were sent to Northern District presidents. There were eight designs to be raffled off at the end.



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

Gardening Study School

Course 3 Series 11

April 2 & 3, 2020

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505

**Subjects covered:**

Thursday, April 2 (Tested subjects) 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

- ◆ Factors that Influence Plant Growth – Dr. Judith Sumner, Botanist
- ◆ New Plant Development & Evaluation – Dr. Judith Sumner, Botanist
- ◆ Teaching Tour of Tower Hill – Joann Vieira, Horticulturalist
- ◆ Supporting the Wild – Joann Vieira, Horticulturalist (*non-tested*)

Friday, April 3, (Tested subjects) 8:15 AM – 12:45 PM

- ◆ Container Gardening – Betty Sanders, Master Gardener
- ◆ Houseplants – Betty Sanders, Master Gardener
- ◆ Test for those becoming consultants begins at 1:45 PM

**Suggested Reading:**

1. *Botany for Gardeners* by Brian Capon maybe purchased through [Amazon.com](https://www.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

**Registration deadline** is March 25, 2020. No refunds:

For further information please contact Chairmen: Joy DiMaggio  
(978) 460-0851 or [jmarykay2@outlook.com](mailto:jmarykay2@outlook.com)

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

NGC, Inc. Life Member # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$110 – GCFM Garden Club Student Member, exam fee included.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 – Refresher

\_\_\_\_\_ \$140 – Non-member (2 day fee)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$18 a day with beverage – Box Lunch fee: *Indicate choice if applicable*

Choice including chips, a baked good & drink – Sandwich/wrap

Chicken tarragon salad sandwich

Roast beef sandwich

Vegetarian wrap

*Select choice for each day*

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

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

Students enjoying the lectures at Gardening School.



**CORRECTIONS to 2019-20 GCFM Yearbook**

Page 14 Nancy Donaldson—delete Friendly GC of Beverly

Page 24 - correct mailing address

Thomas, Kathleen M., 1200 Gulf Blvd #904, Clearwater, FL 33767 (GCFM President 2005-07)

[kathymthomas@aol.com](mailto:kathymthomas@aol.com) 508-935-9019 (C)

Page 27 – Central South District List; Add Medway Garden Club, Worcester GC listed twice; add West Springfield GC

Page 32 - Amherst GC Treasurer Sharon Rogalski [rogalssm@gmail.com](mailto:rogalssm@gmail.com)

286 West Pomeroy Lane, Amherst, MA 01002413-404-3042

Page 34 – Bedford GC President Email [sfreeman420@gmail.com](mailto:sfreeman420@gmail.com)

Page 50 - Franklin Garden Club Secretary email has an extra letter r. The R needs to be removed.

It should read [jtcederquist@gmail.com](mailto:jtcederquist@gmail.com)

Page 52 GC of Harvard VP Mary Ann Piasecki is [Maryann.piasecki@gmail.com](mailto:Maryann.piasecki@gmail.com)

Page 60 Nancy Donaldson email [MandND@comcast.net](mailto:MandND@comcast.net)

Page 67 Needham Garden Club, Jane Lischewski, 86 Valley Road, Needham, MA 02493

Email: [jilisch@pipeline.com](mailto:jilisch@pipeline.com) Home Phone 781 444 2547

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GCFM offers sterling silver Presidents Pins with the Federation Seal and/or a Past President Bar.

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The Pin and Bar combo is \$80.00 plus \$5.01 tax and \$3.66 shipping

To order, please complete the form below and mail to:

Jill Malcolm

33 Bonney Drive

Holliston, MA 01746

Questions? Contact Jill at 508-429-4395 or [jillyjill07@comcast.net](mailto:jillyjill07@comcast.net)

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description	Quantity	Unit price plus tax & shipping	Total
Presidents Pin		\$56.79	
Past President Bar		\$35.54	
Pin/Bar Combo		\$88.67	

## SPEAKERS REGISTRATION for GCFM Program Workshop 2020

First Date: March 19, 2020

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

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

Second Date: March 24, 2020

Location: Elm Bank, 900 Washington St., Wellesley, 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 January 16th.** 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 1, 2020. Speakers must register to attend!**

But you may wish to send it in by January 16th 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: GCFM, 400 Fifth Ave., Suite 110, Waltham, MA 02451

Send *Mayflower* advertisements to: the GCFM office at gardenclubfedma@gmail.com. (Use "**your name - Mayflower AD**" in the subject line and advertisement title).

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

Tower Hill, March 19, 2020 \_\_\_\_ Elm Bank, March 24, 2020 \_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Annuals/Perennials \_\_\_\_\_ Bees/Beekeeping \_\_\_\_\_ Birds & Butterflies \_\_\_\_\_

Conservation-Environmental \_\_\_\_\_ Container Gardening \_\_\_\_\_ Floral Design \_\_\_\_\_

Gardening History \_\_\_\_\_ Gardening \_\_\_\_\_ Herbs & Edibles \_\_\_\_\_

Landscape & Garden Design \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Photography \_\_\_\_\_ Public Landscape \_\_\_\_\_

Special Events \_\_\_\_\_ Trees, Vines, Shrubs \_\_\_\_\_ Travel \_\_\_\_\_ Workshops \_\_\_\_\_

Other (if none above apply) \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

For Registration Form go to <http://gcfm.org/Education/Workshops/GCFMProgramWorkshop-Speakers.aspx>

## PROGRAM WORKSHOP REGISTRATION for Garden Clubs 2020

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: March 19, 2020

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

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

### Second Date: March 27, 2020

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

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

Participants must pre-register by **March 1, 2020**. 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 [gardenclubfedma@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubfedma@gmail.com)

Mail the completed registration form to: GFCM, 400 Fifth Ave., Suite 110, Waltham, MA 02451

Deadline is **March 1st**.

Or email completed form to [gardenclubfedma@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubfedma@gmail.com) before **March 1st**.

Please check the date you will be attending:

Tower Hill Thursday, March 19, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **or**

Elm Bank Tuesday, March 24, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

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)

# The LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL & GCFM President Bonnie Rosenthal's NATIVE PLANT CHALLENGE

Join us for a Lecture on "Designing with Native Plants"  
at Massachusetts Horticultural Society  
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Thursday  
March 26, 2020  
10:30 am  
**\$15 Open to all**



Image: Amanda Sloan

## Accept the President's Challenge!

"It's important that if you're going to plant native gardens, that they be beautiful – because no one's going to be convinced of their value if they're not." Charles Kingsley.

The GCFM President's Challenge encourages all of us to re-design our garden projects with 50% native plants. We need to communicate the ecological importance of using native plants but, designing with natives can be challenging. Come and be inspired by the possibilities and learn how to create a beautiful and stellar native landscape for your communities and your own back yard.

## Amanda Sloan, RLA, ASLA

has been a fan of native plants since growing up in woodlands in Lexington, Massachusetts. Amanda earned a Certificate in Landscape Design from the Landscape Institute and then became a registered landscape architect. Her projects include the design, with Julie Messervy, of Weezy's Garden at Mass Hort; and miles of native plant restoration along Route 95 for the bike and multi-use path at the new Whittier Bridge in Amesbury. She was president of the Sharon Garden Club and served on the boards of COGdesign, the Community Design Resource Center of Boston and Grow Native Massachusetts. She is currently on the board of trustees at the Ecological Landscape Alliance. Amanda specializes in civic native plant rain gardens.



For more information contact: Georgia Papavasiliou @ [logganiko@verizon.net](mailto:logganiko@verizon.net)

Mail your check, payable to "GCFM" to:

Mary Nokes, 35 Woodpark Cir., Lexington, MA 02421

Please write 'Native Plant Lecture' in the memo line and include your email address.

**Please Note: Registration Deadline: March 21, 2020**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2019

- 1 Deadline for Award applications & Poetry and Essay Contests
- 4 GCFM Board Meeting, St. Brigid's, Lexington, 10:30AM
- 5 The Community GC of Cohasset presents "Yuletide House Tour 2019," 10 A.M. - 4 P.M., New Marketplace - 91 Sohier Street, Cohasset. Advance tickets- \$40. Same day tickets- \$50. (If available) For ticket orders or information [Mkellyconetta@yahoo.com](mailto:Mkellyconetta@yahoo.com) 781-923-1526
- 7 Nahant GC "Songs of the Season" Holiday House Tour, 9AM - 3PM. For details, go to [www.gcfm.org/ Events](http://www.gcfm.org/Events)
- 8 Northborough GC presents "Festive Floral Fantasies" 12 Noon. For details, go to [www.gcfm.org/ Events](http://www.gcfm.org/Events)

### JANUARY 2020

- 24 Judges Council, Elm Bank, Wellesley
- 28 "Fun with Flowers", 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. St. Brigid's Church Lexington, MA

### FEBRUARY 2020

- 3 Back to Basics, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Weston
- 4 Back to Basics *Snow Date*
- 6 LDC, presents "Lecture on the making of the Long Hill Gardens" For details, go to [www.gcfm.org/ Events](http://www.gcfm.org/Events)
- 12 Pepperell GC presents, "Companion Planting and Design" with Kate Donovan of Blackstone Valley Vegetable Gardens 6:45 P.M. Pepperell Senior Center, 37 Nashua Street, Pepperell,

### MARCH 2020

- 1 Deadline for college scholarship applications
- 4 GCFM Board Meeting, Elm Bank, Wellesley, 10:30 AM
- 11-15 Boston Flower and Garden Show
- 12 Horticulture Morning, Elm Bank
- 19 GCFM Program Workshop - Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston. 10AM-1PM
- 24 GCFM Program Workshop - Elm Bank, 900 Washington St., Wellesley. 10AM - 1PM

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 22, 2020 Earth Day
- May 1, 2020 Deadline for GCFM member clubs to remit membership dues
- June 3, 2020 GCFM ANNUAL MEETING, Dedham Hilton

For recently posted events and details, go to [www.gcfm.org/ Events](http://www.gcfm.org/Events)

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