



Needham Garden Club Newsletter

March/April 2018

Happy Spring Garden Club Members!

While the winter was cold and a bit stormy, we had robust and enjoyable programming to keep our minds engaged and our hands busy. In January, we all enjoyed learning more about the world of tea while sipping samples and the pressed flower workshop was a real treat!

March will find us even busier with participation in Needham's Art in Bloom, the Boston Flower and Garden Show, and joining our gardening sisters at the Tri-club meeting. We will say a fond and sad farewell to Avery Manor on the 22nd during our Garden Therapy, and we will look forward to working outside as we will inevitably get some lovely mild days this month.

April will find us delving into the history of the Tulip. **EVERYONE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO REMIND YOURSELVES THAT THIS HAS BEEN MOVED TO MAY 1.** Amazingly, we will be finishing up our Garden Therapy for the year at Wingate on the 26th.

Enjoy your spring activities, and we look forward to the fun and fellowship of our March and April meetings,

Fondly, Nancy Agler and Diana Conroy, Garden Club Co-Presidents



UP-COMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

March 6, 9:30 a.m. — Board Meeting at the home of Nancy Agler, 30 Parish Rd.

March 10-11 — Needham Art in Bloom, Needham Public Library

March 14-18 — Boston Flower and Garden Show, Seaport World Trade Center

March 20, 10 a.m. — Horticulture Tea Party, Needham Public Library

March 20, 7 p.m. — Tri-Club Meeting, Temple Beth Shalom

March 22, 2 p.m. — Garden Therapy, Avery Manor

UP-COMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 3, 9:30 a.m.— Board Meeting at the home of Bonnie Waters, 22 Redington Rd.

April 26, 10:30 a.m.— Garden Therapy, Wingate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

April 27-29— Art in Bloom, Museum of Fine Arts

May 1, 9:30 a.m.— “The History of the Tulip” with Ila Cox (Please note, this is our April meeting.)



It is with great sadness that we mourn our fellow Garden Club member and friend, Char Sidell. Many people have embraced the idea of planting a favorite perennial in remembrance of Char.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

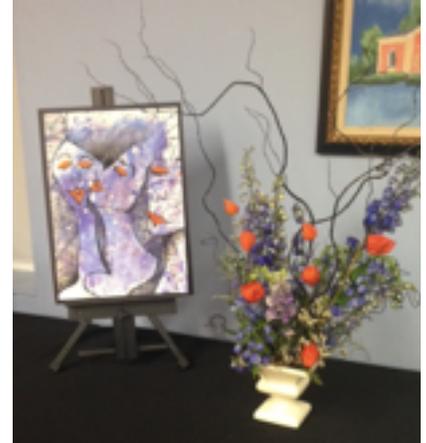
March 10-11 is Needham's 10th Art in Bloom at the Needham Public Library. Several members will be interpreting a piece of student's artwork with a floral design. You don't want to miss this amazing, free event!!!

March 20 is the annual Tri-Club meeting at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom. Members are encouraged to bring easy finger foods and to carpool.

April 11 is the Metro District Annual Meeting and Luncheon from 10:30 a.m.-

1 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom . Please sign up through the GCF website. "This is Us" will have 3 different designs from 3 different metro clubs. There will be a brunch, raffle and the Unsung Hero Award will be announced.

Reminder the April 24 meeting was moved to May 1 due to the Wallack Program at Regis College. Anyone who needs a ticket can purchase thru Fawn Hurwitz.



FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE



With this long winter we are all enduring, we thought you'd enjoy looking forward to a spring workshop which will occur in May. We will be making a succulent ring. Sign-up for this members-only event will take place in April. Details will follow.

Co-Chairs: Anne Carlson and Char Sidell

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

"Horticulture Tea Party"

On Tuesday March 20 at 10 a.m. the Horticulture Committee will host a members' workshop on growing, preserving and using herbs. This will be followed by a tea party with a



variety of herbal treats prepared by the committee. There will also be samples available of a skin lotion and a scrub using herbs. All of the recipes will be posted on our website.



Immediately following the tea, we have seeds of four different basil varieties and containers with soil for those who wish to try growing an herb from seed. If you are successful, you are asked to contribute some of the seedlings to our plant sale.

There is no charge for this event. If you did not sign up at a previous meeting, please contact Cathie at mcathiecummings@aol.com if you wish to attend. This will help us with planning the space for the workshop.



Note: This is not our General Meeting which will be that same day in the evening.



On Tuesday March 27 the Garden Club Federation is sponsoring a Horticulture Morning with James Colen from 10 to 11:30 at The Espousal Center in Waltham. Mr. Colen is the Garden Director of the Fuller Gardens in North Hampton NH.

At the General Meeting on May 1, please sign up to work a shift at our plant sale on Saturday, June 2. There will be pots available for potting up your plants for the sale. As plants begin to emerge, take a good look at those that can be divided. Plants that are potted early and in good soil will be thriving when the sale comes in June. Those poor little plants that are dumped in the pot 2 days before the sale will be the ones left at the end of the day and are a terrible representation of the club.

Our field trip to Parsons Reserve to see the amazing display of daffodils is still TBA as it is a weather dependent outing. We hope to combine it with a trip to Avant Gardens, a nursery that specializes in succulents. There will be a notice of date and times sent out via email.

Co-Chairs: Cathie Cummings and Eileen Mecagni

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS



The Community Outreach Committee is looking forward to two Garden Therapy sessions this spring. On March 22 we are planning to be at Avery Crossing. As you may have heard Avery has been sold and the residents will be leaving as their leases expire. We are monitoring this and if we will have no participants (or slim to none), we will let those who signed up know via email. We have a nice number of members signed up and we appreciate your flexibility. On April 26th, we will be at Wingate for our

Garden Therapy. We are always most welcome at Wingate.

REMINDER: If anyone has small baskets suitable for our Garden Therapy sessions, please bring them to the next general meeting. Small ones are best as they are more manageable. Thanks in advance for any you can donate.

As the weather warms up this spring, please make a point of looking at Noyes Garden as you drive by. There should be daffodils emerging which should be lovely as they bloom.

Co-Chairs: Debbie Wentworth and Lynne Jones

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee is scheduled for hospitality duties at the May 1 General Meeting (previously April 24).

The Committee would like to remind the membership that our Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at the Needham Golf Club. Invitations will arrive in April and we ask that we receive your responses and checks no later than May 1. Thank you!

Co-Chairs: Mary Toran and Cathy Flaherty

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

It is always a pleasure for the Membership Committee to welcome a new member to the Needham Garden Club. Trish Cruickshank of Needham is our latest addition. Her hobbies focus on the outdoors and she says she is very handy. We will definitely put her skills and interests to good use.

If you know of anyone who might enjoy the opportunity to learn about flower arranging, horticulture, etc. please let Sally Toran at 781-444-4290 or SallyToran@hotmail.com or Bonnie Waters at 781-449-6364 or bonniewaters@comcast.net. We will be happy to provide them with a packet of information that includes program descriptions for the year from September thru May, information on how to join the club and descriptions of the club's various committees. We look forward to hearing from you.

Co-Chairs: Sally Toran and Bonnie Waters

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Please send your photos and ideas for the newsletter to Carol Alper (carol.alper25@gmail.com), Amy Cicala (amycicala293@gmail.com), or Jane Brand (ajbrand@comcast.net). If you are planning a Garden Club event for May or June, please send us your article by **April 10, 2018** so it can be included in the next newsletter. Thanks.



Lisa Tavakoli sharing the joys of tea at our January meeting.