Needham Garden Club Newsletter

January/February 2017

LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

We hope you all had a joyful and restful holiday season following our wonderful Wreath & Arrangement sale. It was such fun to work together creating all those "masterpieces". Many thanks to all of you who helped in so many ways to make it a club success!

Upcoming Garden Club events will be discussed in this edition of the newsletter, and here is a snapshot of what is coming up:

- Tuesday, January 17 - Floral Design Workshop, Elm Bank
- Tuesday, January 17 – "Art in Bloom"
- Tuesday, February 28 – "Hydrangea Highlights"

Please be thinking about what role you might play in the club next year. Lynne Braley and Karen Taggart, Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee, want you! They will be putting together our slate for the 2017-2018 year and need a lot of help from you. Committee co-chairs are needed and if you share the job with another member, you do not have to attend **all** the board meetings and general meetings. Consider a committee chair job and learn more about the club's goals, members, and how we get things done. We all have many talents and they are very useful to the club's future contributions to Needham.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

January 17, 2017 "Art in Bloom" with Marisa McCoy

Award-winning floral designer Marisa McCoy will demonstrate how to interpret art through flowers. She will provide a live demonstration of how to create beautiful floral arrangements. Marisa will show us how fun and easy it is to participate in Needham's annual Art in Bloom at the library during the first weekend in March! So get your creative juices flowing.

February 28, 2017 "Hydrangea Highlights" with Gail Anderson

Gail Anderson, a certified Landscape Designer and Master Gardener, will present a colorful look at this explosively popular genus, including a primer of species, new cultivars, reblooming varieties, how to choose hydrangeas for your garden, plus flower color as controlled by soil pH. You won't want to miss this program if you have a home garden.

Co-Chairs: Lori Markell and Fawn Hurwitz

HORTICULTURE CORNER

Thank you to all who brought in interesting dried plant material for our November meeting display. We even had some displayed as a decorative arrangement.

For our January meeting, members may bring in gently used pots, vases, or any garden or flower arranging items that you wish to pass along to other members. You may also bring in any houseplants that you would like to see adopted. At the end of the meeting please check to see if your item has been taken. If not, please reclaim it.

Since our February meeting features a program on hydrangeas, the corner will be a display of dried hydrangeas from member's gardens. Please bring in any you may have. They will be for display only.

Please note: The field trip to see the glass flowers exhibit at Harvard, originally scheduled for January, is on hold. We hope to be able to reschedule it.

Sign ups

Sign up at the January meeting for the tuberous begonia challenge. The cost will be approximately $5 per bulb. Bulbs will be ordered and then distributed at a later date in March or April along with the “rules” for the challenge.

Sign up at the January/February meetings for the Kokedama workshop, which will be on Tuesday March 21st. We will be using a Japanese-inspired technique of wrapping a plant in moss instead of using a traditional pot. All supplies including the plants will be provided. Cost TBA. We will have a sample plant at the meetings in case you are not familiar with this technique.

Co-Chairs: Cathie Cummings and Eileen Mecagni

FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE

A big thank you to all who helped make the flower arrangements for the George Dennett High School Distinguished Career Award event that was held on October 28, 2016. This year it was our club’s turn to make the ten arrangements for the luncheon tables and a large piece for the stage for this event. I am sure you will all agree that our club was well represented. Thank you Gerry Daigler, Debbie Kraft, Joan Oakes, Pat Hession, Jeanne Robey, Martha Schleck and Beth Davis and Bette Lavery. (Bette Lavery and Beth Davis are missing from the photo.)

Co-chairs: Anne Carlson and Karen Shapiro

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Thank you to all of the many club members who worked on our annual sale on December 3: making wreaths and arrangements, setting up and closing down the sale, and of course working at the sale itself. The participation was phenomenal and much appreciated. A special thank you goes to Lynne Braley for hosting the bow workshop and Carol Hunt for once again hauling the tent signs in and out.

Thanks for another great year.

Co Chairs: Martha Schleck and Janice Berns

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Every year the Club's Community Outreach Committee organizes visits to four of Needham's nursing homes. On November 17, 2016, we visited North Hill. Club members helped residents make flower arrangements for them to take back to their rooms and enjoy. Both club members and North Hill residents benefit from this activity. Our next visit will be at Avery Manor in March. Look for details in the next newsletter and the signup at the January meeting.

Co-Chairs: Diana Conroy and Nancy Agler,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Now is the time for all active members to let the Nominating Committee know about your committee preferences for the 2017-2018 Garden Club year. There will be forms available to fill out at the January and February meetings or you may send an email directly to the co-chairs: lynne.braley@gmail.com or taggartkaren@comcast.net. Please give your current assignment and two choices for changing (if you want to change) to a different committee.

Co-Chairs: Lynne Braley and Karen Taggart

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee welcomed two new members to our club. Please add their names and contact information to your copy of the Yearbook.

Jane Brand
35 Tower Avenue, Needham, MA 02492
Phones: (h) 781-455-0595, (c) 617-429-0290. Email ajbrand@comcast.net.
Jane has already become involved in and invaluable to the club. Jane is interested in all aspects of gardening and flower arranging. She is also a reader and loves to walk and hike. Jane is serving on the Ways and Means Committee.

Mary-Louise Kehoe
858 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026
Phones: (h) 781-326-2505 (c) 617-968-0368. Email mlk495@comcast.net
Mary-Louise is interested in flowers, needlepoint, knitting, cooking and golf. Mary-Louise is serving on the Program Committee.

Also at our November program meeting 19 guests attended, some of whom expressed interest in becoming a member. If you know of anyone who might like a call from Membership co-chairs Sally Toran (781-444-4290) or Bonnie Waters (781-449-6364) please let us know.

Co-Chairs: Sally Toran and Bonnie Waters

WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the Club's website (www.needhamgardenclub.com) often to stay up to date on the club's goings on. The response for The Beautiful Fall Colors of Needham was excellent. This winter the website will be showcasing Needham in the Winter. Send your photos to Nancy Agler at niagler@aol.com and she will post them on the website.

Chair: Nancy Agler

NEWSLETTER

We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. Please keep sending us your photos and ideas. If you are planning a Garden Club event for March or April, please send us your article so it can be included in the next newsletter. The deadline is February 10, 2017.

Co-Editors: Carol Alper and Amy Cicala

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAM

We welcomed Richard O'Mara and Lisa Ahern of Cedar Grove Gardens to our November program. They gave us inspiration for our upcoming wreath and arrangements sale and some of our lucky members went home with a magnificent wreath or arrangement from the raffle. Remember Lisa's motto: "More is more!"