



Needham Garden Club Newsletter

March/April 2017

Calendar of Events:

- March 4 & 5 Needham Art in Bloom, Needham Public Library
- March 14 Tri-Club Meeting, Temple Beth Shalom, **7 p.m.**
- March 21 Workshop on "Kokedama", Needham Public Library, 10 a.m.
- March 22 Boston Flower & Garden Show
- March 23 Community Outreach Garden Therapy, Avery Manor, 2 p.m.
- April 25 "Get Ready for Spring" with Suzanne Mahler
- April 26 Community Outreach Garden Therapy, Wingate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 10:30 a.m.

LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:



The end of February has brought warmer weather and buds appearing on some of the trees. There are even some hostas breaking through as well. Daffodils will be here soon, and we can anticipate a beautiful spring!

Amaryllis grown by Jodie Gleason



COMMITTEE NEWS

Program Committee

The Tri-Club Meeting will be held on March 14, 2017 at Temple Beth Shalom. Rebecca Carter is the presenter and will be making six new and innovative arrangements for this event. She is an AIFD certified master floral designer with twenty year's design experience who has served hundreds of exuberant brides all across New England. Rebecca is the owner and floral designer of Studio Vincci Floral Design & Healing Arts in Dover, New Hampshire. Most recently, she participated in *Fleur Amour*, Belgium's most famous floristry event this past September just prior to completing her European Master Certification. Debbie Kraft saw her doing a demonstration at Jacobson's one night and thought she excellent! Lucky attendees will go home with one of her designs. Parking is often a problem, so try to carpool if at all possible.



Our April program, "Get Ready for Spring" will be presented by Suzanne Mahler, a garden lecturer for over 39 years. This will be an informative program on spring pruning (with a live demonstration), transplanting trees and shrubs, as well as dividing perennials.

Co-Chairs: Lori Markell and Fawn Hurwitz

Horticulture Committee



Thank you to all who brought in garden and flower arranging items as well as plants for our swap table. The theme for the February meeting was hydrangeas. We enjoyed the dried hydrangeas in our Horticulture Corner display.

Note: Plants or cuttings for sharing are always welcome except at the Tri-Club meeting in March. There is no Horticulture Corner at that meeting.

On Tuesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. in the Needham Library Community Room, there will be a workshop featuring "Kokedama," which is a Japanese method of creating a planter from moss. The cost is \$15 which includes the plant and all supplies. Advance sign-up is required to participate but all are welcome to observe. Unfortunately the workshop is full at this time. Contact Cathie Cummings if you wish to be put on a waiting list.



SAVE THE DATES:



Our annual plant sale at the NBA Street Fair is Saturday June 5, 2017. This is a great opportunity for our club to promote interest in gardening in the community. At the April and May general meetings there will be a sign-up sheet to work shifts at the sale. Also in April and May start to consider plants you can divide and donate for our sale.

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017 we will have our next Garden Stroll. We tried this event last year and it was enjoyed by both the gardeners and the strollers. In brief, there is a list of select gardens given to members at the May general meeting and by email. They are free to stroll these gardens between the hours of from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gardener may or may not be present. Guests are allowed only if accompanied by a member. If you want your garden to be part of the stroll or if you have a suggestion for a garden to be included, please contact one of us.



Co-Chairs: Cathie Cummings and Eileen Mecagni.

Flower Arranging Committee



On May 12th we will be creating a tea cup arrangement. This will be a good opportunity to learn to work with small flowers in small spaces. They make an ideal gift for Mother's Day or to keep for your table.

Please be on the look out for a fancy tea cup and saucer. If you are unable to find one, we will try to have some available to use. The cost to be determined. Sign up for this workshop will be at the April meeting.

Co-Chairs: Anne Carlson and Karen Shapiro

Community Outreach Committee

The pussy willows have appeared at Trader Joe's. The prominent red and white flowers there have long been replaced by the yellows and pinks of spring. Winter will once again be soon behind us! That means that Garden Therapy starts up once again. We are changing the



schedule slightly. Instead of visiting Avery Manor in late May as



we have for a number of years, we'll be helping them with their arrangements in March. This will take place on Thursday, March 23 at 2 p.m. (Please note that this is our only afternoon Garden Therapy due to Avery's requirements.) If morning commitments prevent you from helping at other venues perhaps this is the one for you.

Please continue to save your small baskets- we try to retrieve as many as we can but always lose a few, and they must be replenished.

In April, we will visit Wingate Nursing and Rehab at 10:30 in the morning. This will be the last for this program-year. Then we'll be on to Noyes Garden to tend the outdoor beds that the garden club has committed to. If Garden Therapy in the nursing home is too stressful for you, come get dirty with us as we nurture this lovely spot. Just a friendly reminder that as a 501(c) 3 organization, members all have a duty to help maintain that status, and the Community Outreach projects are what help to achieve that. We need all of you!!



Co-Chairs: Nancy Agler and Diana Conroy

Membership Committee

Although the Membership Committee has been actively pursuing new members, due to the holidays and people escaping to warmer climates, there are no new names to report. However, keep an eye out for the next newsletter as there are a few potential members waiting in the wings.

At our January 17th "Art in Bloom" program there were 24 guests out of 63 attendees. Some of these new people expressed an interest in joining our club and others coming from a number of garden clubs in the area.

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

Please check out our very own Needham Garden Club website at: <http://www.needhamgardenclub.com/> Stay up to date on all of the club's activities. If you have any pictures, you can submit them to Nancy Agler at niagler@aol.com.

Chair: Nancy Agler

Newsletter

We hope you enjoyed the newsletter. Please keep sending us your photos and suggestions. If you are planning a Garden Club event for May or June or have a committee report for the next edition, the deadline is April 10, 2017.

Co-Editors: Amy Cicala and Carol Alper

Highlights from our Winter Programs

We were fortunate to have Sue Kaplan step in last minute for our January program, "Art in Bloom." Marisa McCoy was unable to be there. Sue used Marisa's flowers, containers and artwork to create four beautiful arrangements that interpreted the art. Several happy members were able to take home the arrangements and bouquets of flowers.





Our February program was an informative presentation on hydrangeas by Gail Anderson.



