



# *Needham Garden Club Newsletter*

May/June 2016

## **LETTER FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

### **Calendar for May and June 2016**

May 17, 11:00: Annual Meeting, Garden Tour and Luncheon

May 24: Guided tour of the New England Wild Flower Society's Garden in the Woods

May 26, 2:00: Garden Therapy at Avery Crossing

June 4, 10:00 – 3:00: Plant Sale on the Town Common

June 15, 10:00 – 4:00: Garden Stroll

What an exciting year this has been! Thanks to the Ways and Means Committee our wreath sale was a great success in its new location. The Nominating Committee has worked hard to round out the Committees for next year. The Membership Committee has worked tirelessly to help new members feel welcomed and included, and the Newsletter thrives thanks to the efforts of the two new editors. Thanks to the Program Committee, we all got excited about Hostas in September, had some great fun playing “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” in October, were awed by a phenomenal lecture and slide show about the Ware Collections of Blaschka Glass plant models from Harvard University, and witnessed an Ikebana demonstration in April.

The Community Outreach Team provided many hours of Community Service by sponsoring three Garden Therapy sessions at local nursing homes (with one more to come this month). They also maintained and improved the lovely garden at Noyes Park. The Horticulture team launched the “Citrus Challenge” by helping us start our citrus seeds, planned several outings, and is providing zinnia seedlings for children at the June plant sale. Spring was officially ushered in with Needham’s Art in Bloom, and three brave souls began (and ended) our modeling careers at the Community Council Fashion Show.

We all had a chance to learn, to experiment, and to enjoy lively fellowship each month with club members who share our love of plants and flowers. We hope you enjoy these last few weeks of the Garden Club season and have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Diana Conroy, Administrative Council



Ikebana Program



Fashion Show



Garden Therapy at Wingate



Succulent Dish Workshop

## ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held this year on Tuesday, May 17, at The Parkman Room, Massachusetts Horticultural Society at Elm Bank, 900 Washington Street, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

The event begins at 11:00 a.m. with a private tour of the Elm Bank gardens followed by the business aspects of our annual meeting at 11:45 and lunch at noon. The cost is \$27; send your payment to Eileen Mecagni by May 10 to reserve your space.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs (the Board) for 2016-2017 to be elected at the Annual Meeting:

**Administrative Council:** Martha Schleck, Diana Conroy, Lori Markell, Anne Carlson, Karen Shapiro, Bonnie Waters, and Karen Taggart

**First Vice Presidents:** Lori Markell and Cathy MacFarlane

**Second Vice Presidents:** Karen Shapiro and Anne Carlson

**Treasurer:** Martha Schleck (FinCom Chair)

**Recording Secretary:** Mary Toran

**Corresponding Secretary:** Nina Saltus

**Community Outreach Co-Chairs:** Nancy Agler and Diana Conroy

**Horticulture Co-Chairs:** Cathie Cummings and Eileen Mecagni

**Hospitality Co-Chairs:** Mary Toran and Cathy Flaherty

**Membership Co-Chairs:** Sally Toran and Bonnie Waters

**Newsletter Co-Editors:** Carol Alper and Amy Cicala

**Nominating Co-Chairs:** Karen Taggart and Lynne Braley

**Publicity:** Gail Davis

**Ways & Means:** Martha Schleck and Janice Berns

**Yearbook:** Nina Saltus and Karen Taggart

## HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

### FIELD TRIP Tuesday, May 24

There will be a guided tour of the New England Wild Flower Society's Garden in the Woods in Framingham. Carpools will meet at 9:15 in the Episcopal Church (upper library) parking lot. Note that this is a change of date and time from the information in our Yearbook. The guided tour will start at 10 a.m. and will last about 1 ½ hours. Rain or shine. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions and wear rubber-soled shoes. Bring sun screen and insect repellent.



You must sign up and pay in advance. Cost is \$14 for adults and \$11 for seniors (65 +). Make checks payable to Needham Garden Club and give them to Cathie Cummings.

## PLANT SALE Saturday, June 4



Our spring plant sale is part of the Needham Business Association Annual Street Fair. It is a wonderful opportunity for our club to be visible in the community, talk garden talk with fellow gardeners, and make money to help fund our club projects. This is an all-club event coordinated by the Horticulture Committee. To be successful we need plants. We ask every club member to pot up four or more plants. Plants look best if potted up at least 2 or 3 weeks before the sale. If you do not have perennials to divide you can contribute purchased plants.

We will also need workers on sale day. Set up is from 8 to 10 a.m. The sale is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting.

Please contact Cathie Cummings:

- If you need help digging up plants.
- If you are not able to bring your plants to the Town Common by 8 a.m. on sale day. Streets are closed to traffic by 8:30.
- If you did not sign up but wish to work on sale day.

## GARDEN STROLL Wednesday, June, 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Join us for a new Garden Club event this year. Six members have agreed to open their gardens for other members to enjoy. This event is not open to the public, but you may bring a friend with you. The hostess may or may not be present; they may be out strolling also. At the May luncheon a list of the participating gardeners along with any comments about the gardens will be handed out. If you are not attending the luncheon we will email or mail the list to you.

## HORTICULTURE TIP for May and June

You can Google Abigail Turner's informative article called "7 Great Tips for Early Spring Gardening" to find some very interesting gardening recommendations including adding nitrogen-rich coffee grounds to your soil, watering your garden with leftover cooking water, and using Chamomile tea to ward off bacterial and fungal infections that occur in early spring.

Patricia Hession

Cathie Cummings, Chair

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE



Spring has sprung, and the Community Outreach committee has also sprung into action. Eight members of the committee pooled their time and energy on April 9 and put some much-needed nutrition back into the perennial beds at Noyes gardens. Nancy Agler, Carol Alper, Diana Conroy, Beth Klencheski, Imie Kilburn, Bette Lavery,

Fay Remnitz, and Debbie Wentworth gathered to spread compost and start the spring cleanup despite the very brisk temperatures in the 30s. Thirty minutes of work equaled four hours of womanpower and the results were spectacular. Be sure to watch our garden grow as you drive past Noyes Gardens this summer.

Don't forget to think about joining us at the final Garden Therapy for the year to be held at Avery Crossing on Thursday, May 26, at 2 p.m. If you can't join in the fun, please do contribute some of your spring flowers and greens for the baskets.

Diana Conroy and Nancy Agler, Co-Chairs

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

This has been another active recruiting period. We have one new member and another person who has requested the forms to join. The new member is:

Gerry Daigler, 11 Highland Court, Needham, MA 02492  
Phone: 202-577-4512, email Kadag43@aol.com  
Committee: Flower Arranging

Make sure to add her name at the back of your Yearbook. We now have a total of 76 members. It is so exciting to see that we have such an active and growing club. Thanks to all of you who make it special.

Anne Carlson and Sally Toran, Co-Chairs

## **YEARBOOK**

The Yearbook editors will be working on gathering all the schedules and details for next season's club activities as soon as this year's annual meeting is finished. So we need all your information as soon as possible! We will coordinate with the Membership Committee to get any changes in your contact information and whether your dues check has been received, so please remember to get it in early. We hope to include all current members in the 2016-2017 Needham Garden Club Yearbook.

Nina Saltus and Karen Taggart, Co-Editors

## **NEWSLETTER**

Please keep sending us your photos and ideas for the newsletter. If you are planning a Garden Club event for September or October, please send us your article so it can be included in the next newsletter. The deadline is August 10, 2016.

Carol Alper and Amy Cicala, Co-Editors

## KUDOS



Needham Garden Club's "Unsung Hero" Award went to the club's Lego Tree subcommittee for the phenomenal and selfless way they completed the task of planning and constructing our club's first donation to Mass Hort's Festival of Trees. Cathy Flaherty and Monica Foley accepted the award on behalf of the committee.



Cathy Flaherty won Sue Kaplan's "Beach" Design at the GCFM Metrowest District luncheon.



Congratulations to Needham Garden Club Associate member Gail Hubacker for her two blue ribbons at the 2016 Boston Flower Show!



## UPCOMING GARDEN TOURS IN NEW ENGLAND

Our own Needham Garden Club activities will be quiet for most of the summer, but you can enjoy the beauty of flowers by visiting gardens throughout New England.

May 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill, \$45  
[www.beaconhillgardenclub.org](http://www.beaconhillgardenclub.org)

June 3-4, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Concord Museum Garden Tour, \$35  
[www.concordmuseum.org](http://www.concordmuseum.org)

June 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Private Gardens Tour in Lexington, \$25/\$35  
[www.lexgardenclub.org](http://www.lexgardenclub.org)

June 12, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Natick Garden Tour: Friends of the Bacon Free Library with theme of organic garden care (with our own Monica Foley), \$30/\$35  
[www.baconfreelibrary.net](http://www.baconfreelibrary.net)

June 24-25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rockport in Bloom: Self-guided tour of ten private gardens covering the South End, Bearskin Neck, and Pigeon Cove, \$30  
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/rockport-in-bloom-2016-tickets-20816970118?aff=erelexpmit>

June 24-25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Portsmouth Pocket Garden Tour, \$25  
[www.southchurch-uu.org/](http://www.southchurch-uu.org/)

July 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Gloucester Garden Tour: Gloucester's Eastern Point community of historic homes and estates on Gloucester Harbor, \$30  
[www.GloucesterGardenTour.org](http://www.GloucesterGardenTour.org)

