



## The Community Garden Club of Cohasset Summer Edition 2017

### President's Message:

It's June! Spring seemed to hang on forever. But now, we are able to enjoy all the planning and design work we have done in our gardens. Please take the time to savor your hard work. Relax and store up lots of energy.

As you know, this is the year for our Yuletide house tour. It is our major fund raiser which allows us to continue our outreach programs as well as provide important horticultural and design information to our members. We anticipate having 500 to 700 visitors on the day of the house tour. We need all our members to be well rested so they can step up and answer the call for the myriad of jobs required to put this tour on. Keep in mind that you will probably have more than one job.

Have a wonderful summer! Enjoy the beaches, the water and picnics! I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

*Maureen*

### June Events Calendar

- 6 Executive Board Meeting/Luncheon: Lightkeepers Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 14 NY Botanical Fieldtrip: **Meet at Feng Sui parking lot 6 a.m. Contact Kelly Conetta: 781-923-1526.**
- 15 Senior Center: Flower arranging "Summer Posies". Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St., 1:30-2:30 p.m.



### Come help the Lightkeeper's Garden Maintenance team this Summer:

Bring gloves, tools, water, hat. Plan to work 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (and of course French Memories immediately follows). Mark your calendar for every other Wednesday: June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, Aug. 2, 16, & 30, Sept. 13 & 27. Contact Terese D'Urso: 781-383-1143.



Clockwise: Elizabeth Durant, Marlene Winn, Barbara Dillon & Lee Drew, Terese D'Urso, and Donna Beaudry

## History in Bloom

Last summer, Maureen Adams asked Gretchen Sheets, our Horticulture Chairman, to put together an idea that would ultimately include members interested in entering a flower show. Gretchen graciously accepted the challenge and came up with "History in Bloom".

She would teach 14 CGCC members the basics of flower arranging. Their grande finale design would then be exhibited at the Cohasset Historical Society, where each person would be given a subject to interpret from a wide collection of paintings and antiques housed at the Society.

Two workshops were taught by professional designers who provided information about the art of flower arranging, incorporating the principles and elements of design.

The Cohasset Historical Society opened their doors to the public one weekend in May. Many felt that the flower arrangements were better than those in the Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom".

Gretchen was so proud of all the participants. She said, "The end result produced from these members was extraordinary!"



Anne Sexton & Elizabeth Durant  
recreation of "Cohasset Harbor",  
by Herbert Towle



Ann Helbock's interpretation of  
"Central Market", by Margaret  
Dillon, 1977, aka French  
Memories



Julie Hess and her design of "Mantle  
Clock", by Eli Terry ca.1820



Linda Fraker, touching up the masts of  
her historical ship design



Elizabeth Soule & Deb Jenks' interpretation of  
"Woman's Hat", ca. 1915, straw with velvet &  
black net trim with chiffon roses



Marlene Winn & Pam Kelly's  
"Child's Sleigh", ca. 1870



Sheila Toomey & Jan Todd



Deb Jenks, Ann Helbock, Pam Kelly, Linda  
Fraker and Chairman Gretchen Sheets  
admiring Pam Kelly & Marlene Winn's  
arrangement



## Junior Gardeners



Invitations were made for the Plant Sale to give to family and friends. Marlene Taber demonstrated the art of making seed bombs, which were made by the students and packaged to be sold at our Annual Plant Sale.



## Garden Therapy at Harborview Center “Spring is in the Air”



Sheila Toomey, Jenifer Stockbridge, Jeanne Boutross, Catherine Toomey, Sue Reagan, & Ann Helbock brought spring to the seniors with a theme of yellow, pink and lavender flowers.

## Annual Plant Sale Huge Success



This year's Annual Plant Sale was another huge success! We raised \$4671. We should all be proud of our hard work to raise money to support all our community activities.



### My Butterfly Garden by Deb Jenks

I love butterflies. Well, who doesn't? But in 2014 I realized that I had seen very few in recent years, especially the Monarch butterfly, whose numbers have decreased dramatically. My last Monarch sighting was the summer of 2011. I decided to create a garden devoted to plants that host and feed butterflies. I chose the sunniest spot on my property and began by preparing the soil and installing several plants acquired at end-of-season-sale prices: black-eyed susan, milkweed, purple cone flower, salvia. The following spring I was delighted to find that those record February snows had nurtured the plants. Over the 2015 gardening season I filled up the rest of the 6 by 20 foot garden with alyssum, aster, bee balm, coreopsis, butterfly bush, shasta daisy, tall phlox, and zinnias, I provided water by a butterflies' preferred method, a little muddy puddle and erected wire "cages" to deter the deer. It has been such fun watching the plants come into flower and host at least 11 types of butterflies, including the Monarch pictured here. I'm so pleased with the results that I foresee adding significantly to it this season and in years to come.





## Annual Luncheon Awards



Leila Weinstein awards Laura Horky the Barbara Dillon Award for Horticulture.



Ann Helbeck & Sheila Toomey were awarded the Lee Drew & Dolores Roy Community Cup for Service



Merit Award winners: L to R Marlene Tabor, Diane Benson, and Sarah Doxey

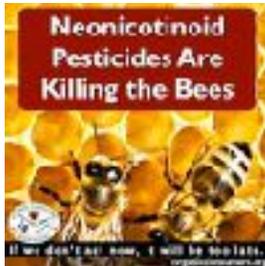


Nancy Vargus presented "Le Bouquet Rond" employing the handheld spiral technique to create floral bouquets.



## New Xerces Society Pesticide Database

In an effort to keep up with all of the information available about pesticides and their impacts on pollinators and other invertebrates, the Xerces Society has launched a new database on their web page <http://pesticideimpacts.org>.



The database houses a collection of recent research articles. Most of the studies are on the effects that pesticides have on invertebrates, primarily pollinators and aquatic species. Many of the articles discuss research about neonicotinoids but other pesticides are also included.

The hope is that this database will serve as a valuable resource for people to better understand how pesticides can affect invertebrate populations and the ecosystems that they support.

### How Does a Neonicotinoid Work?

Neonicotinoids infect a plant throughout its entire system, including the nectar and pollen that pollinators collect.

### Ingredients to Look for in Products that Contain a Neonicotinoid

**Nitenpyram**

**Acetamiprid (in Foliar sprays)**

**Clothianidin**

**Thiacloprid**

