

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

March 2019 Edition

President's Message



“Winds of March we welcome you,
There is work for you to do.
Work and play and blow all day,
Blow the Winter wind away.”
Author Unknown

March is here. It is one of my favorite months, so full of potential and promise! Even on these cold and blustery days, you can feel just a shade of spring in the air. If you look intently at your garden, you probably can hear and see the plantings begin to stir from their winter slumber.

Once again we have kept ourselves busy, even during our “shortest, longest” month of February. We had a great turnout at the Willcutt Commons with a celebration of winter arrangements. We had many Inquiries as to when we would do this again. It is always a fun afternoon with the seniors so please come and join if you haven't already.

There was also a wonderful turnout for Kate's crafts. We had lots of fun making seashell wreaths and fabulous candles. I can't wait to see what Kate has for us next month!

The Boston Flower Show is fast approaching March 13th through the 17th. I hope all of you have it on your calendar. It's always such a breath of fresh air!

I'm sure we're all excited to get outside and start digging in the dirt! Clean off your tools, pull out your gloves, for spring is just around the corner. 

Sue Reagan

March Calendar of Events

- 2-5 Philadelphia Flower Show**
- 5 Executive Board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. Hostesses: Julie Hess, Barbara Dillon, Jenifer Stockbridge
- 12 Flower Design Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 10:00 a.m. **“Flower Design with Cynthia”** contact Cynthia Chace
- 13 Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m. **“Green Gardens”**
- 13-17 Boston Flower and Garden Show:** www.bostonflowershow.com
- 19 Craft Workshop:** Lightkeeper's cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset:** 125 King St. (3A), 2:00-3:00 p.m. Flower arranging with residents.
- 21 Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. **“Seed Bombs”**
- 26 General Meeting:** Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Coffee, 9:00 a.m.; Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Flower Arrangement: Gretchen Sheets **Hostesses** (Food, Set-up, Clean-up): E. Soule, S. Sardina, B.O'Connor, J. Boutross, M. Antico, M. Harmon **Program: “Bringing Native Plants Back to Our Wild Spaces”** Lisey Good will tell us how to recognize and combat invasive non-native weeds and how to bring back our native wildflowers and plants.

~ Plan Ahead ~

Saturday, May 18: Annual Plant Sale contact Judy Dickstein
Thursday, December 5: Yuletide House Tour contact Kelly Conetta

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

April 11 & 12, 2019: Gardening Study School, course 2 Series 11
Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505
Go to gcfm.org to register.

Seed Starting for the Plant Sale

There will be a seed exchange and seed starting workshop on **Thursday, March 7th, at the Lightkeeper's, starting at 9:30 a.m.**

Please bring one or more packages of seeds to share and plan to take a few seeds from the available assortment to start.

In addition to populating your own garden, we are hoping to have a few member-grown plants for the plant sale. There will be tips on growing and fostering your seedlings to maturity as well as the opportunity to start some seeds at the workshop. Potting soil will be provided, but plan to bring a container to plant your seeds in. Containers for beginning seeds could be a plastic tubs, milk cartons, paper tubes, or pots. Once germinated, the seedlings may be transplanted into plantable pots, such as those made of peat.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the general meeting. If you can't attend the general meeting, just let me know if you plan to attend, as attendance numbers will determine the amount of soil needed. Plan to bring your own beverage. Light refreshments will be available. Come and chase the winter blues away.

Questions? Contact Judy Dickstein.

PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS

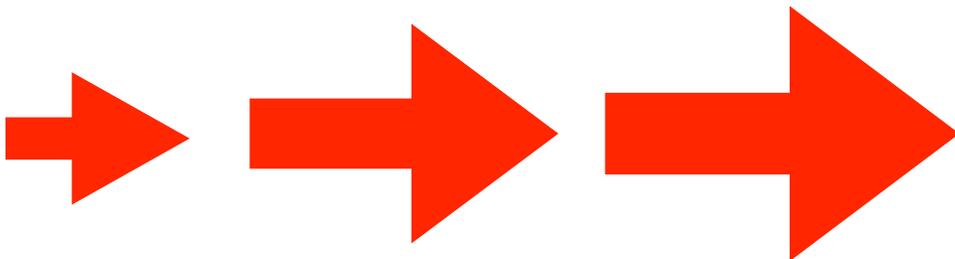
SPRING..... is arriving in fewer than 30 days
STRENGTHEN..... your back for garden chores
SHARPEN..... those tools for transplanting
SHARE..... those plants that were overtaking your garden
SIGN-UP..... and volunteer for plant sale - clipboards will be available at the March meeting.



Yuletide House Tour Preparations in Motion

Yuletide 2019 will be on Thursday, December 5th. Preparations are beginning to take shape thanks to several members who have agreed to take on important assignments. Yuletide is our major fundraiser. It requires participation of all the club members in whatever capacity they feel comfortable. The club needs everyone's time and talent.

Craft workshops have already begun. We need help selling tickets and ads, hanging posters, hostessing, decorating houses, preparing food, helping with the marketplace, and so much more. If there is a particular area in which you feel you would like to share your talent, **please contact Kelly Conetta by phone or e-mail.**



WANTED: We need your 2017 ticket book for ad sellers to use when selling ads for this year's book. Please look through your memorabilia. If you find one, please bring to the next general meeting.



Flower Arranging at Wilcutt Common



“Celebrate Winter” was this month’s theme. Thank you to members: (L to R) Jeanne Carroll, Carol Graham, Barbara Dillon, Barbara Canney, Kelly Conetta, Susan Reagan, Dolores Roy, Barbie Bowman, Cam Chamberlin, Maureen Harmon and Lee Drew.



Junior Gardeners at Deer Hill School

Please bring your cans (28 ounces or larger) with labels still on them to our General Meeting (March 26th) or contact Dana Roberts. The Juniors will be making herb gardens in them.





Conservation Corner

Our church has a green committee that puts a green tip in the bulletin each week. This past week it talked about buying a reusable straw and saying “No, thanks” to plastic ones (We’ve already talked about THAT here!) and mentioned a website for environmentally friendly products: It is www.earthhero.com.

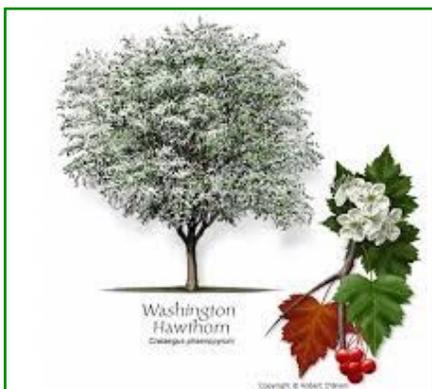
It occurred to me that a list of eco-friendly brands and websites might be something we could all enjoy knowing about. The website www.onyalife.com enumerates 48 products for sale that could help prevent plastic pollution, which we know is devastating our environment. Several eco-friendly companies, as listed in www.survivalrenewableenergy.com, include

1. Seventh Generation, maker of laundry and cleaning products without harmful chemicals and named a “leader for change by the United Nations”
2. Cocoweb, manufacturer of lighting products and vocal supporter of LED technology
3. Patagonia, outdoor wear manufacturer that donates 1% of their sales to an Earth Tax, which supports environmental organizations around the world and allows customers to return any used or worn products to their stores for proper disposal
4. IKEA, whose stores and headquarters are mostly run on solar energy
5. PeopleTree, ethically produced and eco-friendly clothing
6. Keurig, almost all of whose K-cups are recyclable and encourage water conservation by using only enough for one cup at a time of your beverage of choice
7. Beyond Meat, made 100% from plant matter. (Don’t knock it until you try it!) Did you know that the largest release of greenhouse gasses is not from cars or factories, but livestock, specifically cows, which also require a large amount of food and water resources that could be used elsewhere. Reduce meat consumption by eating more poultry or vegetarian options
8. Nisolo, leather goods made from ethically treated animals; waste handled in an environmentally conscious way
9. Alternative Apparel, uses 70% sustainable materials and processes and is fair trade.

Staying aware of what we buy and how it affects our environment should be a goal for all of us. Collectively we CAN make a difference!

Susan Sardina

Washington Hawthorne



Proven Plantings

A tree for all seasons, the Washington Hawthorn offers shade in the summer, autumn color, red berries that persist into winter and a profusion of white blossoms in the spring. A small to medium size tree that likes full sun and is not too fussy about its soil, Washington Hawthorn is hardy in zones 4 - 8. Its one drawback is the thorns as indicated in its name. They are sharp and tough and can be dangerous to work around. It has been said that the thorns have been used as needles (with a hole drilled to accommodate thread) and as ‘pins’ to stick in voodoo dolls. If the branches are trimmed up when the plant is young, the thorny bits are less of a problem. If a number of them are planted close together, they make a formidable barrier hedge. This tree is great for wildlife, providing nectar in the spring, berries in the winter and cover year round. If choosing to add this tree to the landscape, take care in choosing its location, keeping it away from play areas and garden paths.

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Judy Dickstein



More on the Web

The Gardener

The life of Frank Cabot, founder of The Garden Conservancy
A documentary available for rent on **Prime Video and You Tube**

Shortly before his passing at the age of 86, influential gardener and horticulturalist Frank Cabot recounted his personal quest for perfection at Les Quatre Vents, his twenty-acre English style garden and summer estate that was opened to a film crew for the first time ever in 2009.

Nestled amongst the rolling hills of the Charlevoix County in Quebec, Les Quatre Vents has become one of the world's foremost private gardens. Created over 75 years and three generations, it is an enchanted place of beauty and surprise, a horticultural masterpiece of the 21st century. Through the words of Cabot and his family, and with the participation of gardening experts and writers, the film looks back at this remarkable man's personal story and the artistic philosophy that gave birth to one of the greatest gardens in the world.

Flower Design Workshop with Cynthia Chace



Cynthia Chace, a talented flower designer, taught the group how to create a traditional and a symmetrical design. Several members attended. Pictured above, L to R back row: Therese Lincoln, Kelly Conetta, Cynthia Chace, Maureen Adams, Judy Dickstein, Claire Tinory, Vera Hough. Front row: Anne Helbock, Susan Reagan, and Sheila Toomey.

Craft Workshop



Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

February is the first month for our annual activities. We had our yearly gathering at Kisoji Japanese restaurant with musical entertainment by Mr. Yasutaka Suzuki, a popular vocalist. He performed several Japanese songs while skillfully playing his samisen, which is a three-stringed traditional Japanese musical instrument.

Best regards,

Takako Kohri
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