



The Community Garden Club of Cohasset May Edition 2017

President's Message:

To quote Edwin Way Teale, "The world's favorite season is the spring – all things seem possible in May." Edwin and his wife, Nellie, made a 17,000 mile road trip chasing the seasons across the United States. Of his four books on the topic of seasons, it was *Wandering through Winter* that gained him a Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction in 1966.

It is May, who when she shakes out her drawing box of colors and paints the trees, the flowers and the fields, that we find ourselves smiling at her handiwork. May encourages us to be in the garden – planting, pruning, cleaning, transplanting- to get ready for summer.

Coming up this month, our Annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Historical Society. If you are new, the Plant Sale is a great way to meet our members. We need diggers, potters, movers, & sellers! Please contact Julie Hess, Judy Dickstein or Linda Fraker to get involved.

Our Annual Meeting takes place on Tuesday, May 23, at the Hatherly Country Club at 11:00 a.m. The Board decided once again to subsidize the cost of the luncheon ticket to thank all our members for their hard work at the Plant Sale and the Yuletide House Tour in 2015. Please join us to celebrate our combined success, have a delicious lunch and listen to another great speaker. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Happy gardening,
Maureen



Marsh Marigold
blooming in
Deb Jenks
garden now.
Loves wet feet!



May Events Calendar:

- 2 **Executive Board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 5-7 **"History in Bloom":** Cohasset Historical Society, 106 S. Main St., 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Open to the Public.
- 9 **Craft Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 10 **Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. "Spring is in the Air"
- 15 **Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School "History in Bloom" 2:40 - 3:40 p.m.
- 16 **Horticulture Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. "Burlap Herb Gardens" We will make adorable & marketable Herb Gardens in burlap containers to sell at plant sale.
- 20 **Annual Plant Sale:** Cohasset Historical Society, 106 S. Main St., 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 23 **Annual Meeting:** Hatherly Golf Club, 447 Hatherly Road, Scituate. ****Meeting: 11:00 a.m. Hostesses:** C. Tinory, J. Carroll, C. Graham. **Program:** "Le Bouquet Rond" presented by Nancy Rond. She will create a floral bouquet in French style. Beautiful inspirations! **Contact Carol Graham (781-383-3442) or Jeanne Carroll (781-545-2243) to arrange for ticket purchase. **Note time correction from yearbook. ****
- 29-30 **Art in Bloom, Museum of Fine Arts**

GCFM Garden Club Federation of Mass. gcfm.org

May 1 Back to Basics #1, The Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St., Waltham, Ma. 10:30 a.m.

Sept 23-24 HEADS UP: Environmental Studies School 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact Jan Todd jan@janbtodd.com

Lightkeeper's Garden Maintenance: Bring gloves, tools, water, hat. Plan to work 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (and of course French Memories immediately follows). Weds. May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21



Reminder: New York Botanical Gardens Field Trip: Reserve your Seat Now
Weds. June 14th Departure 6 a.m. from Stop & Shop, Cohasset. Return 10 p.m.

**\$75 per person for bus and ticket. Make your check out to CGCC. Mail your check to Carol Groebel,
 29 Capt. Litchfield Lane, Scituate, Ma 02066.**

New Members Luncheon



Bunny rabbits created by Ann Pompeo!



Thanks to Pam Kelly and her team of ever-ready helpers for this beautiful luncheon!

Welcome our new members 2016-17!!!
 L to R: Judy Dickstein, Co-Chair Membership;
 Jenifer Stockbridge; Theresa Lincoln; Maureen
 Adams, President; Carol Geyer; Maryanne
 Wetherald
 Not pictured: Heather Frank, Julia Sechen, and
 Jodi McVane



Junior Gardeners are joined by
 Chris Kennedy from Kennedy Country
 Gardens, Scituate.



Kathy Gray, Barbara Dillon & Maureen Flaherty look on as Chris Kennedy shows the children how to beautify the Deer Hill School entrance with potted pansies and pussywillow branches.



Earthworms: A Garden's Friend or Foe?

Worms. They eat, they digest, then they pass nutrients such as potassium and nitrogen into the soil. Their movements within the earth create burrows that encourage the passage of air and a loosening of the soil.

Good things, right? **Well, maybe not.**

“The northern forest evolved after the glaciers retreated, yielding an ecosystem that does not benefit from earthworms. These forests require a deep layer of slowly decomposing leaves and other organic matter called ‘duff’ that overlays the soil. When earthworms invade these forests, they quickly eat up the duff, with the result that nutrients become less available to young, growing plants and the soil, instead of aerating and loosening, becomes more compact.”

(excerpt from *EcoWatch*, March 2014)



Monitor your Water Usage

“While we remain cautiously optimistic of recent rain events, the Commonwealth is still in the midst of a long-term drought, which has resulted in a precipitation deficit over the course of more than two years,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton. “The Administration asks that the public continues to monitor indoor home water usage by fixing leaks in their system and practicing best water conservation methods in order to allow the state’s water systems to further rebound.” *mass.gov*



Garden Therapy at Harborview Center



Ann Helbeck, Co-Chairman

Sheila Toomey, Maureen Adams, Ann Helbeck, Jeanne Boutross, Delores Roy & Julie Hess prepare flowers for the basket arrangements.



Jeanne Boutross admires a basket!



“A Tisket, a Tasket, Flowers in a Basket”



Sue Reagan helps resident back to her room.



Craft Workshop preparing for Holiday House Tour



Kate Farrington models one of our mussel wreaths created today, while Marlene Tabor and Kelly Conetta do the fine detail work.



Judy Dickstein and JoAnne Haynes-Thayer are mussel wreath pros.



Kathy Gray and Carol Groebel are hard at work.



Flower Arranging at the Willcutt Commons Senior Center



We welcomed Spring at the senior center with another successful flower arranging program. Participants created lovely arrangements with white, green and shades of pink posies. Everyone was smiling as they headed home with their creations. A few shared with us what they planned to do with their arrangements. One was giving it to her granddaughter who was making her first communion; another was taking it to a friend; and another was going to enjoy it on her dining table. Volunteers Barbara Canney, Barbara Dillon, Jeanne Carroll, Carol Graham, Sue Reagan, and Maryanne Wetherald provided assistance when needed or requested.

Delores Roy demonstrates the steps for creating a beautiful flower arrangement.

Delores Roy



Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20

Please join Gretchen Sheets, Judy Dickstein and Julie Hess to make this Plant Sale another huge success.



Watch your E-mails to sign up and help out!!!



April General Meeting



Deb Jenks & Barbie Bowman

Speaker Lisa Oberholzer-Gee created beautiful & innovative designs; tulips woven through unraveled grapevine wreath, pussywillows bundled into a vase, and a hand tied bouquet garnished with ribbon. Her web site is lgeefloral.weebly.com



Maureen Flaherty, Marcia Diekmann, & Anjjean Moody discuss Academic Awards.

Barbie Bowman(L) with Hospitality Chairman Pam Kelly, who prepares and displays a monthly spread worthy of *Bon Appetit*. Thanks for all the help from Vera Hough, Iku Isihara, Eugenia Kelley, Marlene Tabor, and Whit Leffel.



L-R: Carol Groebel admires Lisa's handmade pussywillow vase. Lisa's Hand tied bouquet rests in a woven ribbon vessel.

Peggy Chapman & Kelly Connetta sell raffle tickets to Jan Todd for one of Lisa's creations.

Sister Club: The Garden Club of Nagoya

This month we went on a field trip to Fujimae Wetland, the largest wild bird sanctuary in Japan.

This tidal flat is located at the south end of the City of Nagoya, which encompasses 323 hectares (798 acres). It is a registered protection site under the Ramsar Convention, an international treaty for conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

Best regards,
Takako Kohri
Recording Secretary

