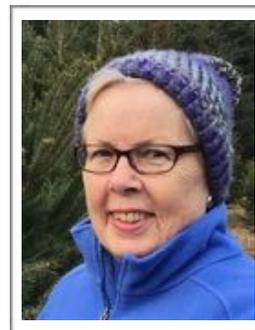


# The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

February 2018 Edition



“Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.”

John Boswell

## President's Message:

I would like all our members to know that we had a fabulous Yuletide! All our tickets \*sold out\*. It was the first time in our recollection that this has happened. The Marketplace did an amazing job of selling inventory and the box lunches were a big hit with our guests.

Now we have our own “golden moment” and the enviable task of finding ideas to expand our garden club's involvement. I ask each one of you to come to our February General Meeting with a new idea. The Board will be considering some options at our February Board Meeting, but this is your club and we would like to hear and consider your thoughts.

I am not sure that I would embark on a Yuletide sentimental journey. It was an exhausting day for all who were involved, but the high praises we heard from our guests did make it special.

Again, thank you all for your involvement. We could not have done this without you. I suggest to all members that they enjoy “every idle hour”, for very soon our outdoor projects will be calling us.

*Maureen Adams*

## February Calendar:

**6 Executive Board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.

Hostesses: Deb Jenks, Pam Kelly, Barbara Canney

**7 Flower Design Workshop:** Lightkeepers's Cottage, 10:00 a.m. Learn how to create a handheld bouquet with Gretchen Sheets. **Please bring your own flowers.**

Condition your flowers the night before. \$10 fee

**8 Senior Center:** Senior Center at Willcutt Commons, 1:30-2:30 p.m. “Flowers for a Valentine”

**13 Horticulture Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. “Roses, Roses, Roses” Presented by Dana Roberts. Learn proper conditioning methods to maintain roses and unique ideas for arranging. \$10 fee. **Roses will be supplied.**

**14 Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m. “Sweetheart Surprises”

**18 Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. “Heart Wreaths”

**27 Monthly Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, Coffee 9:00 a.m. Meeting: 9:30 a.m. **Flower Arrangement:** Dolores Roy. **Hostesses: (food, set-up, and clean up)** E. Rutledge, S. Sardina, A. Sexton, E. Soule, M. Sullivan, M. Tabor. **Program: “History of Roses”** Eric Eisenhower will share with us his love of roses and lots of inspiration for our spring gardens.

# *The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Schools*

**SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS: Details, costs, & registration forms on [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org)**

**Gardening Study School: Course I Series II April 12 & 13, 2018 at Tower Hill Botanic Garden**

**Thursday, April 12** (Tested subjects)

Basic Botany - Dr. Judith Sumner, Botanist

Characteristics of Soils – Betty Sanders, Horticultural Consultant

Techniques For Growing Outdoor Flowers – Betty Sanders, Horticultural Consultant

**Friday, April 13** (Non-tested subjects)

Plant Propagation- Joann Viera, Horticulturalist Tower Hill

Vegetative Propagation- Joann Viera, Horticulturalist Tower Hill

Composting- Paul Rodgers, Horticultural Consultant

Test for those becoming consultants

**The Boston Flower and Garden Show, March 14-18, 2018**

**Seaport World Trade Center**

**[www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org)**

**The Boston Flower and Garden Show, March 14-18, 2018, is coming up fast.**

Check out the classes for the Design Division (GCFM Show, formally Div 1) titled "Celebrate the Season".

The Open Design Division (MA Hort Show, Formally Div 2) is "Partying Al Fresco".

Novice designers and pairs of designers are encouraged to have some fun and sign up for the Open Division.

More questions? Contact club member Cynthia Chace at [ccborage@gmail.com](mailto:ccborage@gmail.com).



**The Garden Club Federation of Mass. presents**

**“A Floral Journey from Afar”**

with

Francine Thomas, International Designer Extraordinaire, from New Zealand

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Regis College, Fine Arts Center, Weston, MA Limited Seating- Don't Miss Out

Send stamped, self addressed envelope & check **made out to GCFM**

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# Junior Gardeners



Thanks to our helpers who came through for the Juniors in the dead of winter! Maureen Flaherty, Kathy Gray, and Mary Ward. Not pictured: Marlene Tabor.



This month's project was covering pinecones with bird seed for a winter bird feast.



# Garden Therapy at Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation



Our dedicated team of helpers L to R: Ann Helbeck, Sheila Toomey, and Jeanne Boutross. This month's theme was "Winter Wonderland".



## January General Meeting presentation “Art in Bloom Road Show”

Our January Meeting was more than well attended, especially for January. Like all our meetings, it only takes mention of Pam Kelly’s delectable breakfast to tempt many of us out of our pj’s. It’s also the camaraderie everyone looks forward to, but the icing on the cake is Sue Reagan’s marvelous choice of speakers that never fail to inspire us.



Michelle Lord, a guide at the MFA and Linda Ladd, a floral designer for the MFA, shared their years of experience, teaching us how to participate in the MFA annual Art in Bloom. Michelle showed us how participants translated their assigned piece of art into a floral design. Then, Linda created her own interpretation of a painting while assembling her design and explaining her placement of flowers. Both speakers really inspired our members! This year Art in Bloom will be held April 28-30. Members Cynthia Chace and Carol Groebel will represent our club this year.

### 'Tis the Season of Broken Limbs

We’ve already seen the ravages of snow and ice this winter on our shrubs and trees. I think we all must have our share of broken limbs, cracked trunks and bent leaders, especially on our arborvitaes and junipers with multiple leaders. Some of our older, more brittle rhododendrons have also felt the wrath of heavy snow and ice.

If you have gone out there on one of these warmer days and tied those leaders together with cloth or nylon, good for you. If you have small broken limbs, make sure you prune those close to the trunk. Let your arborist take care of the bigger issues.

When it snows again, be careful removing snow. Try to brush it off gently. Don’t shake the branches as doing so may cause them to break. Keep shoveled snow off the plants.



Left: Be careful that snow isn’t plowed onto evergreens from gravel driveway.  
Right: Large rhododendron limb is snapped from weight of snow.





## Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

Did you know? Our Sister Club was founded in 2001, thanks to the friendship between our club member, Iku Isihara, and Takako Kohri from Japan. They actually met back in 1993 while they both lived in Kentucky, where their husbands worked. In 1998, Iku and her husband moved to Cohasset to retire.

When Takako returned to Japan, she asked Iku if she could help her form a garden club with her friends from Nagoya. Our then president Ann Pompeo guided Takako to create rules, by laws, and an objective, and to choose officers and committees similar to ours. Thus, the Garden Club of Nagoya was created.

Our clubs have been corresponding every month with updates on their fabulous trips around Japan. Takako even joined us for our 50th anniversary! Iku was our original chairperson, but we now rotate the position every two years so that more members can have a chance to come to know our Sister Club. Deb Jenks is presently our Chairperson.



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