

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

December 2018 Edition

President's Message



This fall had flown by! Can you believe we are still receiving exuberant notes for our Presidents' Tea? It was definitely a memorable event for all. Thank you all again and again.

Suddenly, the holidays are here!! We will be bringing joy to the seniors at both the Harborview Nursing Home and the Willcutt Senior Center. We will also be working with our junior gardeners to create beautiful Christmas topiaries. Please join in any one or all of these wonderful activities. They are listed on the monthly calendar below.

Also, Kate Farrington will present -a not to be missed- craft workshop where we will make our very own CHRISTMAS FASCINATORS. Don't know what that is? Come join us at Kate's house, to find out on Tuesday, December 18th. What fun!

I look forward to seeing all of you during this joyous month. I wish you all a December full of many blessings and wonderful memories!

Sue Reagan



December Calendar

No Executive Board Meeting

1-9 Festival of Trees: Elm Bank, 900 Washington St., Wellesley. Wednesday & Thursday 4-8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec 9, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. \$15.00

12 Garden Therapy: Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

13 Senior Center: Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St., 1:30-2:30 p.m. "Flowers for Santa"

15 Junior Gardeners: Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. "Boxwood Topiaries"

18 Craft Workshop: Kate Farrington's House, 43 Pond St., Cohasset, 9:30 a.m.

No General Meeting: Happy Holiday!

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



Conservation Corner



Christmas and Hanukkah are just around the corner! It is a time when we can really make a difference in how we shop and what we use that would adversely affect our fragile environment. Here are a few holiday tips for ways you can help.

*Buy gift wrap made from recycled materials or use other materials such as cloth.

Wrapping paper can be recycled if it passes the scrunch test, which is nothing metallic, or with glitter or velvety flocking. Used wrapping paper can also be reused by cutting off the wrinkled and folded parts and using on smaller items. Try using a brown paper bag and putting holiday stickers on it, or draw a design and embellish it with holly leaves and berries. Get your children or grandchildren to help decorate their own packages. They'll love to be included!

- * Buy less. Often less is more! Give one or two really great gifts instead of many, which require more wrapping paper. Give the gift of an experience, like lunch or dinner in your home, theater or movie tickets, or a gift certificate. Make a gift of baked goods, handmade ornaments, or a floral arrangement. Think outside the box -or without a box! Shop locally to help our businesses, or shop online. Purchasing several items at once when possible requires only one shipment, thus saving on fuel for transportation.
- * Use LED lights, which use 80% less energy, and limit lighting. Use interior lights only when someone is in the room to enjoy them. Turn off outside lights when you go to bed, or put them on a timer.
- * Send e-cards or, if you're not willing to forgo your snail mail cards (I know I'm not), trim your list and update it to be sure you have the correct address so that cards don't end up in the dead letter pile.
- * Make natural decorations from pine cones, holly, seashells, and evergreen branches, rather than buying items shipped from overseas. We are a garden club, after all!

So, as you gather round the fireplace, sipping your eggnog and listening to your favorite holiday tunes, think of how much you've done to ensure that this beautiful planet we call home will still be beautiful for generations to come!

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

Susan Sardina

Horticulture Workshop



Several members gathered together to make cornucopias that were created in a basket stuffed with fruit, pumpkins, gourds and greenery. Pictured L to R: Our new Horticulture Chair Jenifer Stockbridge, Mary McLaughlin, Maureen Harmon, Therese Lincoln, Karen Rich Cacciputi, Carol Graham, Colleen Magri, Dana Roberts, Sheila Toomey

Garden Therapy at Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation



"Thanksgiving Treats" was this month's theme. Pictured L to R: Denise Perez-Botts, Sheila Toomey, Jeanne Boutross, Ann Helbeck, Maureen Adams, Julie Hess

Junior Gardeners at Deer Hill School

Missing from our November Newsletter:
...and a huge thank you to Elizabeth Beach Hacking for her help with the Presidents' Tea.



The students created arrangements in Mayflower boats! Led by Maureen Flaherty and Carol Groebel, the children had a fun Thanksgiving project.



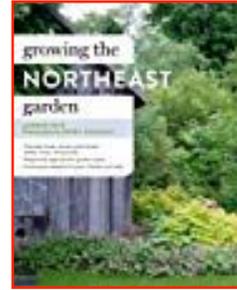
Penny Pines Reforestation Program

We donated to this program in honor of Roni Lahage, South Shore District Director of GCFM, and the South Shore Presidents who attended our Presidents' Tea last month. We designated the money to go toward planting pines on two acres in Western Massachusetts.

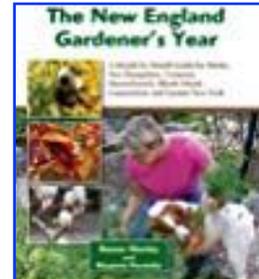


Memorial Books donated to Paul Pratt Library

In memory of John Michael Dwyer
Growing the Northeast Garden by Andrew Keys



In memory of Lorraine Galler
The New England Gardener's Year



Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

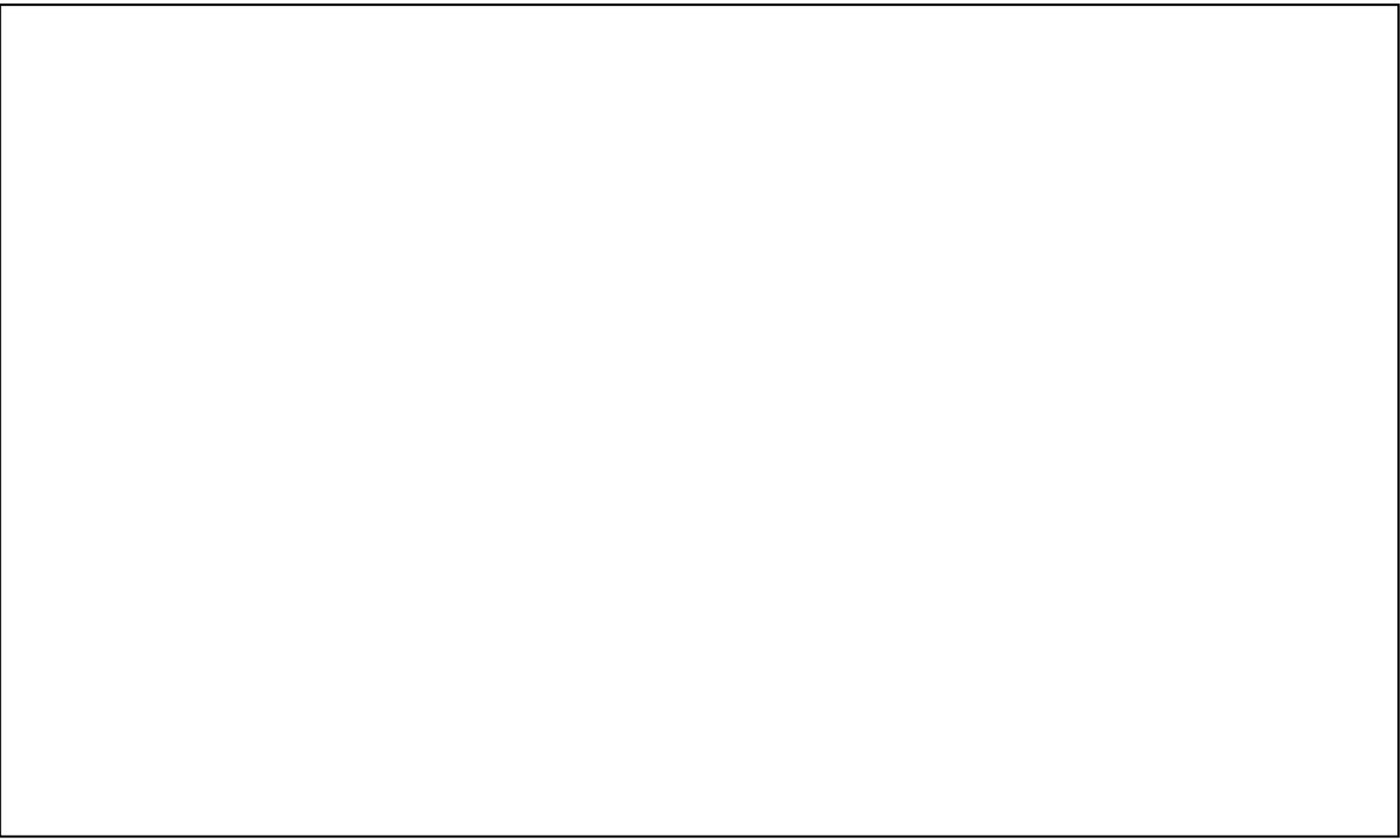
Our general meeting was a visit to Sun Art Culture Center in Miyoshi City, which is located at the eastern outskirts of Nagoya.

We enjoyed incense appreciation, which has been popular among the Japanese, somewhat like our appreciation for the tea ceremony, music, art and even our literature.

Best regards,

Takako Kohri





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