

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

March 2018 Edition



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.” Charles Dickens

March is unpredictable but promising. Signs of spring can be found as snow drops and crocus begin to appear. Shoots of daffodils and lilies are breaking ground, but we know that Mother Nature is just waiting to remind us that she is in charge. Snow and cold temperatures can come back at any time.

Walk your gardens and come back to your warm house and continue your garden plans. Check any bulbs that you have overwintered to be sure they are ready to be planted. Challenge yourself this March and begin to work on starting your favorite seeds. I was so pleased last May to have purchased tomato plants that had been hand raised by our members. The tomatoes were delicious!

Judy Dickstein will be running a seed starting workshop this month. It will be possible to trade seeds as well as plant them for ourselves and in preparation for our plant sale in May. Be sure to come!

Maureen Adams



March Calendar:

- 6 Executive Board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
Hostesses: Gretchen Sheets, Judy Dickstein
- 12 Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. "Window Sill Garden"
- 13 Horticulture Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. "Cut Flower Garden" Learn how to start seedlings and vines. Plus, plan and design your cut garden. \$10 fee
- 13-18 The Boston Flower and Garden Show at the Seaport World Trade Center**
presented by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society
- 14 Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m. "Lucky Shamrock"
- 20 Seed Starting Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. \$10 fee
- 22 Newport Flower Show Horticulture Reception** for flower show participants, 5:30 p.m.
Contact Dana Roberts at dlrdesigns@verizon.net.
- 27 Monthly Meeting:** Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. **Coffee** 9:00 a.m.
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. **Hostesses: (food, set-up, and clean up)** C. Vater, M. Ward, M. Wetherald, M. Winn, D. Abbadessa, H. Ablard
Program: "Gardening Opening Do's and Don'ts" Presenter, Jean Andersen has been gardening for over 38 years, has presented in the N.E. Spring Flower Show and has published in Yankee Magazine.

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The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Schools

SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS: Details, costs, & registration forms on 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

Seed Starting Workshop Tuesday, March 20

On Tuesday, March 20th, we will have a seed swap and seed starting workshop led by Judy Dickstein. It will be held at the Lightkeeper's from 9:30 to 11:30. As with all workshops, there will be a \$10 fee. Please bring a package of seeds to share and container(s) to plant in, preferably biodegradable containers or ones that can be recycled. Potting soil will be provided.

Judy will give tips on successful seed germination, light requirements, containers and timing for the seeds you choose. There will be “cookies and conversation” and sharing of your own experience in getting plants ready for the gardens and the plant sale. Please bring your own beverage and a smile to share.



The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Presents “A Floral Journey from Afar”

with

Francine Thomas, International Designer Extraordinaire, from New Zealand

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

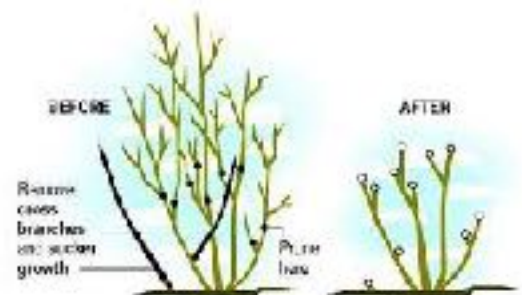
Regis College, Fine Arts Center, Weston, MA Limited Seating — Don't Miss Out

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

To: Penni Jenkins, 241 Elm St., Walpole, MA 02081

Rose Care Tips from Eric Eisenhauer:

This month begin pruning your roses back 1/3 rd. Take out crossing branches. You can also begin to mulch around the base. Toss a handful of Rose Tone, as if you are feeding the chickens, around the base of your rose plant every month now. Keep roses well watered.



Junior Gardeners



This month's project was "Heart Wreaths" in celebration of Valentines' Day.



Garden Therapy at Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation



Our dedicated team of helpers: L to R Back row: Whit Leffel, Diane Herth, Julie Hess, Ann Helbock, Sheila Toomey. Front row: Jeanne Boutross, Dolores Roy



Senior Center at Willcutt Commons “Flowers for a Valentine”



Dolores Roy and Lee Drew created Valentine arrangements with the Seniors. This is a very popular activity at the center. Please check your calendar to see if you can join in the fun on April 12th from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

“Roses, Roses, Roses”



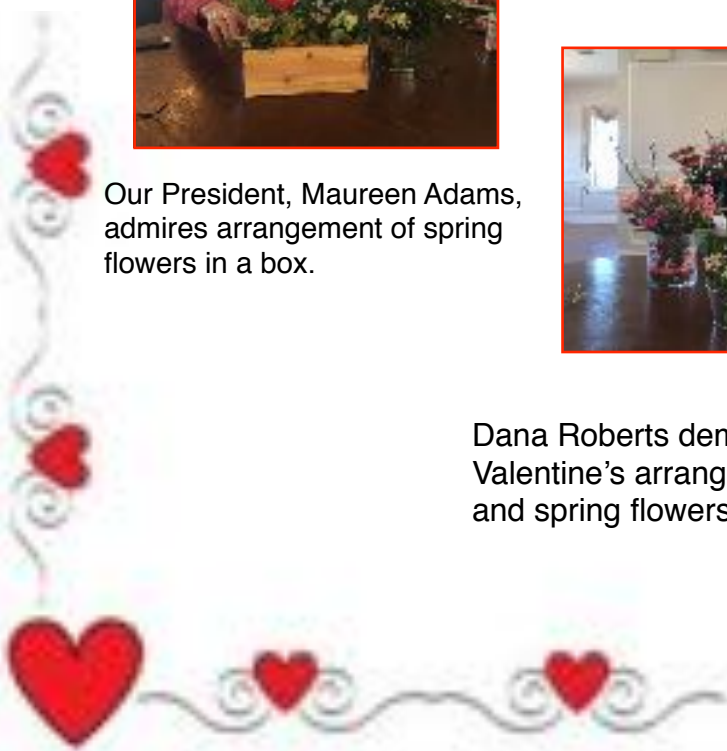
Our President, Maureen Adams, admires arrangement of spring flowers in a box.



Dana Roberts demonstrated how to make a lovely Valentine's arrangement using tiny roses, tulips and spring flowers of your choice.



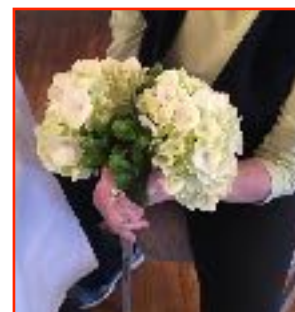
Totally enthralled! L to R: Sheila Toomey, Sue Reagan, Kathy Gray, Carol Groebel and Maureen Adams



Flower Design Workshop Handheld Bouquet



Gretchen Sheets (above) demonstrated how to make a handheld bouquet suitable for a hostess gift, wedding, or centerpiece.



February General Meeting presentation "History of Roses" by member, Eric Eisenhauer



Eric Eisenhauer presented the "History of Roses" throughout the centuries, around the world, and in our gardens.





Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

Our February gathering was the annual meeting with a lecture by Ms. Naoe Arakawa, Professor in foodstuff nutrition science at Aichi Mizuho Women's University, Nagoya.

Being a nationally certified senior nutritionist and specialist on “Lifestyle-related diseases”, she told us how to keep a close eye on our own ideal weight through diet.

Takako Kohri
Recording Secretary



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