

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

October 2017 Edition



President's Message:

"In the garden, Autumn is indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November."

Rose G. Kingsley, "The Autumn Garden" (1905)

It seems impossible that we are on the doorstep of October. Take time to indulge in long walks in crispy temperatures while hearing the crunch of your footsteps in the fallen leaves. Take note of the shortening of the days. Vegetable and flower gardeners enjoy the autumn crops. Take time to harvest the apples and the squashes. These will make great desserts and soups to fill the freezer for wintry days.

Please keep in mind the Marketplace workshops. This is a large part of our Yuletide House Tour. There is no fee for this series of workshops. What we need are lots of hands to help fill the shelves at the Marketplace. Please come and join us.

If anyone missed the meeting, there are still places available to assist the head designers at any of the five spectacular houses on the tour. Please contact Julie Hess if you would like to help. (781-383-1012 or 773-575-7236)

October Calendar:

- 3 Executive board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. Hostesses: Kate Farrington, Julie Hess, Sheila Toomey
- 10 Horticulture Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. \$10 fee "Pumpkins & Gourds"
Bring your favorite pumpkin to use for floral arrangement.
- 11 Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 16 Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m.
- 17 ***Marketplace Craft Workshop***:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Senior Center:** Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St., 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 24 Monthly Meeting:** Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Coffee: 9:00a.m.
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. Hostesses: H. McCarthy, P. McCarthy, M McLaughlin, C. Meers, A. Moody, E. Moore. **Program:** "Heirloom and Native Plants...A Living History" with John Forti.
- 26 ***Marketplace Craft Workshop*** (Thursday)** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 31 ***Marketplace Craft Workshop***** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.

www.CommunityGardenClubofCohasset.org

Yuletide Marketplace Workshops



Please join me on October 17th, 26th and 31st at the Lightkeeper's Cottage at 9:30 for some crafting.

The workshops are free and we will be making various items for sale at the Yuletide Marketplace. There will be several different crafts at each session so you will always find something suitable to your skills.

Also, please collect and bring to a CGCC meeting or Craft Workshop:

- pinecones (any size)
- clean mussel and oyster shells
- candle remnants (we use the wax for pine cone fire starters.)

Any questions: kateRfarrington@yahoo.com



Yuletide House Tour

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset invites you to

SAVE THE DATE

December 7, 2017
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TOUR
5 SEASIDE HOMES
BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

DINE
COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH
WITH COFFEE, TEA AND DESSERT

SHOP
THE MARKETPLACE
FOR HANDMADE GOODS





The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Schools

Our club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. The Federation offers a variety of valuable courses. You will be amazed at how informative and fun these courses can be. They entail just one weekend per year. You will meet so many interesting people, too.

SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS:

- **Landscape Design School** will be held October 26 to 28, 2017. **Register now at [gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org)**

- **Flower Show School:**

INFORMATION coming soon

- **Gardening Study School:**

INFORMATION coming soon

Also offered:

Design workshop: Series of 3 hands-on sessions includes instruction & materials: Oct. 10, 2017; January 16, 2018; April 10, 2018, 10 am - 12 Noon, held at Mass. Hort. Society (Elm Bank) 900 Washington St., Wellesley.

Back to Basics: Designers demonstrate how to create floral designs; Espousal Retreat House, 554 Lexington St., N. Waltham, MA.

Details, costs, & registration forms on www.gcfm.org



Conservation

This year at the Marshfield Fair there was a new class to enter called “Useless Weeds.” So, how do you define a plant as useless? If you learn about the plant, there may be some beneficial uses to you and/or the environment. The invasive plant Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) has young stems that are edible and their flowers are a source of nectar for bees. So, is it useless?

A volunteer plant recently found its way into my garden. It’s a native plant called *Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium*. The common names are rabbit-tobacco and sweet everlasting. This herb has medicinal purposes known to the Native Americans. It’s also a host plant for the American painted lady butterfly (*Vanessa virginiensis*). To some of us, though, it may look like a weed. In my yard, however, I consider this wonderful native host plant very useful to me!

Laura Horky



Junior Gardeners



Top L: Heather Frank showed the children how to recycle a coffee can with decorations and turn it into a lovely planter.



Be Astute - Don't Pollute



Have you ever wondered where your drinking water comes from?

If you live in Cohasset, 85% of your water comes from a surface supply, Lily Pond, that is reinforced by the Aaron River Reservoir through Aaron River, Bound Brook, many tributaries and the surrounding watershed before going through the treatment plant. 15% (40 Mil gals/yr) is pumped into the water system from the Elms Meadow wellfield that runs along Cushing Road from the pumping station on James Lane to Spring Street. There are watersheds around all of our water sources. These watersheds are affected by water running off our properties and town-owned land around them.

As we prepare our yards and gardens for winter, please be aware of where you live and what type of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and other chemicals you are applying to your property as any that are restricted and toxic may cause or contribute to the degradation of the quality of any body of water or groundwater. These water sources are what make up our drinking water supply!

Also please do not take the easy way out when disposing of yard waste, grass clippings, leaves, limbs, etc. by dumping them on any town land, especially surrounding our water supply. Because these items may be contaminated with chemicals that will leach into the watersheds, transport these items to the Recycle Transfer Center that accepts them for free. Illegal dumping causes a cleanup situation that other people pay for either through rates, taxes or volunteer hours. Club member Terese D'Urso, my husband, a boy scout, and I worked several hours in the spring during Cohasset Cleanup Day at the Elms Meadow wellfield removing just a small portion of the yard waste that has been dumped on that watershed.

Lee Jenkins, Past President CGCC

Garden Therapy at Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation



S. Toomey, A. Helbock, J. Stockbridge, J. Hess, B. Canney and D. Roy created arrangements with the elders. The theme was "See you in September."



I recently viewed this poem in a Connecticut garden on an Open Day visit.

Kelly Conetta

Gossip in the Garden

Good Morning Glory, what's the Four O'clock news?

Johnny-Jump-up lost his shoes.

Black-eyed Susan has her eye on you, and the Tulips want a kiss or two.

Iris wants Rose to know, Sweet William is her favorite beau.

Busy Lizzie took her Butcher's broom and chased the Cattails round the room.

Poor Weeping Willow isn't feeling well and Hollyhocked her Chiming Bell.

Yesterday Daisy cut off Aaron's Beard,

Then whispered Forget-Me-Not in Elephant's Ear.

Today a Texas Ranger knocked at my door.

Creeping Jenny found a Naked Lady lying on the floor.

Tomorrow who knows what gossip there'll be,

The Flowers are from such a large family.

Let's talk again soon.

Good Day-Lily.

Senior Center at Willcutt Commons



Rear L to R: M. McLaughlin, D.Roy, L. Drew, B. Canney, and J. Carroll joined the seniors to make "The Colors of Fall" floral arrangements.



October Garden Chores



- Start planting spring bulbs.
- Tidy up Iris leaves; cut leaf horizontal close to the bottom.
- Divide and move perennials or pot them and save for CGCC Plant Sale next spring.
- Plant trees and shrubs. Keep well watered, if there isn't sufficient rain.
- Rake and stockpile leaves for future, rich humus.

Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

Our September gathering was a workshop at Nagoya International Center. Utilizing richly patterned cut materials, we handcrafted several small sachets for holding miscellaneous implements, accessories or other small articles.

Recording Secretary,
Takako Kohri



Please submit pictures, updates, articles etc. to Barbara Canney, Newsletter Editor.
barbaracan@me.com

