

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

September 2017 Edition

President's Message:

Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful summer. Perhaps you are just enjoying what we have here on the South Shore or maybe traveling to a special spot to connect with family and friends.

Unlike last summer, we have been fortunate to have had plenty of rain and sunshine to nurture our gardens. In September, we should be enjoying the fruits of our gardening labors. The vegetables are ripe for picking and the fall flowers are in bloom. So take a moment to admire your handiwork. Before we know it, it will be a time to put the gardens to bed.

A reminder, we are quickly approaching our main fund raiser, the **Yuletide House Tour, to be held on Thursday, December 7th**. I encourage every one of our members to take part.

There are all kinds of opportunities waiting for you! Chairman, Linda Fraker, will be making announcements at our general meetings and via email to let us know where we are needed.

This is an excellent time to meet other members or to simply work along with the ones you know. The funds we raise help support our outreach programs, our high school academic awards and the speakers we bring to our meetings to broaden our members' gardening experience.



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September Calendar:

- 12 Executive Board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m Hostesses: Marie Sullivan, Dolores Roy
- 13 Garden Therapy: Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation,** 2:00-3:00 p.m. "See you in September"
- 14 Senior Center:** Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier Street, 1:30-2:30 p.m. "The Colors of Fall"
- 18 Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. "Seed Planting and Decorating" Heather Frank
- 19 Craft Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30a.m. "Marketplace Crafts"
- 26 Monthly Meeting:** Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Avenue; Coffee: 9:00 a.m.; Meeting: 9:30 a.m. Flower Arrangement: Carol Graham. Hostesses (Food, Set-up, and Cleanup): B.Lombardy, R.Lualdi, S.Marten, M.Mascart, T.Massa, T.McCann **Program: "The Sustainable Enough Garden"** author, Rebecca Warner, will teach us first steps to make our gardens more earth friendly.

www.CommunityGardenClubofCohasset.org

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.

Environmental Studies School covers all aspects of environmental issues. **Flower Show School** is a complete program for growing, showing and judging horticulture and design. **Gardening Study School** presents basic garden information by specialists in the field. **Landscape Design School** is a comprehensive overview of landscape design and its history. All courses are accredited and taught by National Garden Club approved instructors.

Upon successful completion of two courses, you may become a provisional member of Landscape Design Council, Gardening Study Council, or an Environmental Studies Council.

After completing three courses of Flower Show School successfully, you become a Student Judge and a provisional member of Judges' Council. After passing all of the prescribed courses in a subject area, you become a full member of these study groups. For dates and specific information go to their web site: www.gcfm.org.

SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS:

- Environmental Study School:

Course 2 is September 23 to 24, 2017, at UTEC Lowell. **Register now at [gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org)**

Excellent course: It's easy to carpool and classes may can be taken in any order.

- 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:

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Also offered:

Design workshop: Series of 3 hands-on sessions includes instruction & materials: Oct. 10, 2017; January 16, 2018; April 10, 2018, 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

Belated Congratulations to Pam Kelly and Kelly Conetta for Club Awards



Pam Kelly was awarded the Tish Grinnell Trophy for Floral Design and Kelly Conetta was awarded a Citation of Merit for her enthusiasm as Chair of Field Trips.

Making of a Butterfly in Deb Jenks's garden



Monarch caterpillar



Painted Lady



Swamp Milkweed

Deb Jenks's efforts to create her butterfly garden over the years are bearing the fruits of her labor. She has had a summer filled with a wide variety of butterflies feeding on her swamp milkweed, Joe Pye weed, purple coneflower, black eyed susan, yarrow, bee balm, and alyssum.



Tiger Yellowtail Butterfly



Monarch Butterfly



Black Swallowtail Butterfly



Great Spangled fritillary

September Garden Chores



- Stop pruning and fertilizing.
- Start fall clean-up in the flower beds, cutting back anything that has finished blooming or is diseased.
- Bring summer vacationing houseplants back indoors while the windows are still open. Check carefully for hitchhiking pests.
- Divide and move perennials.
- Plant trees and shrubs. Keep well watered, if there isn't sufficient rain.

Summer Garden Tour of Lelia Weinstein's and Kelly Conetta's gardens

Enjoy this beautiful weather! I look forward to seeing you all on **September 29th** at our general meeting.



Lelia gave tours of her glorious June garden.



Kelly's opened her charming backyard paradise.



YAY! It's that time of year again! Get ready for a fun-packed fall working on our famous house tour!



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



Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

For the month of June, our general meeting was a workshop at **Ama-City Cloisonne Art Village**, which is adjacent to the City of Nagoya. We were taught to make our own novelties.

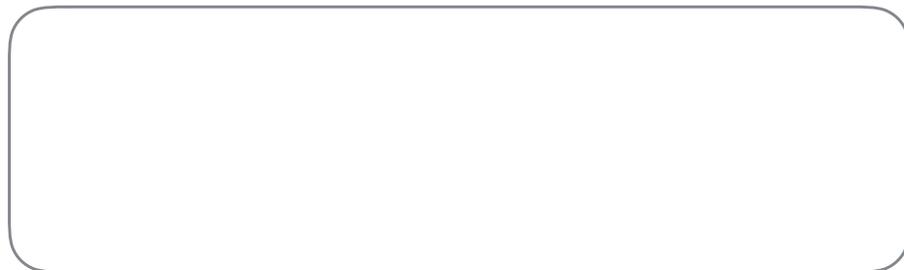
Cloisonne was already made in Japan in the 8th century but started being widely produced after 1833 with this new technique.

Have a great summer!

Best regards,
Takako Kohri



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