

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

April 2019 Edition

President's Message



It's official! Spring has arrived. 🌻🌻🌻 April is a busy and fun month. Welcome to all of our new members! I promise each of you that you will be so glad you joined us. Check out our April Calendar below and come to our variety of activities. This month we have senior flower arranging at Wilcutt Commons on April 4th. In our craft workshop, we will make beautiful fascinators to be worn at our annual luncheon at Hatherly

Country Club on May 21st. We will also make extras to sell at our Yuletide Marketplace. 🌲

Kate Farrington, our workshop leader, makes creativity possible for everyone!

Garden Therapy will meet with residents on April 10th at the Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, and Junior Gardeners will meet on April 25th at the Deer Hill School.

To round out the month, Dana Roberts and Sheila Toomey have entered Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts. We also have a garden tour field trip to Blithewold Gardens in Rhode Island.

Throughout the month, we will prepare for our annual plant sale to be held on May 18th. We begin seedlings, pot perennial plugs, dig and separate our own perennials, and then gather at Linda Pratt's for the final preparations. This is such a wonderful team effort and such a great learning experience for all of us!

A very warm welcome to all of our new members 🌻🌻🌻

Happy Happy Spring!

Susan Reagan



April Calendar of Events

- 2 Executive Board Meeting:** The home of Mary Eisenhaure, 478 Jerusalem Rd., New Members' Luncheon. Please **bring your own coffee**. Meeting, 9:30 a.m. New members arrive and lunch is served, 11:30 a.m.
- 4 Senior Center:** Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohler St., 1:30-2:30 p.m. "*April Flowers*"
- 9 Craft Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. Creating "*fascinators*" for fun and for Yuletide.
- 10 Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m. "*Springtime Wishes*"
- 23 General Meeting:** Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Coffee, 9:00 a.m.; Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Flower Arrangement: Jenifer Stockbridge **Hostesses** (Food, Set-up, Clean-up): B. Dillon, P. Raney, A. Pompeo, J. Stockbridge, E. Hacking **Program:** Joan Butler and Jana Milbacher will talk about the joys and benefits of creating beautiful layered gardens designed to bring avian performers right into your own backyard.
- 25 Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. "*Spring Cleanup*"
- 25 Field Trip to Blithewold Mansion and Gardens,** Newport, R.I. 9:00 a.m. Carpooling from Feng Shui parking lot. \$9.00 Entrance Fee. \$20.00 box lunch. Email Gretchen Sheets at GLS26@yahoo.com. Wear comfortable shoes.
- 27 Earth Day Clean-up:** 8:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m. Members meet Barbara Dillon at Town Hall 8:30 a.m. or go directly to Government Island (below Lightkeeper's Cottage). Bring gloves.
- 29 Potting up "plugs" for plant sale:** 9:30 a.m. at Linda Pratt's house. 482 King St., Cohasset.
- 27-29 Art in Bloom:** Museum of Fine Arts

~ Plan Ahead ~

Saturday, May 18: Annual Plant Sale contact Judy Dickstein
Thursday, December 5: Yuletide House Tour contact Kelly Conetta

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.

Mark your Calendar for the Plant Sale, Saturday, May 18th



This is so much fun! Here's how you can help!

March 29: Come repot perennial plugs (300) at Linda Pratt's house, 482 King St. 9:30 a.m.

Throughout April:

Pot up your own perennials from your garden as the days get warmer. Keep them until it's time to deliver them to Linda's house starting May 1. Please try to **donate 5 good-size plants**. If you are unable to dig your own, consider purchasing them to donate.

Suggestions for the best selling perennials:

(Be sure you label plants with name, color, size, and light conditions)

Daylillies
Grasses
Coneflower
Black-eyed Susan
Solomon Seal
Nepeta
Penstemon

Coreopsis
Peonies
Tall Phlox
Anemone
Brunnera
Hellebores

Heuchera
Salvia
Sedum
Geranium
Amsonia
Japanese Painted fern

Hosta
Astilbe
Shasta Daisy
European Ginger
Baptisia



This was our seed swapping workshop led by Judy Dickstein to get seedlings started for our plant sale.



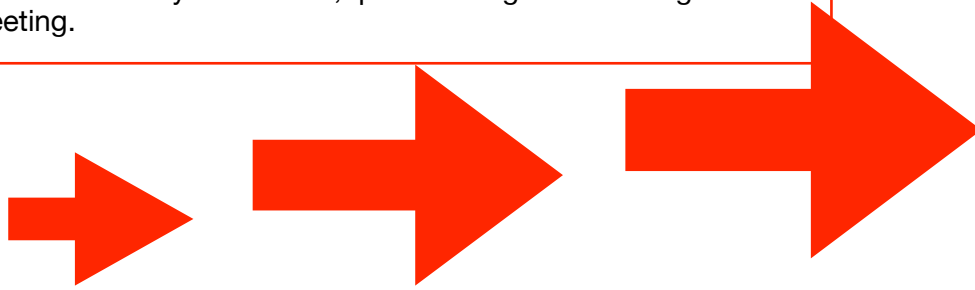
Yuletide House Tour Preparations in Motion

Yuletide 2019 will be on Thursday, December 5th. Preparations are beginning to take shape thanks to several members who have agreed to take on important assignments. Yuletide is our major fundraiser. It requires participation of all the club members in whatever capacity they feel comfortable. The club needs everyone's time and talent.

Craft workshops have already begun. We need help selling tickets and ads, hanging posters, hosting, decorating houses, preparing food, helping with the marketplace, and so much more. If there is a particular area in which you feel you would like to share your talent, **please contact Kelly Conetta by phone or e-mail.** We're looking forward to another successful Yuletide!

Thank you, *Kelly Conetta*

WANTED: We need your 2017 ticket book for ad sellers to use when selling ads for this year's book. Please look through your memorabilia. If you find one, please bring to the next general meeting.



Junior Gardeners at Deer Hill School



Edible Arrangements



Pictures by Carol Groebel

March Monthly Meeting Moments

March in'Jam-Boree!!!

Our illustrious foodmarm, Pam Kelly and all her helpers prepared another delicious feast for us. All the food items had some sort of jam, preserve or jelly component. On the menu:

- Wicked deviled eggs with red pepper glazed shrimp
- apricot soy glazed buttermilk soaked (for 3 days!) chicken breast over super greens and a citrus vinaigrette
- Victoria sponge cake with homemade raspberry jam
- Noosa yogurt with fruits
- Black currant jelly and chili-sauced meatballs with Hawaiian rolls
- all Bread Baskets-

Popovers

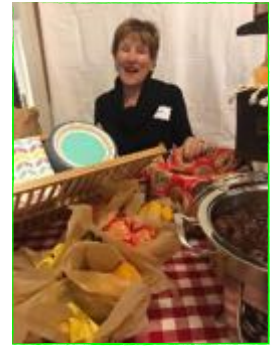
Biscuits

Croissants

Assorted jellies

Corn bread, lemon curd mini cupcakes

Strawberry mini cupcakes

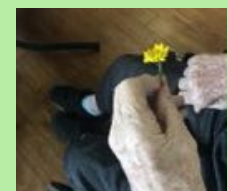


Thank you to
Dana Roberts
Anne Sexton
Susan Sardina
Elizabeth Soule
Gretchen Sheets
Maureen Harmon
Deb Jenks
Rebecca O'Conner
Delay Ramirez
Pam Kelly

Lisey Good talked about how to recognize and combat invasives and bring back native plants to our area.



Garden Therapy at Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation



"Green Gardens" was our theme this month! Thanks to Julie Hess, Anne Helbeck, Jeanne Boutross, Whit Leffell and Barbara Canney.



Conservation Corner by Susan Sardina

You've probably heard the saying "Think Globally, Act Locally". Well, April is the month of Earth Day, which was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin in 1970. This launched a new wave of environmental activism.

Cohasset has several Earth Day activities planned that are of note. The official date of Earth Day is Monday, April 22, but Cohasset has their **Clean-Up planned for Saturday, April 27, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Our club has offered to clean up the area around Government Island, by the Lightkeepers Cottage and Sailing Club. Bring your gloves, your spouses, kiddos and grandkiddos and come lend a hand and teach a little about the importance of taking care of our environment. Many hands make light work!

Some additional local environmental education events:

April 2, 6:30 PM. "*Hate Ticks*" Dan Daly, Plymouth County Mosquito Control and Blake Dinius, Plymouth County Entomologist, are speaking at Willcutt Commons.

April 7, 3 PM. "*Changes in Our Birds and Mammals Over Time*". Peter Alden, author and naturalist, is speaking at Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

April 28, 3 PM. "*Climate Change*". Alex Moore, Harvard Climatologist, is speaking at Willcutt Commons.

May 2, 7 PM. "*Health of the Harbor*". Susan Bryant, Center for Student Coastal Research, is speaking at the Cohasset Sailing Club.



Floral Arranging at Sunrise Assisted Living



This was our first visit to Sunrise! We were invited by resident and club member, Vernita Bryant. Vernita brought Julie Hess, pictured top right, into our club.

Thanks to volunteers pictured above: L to R, Barbara Canney, Maureen Harmon, Susan Reagan, Julie Hess, Dolores Roy, and Lee Drew. Seated: Vernita Bryant.



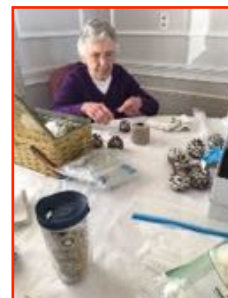
Flower Design Workshop with Cynthia Chace



Cynthia Chace, an avid flower designer and club member, taught us how to create a contemporary design. Members who attended were Gretchen Sheets, Judy Dickstein, Cam Chamberlin, Vera Hough, Jenifer Stockbridge, Carol Groebel and Barbara Canney.



Craft Workshop



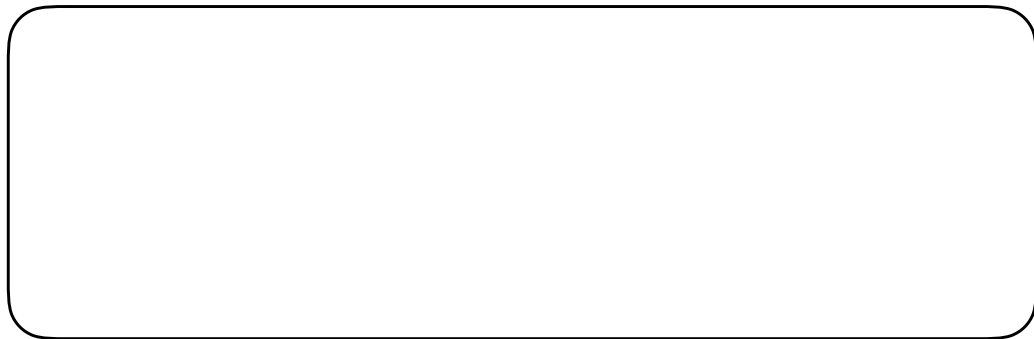
Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

For our March meeting, we visited the Centrair (Nagoya Chubu Centrair International Airport), which has a giant commercial facility featuring a display of the first Boeing 787.

There were other numerous points of interest including a beautiful art quilting museum.

Best regards,

Takako Kohri
Recording Secretary



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