

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

Newsletter

October 2016 Edition



President's Message

Shorter days and brilliant colors usually mark the month of October. We look forward to seeing chrysanthemums, asters, sedum and Montauk daisies fill our landscapes. Pumpkins and gourds in various colors and sizes can be found in the markets. However, this year we find ourselves looking for something else.

Rain or the lack thereof has become the topic of conversation on the South Shore of Massachusetts. Those of us in the immediate area are living in a bubble that has lacked any significant rainfall in months. The storms come east and somehow slide north and south of us or they simply dissipate before they reach the coast. Almost all of our towns have water restrictions of some kind or other. Scituate has banned outside watering completely. Cohasset has imposed outside restrictions. If anyone has driven down 3A and looked at the Scituate reservoirs, it is very obvious that we need rain. On August 31st the Scituate reservoirs were 21.52 percent full. Last year at this time, they were 74.2 percent

Some examples of the lack of rain are obvious in our brown lawns and dying plants. Animals have come out of the forest and are seeking water in our gardens. In my case, the chipmunks and squirrels have been decimating our vegetable garden. The herring runs are very low and the fish might have to spend the winter in the ponds they reached last spring. The ponds adjacent to the cranberry bogs have shrunk and many farmers may have to dry harvest the cranberries. The drought has stressed the trees, possibly affecting the color of the fall leaves. We now have a much better understanding of what the state of California has been experiencing.

According to the EPA, the average family in the US uses 400 gallons of water a day. We need to be conserving our use of water. A few years ago Adrienne DuBois shared some information on how we can conserve.

1. Don't let faucets run while brushing teeth or washing dishes.
2. Don't run half loads of dishes or laundry.
3. Do check johns for leaks. Pour food coloring in the tank and let it sit for several hours. If the water in the bowl is colored, you have a wasteful leak.
4. Showers are more conserving than baths. Put a bucket in the shower to catch water.

Maureen Adams, President



October Calendar:



4 Executive Board Meeting: Lightkeeper's, 9:30 a.m.

Hostesses: Julie Hess, Marie Sullivan, Marcia Diekmann

12 Garden Therapy: Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehab.
2-3 p.m. "Pumpkin Party Time"

12 Lightkeeper's Garden Maintenance: 9-11a.m. Bring gloves and tools.

17 Junior Gardeners: Deer Hill Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m "Pumpkin with a Chapeau"

18 Craft Workshop: Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m., "Ornaments from Shells" The craft workshops will be geared to creating inventory for the Yuletide Marketplace learning new skills as well as socializing. No need to bring anything. All materials will be supplied.

20 Senior Center: Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St., 1:30-2:30 p.m. "Pumpkin Surprises"

25 Monthly Meeting: Presidents Tea, Glastonbury Abbey Conference Center at 16 Hull St., Rt. 228, Hingham. Meeting and tea at 1:30 p.m. Guests: South Shore District Garden Club Presidents. Program: "**Floral Designs Inspired by Fabulous Gardens**" presented by Thelma Showman

26 Lightkeepers "Garden Maintenance" 9-11 a.m. Bring gloves and tools.

27-28 Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts @ Elm Bank

GCFM: Landscape Design School, Mass. Horticultural Society @ Elm Bank. Hunnewell Building, 900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA



Barbara Dillon helps seniors make arrangements with "The Colors of Fall" theme and flowers at Wilcutt Commons.

Junior Gardeners first workshop:
Kate Farrington showed the 22 children that
attended how to make corn dolls and all were
successful! Here is Kate showing the process to
Abigail Lazorisak.



Arienne Lima, our co-chair for the yearbook,
moves to her new home (and gorgeous garden)
in Halesite, N.Y.



Sign Up: Flower Design Class for members who are new to Design

On **Wednesday, November the 9th**, we will be offering a design class for members who have no previous design experience. We are bringing in a seasoned designer, Yvonne Capella, who will teach the basics of designing with flowers utilizing the elements and principles of design. Those attending will be given a container, flowers and oasis. There will be a follow-up class on March 14 to cover other topics of design.

Class size is limited to 12 to 15 participants. The smaller class size allows for more one on one interaction. There is a charge of \$25.00 per person.

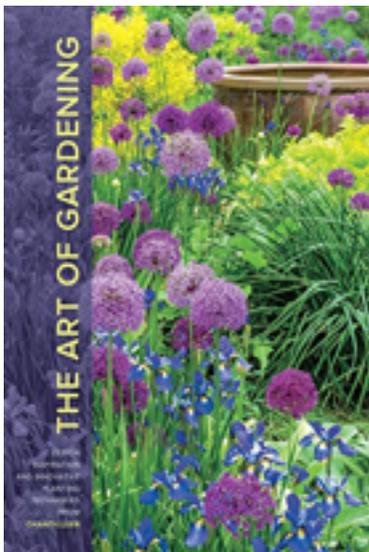
Class will run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Lightkeepers.

Sign up will take place at the General Meeting on September 27th. Come early in order to secure a place in the class.



Field Trip: Tranquil Lake Nursery in Rehoboth is offering a trio of free workshops on Saturday, Oct. 1st 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drive takes an hour and a 1/4 . Members can sign up at the Sept. 27th meeting or contact Kelly. She will speak about it at the meeting.

Thank you! Kelly Conetta
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In Memoriam: A book has been donated to the town library in memory of Ann Fitzgerald, a charter member of CGCC who passed away August 8 at 97 years of age. The title is "The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer", by the Chanticleer Gardeners and R. William Thomas.

The Garden Club of Nagoya

Our September general meeting was a cruise on the Horikawa River which runs through the central part of the city of Nagoya. It is the canal which was excavated in 1610 for the purpose of transporting building materials for construction of the Nagoya castle. It runs about ten miles from the castle through the port of Nagoya.

Takako Kohri

Recording Secretary

