

# The Community Garden Club of Cohasset



May 2018 Edition

## President's Message

May and June: Soft syllables, gentle names for the two best months in the garden year: cool misty mornings gently burned away with a warming spring sun, followed by breezy afternoons and chilly nights. The discussion of philosophy is over; it's time to get to work.

by Peter Loewer - author and illustrator

We are finally getting sunny days that are lifting our spirits and our energy to head out into the garden. Mother Nature was not kind in March and may still have some cold and rain for us, but the days are longer and the sun is out!!!!

I'd like to draw your attention to our Annual Plant Sale that will happen on May 19th. Work has already been started and we ask you to let us know if you have plants to share. We have pots and diggers to assist you.

Lots of plants have started shooting up so begin to clear out the winter debris and give them room to thrive. Put the sharpened pruning shears to work and give every plant that needs it a nice haircut. Don't forget your hat and gloves. It is great to be in the dirt again.

*Maureen Adams*

**Editor's Note:** It has been a pleasure working with our President, Maureen Adams, these past two years. She has been an amazing leader and friend to all of us. Fortunately, I will still have the chance to work with her on the Board where I know she will continue to add so much to our club. Thanks for all your hard work, Maureen.

## May Calendar:

- 1 **Executive Board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 9 **Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m. "Spring Blossoms"
- 15 **Horticulture Workshop:** TBA or contact Dana Roberts.
- 19 **Annual Plant Sale:** On grounds of Historical Society, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 21 **Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. "Pressed Flower Collages in Frames"
- 22 **Annual Meeting & Luncheon:** Hatherly Country Club, 663 Hatherly Road, Scituate, MA at 11:00 a.m.  
For tickets please contact Carol Graham (781-383-3442) or Jeanne Carroll(781-545-2243).

## Lightkeeper's Cottage Garden Maintenance Schedule 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Bring gloves, hat, water & tools.

May 2, 16, 30  
June 13, 27  
July 11, 25  
August 8, 22  
September 5, 19



Worker bees at the Lightkeeper's  
Barbara Dillon, Barbara Canney,  
Lee Drew.

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**Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 19  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Our Plant Sale will be held on May 19, 2018, from 9:00 to 1:00 on the grounds of the Cohasset Historical Society, 106 South Main Street.

Please take your plants to Linda Pratt's home at 482 King Street beginning on Tuesday, May 1. Follow her drive all the way to the end, where a number of tables have been set up for our use.

**Rules of the Road for donations:**

- PLEASE label all your plant material with the name and bloom color, if applicable.
- Deposit your plants in the shady area among the trees and keep them all together.
- There will be ribbon to surround your group of plants and a clothespin to put your name on. Attach the "pin" to the ribbon. These items, along with a marker, will be in a box on one of the tables.
- Debbie Jenks will then make the nice labels and make sure each plant is clearly identified. We will be there each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting May 2nd, from 9:30 to noon, attending to plants.

**NOW** is the time to dig plants in your yard and pot them up. If you don't have pots, there will be some at Linda's, and you may either take what pots you need or take your plants to Linda's on the above schedule. The sooner we get the plants dug and into pots, the better they will look on the 19th.

We are using purchased soil to pot things up in the hopes of not sharing weed seed with our customers.

Please volunteer to help get the word out with posters, emails or Facebook.

Contact Judy Dickstein at [Judyd617@comcast.net](mailto:Judyd617@comcast.net) or 781-383-7058.



*The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Schools*

**May 15 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Horticultural Morning** with Kelly Orzel, the owner at the Bowery Beach Farm in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Kelly will highlight how she grows the top 12 culinary herbs. You'll get to learn how to create those intricate loops and hedges and determine which herbs will lend their scents and colors to your own backyard.

**12:00-1:00 p.m.** You will get to make a 4" standard lavender topiary and a 6" 2-D ring rosemary topiary in beautifully handmade pottery from Coldbrooke Pottery.

**The \$40.00 workshop fee will include:**

Admission to Horticulture Morning Presentation (\$5.00/value)

1- Standard Lavender Ball Topiary in Coldbrooke Pottery

1 - (2-D) Rosemary Ring Topiary in Coldbrooke Pottery

Plants, Soil & Materials

Bring your own clippers & bag/box to take home completed project.

Bring your own lunch to snack on in between lecture and workshop.

You must pre-register with MistyFlorez: [mistyfloral@yahoo.com](mailto:mistyfloral@yahoo.com)

**Location: Espousal Center 554 Lexington St. Waltham, MA**



## May General Meeting

Katie Banks spoke to us about “The Monarch Gardener”. She showed us that the monarchs leave the northeast and find their way back to the remote mountains of Mexico by instinct. In order for the butterflies to make this trip, they need the nourishment from the Milkweed leaves to complete their long journey. Katie’s motto is “sustaining a species, one yard at a time.”



### Katie’s Milkweed list:

- Swamp milkweed, *Asclepias incarnata*
- Butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*
- Whorled milkweed, *Asclepias verticillata*
- Common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca* (not recommended for small garden)
- Poke milkweed, *Asclepias exaltata* (shade tolerant)

For more information about the Monarchs, Katie’s web site is [www.themonarchgardener.com](http://www.themonarchgardener.com).

## Neonicotnoid Alert



Katie also pointed out the danger of pesticides to butterflies and all beneficial insects. Several big box stores and maybe your local vendor may be selling plants with **Neonicotnoid, a systemic pesticide**. Here is a picture of the label that should be in any plants sold with this chemical. Please be vigilant when buying plants. Look for this label. Ask questions and find out who the distributor is. You can call the distributor to find out what is used for soil, fertilizer, etc.



Our General Meetings are always so well attended. Pam Kelly once again created a delicious spread of goodies. Thanks to Dulsey, Muffy Antico, Donna Beaudry, Jeanne Bjorkgren, Pat Bogen, Jeanne Boutross and Joan Carlo for helping Pam.



L to R: Barbie Bowman, Mary Eisenhauer, and Jeanne Carroll enjoy coffee and treats.

**There will not be a field trip to the Newport Flower Show on June 22nd** because too few signed up to cover the cost of the bus. Members are still encouraged to attend on their own to support Dana Roberts and her designers who have entered the show.

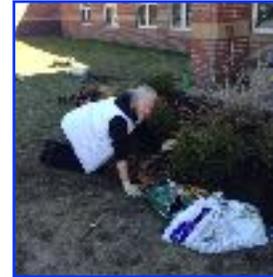


Susan Liporace graciously offered to drive a few people to Art in Bloom, Saturday, April 28th. If interested, contact Susan at [SusanLiporace1996@aol.com](mailto:SusanLiporace1996@aol.com).

### Junior Gardeners



Chris Kennedy showed the children how to clean a spring garden and how to spruce up the entry to Deer Hill School.



### Senior Center at Willcutt Commons



*"Springtime"*





## Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

Tea ceremony served at the arbor of Higashiyama Botanical Garden, Nagoya, where we donated one unit of AED to the garden in March, 2012.

*Takako Kohri*  
Recording Secretary



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