

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset

September 2018 Edition

President's Message



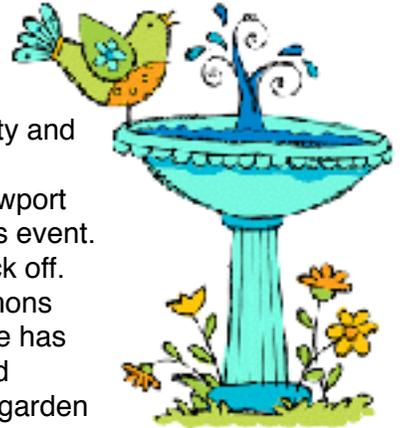
Wow, it is already September! Summer has flown by. It sure was a beauty and well deserved after such an unpredictable and chilly spring.

Club members have been a busy bunch this summer. We entered the Newport Flower Show in June for the first time. Thanks to Dana Roberts for organizing this event. I hope that this will become a yearly event for our club. It was a great summer kick off.

Our planters were ordered, delivered and beautifully filled at Willcut Commons Senior Center by Bill and Jan Todd. The lightkeeper's gardens are thriving! There has been a team of garden angels that watered and weeded and watered and weeded throughout the summer. Very special thanks to Terese D'Urso, our lightkeeper's garden champion. I'd also like to thank Lelia Weinstein who designed and organized the new plantings in the garden.

I look forward to seeing you well and continuing our good works throughout our community.

Sue Reagan



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11 Executive Board Meeting:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m. Hostesses: S. Reagan, D. Roberts, S. Toomey
- 12 Field Trip Boston Common**
- 12 Garden Therapy:** Harborview Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 2:00-3:00 p.m. "Autumn Arrivals"
- 18 Craft Workshop:** Lightkeeper's Cottage, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Junior Gardeners:** Deer Hill School Cafeteria, 2:40-3:40 p.m. "Cold Crop Planting"
- 26 General Meeting:** Second Congregational Church, 48 Highland Ave. Coffee 9:00 a.m. Meeting 9:30 a.m. Hostesses: T. McAnn, P. Bogan, C. Chase, J. Carlo, P. Chapman, L. Horky.

Coming right up: Field Trip to The Boston Public Gardens Sept. 12th

The Friends of the Boston Public Gardens will guide our Garden Club around the public gardens in an informative historical and horticultural walking tour.

This is the last tour that the Friends will give for the season.

We have to have a **final head count by September 5, 2018.**

Please call Gretchen Sheets 339-235-0389 or gls26@yahoo.com to sign up.

We can take up to twenty members.

A small fee of \$8.00 per person will be asked.

Please send your fee to our club treasurer: Carol Groebel
29 Capt. Daniel Litchfield Lane, Scituate 02066.

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Landscape Design School St. Brigid's Keilty Hall 2001 Mass. Ave. Lexington, Ma. Course I Series 16 October 25-27, 2018

Landscape Design School is a series of four courses presented by distinguished lecturers on landscape design, history, theory, methods and analysis. In Massachusetts, **one course is given each year** in sequential order. The course also serves as a refresher for LDC Consultants and Master Consultants. If you last refreshed in 2013, you need to refresh before 12/31/18 to maintain your consultant status! **CGCC subsidizes 1/2 of tuition.**

This year we explore the following subjects from *Stewards of the Land*

- Ch. 1 Space, Design and People
- Ch. 2 Principles & Elements of Landscape Design
- Ch. 6 Color in The Landscape
- Ch. 7 Planning Your Home Grounds
- Ch. 8 Landscape Design Resources
- Ch. 9 Basics of a Site Plan
- Ch. 10 Design for the Environment
- Ch. 16 The Private Garden
- Ch. 17 Public Landscapes
- Ch. 22 Development of Landscape Design....plus, an enrichment lecture TBD.



Want to Know More? See course Trifold with our FAQs at LDCMA.org or email Maureen O'Brien at Maureen.t.obrien@outlook.com or Georgia Papavasiliou at Loganniko@verizon.net.

Newport Flower Show



Garden Club members Dana Roberts, Laura Horky, Eugenia Kelley, Sue Reagan, Anne Sexton, and Gretchen Sheets participated in the Newport Flower Show this summer. They entered the "Picket Fences" category and had to use a "cool color scheme". Our creative team came in second! Thank you for representing our club in this event!!!!

Julie's Monarch Nursery



Julie Hess created a butterfly breeding habitat in a glass tank in her home this summer. She and her family got to watch the caterpillars eat the milkweed leaf, bulk up, spin into a chrysalis, hang out and then, voila, turn into a stunning Monarch to be released outside.



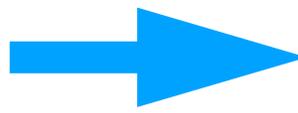
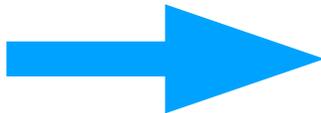
Caterpillar



Chrysalis



Monarch Butterfly



Bill and Jan Todd spent an afternoon filling the planters the CGCC donated to Wilcutt Commons in memory of club founder, Poly Logan.

Garden Conservancy Open Days Program

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has donated a reference copy of the 2018 *Open Days Directory* to the Paul Pratt Library. The Open Days Program is organized by the non-profit Garden Conservancy, founded in 1989 by renowned plantsman Frank Cabot. Open Days has been opening the gates to hundreds of private gardens across the country allowing thousands of visitors to explore beautiful gardens not normally open to the public. The Garden Conservancy's aim is to promote gardening through education as well as preserve outstanding gardens across America, many of which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Kelly Conetta

Schedules also at gardenconservancy.org

Conservation Corner



Can it really be September already? Time for back to school and the three “R’s”. No, not reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic! In this corner, we focus on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Our environment is counting on all of us. Here’s just a few ways we can help.

Reduce: By reducing the amount of water we use, we save on electricity used in processing and cleansing our drinking water, as well as our water bill. If you irrigate your yard and garden, do so in early morning or late evening hours to minimize evaporation. By reducing the amount of paper we use, we save on the number of trees that are cut down. By reducing the amount of plastic we use, we save our planet from being polluted and the fish, birds and animals from dying from plastic bags and straws getting stuck up their noses or around their heads. Use a reusable bag for shopping trips and say “No” to the plastic ones. Cohasset voted recently to no longer allow single-use plastic bags in stores, so get your reusable bags ready. We can plan our driving trips efficiently to reduce our miles driven, gas consumed and pollution in the air.

Reuse: Rather than throwing away every scrap of paper, we can try to reuse it, maybe by writing on the back side. Think grocery lists and notes to self that you stick on the fridge. Cohasset’s town “boutique” is a great resource for reusing items no longer needed or wanted by their previous owner. We found many great baby and kid items there for our granddaughters. Bring them home, give them a little cleaning and TLC and they’re good to go again with a new life. Donate unneeded clothing and other articles to Big Brother, the Goodwill or another organization for someone else to use and enjoy.

Recycle: Most plastic bottles and containers we get can be recycled at our town RDF. Plastic bags can go back to the grocery store. Paper from all that junk mail, envelopes from bills, even bills (with our names and account numbers torn off) can be recycled. Magazines, newspapers, metal cans and glass bottles of all colors can be recycled. Paint, batteries and other toxic items should not be put in the trash, as they are collected on certain days at the RDF. Unused medications can be taken to the police station to go in bins there.

These are only a few ideas for putting the three R’s to work on our environment. Together I’m sure we can come up with lots more. See you again soon in the Conservation Corner!



Susan Sardina, Conservation Chair

Margaret K. Bell Newsletter Award

Newsletter Editor, Barbara Canney, was awarded the Newsletter Award from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts for 2017. An engraved silver platter was presented to our club in recognition of this accomplishment.

The GCFM president sent along a note to our previous President, Maureen Adams, saying “congratulations on winning the newsletter award. Your newsletter is so well done. It reflected the friendliness of your club, the involvement of your members and included references to GCFM events.”



Our Sister Club The Garden Club of Nagoya, Japan

Our sister club was organized in 2001 with the help of some of our members. They officially became a garden club in January 2002.

Over the years we have had a continued friendship, sharing their adventures throughout the years. Each month we receive lovely pictures and a story about what they have been doing. I print it here for all of you to read.

They did take the summer off but we look forward to hearing from our sister club again in the fall.

