



# Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

February 2003

Editor: Robin Kallfelz  
e-mail: robin@eastongardenclub.org

M  
E  
E  
T  
I  
N  
G

**February 12 (Wednesday) 7:30pm Oakes Ames Memorial Hall**

## ***“Ivy Topiary Workshop”***

This is a workshop meeting for **members only**.

- Exhibits:** *“My Funny Valentine”*  
A small arrangement in a teacup
- Horticulture:** *“Any Forced Bulb or Branch”*
- Topic:** *“Winter Damage in Your Garden”*
- Refreshments:** Janet Levine, chairperson  
Billie Mae Gordon, Kim Martinez,  
Ann Rapp, Monica Hurley-Lawson
- Table Arrangement:** Denise Batchis



## EGC News

**Topiary Workshop:** The February meeting will be a topiary workshop. Members will be able to make a 12-inch ivy topiary in a 6-inch clay pot. Members will be charged \$6, which is half of the actual cost to the club. A choice of four different shapes will be available. Because this is a workshop meeting, it will be for members only.

**Board Meeting:** The February board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at \*7:00pm at the home of Nancy Ruggles.  
\*Please note: this is earlier than usual. We have decided to try having the board meetings start at 7:00pm from now on.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual South Shore District Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Pembroke Country Club. Check in is at 9:00 am and the day includes continental breakfast, and luncheon. The speaker this year is Arabella Dane. Anyone interested in attending and sitting together with other EGC members, please send Nancy Cohenno a check (or give it to her at the meeting) in the amount of \$23 by February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please write your preference of baked scrod or

baked-stuffed chicken breast on the bottom of your check.

**Recipe Book:** Maureen Curtin has generously volunteered again this year to put together a book of recipes of the fantastic fare from our annual potluck dinner. You will have until the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to get your recipes in to her, or e-mail them to her at maureencurtin@attbi.com.

**Lions Club Auction:** Look for the EGC donations on the Lions Club Cable TV auction, Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Lions Club will be auctioning two baskets chock full of fun gardening gadgets and EGC tote bags, t-shirts, etc. We also donated sets of tickets to our upcoming summer garden tour and 2003 holiday house tour. So tune in and bid high!

**The Attleboro Museum Flower Show:** “Enchanted Gardens” is seeking exhibitors for the February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> show. Interested members contact Nancy Ruggles for more information.

# Events in Our Area



## **Valentines and Flowers — Mass Horticultural Society Children's Workshop**

Saturday, February 08, 2003, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Create a special Valentine for your favorite person. Using dried flowers and herbs, ribbon and lace, each child will fashion his/her own inspired Valentine crafts in honor of Cupid's special day. We'll also make a Valentine snack to enjoy. For children ages 5-8. Parents are welcome to participate. All materials are included in course fee. \$15 per child

Putnam Horticultural Building, Elm Bank Horticultural Center, 900 Washington St., Wellesley, MA 02482, 617-933-4921, Fax: 617-933-4901; <http://www.masshort.org>.

## **For the Birds — New England Wild Flower Society**

Sunday, February 09, 2003; 3:30-5:30 pm

New England Wild Flower Society

For Children of all ages with Adult Companion

Come **to Garden in the Woods** to learn about how some birds survive the cold and ways we can help them. How do birds' beaks, feet, and feathers work to keep these little bundles of energy alive? How do they find food, water, and shelter when the temperatures fall so low? We will build several kinds of bird feeders and make a mini-field guide to help us identify which birds might pay you a call.

Leslie Wood, Naturalist, \$7 members, \$8 nonmember

Garden in the Woods Education Building, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham MA 01701  
508-877-7630 x 3303, [registrar@newfs.org](mailto:registrar@newfs.org), <http://www.newfs.org>

## **Another Botanical Art: Flower Arranging with Woody Plants — Arnold Arboretum**

Tuesday, February 11, 2003; 6:30-8:30 P.M.

The Arnold Arboretum

In this class, Kaye Vosburgh will demonstrate ways to use cuttings of woody plants in flower arrangements. See how winter's bare branches can be a good source of line material for flower arrangements. Using some of the principles of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging, Kaye will create a variety of simple arrangements incorporating prunings from the Arboretum grounds. \$18

Hunnewell Building, The Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain MA 02130  
(617) 524-1718, Fax: (617) 524-1418, [arbweb@arnarb.harvard.edu](mailto:arbweb@arnarb.harvard.edu),  
<http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu>

## **Week of Winter Wonders for Children — NE Wild Flower Society**

Tuesday, February 18, 2003 - Friday, February 21, 2003, 3:30-5:30 pm

New England Wild Flower Society -- For Children in Grades K-3

The winter woods are alive with plant and animal wonders. Become a winter naturalist and learn to track animals in the snow, find how plants and animals survive in the deep freeze, plant a "winter-come-to-life garden," play games, hear stories, and create nature crafts.

We will explore a different area of our 45-acre Garden each day, so please wear boots and dress for the weather. \$55member, \$65 non-member

Garden in the Woods Education Building, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham MA  
508-877-7630 x 3303, [registrar@newfs.org](mailto:registrar@newfs.org), <http://www.newfs.org>

# ...More Events



## **Garden Bench Workshop — Arnold Arboretum**

Tuesday, February 25, 2003, 9:00am-2:30pm

Arnold Arboretum

You will learn as you make a rustic garden bench for use outdoors or in. Wood and instruction will be provided. You will bring the tools, the energy, and a lunch. \$96.

Hunnewell Building, The Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Plain Jamaica MA 02130

(617) 524-1718, Fax: (617) 524-1418

arbweb@arnarb.harvard.edu; <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu>

## **Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show**

### **Celebrating A Decade in Bloom!**

Show Dates: February 20-23, 2003

Show Hours: Thursday - Saturday 10am - 9pm & Sunday 10am - 6pm

32 display gardens and garden vignettes, 275 retail exhibitors in the Garden Marketplace, 200 amateur garden/garden club exhibits

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI, Interstate 95, Exit 22

Thursday and Friday only, 9:30am - 7:00pm, park free at Roger Williams Park Zoo (I-95, Exit 17) and take Flower Show Shuttle for \$3.

Advance tickets \$12.00; Adults (Weekdays) \$14.00; Adults (Weekends) \$15.00

Children (ages 6-12, under 6 free) \$7.00

Seniors/Students (Weekdays) \$13.00; Seniors/Students (Weekends) \$14.00

Wine samplings to be held Friday and Saturday from 6:00pm -9:00pm in the Rotunda Room.

Wine sampling tickets are available in advance or at the door. Evening Wine Samplings \$15.00

For Tickets please contact Karen E. Brol at 401-253-0246 / fax: 253-550-1645 or email:

[kbrol@flowershow.com](mailto:kbrol@flowershow.com)

## **Spring Flower Show Weekend — S.S. Natural Science Center**

Friday, February 28, 2003 - Sunday, March 02, 2003

Fri. night reception 7-10pm; Flower show Sat/Sun 03/01-03/02/03; Spring Tea Sun 3-5:30 pm

South Shore Natural Science Center

On Saturday, in addition to the Flower Show, we are offering horticultural workshops. Roger Swain, "the man with the red suspenders," former host of PBS-TV's The Victory Garden, and current science editor of Horticulture magazine will give a talk on starting your springtime garden. Local Landscape designer Scott Frederickson will give a gardening workshop. Call the Center for registration information on both of these workshops.

The Flower Show remains open until 2:00pm on Sunday, and a special tea among the gardens closes the weekend Sunday afternoon.

\$5.00 admission to flower show; Friday night reception, Saturday workshops and Sunday Tea are separate fees.

South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell MA 02061

781-659-2559, Fax: 781-659-5924, [ssnsc@attbi.com](mailto:ssnsc@attbi.com), <http://ssnsc.org>



[WWW.EASTONGARDENCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.EASTONGARDENCLUB.ORG)

