



# Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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**April 9 (Wednesday) 7:30pm Oakes Ames Memorial Hall**

***"For the Love of Birds".....Walter and Jean Chaston***

(The Chastons will have modestly priced birdhouses available to purchase.)

**Exhibits:** *"Easter Parade"*

Novice – An Easter Basket

Intermediate – An Easter Bonnet

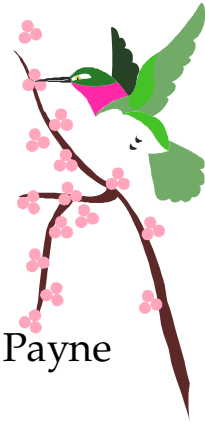
**Horticulture:** *"Any Spring Flower"*

**Topic:** *"Biennials"*

**Refreshments:** Joyce Melendy, Chair

Claudia Peters, Nancy Josselyn, Lynne Payne

**Table Arrangement:** Suzanne Zaff



## EGC News

**New England Spring Flower Show:** This was a very big year for the Easton Garden Club at the New England Spring Flower Show. Our Club entry in the "Doorway to Paradise" category won the first place blue ribbon, as well as the "Club Competition" award for scoring 95% or higher among all eight club entries. This was very exciting for all those who worked so hard on this large project. Also, entering individually, Gloria Freitas won the a blue ribbon for her distinctive interpretation of a "Mexican Marketplace," as well as a yellow ribbon for her fabulous Tahitian design which included coral and sea glass. Sandy Medeiros entered the Show with a beautiful Faberge' style egg covered with seeds and petals to represent gems. She received a second place for her exquisite egg.

EGC members were also very successful in the Amateur Horticulture competition. Blanka Michajlov won blue ribbons for her begonia and "stapila" (also may be called starfish flower), which got two blues, one for each, and also each got a horticultural award. She also received a second place red ribbon for her Phalenopsis orchid. Nancy Cohenno's Aloe aborescens "candelabra aloe" and her Haworthia truncata received red ribbons, while her aloe "spider aloe" won a blue ribbon along with a horticultural award. Her African violet received an honorable mention.

**We have several plants left from the doorway vignette that will be for sale at the April meeting.** We have: two Meyer lemon plants, two hanging English ivy plants, a large bougainvillea, an espaliered ivy, and a large Rosemary plant.

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**Plant Sale:** The annual EGC Spring Plant Sale at the NRT Sheep Pasture will be held on **Saturday, May 17, 2003**. We need every member to dig perennials out of their gardens for the sale. Anything such as ground covers, lilac shoots, vines, *hens and chicks*, common and unusual perennials will be happily accepted. You can dig your plants as soon as they are coming up and the ground is not too soggy. Please hold on to them until the day before the sale (Friday, May 16th) and bring them directly to the Sheep Pasture. Please label your plants. Sometimes we can't identify a plant, so even a common name is helpful.

**Dues...Dues...Dues:** Please refer to the revised dues schedule given or sent to all EGC members to determine your dues for the 2003-2004 year. Membership Chairperson Mary Beth Meyer will be collecting dues and would like to remind everyone that all dues are due by May 30<sup>th</sup> for your name to be included in the EGC book. Please see Mary Beth at the next meeting or forward a check to her by mail. Dues will be \$25.00 for active members, \$30.00 for associate members, and \$35.00 to be a patron. Please see Mary Beth if you have any questions regarding the new rates.

**Butterfly Garden:** The Butterfly Garden at the South Shore Science Center in Norwell is being rejuvenated, and Joyce Holster is seeking volunteers to help pot up the plants which will be moved and replanted later. This is a lovely garden that has only a few people looking after it. If you can help, please bring garden gloves and tools and meet Joyce at the North Easton Village Shoppes on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am .

**Board Meeting:** The April board meeting will be **April 23, 2003 7:00pm** at the home of Robin Kallfelz.



**Art in Bloom:** The Museum of Fine Arts program "Art in Bloom" will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. This year Denise Batchis and Robin Kallfelz will be interpreting a guardian lion sculpture in a flower design. Gloria Freitas will lead a group to view the designs on **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. **We will meet at the Village Shoppes plaza at 9:00am** and carpool, as parking is limited.

**Discount reminder:** Just a reminder – Paula McNeil of Country Gardens on Rte. 138, who gave us a very interesting and fun program in March, will give EGC members a 10% discount on purchases. The Plant Depot gives EGC members a 10% discount on plant materials as well. Just show your membership book as ID.

**EGC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** It's just two years away – the Easton Garden Club's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are interested in hearing from any members who may have suggestions for ways to mark this occasion. Please see a board member with your ideas.

**Baking for the Garden Tour:** We would like to have a substantial amount of cookies made (somewhere around 100 dozen as a minimum) for the June 28<sup>th</sup> Garden Tour. Cookie dough can be frozen, saved, defrosted, and baked at a later date. If you can bake for the tour please call Joyce Holster to let her know by Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. She has a few simple recipes, which we will be using.

**Pansies for Sale:** Joyce will have six-packs of pansies and violas for sale at the April meeting for \$2.00 each.

**Center School Planting Party:** Mary Beth Meyer is seeking volunteers to help plant a new bed at Center School. Interested members can find her number in the EGC directory.



## Events in Our Area

### **Design and Plant a Perennial Garden — New England Wild Flower Society**

Thursday, April 10, 2003 - Thursday, April 24, 2003 7-9pm

Early spring is the perfect time to begin or enhance a perennial border or woodland edge garden. Join Laura Eisener, landscape designer and garden author as she suggests plant species, and discusses design taking color, shape, texture, and growth characteristics into account. Pre-registration required.

\$36 members, \$44 non-members

Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham MA 01701

508-877-7630 x 3303, registrar@newfs.org, <http://www.newfs.org>

### **Garden in the Woods Native Plant Nursery Open**

Saturday, April 12, 2003 - Sunday, June 15, 2003 9 am - 7 pm

Come to Garden in the Woods for an extraordinary selection of nursery-propagated native plants - the largest in New England. Horticulture experts are on hand to provide advice on "right plant, right place" selection.

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### **Spring Flower Designs — Mass Horticultural Society**

Wednesday, April 23, 2003 7-10 pm

Take a simple bunch of seasonal blooms and turn them into a sensational spring arrangement. Learn the proper techniques for creating beautiful, long-lasting floral arrangements using fresh greens. Materials included. Please bring a pair of pruning shears or a floral knife to class. Bill Graham, floral designer.

\$30 MHS members, \$ 35 non-members

Putnam Horticultural Building, Elm Bank Horticultural Center,

900 Washington St., Wellesley MA 02482, 617-933-4921, Fax: 617-933-4901

educ@masshort.org, <http://www.masshort.org>

### **Earth Day Celebration at Garden in the Woods**

Saturday, April 26, 2003 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Celebrate Earth Day at Garden in the Woods. Presented by the Boston Globe/Globe West, the day features lively family entertainment, animal shows, face painting, pot your own native plant, artist Gordon Morrison sketching and signing his latest book, and tours of the magnificent wild flower garden. Make friends, enjoy nature and celebrate the Earth!

Free native plant to the first 200 families. Free

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