



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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M E E T I N G

June 11th (Wednesday), 6:00pm Annual Dinner Meeting Thorny Lea Country Club

159 Torrey Street, Brockton

"Arrangements Personified".....Jackie Lane

- Exhibits:** *"Garden Party"*
An arrangement using **only** garden flowers
- Horticulture:** *"Rose, Clematis, Iris, Peony"*
- Topic:** *"Garden Pests"*
- Table Arrangements:** Kim Bertram, Darya Cotter, Denise Batchis, Joyce Holster, Davie McNamara, Judy Bruno, Robin Kallfelz, Sandy Medeiros



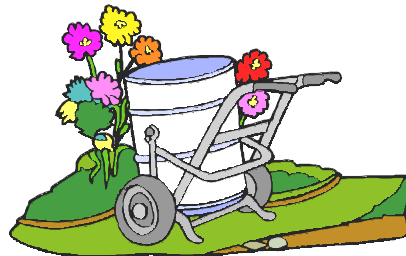
Dates to Remember

June 28, 2003 (Saturday) 10:00am – 3:00pm, (rain date 6/29)
"Gardens on Holiday" EGC garden tour

July 19, 2003 (Saturday) 8:30am
Summer Garden Walk

First garden at the home of Pat Jacobsen, 235 Main Street.
Other gardens TBA on that morning.

August 1, 2003 (Friday)
Joyce's Final Garden Walk:
Come to her onset house **10:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Meet at North Easton Village Shops at 9:00 am.
Bring a bag lunch and a bathing suit.



August 27, 2003 (Wednesday) 7:00pm
Board Meeting at the home of Darya Cotter

EGC News

Annual Dinner Meeting: The Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 11th**. We will meet at **6:00pm**. This year the meeting will again be held at the **Thorny Lea Country Club in Brockton**. We have a wonderful speaker in store, Jackie Lane, who will show us "Arrangements Personified." All of her designs will be raffled (members receive a free raffle ticket), and many other treats will be raffled as well, including some items left over from the EGC plant sale. Members who would still like to sign up for the dinner meeting can do so by calling Darya Cotter by **Friday, June 6th**. The charge for dinner is \$23, and the meal choices are broiled scrod, chicken marsala, and london broil. (Although the charge for the dinner increased to \$25 this year, the Club is paying the \$2 difference for all members attending.)

"Gardens on Holiday": Tickets are on sale now for "Gardens on Holiday" -- A Tour of Five Private Gardens including the historic gardens of Unity Close. Saturday, June 28, 2003, 10 am to 3 pm. Rain Date: Sunday, June 29, 2003.
Tickets Purchased Day of Tour - \$20.00
Non-refundable Advance Sale Tickets - \$17.00
Call Vivian Bissett for tickets.

EGC members may purchase **one** advance ticket each for the Garden Tour no later than the annual meeting (June 11th) for \$5.00, after that date tickets will be available for members at the regular price. If people are working at a garden, they must buy a ticket to see the other gardens (Homeowners whose gardens are on tour are the exception.).

Those members baking cookies please drop them off on Friday, June 27th at Leslie Mullen's house. Please seal them in ziplock baggies.

Dues: Membership dues for 2003/2004 are due. If you haven't already, please remit a check made payable to the Easton Garden Club to Membership Chairperson Mary Beth Meyer so that your name will not be dropped from the EGC book. The annual dues are: \$25 for Active Members, \$30 for Associate Members (only after five active years), \$35 for Patrons and no payment is due for Senior Members (65 years or older who have been active members for at least ten years). If you do not plan to continue in the club, please notify Mary Beth in writing.

Hospitality Thanks: Leslie Mullen and Marilyn Falzone would like to express many thanks to all the members who helped out with refreshments this year.

Plant Sale: The Spring Plant Sale this year was a great success. Although an unusually cold day, we did a booming business selling annuals, and our garden-dug perennials. We also added a raffle this year of many items generously donated by area merchants. With all the totals tallied, we netted a profit of \$1748.33. Joyce would like to thank all members who donated plants, worked at the sale, and purchased items. Special thanks to Amy Morse for rounding up such terrific raffle items. The following is a list of raffle item winners:

Spoletto Gift Certificate: Jim Carlino

Mario's Lunch for two: Joyce Holster

Hilliards Gift Certificate: Linda Hamalian

Flag made and donated by Vivian Bissett: Agnes Gaudet

Plant Basket donated by Especially Yours Florist: Pat Reid

Quilted Trivets made and donated by Gigi Morse and raspberry shrub: Billie Mae Gordon

Spa Facial donated by Andree Robere: Kim Bertram

Relaxation Massage donated by Andree Robere: Leslie Mullen

Two Tickets to a Celtics Game donated by Morse

Insurance: Brendan Wolfe

Garden Statue donated by The Plant Depot: Maureen Meyer

Children's' Gardening Tools donated by the Village Toy Shop: Byron (no last name)

Window Boxes: The window boxes along Main Street have all been planted and look fabulous. Be sure to take a walk and appreciate how lovely they are. Last year's window boxes were such a huge success, that again this year we contracted Henderson Nursery to plant our liners during the late winter in their greenhouses. They should be hardy enough to last all summer in the tough Main Street climate. We are fortunate to have Gail Devins' son, Brad, watering and caring for them all summer as part of a Boy Scout badge project.

Volunteers Needed: Mary Beth Meyer is looking for members to help out and check in on the new plantings at Center School for water. Although there are watering volunteers from the school, she is looking for people to "stop by" on their way by the school now and then to make sure everything is well watered. Call her at her number listed in the EGC book.



Events in Our Area



Plant Sale — New England Wild Flower Society

Saturday, June 07, 2003, 10:00-3 sale, 9:30 shuttle bus, 10-12 auction, 1:00 markdown events

New England's Largest Sale of Wildflowers and Native Plants 29th year. New England Wild Flower Society members will be on hand to help with friendly advice. More than 11,000 plants with more than 500 varieties of nursery-propagated wildflowers available-including yellow Lady's slippers and many more. In addition, other garden perennials, select evergreens, and flowering shrubs and trees available. A silent auction begins at noon, and special markdown events begin at 1:00 pm. Free shuttle bus service.

Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham MA, 508-877-7630, information@newfs.org
<http://newenglandwildflower.org>

Eye-Catching Containers — Mass Horticultural Society

Saturday, June 07, 2003, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bring your favorite container and we'll provide the plants, soil, fertilizer and inspiration for you to create a dazzling summer arrangement. Learn about container gardening with summer annuals – perfect displays for the yard, patio or porch. Class is limited to 25. Containers should not exceed 14" in diameter. Alison Campbell, landscape designer, Hen and Chick Gardens.

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

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

Children' s Day Celebration— Mass Horticultural Society

Sunday, June 08, 2003, 12:30 pm - 4 pm

Celebrate the opening of Weezie's Garden for Children with a day of free entertainment, crafts and more! Featuring a performance of the Teddy Bears' Picnic with Gary Rosen of Rosenshontz fame. Kids of all ages will enjoy planting seeds, face painting and storytelling in the garden. Rain or shine. Free admission.

Elm Bank Horticulture Center, 900 Washington St (Rt 16), Wellesley MA 02482, 617-933-4982
info@masshort.org, <http://www.masshort.org>

"The Secret Garden Tour" of Newport, RI

June 20, 12pm – 4pm; June 21, 10am – 4pm; and June 22, 12pm – 4pm

A self-guided tour of 12 private gardens in the Point Section of Newport, RI.

Tickets \$18 advance; \$20 day of tour and include ½ price admission to The Hunter House.

For ticket info please call (401) 847-0514 or visit their website: www.secretgardentour.com.

THE NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW - Taking Root...Branching Out

June 28 & 29, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rosecliff, Bellevue Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island

Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$14 day of show, June 27 Preview Party Tickets:

\$100 for Preservation Society members, others \$125

The 8th annual Newport Flower Show is Taking Root... and Branching Out...in honor of the majestic and historic trees that beautify our landscapes. This year' s Newport Flower Show will be the biggest and best yet, with a special emphasis on caring for our trees.

The exquisite judged flower arrangements will be more stunning than ever, displayed in Rosecliff' s elegant reception rooms. We also invite you to stroll our marketplace, featuring more than 80 unique vendors with something for every gardener and flower lover! And our good friends from Bartlett Tree Experts will be on hand to help you with valuable advice for growing and protecting your own trees.

Flower Show tickets may be purchased online, over the telephone by calling 401-847-1000 ext 102; or by emailing Events@NewportMansions.org with your full name and mailing address to receive an order form in the mail.

Please note: all online and mail order ticket orders must be received no later than Friday, June 20, 2003.

...More Events

Through the Garden Gate — Garden Tour — South Shore Natural Science Center

Wednesday, July 09, 2003, 10:00am to 7:00pm

Experience the magnificence of gardens in full bloom at "Through the Garden Gate", the 22nd annual garden tour to benefit the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell. Spend the day visiting seven of the south shore's prettiest gardens. In addition, the Science Center's butterfly, herb, wildflower and raised sensory gardens will be at their finest. While at the Center, enjoy some lemonade and cookies in our air-conditioned facility. All proceeds from this event benefit the educational programming of the Science Center.

Tickets for the garden tour are available in advance for \$25 (\$20 members). A box lunch can be ordered in advance for \$10. Tickets the day of the tour (lunch not available) will be \$25.

To order tickets, please send a self-addressed business sized stamped envelope to the South Shore Natural Science Center, P.O.Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061. Tickets may be purchased at the Science Center during normal business hours.

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

781-659-2559, Fax: 781-659-5924, ssnsc@attbi.com, <http://www.ssnsc.org>

"Parade of Ponds" – A Self-Guided Tour of Ponds and Gardens in Northern Rhode Island

July 12th and 13th, 2003

For tickets mail \$15 checks only after July 1st to: Tranquil Water Gardens, 3 Fairway Drive, Cumberland, RI, 02864, attn: Craig; or call 401-658-4547 for details.



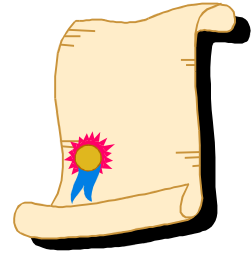
Garden Gimmicks

Sweet tasty tomatoes are the most popular homegrown vegetable.

Here are some hints for growing a great crop:

- Plant tomato seedlings deep; roots will form from the stem and help support the plant.
- Fertilize with a low nitrogen fertilizer (the first of the three numbers). Nitrogen helps produce lush foliage but few of the flowers which turn into tomatoes. A 5-8-10 fertilizer is good for tomato plants.
- Install the stake when planting the tomato seedling so roots aren't damaged later.
- Pruning late variety (indeterminate) tomato plants will encourage fruit production. When the plant is 12"-18" pinch off all side stems below the lowest flowering branch and any shoots or suckers that develop in the angle between the main stem and leaf stems.
- Tomatoes need plenty of water - about an inch a week. A steady supply will help reduce cracked flesh and blossom end rot.
- Mulch to conserve moisture and discourage disease.

*Courtesy rebeccagarden.com



Congratulations Linda Beal!

The National Federation of Garden Clubs honored EGC member Linda Beal this year at the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts annual meeting held in May. Linda received the “National Garden Club Federation 4 Star Member Award” which acknowledges her completion of the Environmental Studies School, the Flower Show Studies School, the Gardening Studies school and the Landscape Design Studies school. A well deserved honor for one of our most accomplished members!

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