



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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Wednesday, September 10, 2003 – 7:30pm

Oakes Ames Memorial Hall

“NRT Fair Workshop Project”

Members will assemble wreaths and bouquets for our NRT sale.

Exhibits: *“Last Days of Summer”*

Horticulture: *“Ferns and Hostas”*

Topic: *“Hydrangeas”*

Refreshments: Monica Saba, Chairperson
Solveigh Vinchesi, Rosemary O’Malley,
Jan Paulson, Gail Devins, Alice Giordano

Table Arrangement: Denise Batchis



Dates To Remember

September 24, 2003 (Wednesday) 7:00pm
Board Meeting at the home of Suzanne Zaff

September 29 – October 4, 2003 (Monday thru Saturday) 9am – 5pm
NRT Harvest Fair workshops for EGC Fundraising Booth
Carriage House, NRT Sheep pasture

October 5, 2003 (Sunday) 10am – 5pm, rain or shine
NRT Harvest Fair – EGC Fundraising Booth
NRT Sheep Pasture



EGC News

EGC/NRT Harvest Fair: This year, as we have for the past few years, we will be assembling wreaths, bouquets, and arrangements for our NRT sale booth at the carriage house at the Sheep Pasture **9am to 5pm, Monday, September 29th through Saturday, October 4th.** We hope all of our members will participate so that we can make this a successful fundraiser. No experience is necessary. There is something for everyone to do. Please come down and give it a try. ***Please note:** We need any dried flowers, especially roses, or if you have hydrangeas in any color available please bring them with you to the Sept. workshop meeting. We also still need lunaria (money plant), silver king or silver queen artemesia, dusty miller, lambs ear, Chinese lanterns, any tall grass (such as miscanthus), sweet annie, yarrow, sumac, rose hips green or red, stasis, pussy willows, sunflowers, grapevine, any gourds that we can put on wreaths, any dried or fresh herbs or anything with color that dries well. Even if you only have a small amount of something: cut it, band it into a clump of five stems, and hang it upside down in a dry place. It should dry in a week or less. Bring the dried plant material to the September 10th meeting, or plant material dried after our meeting should be brought to the horse stable at the Sheep Pasture. We are located at the door on the side of the carriage house. **Please bring with you to the workshop meeting and to the carriage house: clippers and gloves.** Also, please bring any large plastic bags or dry-cleaning bags that you may have saved. This is a fantastic and fun fundraiser for the Garden Club – Please VOLUNTEER!

Window Boxes: The Main Street window boxes were even lovelier this summer than last year! The Garden Club once again contracted Henderson's Nursery to plant the flowers, and this year we had Gail Devins' son, Brad, maintain them. He kept them all looking great throughout the summer. Soon we will have a lovely fall planting of chrysanthemums. We do need **volunteers to water** the mums, as Brad has gone back to school. Any member who would like to sign up to help out with some watering, please call Gloria Freitas.

Summer Awards: Congratulations go to several EGC members receiving flower-arranging honors over the summer months. Davie McNamara won a first place for her flower arrangement, "A Walk in the Woods," while Marilyn Falzone also won a first place blue ribbon in the category "Breakfast by the Lake." Photos of the arrangements can be seen on our EGC website. Be sure to take a look at what's new. If you are not on the EGC e-mail list for news and updates, just send us a message to add your e-mail address:
www.eastongardenclub.org

"Gardens on Holiday" garden tour: As you may all be aware by now, we had quite a successful tour. Both homeowners and visitors enjoyed the day. Each homeowner was given a lined, blank book for guests to write their comments. These are just a few:

The Cohenno Gardens - "Nice to see a water garden so well done. Just delightful-no weeds, lots of time and effort... Garden of Eden...Great pineapple... I could use you in my yard..."

The Misewicz Gardens - "Paradise... Feast for the eyes... especially liked the placing of your Della Robia..."

The Carlino/Simpson Gardens - "So grateful for your preservation of these gardens, and sharing it... Fantastic... Magnifique... Loved the pigs..."

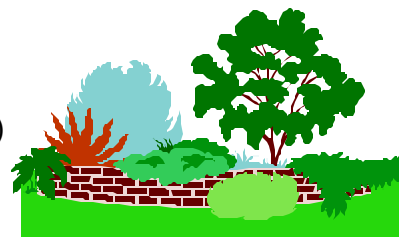
The Beals Gardens - "A peaceful oasis... We are inspired... This is a very beautiful garden. Everything is in harmony and balance, love the keystones and hanging keys... So many hostas, so little time..."

The Freitas Gardens - "Fantastic... Beautiful... How wonderful to see an arranger's gardens..."

Many thanks to each of you for contributing to the efforts of this tour, from the cookies to the weeding and planting, to selling tickets and publicity. It took all of us to do each little part, and it was a grand success!

New Board Member: We are very happy to welcome to the EGC board Maureen Curtin as the new "Awards Chairperson."

GARDEN WALKS - 2003-2004
(TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



CHAIRPERSON: KAY RYAN, e-mail: kryan33132@aol.com

- SAT., 11/29/03** FIELD TRIP - CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT LOGEES GREENHOUSE, CT.
- SAT., 12/27/03** FIELD TRIP - BUY YOURSELF A GIFT AT A & P ORCHIDS, SWANSEA, MA.
- LATE JAN./04** FIELD TRIP - VIEW THE CAMELIAS AT LYMAN ESTATE, WALTHAM, MA.
- LATE MARCH/04** FIELD TRIP - ORCHID SALE AT LYMAN ESTATE, WALTHAM, MA.
- LATE APRIL/04** FIELD TRIP - ART IN BLOOM, MFA. GUIDE: GLORIA FREITAS.
- EARLY MAY/04** DIG PLANTS FOR FLOWER SALE AND VISIT AN EASTON GARDEN.
- LATE MAY OR
EARLY JUNE/04** VISIT AN EASTON PEONY GARDEN AND 2 MEMBER GARDENS.
- EARLY JUNE/04** FIELD TRIP - WILD FLOWER SALE AT GARDEN IN THE WOODS,
FRAMINGHAM, MA.
- LATE JUNE/04** VISIT AN EASTON GARDEN AND 2 MEMBER GARDENS.
- MID JULY/04** FIELD TRIP - TOUR OF GARDEN PONDS, NORTHERN RI.
- LATE AUG./04** VISIT 3 MEMBER GARDENS.

****A "Do it Yourself" Activity****

Friday, 9/19/03, 12-6 PM; Saturday, 9/20, 10-6 PM; Sunday 9/21, 10-6 PM.

EAST SIDE FLORAL & ANTIQUE FESTIVAL; Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI
(located on median across from Swan Point Cemetery Entrance).

Hosted by the New England Botanical Gardens, Providence, features garden and antique vendors from across Southern New England, casual shopping, instructive lectures and beautiful garden displays. The central showcase garden is HARVEST GARDEN: BOUNTIFUL AND BEAUTIFUL, designed by N. E. Botanical Garden's horticultural team. Other features are lectures by Roger Swain and Paul Parent, pumpkin carving & wreath making demonstrations, plus refreshments and gift shop. Admission: Adults \$10; seniors/students \$8.; children \$5 (under 6 free). For more info: Web site www.eastsidefestival.com or 401-785-9450.

"Frederick Law Olmsted: Passages in the Life of an Unpractical Man"

(A one-man show by Mr. Gerry Wright)

Sunday, 9/28/03, 4:00 PM at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall

This presentation is in recognition of Olmsted's vision for landscaping plans for the industrial village of North Easton, and for complementing the works of Henry Hobson Richardson.

Adults - \$20, Students - \$8; purchase tickets at the door, at Andrews Bakery or call (508)297-1700.