



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

November 2003

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November 12, 2003 (Wednesday) 7:30pm

Oakes Ames Memorial Hall

"Presidents' Night and Guest Night"

For this special evening we will meet in the newly renovated upstairs of the hall.

"Floral Designs for the Holidays" Mary Huntoon

A demonstration of holiday ideas suitable for every home.

Exhibits:

"Holiday Medley"

Novice: An arrangement for a Thanksgiving buffet

Intermediate: A table arrangement for a New Year's Eve party

Horticulture:

"Flowering House Plants"

Topic:

"Cleaning Up your Garden Beds Too Much?"

Refreshments:

Judy Bruno, Chair

Joyce Holster, Raymona Sousa, Sandy Medeiros, Kay

Fulcher, Ann Trettis, Lisa Yorra, and all board members

Table Arrangement: Denise Batchis

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Dates to Remember



Wednesday, November 19, 2003, 7:00pm

Special Window Box Board Meeting
at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall

Saturday, November 29, 2003, 8:50am

Field Trip to Logees Greenhouses, Danielson, CT

Saturday, November 29th, 2003, 9:30am

Stuff window boxes downtown

Saturday, December 13, 2003, 2-7pm

and Sunday, December 14, 2003, 11am-4pm

"A Joyous Noel" EGC Holiday House Tour

Wednesday, December 17, 7:00pm

Special board Meeting at the home of
Rosemary Sinesi

Saturday, December 20, 2003

Annual Christmas Doorway Contest

Monday, December 27, 2003

Field Trip to A & P Orchids, Swansea
Call Kay Ryan for details and sign-up.

EGC News

Reminder to Board Members: Since the November meeting is Presidents' and Guest night, Nancy would like all board members to arrive at the hall no later than 6:30pm to help greet our guests. All board members are also reminded to please bake for this meeting.

House Tour: A few notes from Nancy and Denise regarding the upcoming Christmas House Tour: Any member who is able to sell tickets to the House Tour, or needs ticket request forms for friends and family, please contact Nancy Cohenno or Vivian Bissett. (Ticket request forms can be downloaded from our website at www.eastongardenclub.org.) Also, a reminder to members – anyone working ten or more hours on the House Tour is eligible to receive a free ticket. Tickets will be given out at the discretion of the chairpersons of the houses. There are many opportunities for people to contribute their time including picking greens and hosting the days of the Tour.

Doorway Contest: This year the annual holiday doorway contest judging will be held on Saturday, December 20th. The contest is open to any resident of Easton. Some artificial materials and adornments are allowed, but **greens must be fresh, and natural materials are encouraged.** For details or to sign up, please contact Nancy Ruggles by December 18th.

Window Boxes: Volunteers are needed to help turn our autumn window boxes into ones filled with greens for the holidays. We will meet **Saturday, Nov. 29th at 9:30 am** in the clubhouse (behind Freitas Associates on Main Street). If possible, please bring a bag of fresh cut greens. Greens that work well are ewe, hemlock, spruce, arborvitae, scotch pine, scrub pine, lacothe and laurel.

Horticulture Buffs? Joyce Holster is looking for someone with an interest in houseplants, who also would like to become a volunteer for the New England Spring Flower Show. Joyce

is in charge of staging for the amateur horticulture competition, and is looking for someone to take over for her starting in 2005. She would ideally like to train this person at the 2004 Flower Show. Please give her a call if you are interested.

Potluck Supper: Sign-ups for the January Potluck Supper will be going on at the November meeting. Members will be asked to bring entrées, desserts, and other necessities such as bread, vegetables, and condiments. If you would like to volunteer, and won't be attending the meeting, please contact Leslie Mullen to sign up.

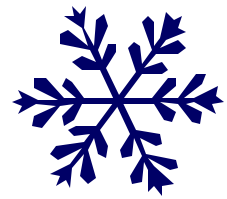
Connecticut Field Trip: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2003 (Snow or ice storm cancels) LOGEES GREENHOUSES, DANIELSON, CT.

Meet to carpool at 8:50 am in parking lot in front of Fleet Bank, Easton Five Corners/ Shaws' Shopping Center. Trip departs promptly at 9 am. Driving time to Logees is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours. Anticipate 4 hours for travel, 2-3 hours for touring/shopping at greenhouses, 1+ hour for lunch. Probable return time 4-5 pm. Plan to lunch at a restaurant in Danielson. Please pre-register with Kay Ryan, 508-285-5916. If no one calls, Kay will not show up in Easton on the 29th.

New Members: Welcome to our new members voted in at the October board meeting. They are Mary Ellen Bodio-Gomes, Cathy Estey, Hagit Moverman, Barbara Rogers, and Joe' 1Sanfilippo all of North Easton; Debby Johnson of Raynham; as well as Liz Smith of East Bridgewater. We're always happy to have new members – especially in a house tour year!



Events in Our Area



Eighth Christmas Showcase of the Jonathan Belcher House Thursday, December 4 thru Sunday, December 7, 2003

Sponsor: The Ladies' Library Association of Randolph

Marilyn Falzone has been invited to decorate the Marie Carr Room. The Theme is the "Winter Wedding." Each designer decorates a room, and the contents are for sale.

Tickets: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door. See Marilyn Falzone for tickets or call 508-238-7945 for times and details.

Winter Open House at Tower Hill's Gift Shop November 16th, 2003 at 10 am

11 French Drive, Boylston, MA

Looking for a gift for the gardener on your list? The Shop at Tower Hill Botanic Garden will feature its latest collection of garden-related gifts and holiday merchandise, including household items, ornaments, tools, books, and clothing. There will also be drawings for hourly door prizes. Admission to all the features at Tower Hill is free all day, including the beautiful grounds, sub-tropical Orangerie, and woodland trails. Twigs Café will serve lunch from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Hours: 10am - 5pm; Admission/Fees: FREE

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Garden Gimmicks

Fall lawn maintenance is on the top of the to-do list for many gardeners. What you do this fall will pay off in a big way next spring. Some of the things to pay particular attention to are fertilizing, mowing, and aeration. To aerate your lawn is to unplug it, releasing compacted soils, and fall is the best time to do it. You can rent a machine to do a really good job. The machine extracts hundreds of small soil plugs from your lawn. If you water a couple of days before you aerate, the plugs will come out much easier. Opening up and loosens the soil allows air, water, and nutrients to reach the grass roots. When your lawn looks like a war zone with all the little plugs, then you know you've done your job. It's important to leave the plugs down. They'll decompose or the mower will help break them up.

Speaking of mowing, it's important that you cut the grass shorter as temperatures get cooler. Also, pick up the leaves. This will help reduce the chances of getting any kind of disease or insect problem next spring.

And finally, if you're ever going to fertilize, fall is the time to do it. Just make sure the fertilizer you buy is one that's good for winterizing your turf.

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Happy Holidays!