



# Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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**March 10 (Wednesday) 7:30pm Oakes Ames Memorial Hall**

***"Gloria Critiques" ... ..Gloria Freitas***

A program of flower arranging and critique of the New England Flower Show

**Exhibits:** *"Hope You're Feeling Better"*

A cheery arrangement for a recovering patient

**Horticulture:** *"Spring Flowers"*

**Topic:** *"Herbal Use and Herb Gardens"*

**Refreshments:** Pat Jacobsen, Chair

Judy Tyler, Maureen Curtin, Amy Morse, Marianne Small

**Table Arrangement:** Monica Saba

## Dates to Remember

**March 13-21, 2004**

New England Spring Flower Show, Boston.

(Our EGC entry, "A Child's Perspective," runs 3/16 - 3/18.)

**March 24, 2004 (Wednesday) 7:00pm**

Board Meeting at the home of Kim Bertram

**March 31, 2004 (Wednesday) 10:00am**

Annual South Shore District Meeting

Shaws' Center, Brockton



# EGC News

**South Shore District Meeting:** This year the South Shore District Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00am. The meeting is a luncheon and program at the new Shaws' Center in Brockton. South Shore District Director Cheryl Collins will present a program about all the activities of clubs in our area. Members who would like to attend, but have not already signed up, should speak to Davie McNamara. Davie is now Assistant Director of the South Shore District of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. **A side note:** Congratulations to Davie, on becoming a Student Judge!

**Dues...Dues...Dues:** Membership Chairperson Mary Beth Meyer will be collecting dues, and would like to remind everyone that all dues are due by May 30th for your name to be included in the EGC book.

Please see her 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.

**New Member:** This month we are happy to welcome new member Vera Bokhenik of North Easton.



## Garden Gimmicks

### Early Spring Chores

When temperatures start warming up, most of us can't wait to get outside and into the garden. But hold your horses, because too much haste can lead to some serious garden waste. So here's a checklist on early spring garden care that won't harm a thing:

- Bulbs are the first things that come up. If you have mulch around them, go ahead and pull it away from the bulbs but leave it nearby. That way you can easily cover them, should there be a frosty night.
- If you've had a problem with deer, they don't like anything that smells. Try putting cocoa bean mulch down around bulbs and the deer may stay away.
- As for perennials, leave the mulch on as long as possible. When they are actively growing and temperatures are above the freezing point, you can slowly start removing the mulch.
- Come spring, that ornamental grass that was so pretty in winter is not so pretty anymore. Typically you want to cut your grasses down to 6 inches or just above the green growth.
- Early spring is an excellent time to prune your apple trees, so get rid of all the dead limbs. Also remove any little suckers or branches that rub against other branches, because such contact opens the tree to disease.
- Finally, don't cut your spring blooming shrubs, like azaleas, spirea or lilacs. If you do, there go this year's blossoms.

# Events in Our Area



## **Spring Flower Show at South Shore Natural Science Center Saturday, March 06, 2004 - Sunday, March 07, 2004**

**10:00am to 5:00pm, both days**

On Saturday and Sunday, March 6-7, 2004, stroll through the Flower Show, register for one of several horticultural workshops offered, including a Question-and-Answer Session with The Patriot Ledger's Bill Cannon, and shop for plants, seeds and gardening-related items.

Admission to the Flower Show is \$6 (\$5 members). Horticultural workshops and lectures are additional.

Directions: (781) 659-2559; [www.ssns.org](http://www.ssns.org); fax: 781-659-5924

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

## **2004 New England Spring Flower Show – “Deeply Rooted” Mass Horticultural Society**

**Saturday, March 13, 2004 - Sunday, March 21, 2004**

The 133rd consecutive New England Spring Flower Show will take place over a nine-day period from March 13 – 21, 2004 at Boston's Bayside Expo Center. The annual event, which regularly attracts more than 130,000 gardening enthusiasts, will consist of more than 5 acres of exhibit space. Attractions at the event include more than 50 gardens designed by local, national and international landscape professionals, amateur competitions highlighting the creations of area garden clubs and junior horticulturists, more than 250 garden related vendors in the Garden Marketplace, lectures and demonstrations and the annual Preview Party, to be held this year on Friday, March 12th.

The New England Spring Flower Show is New England's largest annual indoor event, the longest running flower show in the world and the second largest flower show in the United States, behind only the Philadelphia Flower Show.

The theme of the 2004 New England Spring Flower Show is “Deeply Rooted.” In keeping with this theme, and to celebrate the 175th year of the founding of MassHort, exhibitors are asked to interpret the theme via “the cultural traditions and natural realities that blend to create the beauty and diversity of our region's gardens.”

Bayside Exposition Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston MA

617-933-4900, <http://www.masshort.org>

## **Joy and Success with Daffodils -- April 5, 2004**

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts hosts several “Horticulture Mornings.”

These meetings are held on a series of Monday mornings at the Espousal Center, 554

Lexington Street, Waltham, MA. Meet for coffee at 10:00 a.m., followed by the program at 10:30 a.m.