



# Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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## MEETING

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

***"Mass Gardens on Tour" ... .. Cheryl Collins***

A slide presentation from our latest Federation Garden Tour

**Exhibits:** *"Let's Have a Party - EGC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"*

**Horticulture:** *"Forced Branch or Bulb"*

**Topic:** *"Shrub and Tree Pests"*

**Refreshments:** Lisa Yorra, Chair

Claudia Peters, Mary Spellman, Denise Batchis,

Gail Devins, Tracey Fioriti

**Table Arrangement:** Amy Morse

## Dates to Remember

**March 12-20, 2005**

New England Spring Flower Show, Boston.

*"A Fresh Perspective"*

**March 22, 2005 (Tuesday) 9a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Daffodil Days Sales

**March 23, 2005 (Wednesday) 7:00p.m.**

Board Meeting at the home of Claudia Peters

**April 3, 2005 (Sunday) 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Brockton Garden Club *"Garden Show"*

**April 12, 2005 (Tuesday) 9a.m. - 2 p.m.**

South Shore District Meeting at the Shaw Center Brockton



# EGC News

**Daffodil Days:** Tuesday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the American Cancer Society is selling bunches of daffodils to help find a cure. The EGC has helped them with this cause for the past several years. They are looking for two or three volunteers to sit at a table and sell the daffodil bunches at Roche Brothers, CVS and Shaws. If you can give a couple of hours between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2p.m., please contact Cindy Lemish. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

**Window Boxes:** We will be emptying out the winter greens from our window boxes on Saturday, **March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** Bring a trash bag, gloves & clippers and meet downtown. Rain/snow date will be the next day, Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**New England Spring Flower Show:** This year there will be an exciting new feature added to the Design Division. On each of the three entry days, the Federation will present an unjudged Invitational Exhibit titled “**The IMPACT of a WOMAN - On Floral Design**” with an exceptional exhibitor presenting her own signature design style. Our own “exceptional exhibitor” Gloria Freitas, will be featured on the second entry day, **March 15 - 17**. This should be quite an exhibit to see! Everybody in the club should go to the Flower Show for this event alone! Gloria’s design style is fabulous.

**Speaking of Flowers and Shows:** The Brockton Garden Club is hosting a **Garden Show** on **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 10am to 4pm. The admission is **free** and the lectures are **free**. It will be held at the Shaw Center behind the Brockton Registry of Motor Vehicles. There will be 3 lectures beginning at 11am. Kids are welcome also as there will be **free** projects for them to participate in. There will be over 40 exhibitors where you can get **free** advice or purchase their service. There will be an arborist, landscapers, mower service (sales & repair), Deb Swanson, the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Horticulturist, as well as many other experts or vendors of interest. I have enclosed a flyer for this garden show and you may also view the list of the exhibitors on [www.brocktongc.org](http://www.brocktongc.org). This sounds like a great way to get that spring feeling and it’s only next-door!

**Art in Bloom:** This year Art in Bloom will be **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Darya Cotter and Amy Morse will be the designers entering this year from our club.

**South Shore District Meeting:** This year the South Shore District Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held at the Shaw Center, 1 Lexington Avenue, Brockton. This is the same place where the meeting was held as last year. (Behind the Brockton Registry). Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Coffee will be served at 9:30 while boutique shopping will also be available. There will be an a la carte breakfast available for purchase. **The meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m.** and will break for boutique shopping at noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30. You have a choice of **Boston Baked Scrod or New England Stuffed Chicken**. The cost for the luncheon is \$27.00. Make your check payable to: South Shore District. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting where you can drop off your check, or you may mail your check and dinner choice to Davie McNamara. **The deadline for registration is Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. The program this year will be "Showcasing the South Shore District.. This program was such a success last year that our South Shore District Director and featured speaker, Cheryl Collins again photographed our activities for the past year and will present that to us. (I remember that Easton's activities were featured in quite a few of the slides). This event is open to any member of our club. The more the merrier.

**Garden Tour:** Just a reminder that our Garden Tour is going strong and be sure to save the date, Saturday, **July 16<sup>th</sup>**, (rain or shine) to help us hostess. Sitting in a garden is a great way to spend a Saturday in July.

**Cookbook:** We have begun soliciting businesses in the area asking for funding to defray the cost of printing our cookbook. These contributors will be listed on a patron page of the cookbook. We don't want to leave anybody out so if you are interested in donating \$50.00 towards the book in your name or your business name, please give Amy Morse a call.

**Dues...Dues...Dues:** Membership Chairperson Kim Bertram 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 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 Kim if you have any questions.



# Events in Our Area

## **2005 New England Spring Flower Show – “A Fresh Perspective” Massachusetts Horticultural Society Saturday, March 12, 2004 - Sunday, March 20, 2005**

The 134th consecutive New England Spring Flower Show will take place over a nine-day period from March 12 – 20, 2005 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 11th.

The show theme, “A Fresh Perspective,” was thoughtfully chosen to inspire exhibitors to bring the best of what’s new to the show. In the garden displays, exhibitors will present a cornucopia of newly introduced plants, innovative landscaping materials, cutting edge techniques, and newly discovered artists.

Show Hours:

Saturdays 9 am – 9 pm

Sundays 9 am – 6 pm

Weekdays 10 am – 9 pm

Bayside Exposition Center, 200 Mt. Vernon St., Boston MA  
617-933-4900, <http://www.masshort.org>

## **Grand Retail Opening – Euroports Home and Garden**

Friday, March 4, 2005 – Sunday, March 6, 2005 10 – 4 daily.

Euroports Iron Home and Garden designs – much of the iron that is seen in Flower Show gardens. Last year they did more than 25 pieces for the Garden Club Federation to use in the MA and RI shows. Now open to the public, you may directly purchase from more than 200 hand forged items. (They also make topiary forms.)

Location:

Euroports

Goodvalue Furniture Building

1450 N. Main Street, Exit 15, Route 24

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