



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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Wednesday, September 14, 2005 – 7:30pm Oakes Ames Memorial Hall “NRT Fair Workshop Project”

Members will make wreaths and bouquets for our fundraising booth at the NRT Harvest Fair.

Exhibits: “September Song”
Horticulture: “Zinnias and Dahlias”
Topic: “The Ever-blooming, pest-free perennial garden”

Refreshments: Tracy Fioriti, Chairperson
Ellen Fredericks, Betsy Regan, Liz Smith,
Janet Simolari, Gail Devins

Table Arrangement: Denise Batchis



Dates To Remember

September 28, 2005 (Wednesday) 7:00pm
Board Meeting at the home of Kay Fulcher

September 26 – October 1, 2005 (Monday thru Saturday) 9am – 5pm
NRT Harvest Fair workshops for EGC Fundraising Booth
Carriage House, NRT Sheep pasture

October 2, 2005 (Sunday) 10am – 5pm, rain or shine
NRT Harvest Fair – EGC Fundraising Booth
NRT Sheep Pasture

EGC News

A Message from our New Editor: I will continue the theme of Robin's newsletter and will be sending electronic and paper formats. This newsletter will also be posted to the EGC web site. Claudia Peters

The new Program Books will be distributed at our September 14th workshop meeting. Please be sure to see Leslie Mullen for your new book.

Program Book Changes: When you receive your book, please check your name, address, telephone number and email address to be sure all the information is correct or has not changed. Any change of information should be reported to Robin Kallfelz.

Also, while perusing the book, please read the **Monthly Club Activities** to find out when you are assigned to help with Refreshments. (This way it shouldn't be such a shock to you when you are called and reminded of your turn).

Kay Fulcher would like to remind members that if you hear any important news about any of our members, please let her know so she can send a card.

Be sure to take a look at what's new on our website. 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

Email address for our Federation: If you want to check out what is going on in the Federation, here is their new address:

www.gcfm@verizon.net

Window Boxes: The Main Street window boxes did very well this year and looked splendid and bug free all summer. The Garden Club once again contracted Henderson's Nursery to plant the flowers, and this year many of our own members maintained them. Many thanks to all those members who watered. Labor Day Weekend will see the change from summer to fall plantings of chrysanthemums.

Cookbook: At the end of June we had a few copies of the new Easton Garden Club Cookbook "Digging In" to sell. We will have more to sell at the NRT fair this fall. There are more to come in time for holiday gift giving. See the order form on the EGC web site. At <http://www.eastongardenclub.org>

Our 75th Anniversary: On November 30th, the Wednesday after Thanksgiving we will celebrate our 75th Diamond Anniversary at the Easton Country Club. This celebration will occur in lieu of our monthly meeting. See your Program Booklet for details.

Garden Walks- The Secret Garden tours in Newport Rhode Island is now having a autumn tour, Sept. 10 (10 am- 5 pm) and Sept. 11 (11 AM – 5 PM). For full information please see www.secretgardentour.com. Tickets are \$18 in advance for 10 or more persons or \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour. A reunion prevents Joyce Holster from leading this tour, but she is willing to coordinate purchase of advance tickets if there is interest. E-mail to joyce.holster@dmh.state.ma.us.

Gardening: Joyce Holster and Claudia Peters visited Attleboro Farms and they had lots of good deals on end of year perennials, check out their web site at <http://www.attleborofarms.com/site/> They are off Rte 1 north of the Emerald Square Malls on route 120 west.

EGC/NRT Harvest Fair: This year, as we have for the past several 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 26th through Saturday, October 1st** . 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, from bundling grasses to stripping lunaria. Please come down and give it a try. ***Please note:** Again, as always, we need any dried flowers, in any condition, especially roses, or if you have hydrangeas in any color available please bring them with you to the Sept. 14th workshop meeting. We also still need lunaria (money plant), silver king or silver queen artemesia, dusty miller, lambs ear, Chinese lanterns, any tall ornamental grass (such as miscanthus), sweet annie, yarrow, sumac, rose hips green or red, statice, 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 such as your basement near the furnace. It should dry in a week or less. Bring the dried plant material to the September 14th 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, dry-cleaning bags or tissue paper that you may have saved. This is a fantastic and fun fundraiser for the Garden Club – Please VOLUNTEER! Come and get to know us better! There will be sign-ups for setup, cleanup, working the fair and working the week before the fair at our September meeting.

Monica and the team having been picking all summer and have been running work shops. Any questions about helping on this fundraiser you may have, please call Monica Saba.