



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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MEETING

April 12, 2006 (Wednesday) 7:30pm
Oakes Ames Memorial Hall

Program: "Garden Structures" – C.L. Fornari – The very entertaining "garden Lady" – classic, creative, and whimsical garden structures with year-round interest in the garden.

Design Exhibits: "April in Paris" – Think Monet

Horticulture Exhibit: "Narcissus, Tulips, Daffodils, Azaleas, & Rhododendron"

We combined February and March as February was a poor growing month. We are hoping to get lots exhibits this month.

Topic: "Roses"

Refreshments: Nancy Ruggles, Chair; Agnes Gaudet; Judi Bruno; Mary Beth Meyer; Davie McNamara; Helen Hazard

Table Arrangement: Monica Saba

Dates to Remember

April 4, 2006 (Tuesday) 10:30 a.m. Shaw's Center South Shore District Meeting at Shaw's Center in Brockton

April 26, 2006 (Wednesday, 7:00pm) Board Meeting at the home of Suzanne Zaff

April 22 to April 25, 2006 (Saturday to Tuesday) "Art in Bloom", Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

May 13 from 8:30-10 (Saturday) Ames Field, Main Street - RAIN or SHINE

May 13 from 9-1, at Elm Bank Horticulture Center is the HERB PLANT SALE (www.masshort.org)

July 29, 9-4 and July 30, 10-4, ANTIQUES AT ELM BANK (www.masshort.org)

South Shore District Meeting, April 4th, South Shore District Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Shaw's Center, Brockton. 10:30 AM. Cost TBA. Contact: Louise Hannington at 781-828-2828 or LouiseHannington@aol.com. Please note new contact person.

Plantings at Easton Town Offices – Cindy Lemish is working with the Town of Easton to replant the entrance triangle at the town offices. Please contact Cindy to offer assistance. Sign up and dates will be at the next meeting.

Thank you – many thanks to all who helped remove the materials from the Main Street window boxes and for helping with Daffodil Days.

Christmas Tour – Nancy Cohenno is the chairperson and is looking to members to assist with the decoration and hostess the tours. Please see the attached “Pep Talk” from Nancy and please sign-up to help.

Plant Sale - We will hold our annual Plant Sale on Saturday May 13, 2006 (RAIN OR SHINE) from 830-11 am in the Ames Field on Main Street (across from NRT). Please dig any plant material from your garden. We need anything you can give. I shall put pots out behind the clubhouse. If you donate any pots or trays, please leave them behind the clubhouse. Also we are looking for donations of ornamental containers for the plant sale. Flats or boxes that water bottles come packaged in are needed for plant sale. Start thinking about digging and giving plants from your gardens that can be sold at our very popular EGC Spring Plant Sale. Any questions about plants or if you have things you cannot dig alone please call Amy Morse at 508-238-8109.

Dues: The By-Law change in dues was passed at the March meeting, please contact Leslie Mullen if you need a copy of the new by-law. Please submit your dues and select your three areas of participation by May 30, 2006, the membership form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Lectures: The Plymouth County Cooperative Extension has their spring lecture series out. These are free but you must preregister for them. Register at plyctyext@mindspring.com or 781-293-3541. Here's the series.

- GREAT PLANTS FOR GREAT LANDSCAPES 5/2/06 from 7-9 PM. Co-sponsored by Kennedy Garden Center, Scituate
- SUSTAINABLE PLANTS FOR SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES, 5/18/06. For this one, call Sara Grady at 781-659-8168 or e-mail sara@nsrwa.org
- Anyone with plant questions can contact THE HORT LINE at 617-933-4929

Summer Garden Walks are a MEMBERS ONLY program to get together for a short time and see what other members have in their gardens. The gardens are, as always, works in progress. They can be big or little, fancy or plain, novice or horticulturist. Three member's gardens are chosen. We meet at the first garden and "wagon train" it to each of the other two. The plan is for it to be a short but fun gathering. Only about 20 minutes is spent at each garden and no refreshments are served. We never even go into the house.

We would really love to have all of our walks at new members' yards. It's a great way to get to know each other better. Please give Joyce Holster a phone call or e-mail if you want to have us come to your yard. Dates are Thursday, June 1, Saturday, July 1, and Tuesday August 1 (this is a change from our program book). All garden walks begin at 8:30 AM. There is an additional walk scheduled to Suzanne Mahler's house to see the daylilies, date to be announced.

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EASTON GARDEN CLUB

2006 -- 2007 DUES NOTICE

Active Members are required to attend at least three meetings a year and serve on at least three committees. Dues for this category are \$25.00 per year. Active members have all club privileges and are entitled to vote and hold office.

Associate Members are members in good standing that have actively contributed at least a minimum of five years to the club. This membership category will not be expected to participate on committees and special projects and will have all privileges except the right to vote or hold office. Associate member dues are \$35.00 per year.

Patron Members are not required to attend a specific number of monthly meetings nor participate in any activity, committee or special project. Club members may become a Patron Member after one year of active membership. They have all privileges except the right to vote or hold office. Patron member's dues are \$50.00 per year

Honorary Members can be any member that has contributed actively for at least ten years and is at least sixty five years of age. Honorary members shall be responsible for notifying the current membership chairperson of his/her age and status in order to be exempt from payment of dues. Honorary members have all club privileges.

Select Membership Category:

ACTIVE	\$25.00
ASSOCIATE	\$35.00
PATRON	\$50.00
HONORARY (senior)	\$ 0.00

Choose three of the following in which you will participate:

- October Harvest Fair at NRT
- December Greens Sale
- Spring Plant Sale
- Village Improvement, i.e. window boxes, town plantings
- Serving on the refreshment committee at a monthly meeting (specify month)
- Floral arrangement for the refreshment table (specify month)
- Christmas house tour
- Summer garden tour

Name _____
(Specify exact wording for Program Book)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE EASTON GARDEN CLUB BY MAY 30, 2006. SUBMIT BOTH TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: LESLIE MULLEN, 7 FALL LANE, NORTH EASTON MA 02356.

IF THIS DUES NOTICE IS NOT RECEIVED, YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERSHIP BOOK.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS DURING A HOUSE TOUR?

A House Tour is a major fundraiser for The Easton Garden Club. Not only does it bring in a lot of money for our club, it gives us a chance to show off our talents and promote good will among the community. People look forward to it. During off years, townsfolk ask many club members "when is the next house tour?" Other garden clubs make sure they come to our tour because we have quite a reputation for being a very talented club.

Selections: Once the homes are selected and a chairman for each home is in place, the chairman visits the home she has been assigned to and takes measurements, notes colors, and comes up with decorating ideas for the home. The rest of the membership gets divided up to help among the four houses. Careful attention is given to place each member in the right home to help with the decorating and be sure she is comfortable and has fun. Once the placement list is complete, you will be informed which house you are working on. The chairman will have a meeting with her committee to discuss the decorating ideas. There will be workshops planned by each house chairman for her committee members to help make the decorations for the house. Work is divided up for the committee to complete. Some of these decorations require a lot of skill and detail and other decorations are simple to make. You only have to work on what you feel comfortable doing. The chairmen are very willing to teach you their techniques. Sometimes, you can take the elements home and work on the decoration on your own time.

We really need the help from every member to make each house tour a success. If you feel unsure about your level of talent, don't worry; each chairman is willing to teach and there is always something to be done for every level of talent. We need members to help in placing the completed decorations, helping to set up the tree, string the lights, hang the garlands, etc. This means you don't even have to help with the actual designs! (Have you ever seen Nancy Cohenno make an arrangement? No, but she certainly helps where she can).

The week before the tour: The house chairman and committee members will work at the home usually every day. There are many things to be done this week. The decorations will be placed, wreaths and garlands will be attached and the tree(s) will be decorated. Some of the perishable decorations must be made at the house this week.

Tour days: We really need help on tour days with hostesses. A hostess' duty is to stand in a room and help move crowds along, make sure visitors touch nothing and enjoy the tour, and answer any questions the visitors may have about the decorations. Usually, your presence in the room keeps everything running smoothly. If you have helped with even a small amount of decorating, you feel proud to hostess and answer any questions the visitors have. When there are enough members helping, there are plenty of us in each house and it is quite social and a lot of fun. If you can't hostess, maybe you can help put the signs up or at the end of the tour, take the signs down.

Publicity: We could use help putting up posters in shop windows. Even if you know only one business that would be willing to display a poster, let us know. That's one less for the publicity chairman to worry about.

If you work full-time and cannot help during the day, you hopefully can attend an evening workshop or give us a couple of hours on a weekend to pick greens, hostess or help with other tasks. We understand and respect that you have duties other than Easton Garden Club, but every active member should be willing to give us a couple of hours towards this project.

Remember, the bylaws state that:

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERS

A. Active Membership...Any person shall be eligible for active membership upon payment of dues and **shall be expected to participate on committees, special projects and any functions of the club** and attend at least three meetings.

If you have any questions or concerns with this description of the work involved, please feel free to contact Nancy Cohenno.