



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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M E E T I N G

October 11, 2007 (Thursday) 7:00pm

Extending Blooming Time

Covenant Church on Center Street

Please note new day and location!

Program: "Extending Blooming Time" - Warren Leach, A discussion on how to keep your gardens looking great a little longer each season.

Design Exhibits: *"Hope You're Feeling Better"* Pot de Fleur for a sick friend (see note below for a more detailed description.)

Horticulture Exhibit: *Any specimen grown by the exhibitor.*

Topic: *Herbs*

Flower Arranging: Tips from Gloria

Table Arrangement: Judy Tyler

Refreshments: Lisa Yorra, Chair; Karen Ewing, Pat Jacobsen, Amy Morse, Ellie Strug, Kathy Taylor

Note: Hospitality Committee must set up and take down tables used for refreshments.

Dates to Remember

October 18-19 (Thursday, Friday) GCFM Fall Conference, Burlington Marriott, Burlington, Mass.

October 25, 2007 (Thursday, 7:00 pm) Board meeting at Leslie Mullen's home.

Meeting location:

Use Main Entrance to the church for the meeting this month.

Surprise:

We are starting something new at the October meeting, a surprise raffle basket. Each month we will have a theme and members are asked to donate a small, inexpensive, item to a raffle basket. The basket will be raffled at the end of the meeting. The theme for October is Halloween. Please no candy or perishable items. Things like candles, paper napkins, decorative pots or vases, and small decorations are suitable.

Pot-et-Fleur

Pot-et-Fleur is a Creative Design consisting of container plantings of two or more rooted plants into which fresh cut flowers are added. The fresh flowers are kept in either florist foam or water container buried in the planting medium. The benefit of the Pot-et-Fleur, which has its origins in France, is that the plants provide a long-term background while the flowers can be changed weekly to reflect the changing seasons. It can be kept for months to years and decorated for many different occasions.

An Example: <http://www.perkalgifts.co.za/fleur-plant-arrangement-country-basket-p-2331.html>

NRT Fair

EGC says a hardy thank you to all the members, their families, and friends who helped with this years fair. As usual we had a few laughs, eat some good food, and got to know one another better.

Pictures:

Suzanne Zaff has requested electronic copies of any photographs taken at the NRT workshops or fair be sent to her email for inclusion in our historical materials.

Guests Welcome

As an Easton Garden Club Member you are always invited to bring a curious friend or neighbor to our monthly Garden Club meetings to spark an interest in what we do. If they are energetic and eager to participate in our fundraisers and civic projects, they would be a welcome addition to our work force. If they are gardeners or flower arrangers who want to learn more about their hobbies and interests, they would find our speakers and garden walks enjoyable and enlightening.

Program Book for the 2007-2008 EGC Calendar

Program books for members will be available that the meeting in October. Make sure to pick up your program book at the next meeting.

Greens Sale and Village Stroll

EGC will be having a "Greens Sale and Village Stroll" on Saturday, December 8th from 10am-4pm. The main focus of adding a stroll to our greens sale this year is to get our house tour back on an every-other-year schedule that does not compete with surrounding clubs. The board feels that when two local clubs host a holiday house tour on the same year both clubs lose some of the visitors because they only want to attend one tour.

The event will begin at 10am with our greens sale being held at the Railroad Station on Mechanic Street. Beginning inside the train station, which will be decorated, people may take a booklet leading them on the stroll. There is no cost for the stroll, but donations will be accepted. You will get to walk a section of the "Village" and view the many decorated front doors along the stroll. The interior of the Unity Church will be decorated for the stroll. We will have many of the decorations for sale, as well as a "twin" for sale at the railroad station (duplicates of decorations used at sites on the tour).

We will need many members to help with this project. If you are interested in helping with the **stroll**, contact **Kay Fulcher**. If you want to help with the **greens sale**, contact **Vivian Bissett or Nancy Cohenno**. There will be several workshops conducted. They are planned for evenings, weekends and weekdays so every member can help. There will be sign up sheets at the October meeting.

Greens: If you know somebody that has evergreen bushes or trees on their property that we may trim, please contact Nancy Cohenno. Also, if you are taking any kind of evergreen down this year, let me know. Many greens are needed for President's Night November 14, filling our window boxes November 24, and the stroll and greens sale December 8. We could use yews, holly, lacothe, spruce, cedar, juniper, cypress, balsam fir, and boxwood. If you have access to magnolia leaves, huge pinecones, or beautiful ribbons we could use them also.