



# Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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**May 8, 2008 (Thursday) 7:30pm**  
**Covenant Congregational Church**  
Enter in the Church upper level

**Program:** *"Symbolic Flowers of the Orient"* - Mabel Maria Herwig, presents on Japanese and Chinese flower arranging.

**Design Exhibits:** *"And Pretty Maids All in A Row"* - An arrangement for a bridesmaid luncheon.

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

**Topic:** *"Water Gardens"*

**Refreshments:** *Barbara Rogers, Chair; Sandy Medeiros, Hagit Moverman, Betsy Regan, Liz Smith, Pat Svajian*

**Table Arrangement:** *Davie McNamara*

## Dates to Remember

**May 10, 2008 (Saturday) 9am-12noon**  
Plant Sale at Yardley-Wood Rink on Depot Street.

**May 21-22, 2008 (Wednesday-Thursday) - GCFM Annual Meeting, Four Season Hotel, Leominster**

**May 22, 2008 (Thursday, 7:00pm) Board Meeting at the home of Darya Cotter**

**May 24, 2008 (Friday) Project: Fill Main Street window boxes with summer planting**

**May 28, 2008 (Tuesday) A workshop for the design division by Gloria Freitas-Steidinger (time and location to be announced)**

**June 8, 2008 (Sunday) 5:30pm - "Exhibitor's meeting" at Dry Water Farm, an opportunity for all the arrangers to see the location of their designs.**

**July 12, 2008 (Saturday) - EGC Flower Show at Dry Water Farm "Mark Your Calendars" and plan to participate!**

## **April Workshop**

The April meeting conducted by Gloria Freitas-Steidinger and her designers was a wonderful success. The members who participated made and took home a variety of beautiful designs. Everyone loved the event and many thanks to Gloria and her designers for making this event a special occasion.

### **Art in Bloom:**

Suzanne Zaff with the assistance of Davie McNamara created a charming design for this year's Art in Bloom at the MFA. If you did not attend you can see their design on our web site <http://www.eastongardenclub.org/>

### **Raffle Basket:**

The item theme for May's raffle basket is, of course, "**Mother's Day**" - goodies for Mom! Please bring a small item for the basket, which will be raffled off.

### **Food Pantry:**

Thank you to all the Club Members for your continued support of the Easton Food Pantry. The important food items needed are: cans of tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereals, snacks, cans of vegetables, soup etc. Also, checks are always gratefully accepted. Please remember that the expiration date on the food must be current. If you want to donate food, the Pantry is open on Mondays between Noon and 5pm. They are located at the Town Office Bldg. on Elm Street. Park in 1st parking lot on the left, and the pantry is at the bottom of the stairs. The Pantry is always grateful for anything we can do. Many thanks, Kay Fulcher

## **EGC Flower Show:**

EGC will be holding a **Small Standard Flower Show** Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Dry Water Farm in Stoughton. Entries will be judged from 10am to noon. The public and members are welcome for viewing from noon to 4pm. There will be a small fee for non-members. Several divisions will be judged including floral arrangements, hanging arrangements, horticultural exhibits, and potted house plants. There are just a few openings left in the "Design Division." Call Nancy Ruggles to sign up if you would like to join the design fun. This issue and the June issue will have information about our Flower Show. We hope everyone participates. We need entries and arrangements. We need hostesses and helpers. There will be sign-up sheets at the next meeting for hostess.

Some **dates to remember** for the flower show:

A workshop for those entered in the design division will be given by Gloria Freitas-Steidinger on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (time and location TBA).

Our "exhibitor's meeting" will be held at Davie McNamara's Dry Water Farm on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. This will be an opportunity for all the arrangers to see the location of their design.

More information will be available at the May EGC meeting regarding the "Horticulture Division." Schedules will be available outlining the classes for horticulture, so that you may prepare to bring your prize-winning specimens to the show for lots of blue ribbons! If you want to enter house plants or other potted containers, there is an especially good article in the Nov/Dec 2006 issue of *The American Gardener*, by Ray Rogers. The article is "Growing *for Show*" and offers a "personal perspective on the thrill of preparing entries for major flower show competitions --- tips for success." The article is available at [http://www.ahs.org/publications/the\\_american\\_gardener/06/0611/index.htm](http://www.ahs.org/publications/the_american_gardener/06/0611/index.htm) or <http://www.ahs.org/publications> for additional articles on-line. This article provides practical information for turning humdrum house plants in to blue ribbon winners!

Please save **clear glass bottles** of various sizes, e.g. Wine, Carafes suitable for display of plant material - no screw tops. These will be used to exhibit horticulture for our upcoming Flower Show to be held in July.

### **Annual Meeting:**

The Easton Garden Club annual dinner and meeting will be held at the Chateau Restaurant on Bay Road, in Norton, on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The cost for the dinner will \$30 and will include Hors d'Oeuvres and one of three dinner choices: Chicken Parmigiana, with Penne; Broiled Scrod with Rice and a Vegetable; or Sirloin Tips with Potato and Vegetable. The choices will be made that evening. If you would like to attend, please forward a check for \$30, made out to Easton Garden Club, and mail to Leslie Mullen, 7 Fall Lane, North Easton, Ma 02356. **No later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **DUES are DUE:**

It that time of year again, please fill out the membership dues form and select your membership participation. Please return it with your check, made out to Easton Garden Club, to Mary Beth Meyer. We will continue to meet at the Covenant Congregational Church on 204 Center Street and will be on second Thursday of the month. If there are any corrections you need to make to your name address, telephone or email, for next year's program book, Nancy Cohenno will be taking that information at the May meeting, or you may email her with your changes. If you already have done so, you don't have to tell her again.

### **Annual EGC Plant Sale:**

This will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2007 from 9am-12pm at the Yardley-Wood Rink next to the Center School on Depot Street. Please start potting your plant donations now. Pots are available outside the club house under the ramp. To keep your specimens in tip top shape, place the pots in the shade and water them. Potted plants can be delivered to the Yardley-Wood Rink on Depot Street Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm or from 7-8am the morning of the sale or call Kathy Estes or Darya Cotter and they will come get them. PLEASE LABEL PLANTS!

Also, call Kathy Estes or Darya Cotter if you want to donate plants but cannot dig them out. We will also be having a white elephant table of Garden Related Treasures at the plant sale. Please contact Kay Fulcher if you have any questions about what is needed. We need workers to set up and break down the plant sale. There will be sign up sheets at the April meeting. Most items for sale will be dug up from members' gardens and will be perennials to enjoy year after year. There will also be some annual hanging planters. And finally, Darya Cotter is looking for large decorative pots to fill with summer flowers for the plant sales.

**Garden Walks:**

Debbie Johnson has arranged a garden walk of the Garden of Beacon Hill on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Debbie to arrange carpools and meeting places.