



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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M E E T I N G

June 12, 2008 (Thursday) 6:00pm Annual Dinner Meeting Chateau Restaurant on Bay Road, in Norton

Program: "Quilts in Bloom" - Robin Murphy will interpret quilts in floral design.

Design Exhibits: "With This Ring" - A white arrangement to be replicated on guest tables at the wedding

Horticulture Exhibit: Any specimen grown by the exhibitor.

Topic: Ground Covers

Table Arrangement: Linda Beal, Darya Cotter, Joyce Holster, Cindy Lemish, Claudia Peters, Ann Trettis. The arrangements will be raffled during the evening.

Dates to Remember

June 8 (Sunday, 5:30 pm) - Exhibitor's Meeting for designers at Dry Water Farms.

June 21 (Saturday, 10 am) - the Secret Garden Tour, Newport, RI - meet at Dunkin Donuts near Hilliards

July 12 (Saturday, 7:30-9:30 am exhibits placement, 12:30-4:30pm for viewing) - EGC Flower Show.

August 15 - Committee chairpersons are requested to submit an estimated budget to Vivian Bissett at grneyes1115@aol.com

August 28 (Thursday, 7:00 pm) Board Meeting: Home of Nancy Coheno

September 11, 2008 (Thursday, 7:00 pm) - EGC members meeting and NRT workshop at the Covenant Church on Center Street

Annual Meeting:

Calling all Easton Garden Club members and friends of EGC....the annual dinner is around the corner and will be held at the Chateau in Norton on Thursday, June 12th. Our guest speaker/demonstrator for the evening will be Robin Murphy. The dinner choices will be selected that evening. Please come and join us. The cost is \$30 for club members and \$35 for guests. Checks may be forwarded to Vivian Bissett at 81 Westview Drive, Stoughton, MA 02072.

Raffle Basket:

The item theme for June's raffle basket is "Summer". Please bring a small item for the basket, which will be raffled off.

Food Pantry:

Just a reminder about donations for the Easton Food Pantry, they are greatly needed. They are feeding between 50-60 families a week. Now that the school year is coming to an end, I thought it would be a good idea to donate "snacks" for our donation this month (June). If you could donate any type, ex: juice boxes, snack bags of pretzels, Cheeze Its, fruit snacks, Pop Tarts, granola bars, rice krispie treats, energy bars, etc., would be great. Any questions, just give Kay Fulcher a call, and she'll see you all at our June Meeting. Also, The Food Pantry can use monetary donations or food store gift certificates to use towards items that are needed. Many thanks...Kay

Annual EGC Plant Sale:

Thank you to all members who donated plants, dug plants, and sold plants for this year's successful plant and garden collectibles sale. The proceeds were EGC \$1500.00.

Garden Show:

The "Exhibitor's Meeting" will be Sunday, June 8, at 5:30pm at Dry Water Farm. All Design Division exhibitors should attend. This will be the only chance for people to view the location of their design. You should plan to bring a measuring tape to measure your space, and it might be a good idea to bring a camera to take a photo of the location.

Watering Window Boxes on Weekends

Cindy Lemish is looking for members to water the Main Street Window Boxes during the season on week ends or long holidays when the stores are not open. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting.

Scholarship Award

This years EGC Scholarship award for graduating seniors pursuing environment, land use, or gardening studies goes to Greg Cotter.

Garden Walks

Saturday, June 21st - the Secret Garden Tour, Newport, RI - 9:00a.m.-5:00a.m.

A self-guided walking tour of private gardens in the Historic Point Section of Newport, RI. Admission is \$20.00 and will be paid the day of the tour. They accept cash or credit. We will meet at 9:00a.m. at Dunkin Donuts across from Hilliards. For more information on the tour, visit: www.secretgardentours.org.

Saturday, July 19th - Ansel S. Gurney House, Marion, MA - 10:30a.m.-3:00p.m.

A self-guided walking tour of their various gardens (butterfly herb garden, silver and gray herb garden, blue garden, rock garden, vegetable garden, hummingbird garden, love knot garden, antique perennial garden...). A little shopping in their one-of-a-kind gift shop and we will have lunch in Ansel's pantry. The trip back home will also include a stop at R.F Morse.

Admission is free, but there will be the cost for lunch and any little garden goodies you might purchase. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Dunkin Donuts across from Hilliards. For more information on Ansel S. Gurney House visit www.anselgurney.com.

Saturday, August 16 - Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum - We have arranged a group narrated tour of the Blithewold mansion, gardens and arboretum. We will experience views of Narragansett Bay and the mansion decorated with original furnishings, as well as their magnificent trees and variety of exquisite gardens. Depending on the size of the group, admission will vary. A group of 15 or more would cost us \$7.00/ea. If we have a small group of 5 or 6, it could cost \$20.00-\$25.00/each. So, let's have a big group! We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Dunkin Donuts across from Hilliards. For more information on Blithewold visit www.blithewold.org.

If you're planning to attend any of the walks, email or call Debby Johnson at 508-685-4143 or Debby.Johnson@Talbots.Com, so we will have a head count. Also, we are looking for volunteers to drive. If you would be willing to drive and/or have any questions about any of the tours, touch base with Debby.

DUES are now PAST DUE:

If you plan to continue as a member, please fill out the form, including your volunteer selects, and return it with your check, made out to Easton Garden Club, to Mary Beth Meyer; please call her and let her know you are planning to renew your membership. If you are not going to renew your membership, the kindness of a resignation note is requested. Any members failing to renew their membership by the end of June will not be included in next years Club booklet.

NRT Fair - Sunday, October 5, 2008

It's that time to start looking for, gathering, cutting, and drying flowers for this falls NRT fair. In addition, we are looking for dried roses, grapevine wreath bases. Many of our favorites are road side weeds or from your garden. Watch for e-mails from Cathy Estey over the summer for Saturday morning picking parties and photo's and dates available of flowers/wildflowers/weeds needed for drying. Please pick and save for the fall fair or contact Cathy Estey and she can pick the weeds and/or save for fair. If you are aware of any good spots for picking any of these please contact Cathy Estey at 508-230-2729 or cathy.estey@talbots.com.

Availability of our favorites is as follows:

June: Pepper grass / Pepper weed (found along back of buildings, side of roads, commercial property - especially neglected areas) This plant loves dry sandy places and was our **MOST** difficult plants to find the last couple years and one of the ones we need the most. This is what we use to make bases for a large number of wreaths. Photo below.



June: Dock: (found along roadsides mainly in ditches, pastures and sometimes woodland areas). This plant starts as a tall sturdy long green spike in late Spring/Early Summer. This plant grows as a tall green spike and then fades to greenish-tan, rosy and finally dark brown in August. This is another plant we did NOT have enough of last year for the fair. Photo below.



July: Yellow Yarrow, Tansy (end of July), Joe Pye Weed (End of July)

August- thru Fair: Goldenrod, Sea Lavender

September: Pearly Everlasting, Hydrangeas