



# Country Clippings

## Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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### Thursday, September 11, 2008 - 7:30pm Covenant Congregational Church - Gymnasium "NRT Fair Workshop Project"

Members will assemble wreaths and bouquets for our NRT sale.

- Exhibits:** *"Come to the Fair"*  
(An arrangement using your garden veggies)
- Horticulture:** *"Any specimen grown by the exhibitor"*
- Topic:** *"Leucothoe"* - Judy Tyler
- Refreshments:** Mary Beth Meyer, Karen Ewing (chairmen), Dede Ames, Robin Kallfelz, Judy Tyler, Lisa Yora
- Table Arrangement:** Darya Cotter



## Dates To Remember

**September 25, 2008 (Thursday) 7:00pm**  
Board Meeting at the home of Suzanne Zaff

**September 29 - October 4, 2008 (Monday thru Saturday) 9am - 5pm**  
NRT Harvest Fair workshops for EGC Fundraising Booth  
Carriage House, NRT Sheep pasture

**October 1, 2008 - (Wednesday) 6:00pm**  
Make and take wreath workshop on hydrangeas.  
Carriage House, NRT Sheep pasture

**October 5, 2008 (Sunday) 10am - 5pm, rain or shine**  
NRT Harvest Fair - EGC Fundraising Booth  
NRT Sheep Pasture

# NRT Fair Update

## EGC/NRT Harvest Fair Workshops:

Please plan to attend the workshops at the **September 11th** meeting and during **the week of September 29th**. We need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a success. We will make lovely fall arrangements and wreaths and teach new members how. Bring the dried materials you collected this summer, and we will make stunning bunches of dried flowers. Be sure to bring gloves, clippers, and wear comfy clothes.

During the week before the NRT fair please collect and bring any hydrangea that is ready to cut -- it should be papery to the touch. We need any dried flowers, especially roses, lunaria (money plant), silver king or silver queen artemesia, dusty miller, lambs ear, Chinese lanterns, any tall grass (such as miscanthus), sweet annie, yarrow, sumac, rose hips - green or red, stasis, 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, and hang it upside down in a dry place. It should dry in a week or less. Bring the dried plant material to the September 11th meeting, or to the horse stable at the Sheep Pasture the week of the 29th. We are located at the door on the side of the carriage house. Everyone typically gathers there from morning to dinner. There is plenty to do. Wreaths to decorate, and bunches to put together.

**October 1, 2008 Wednesday night at 6pm at NRT barn** - Make and take wreath workshop on hydrangeas. Come and make hydrangea wreaths for the sale, and take one home for yourself. If you have never made one we will teach you how. It is easy and fun to do!

**Saturday 10/4/08 – 10am Fair site set up.** Need as many bodies as possible to set up tents. Should only take an hour or so.

**Sunday 10/5/08 – 7am - Early morning set up** of goods and end of day dismantle /**5pm clean-up MOST appreciated.** Also need help all day with various functions: selling, cleaning, helping customers, etc.

**Sunday 10/5/08 – Fair time** – Barn **refreshments** for EGC members. Would anyone be interested in organizing this and preparing barn table for food and drinks? Please contact Cathy Estey.

There will be sign up sheets for all of these activities at the September meeting. Please get involved with your club – we need everyone's help...and we have lots of fun!

**Window Boxes:** The Main Street window boxes have their new fall liners in, and are a lovely display of kale and fall grasses. Take a drive through downtown to see how our boxes make the area beautiful!

**Flower Show:** The Easton Garden Club presented a glorious "Equestrian Flower Show" at the home of Davie McNamara in July. It was our first standard flower show in many years. The members who participated in the design division were almost all novices, but many beautiful arrangements were created. The following are the blue ribbon winners in each class:

Class 1: Monica Saba, who also won the "Best in Show" award for the Design Division

Class 2: Judy Tyler

Class 3: Carolyn Lynch

Class 4: Darya Cotter

In the Horticulture Division there were many blue ribbons awarded. Cindy Lemish won a blue ribbon, the "Award of Merit" and the "Best in Show" award for a wonderful orchid plant. Amy Morse won the "Sweepstakes Award" for winning the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division. Also, Davie and Nancy Cohenno worked together to create an "Educational Exhibit," which featured Davie's greenhouse. This exhibit was judged and received a blue ribbon!



A slide show of all the exhibits may be viewed on the EGC website – [www.eastongardenclub.org](http://www.eastongardenclub.org).

**New Members:** We are very happy to welcome to the Easton Garden Club Lucia Cappola of North Easton, and Sharmeen Zaman of South Easton. Also, joining the EGC board this year are Sharon O'Leary in the position of Publicity Chair, and Karen Ewing as Hospitality Assistant. The EGC board also welcomes back Joyce Holster in the position of Recording Secretary.

Additionally, a new board position has been created for veteran Easton Garden Club member Gloria Freitas-Steidinger. "In recognition of her unique and extensive knowledge, combined with her experience and creativity in all aspects of design," Gloria Freitas-Steidinger has been appointed to the board position of "*Design Consultant*" by current president, Leslie Mullen. "This is an honorary title given to Gloria because of her many years of being an experienced speaker at garden club events locally, nationally, and around the world. She is continually entering competitions resulting in winning numerous awards. Her expertise and knowledge is unending, and her willingness and patience in sharing her knowledge allow even the newest member of the Easton Garden Club to ask for advice."

**September Gift Basket:** The theme of the gift basket to be raffled at the September meeting is "Autumn." Please try to bring a small gift item in this theme for our basket. Our monthly basket raffles last year brought in \$1,277 to the club. It is a small way to add to our yearly income, that is also fun!

**Easton Food Pantry:** The Easton Garden Club will continue to support the Easton Food Pantry with donations brought to our meetings. Kay Fulcher has asked that members please bring things for all of the children heading back to school. Example: cereal, snacks, peanut butter, jelly, fluff, tuna fish, etc., and anything you can give will always be appreciated. Many thanks to our members, and to Kay for donating her time to this project.

## Events in Our Area:

Monday, September 08, 2008 in Wellesley, MA

[Guided Tour, Reception and Book Signing with Adrian Bloom - Free](#)

Thursday, September 11, 2008 in Boylston, MA

[Tower Hill Botanic Garden Concert](#)

Saturday, September 13, 2008 in Jamaica Plain, MA

[On the Wing: Migratory Butterflies](#)

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - Tuesday, November 25, 2008 in Boylston, MA

[Landscape Design Certificate Program at Tower Hill Botanic Garden](#)

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 - Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in Boylston, MA

[Ornamental Tropical and Subtropical Plants Including House Plants: 13-Class Course](#)

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 - Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in Boylston, MA

[Water Gardening Features and Accessories - Course at Tower Hill Botanic Garden](#)

Thursday, September 18, 2008 - Thursday, October 09, 2008 in Jamaica Plain, MA

[Steps to a Better Garden](#)

Thursday, September 18, 2008 in Cambridge, MA

[Audubon: The Early Drawings - Free Lecture](#)

Saturday, September 20, 2008 in Jamaica Plain, MA

[Invasive Plant Ecology](#)

Saturday, September 20, 2008 in Somerville, MA  
[Perennial and House Plant Sale - Somerville Garden Club](#)

Saturday, September 20, 2008 in Milton, MA  
[Authors & Artists: A Family Festival Overlooking the Neponset](#)

Saturday, September 20, 2008 - Sunday, September 21, 2008 in Boylston, MA  
[Begonia and Gesneriad Plant Show and Sale](#)

Sunday, September 21, 2008 in Brookline, MA  
[Touring Urban Wilds and Gardens: On the Bus with COGdesign](#)

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in Jamaica Plain, MA  
[Wintering-over Tender Plants](#)

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 - Tuesday, November 18, 2008 in Cambridge, MA  
[Introduction to Botany](#)

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 in West Medford, MA  
[Fall Plant Auction - Medford Garden Club](#)

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 in Boston, MA  
[Say It With Flowers - 4th Annual Boston Benefit Luncheon for ALS](#)

Thursday, September 25, 2008 in Cambridge, MA  
[Nature's Palette: the Biological Significance of Color - Free Lecture](#)

Friday, September 26, 2008 - Sunday, September 06, 2009 in Cambridge, MA  
[Language of Color - Harvard Museum of Natural History Exhibit](#)

Saturday, September 27, 2008 - Saturday, October 18, 2008 in Jamaica Plain, MA  
[Propagating Trees and Shrubs from Cuttings and Seeds](#)

All of these events and their details can be found at [\*bostongardens.com\*](http://bostongardens.com)<sup>™</sup>