



# Country Clippings

## Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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Thursday, November 13, 2008 7:30pm

Alumni Hall, Stonehill College

"Presidents Night and Guest Night"

"Past and Present Holiday Designs" .....Gloria Freitas-Steidinger

**Exhibits:** "Hail Pilgrims" - A design using cranberries or maize  
Or  
"Happy Hanukka" A design using white and blue

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

**Refreshments:** Darya Cotter, Betsey Regan, Liz Smith, Dawn Szum, Aziza Zaman, Sharleen Zaman, and all board members

**Table Arrangement:** Denise Batchis

## Dates to Remember

**November 29, 2008** (Saturday) 10:00 am

Filling Main Street window boxes with holiday greens project. Meet on Main Street. Bring clippers.

**December 1, 2008** (Monday) 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Workshop to embellish wreaths for the greens sale. EGC clubhouse in the rear of the Freitas Main Street building.

**December 6, 2008** (Saturday)

Greens Sale at Historical Society - Railroad Station, Sullivan Avenue.

**December 11, 2008** (Thursday) 7:00 pm

Board Meeting at the home of Gloria Freitas-Steidinger. (NOTE: This is a change of location from the program book.)

**December 13, 2008** (Saturday) 10:00 am

Holiday Doorway Contest



# EGC News

**Window Boxes:** Volunteers are needed to help turn our autumn window boxes into ones filled with greens for the holidays. We will meet **Saturday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** in the clubhouse (behind Freitas Associates on Main Street). If possible, please bring a bag of fresh cut greens. Greens that work well are ewe, hemlock, spruce, arborvitae, scotch pine, scrub pine, lacochoe and laurel. Also, clippers will be helpful.

**Greens Workshop:** A workshop for all members to embellish holiday wreaths for the greens sale will be held at the clubhouse from **6:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Monday night 12/1/08.** Refreshments will be served.

**Annual EGC Greens Sale:** The EGC holiday greens sale will be held on the morning of 12/6/08 at Railroad Station. Help is needed in early morning for transporting, set-up, customer service during business hours, dismantle and clean up. All help is appreciated. Please e-mail Cathy Estey if you are available to assist that day @ [cathy.estey@talbots.com](mailto:cathy.estey@talbots.com).

**Doorway Contest:** This year the annual holiday doorway contest judging will be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The contest is open to any resident of Easton. Some artificial materials and adornments are allowed, but **greens must be fresh, and natural materials are encouraged.** For details or to sign up, please contact Nancy Ruggles by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**New Member:** Welcome to our new member, Karen Polisenno, voted in at the October board meeting.

**Raffle Basket:** The theme for the November meeting's raffle basket will be "The Holidays." Please remember to bring a small gift item for the raffle basket. Our raffle for last November's baskets brought in \$400 for the club. So, every little gift item helps.

**Hall of Fame Arrangements:** Cindy Lemish will once again be organizing the table arrangements for the annual Oliver Ames HS Hall of Fame sports banquet. The arranging will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 10:00 am in the Martin Institute at Stonehill College.

**Topsfield Fair:** Congratulations to two members who participated in "DISCOVER YOUR ROOTS":

The Design Division of a Standard Flower Show held October 3-13, 2008.

Darya Cotter won a second place red ribbon for her design in the class "A Farmer's Market" - A Design using vegetables



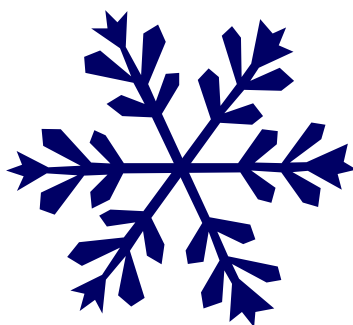
Robin Kallfelz won the first place blue ribbon in the class “A Scavenger’s Delight” – An assemblage staged on an easel.



**Food Pantry:** The Easton Food Pantry is currently feeding many more families than usual. Since the holidays are coming we hope to make a substantial donation of food items. If everyone would please bring one or more contributions for our food donation to the November meeting it will be greatly appreciated.

**Special Thanks:** We have a brand new, clean, organized, organized and more spacious EGC clubhouse thanks to the generosity and hard work of Gloria and Paul Steidinger! The new space is still located in the rear basement of the Freitas Agency on Main Street, but in a different and larger room. This will make workshops so much easier with all the added light and elbow room. So be sure to come and help us out for the greens workshop.

**More Thanks:** The Easton Garden Club was the lucky recipient of many wonderful garden related items when the “Plant Depot” closed its doors recently. We are very grateful to Doug Duarte for his kindness and generosity to us over the years, and we wish him well.



# Events in Our Area

## Holly Days: Holiday Get-Aways at Tower Hill Botanic Garden

**Friday, November 28, 2008 - Sunday, January 04, 2009**

Exotic locations and favorite places will be highlighted at Tower Hill Botanic Garden's annual **Holly Days**.

**New This Year:** See the decorations and lights at night, as Tower Hill will remain open--including the Gift Shop--for extended evening hours on Wednesdays until 8 p.m. during Holly Days. Enjoy music and entertainment, as well as light refreshments on Wednesday evenings!

**Location:** Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston , MA 01505

**Time(s):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Open 'til 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Closed Mondays

**Cost:** \$10 Adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Youth, Free to Children under 6

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