



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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February 12 (Thursday) 7:30pm
Covenant Congregational Church
"MFA Roadshow"

Museum of Fine Arts Senior Associates
will present a demonstration of "Art in Bloom"



- Exhibits:** *"Mardi Gras"* - A design featuring a party mask and bright colors
- Horticulture:** *"Any specimen grown by the exhibitor"*
- Topic:** *"The Language of Flowers"* Judi Bruno
- Refreshments:** Pam Basse, Debby Johnson, Amy Rodrigues, Ann Trettis

EGC News

Board Meeting: The February board meeting will be held Thursday, February 26th, 2009 at 7:00pm at the home of Nancy Ruggles.

New Members: Welcome to new members Cecelia and Kateri Samperi.

Change of Date for April Meeting: Due to the church being unavailable during Holy Week our April meeting will be moved up one week to Thursday, April 16th.

February Raffle Basket: Please remember to bring an item for our February raffle basket. Our little raffles are fun and raise a little money for the EGC. The themes this month are *"Valentine's Day"* or *"Mardi Gras."*

Food Pantry: We continue to support the food pantry, and would ask that members please bring a non-perishable/non-expired food item for our February donation. Our small monthly donations help many Easton families.

Events in Our Area

The Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show

February 19-22, 2009

Thurs.-Sat. 10am-9pm & Sun. 10am-6pm

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI

www.flowershow.com

"Gardens of the World," is the Show's theme, which takes you on a journey through distant and exotic places. Your show "passport" transports you through 30 gardens and an expedition into the Australian Outback, over to Mexico and South America with Mayan and Incan ruins, and into Tuscany, Spain and more. Don't miss your ticket to a horticultural melting pot that brings adventure, warmth and beauty, all with a promise of spring.

Discount tickets to Mass Horticultural Society, American Horticulture Society, Tower Hill Botanic Garden and Rhode Island Horticultural Society members.

Present your card at Box Office day of Show.

Blooms! Mass Horticultural Society Flower Show

Thursday, March 12, 2009 - Sunday, March 15, 2009

From Thursday, March 12 through Sunday March 15, accomplished flower designers and plant societies will present a spectacle of springtime collections of gorgeous arrangements in the impressive marble lobbies of Mass Hort's Greenway Garden's three abutting neighbors: One International Place, 125 High Street, and InterContinental Boston.

Location:

One International Place, InterContinental Boston
and 125 High Street
Boston, MA

Sponsor: Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Cost: Free to the public

Phone: 617-933-4900

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Email: membership@masshort.org

<http://www.masshort.org/events>

GARDEN GIMMICKS

Houseplant Care During Vacation by Phyllis Van Horn

The bathtub routine has worked great for me. I was once gone for ten days, and all my plants did fine. I put several layers of bath towels in the bottom of the bathtub. Then, I watered all the plants thoroughly and left some water in the bottom of the tub, with the towels thoroughly saturated and pots on top (not cacti). I came home and all the water was absorbed by the plants but the towels were still damp. I probably could have stretched it to 14 days.

Re-evaluate your pots. If you're using terra cotta, consider plastic, which does not dry out as fast. Pots with the self-watering wells in them help, too. Consider using polymer water crystals. They are expensive, but a little goes a long way and they are worth it. It's less expensive in the long run to spring for a large bottle, and then you will have crystals for several years. I rehydrate the crystals by soaking in lots of water overnight to get them to their maximum size, and then add them to the soil when potting. If you add them dry or you add too many, they can swell and pop the plants right out of the pot.