



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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June 11th (Thursday), 6:00pm Annual Dinner Meeting
The Chateau

48 Bay Road, Norton

"Let's Have a Party" Sue Kaplan

- Exhibits:** *"See How My Garden Grows"*
A basket arrangement using flowers grown in your garden
(if possible)
- Horticulture:** *"Any specimen grown by the exhibitor"*
- Topic:** *"Double Duty Plants"*
- Table Arrangements:** Kim Bertram, Darya Cotter, Joyce Holster, Robin Kallfelz, Sandy Medeiros, Cindy Lemish, Mary Beth Meyer, Carolyn Lynch, Monica Saba (to be raffled)

Dates to Remember

Friday, June 26th - Newport Flower Show

Saturday, July 18th - Suzanne Mahler's private residential garden in Hanover

Saturday, August 15 - Heritage Museum and Gardens in Sandwich

(See info for above dates on next page.)

August 27, 2009 (Thursday) 7:00pm
Board Meeting at the home of Rosemary Sinesi



EGC News

Annual Dinner Meeting: The Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 11th**. We will meet at **6:00pm**. This year the meeting will again be held at **The Chateau** restaurant on Bay Road in Norton. We have a wonderful speaker in store, Sue Kaplan, who will give us her program, "Let's Have a Party." The designs from the evening will be raffled.

Dues: Membership dues for 2009/2010 are due. If you haven't already, please fill out the updated dues form and remit a check made payable to the Easton Garden Club to Membership Chairperson Kim Bertram so that your name will not be dropped from the EGC book. The annual dues are Active \$35.00, Inactive \$50.00, Patron \$75.00, Senior Active \$20.00. If you do not plan to continue in the club, please notify Kim Bertram in writing.

Plant Sale: The Spring Plant Sale this year was a great success. We did a booming business selling annuals, and our garden-dug perennials. We also had a very exciting raffle this year of an iron garden cart donated by Rosemary Sinesi and won by Gloria Freitas. With all the totals tallied, we netted a profit of \$2719.79. Thank you to thank all members who donated plants, worked at the sale, and purchased items.

Window Boxes: The window boxes along Main Street have all been planted and look fabulous. Be sure to take a walk and appreciate how lovely they are. This year Cindy Lemish, Sandy Medeiros and a crew of EGC planting volunteers planted the boxes. Many of the boxes also have a fresh coat of paint.

Garden Walks: **SAVE THESE DATES:**

June Field Trip is Friday, June 26th – Newport Flower Show. Know that we moved the June walk from the 20th to the 26th to accommodate this show. We will be meeting at our regular meeting spot, the Daley Corner Dunkin Donuts (Village Shoppes) at 9:15 a.m. Admission - \$20.00ea, but if we have a group of 20+, the price could drop to \$12.00ea. Our plan is to enjoy the show, shop the vendors, and to have a nice picnic lunch in Newport. A little tid-bit – you won't want to miss the Butterfly House, created exclusively for the flower show. You will walk through a gazebo filled with butterfly-friendly plants and see thousands of indigenous butterflies, including monarchs, swallowtails and painted ladies, making a unique and colorful official entrance to the Newport Flower Show. All those planning to go, need to email Debby Johnson @ Debby.Johnson@Talbots.Com.

July Field Trip is Saturday, July 18th – Suzanne Mahler's private residential garden in Hanover. See the EGC Web-Site July 2006 Garden Walk write-up sharing details on this amazing yard. Meeting and departure information will be sent along by email over the coming weeks.

August Field Trip is Saturday, August 15 – Heritage Museum and Gardens in Sandwich. Still awaiting confirmation from Heritage as to whether they can accommodate us for a guided tour. Once confirmation is received, we will email meeting place/time and admission price. Heritage Museums & Gardens consists of one hundred spectacular acres of labeled trees and shrubs, beautiful flowers and sweeping lawns. The gardens are a delight any time of year. Summer boasts brilliant annuals and dazzling daylilies.

If you are not on email, and are interested in the July and August events, please call Debby Johnson at 508-685-4143, so she will know to call you with details once everything is finalized.

EGC Happenings:

Nancy Cohenno and Joyce Holster have found their niche. We pruned fruit trees and planted upside-down tomatoes this morning at Tee's house.

Sharon O'Leary and I recently attended the Cohasset Garden Club Presidents luncheon. Bill Graham was the speaker. He talked about how to accessorize a "Little Black Dress". As always, his flower creations were great. Sharon & I were very disappointed we were not lucky enough to bring one of his many arrangements home. Bill will be our Guest Speaker for our October, 2009, meeting.

Kay Fulcher

Vice President & Program Chairperson

Leslie Mullen and Kay Fulcher spoke with JC Mallers of Troop 42, and pledged \$200 from The Easton Garden Club towards his Eagle Scout Project at the Easton Middle School. JC is planting gardens, having benches made and placing picnic tables in one of three courtyards at the Middle School. This is part of the Easton Garden Club's commitment to civic improvement. Right now his family has \$3500 in the project with monies still coming from different business people, etc. The other courtyards are being worked on by other Eagle Scouts, one is in the process and the third courtyard project will begin sometime later in the year.

Last weekend a Standard Flower Show was held at Elm Bank in Wellesley sponsored by The Massachusetts Horticultural Society and the Massachusetts Federation of Garden Clubs. Nancy Cohenno, Kay Fulcher, Joyce Holster, Cindy Lemish, Sandy Medeiros and Leslie Mullen assisted Horticulture Chairman Davie McNamara in the staging of horticulture. Suzanne Zaff and Marcia Connors were hostesses at the Ikebana Division. Those entering the container class, and winning ribbons, were Darya Cotter, Nancy Cohenno, Gail Devins and Gloria Freitas-Steidinger and these were artistically planted

urns in the horticulture class. Winning ribbons in the horticulture division were Sandy Medeiros, Cindy Lemish, Robin Kallfelz, Davie McNamara and Joyce Holster. Gloria's design for "Shall we Dance" was a multi-rhythmic design staged on a pedestal and was a winner as well. EGC also participated in a display competition, which consisted of one stem of seven different Hosta specimens, which had to be perfect specimens, and artistically displayed in individual containers. The designer was Judi Bruno and consultants collaborating were Linda Beal and Gloria. All specimens had to be grown by a member of EGC and these were grown by Linda Beal. This design won a blue ribbon and "The Club Competition Award."

Please don't forget the Easton Food Pantry. I will be collecting food; also I am encouraging our members to make a financial donation for the Food Pantry for the summer months. I will have a box for your tax deductible donations. Please make your check out to the Easton Food Pantry.

Many thanks

Kay Fulcher, Vice President



Garden Gimmicks

TRANSPLANTING POINTERS *taken from Organic Gardening Magazine*

While most plants relocate with ease, a few are fussy. Here are some that have a preference for a particular season or are tough to move.

TRANSPLANT ONLY IN SPRING

Japanese anemone

Rhododendrons

Serviceberry

DO NOT TRANSPLANT IN SPRING

Hellebores, transplant in late summer or early fall

Iris; transplant immediately after flowering

Peonies; transplant in early to midfall

Spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips & daffodils; transplant in midfall

Yuccas; transplant in fall

DIFFICULT TO TRANSPLANT

Butterfly weed

Columbines

Daphnes
Poppies
Spicebush