



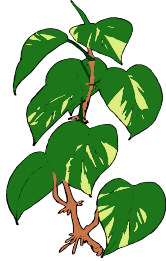
Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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March 11 (Thursday) 7:30pm
Covenant Congregational Church

"Invasive Alien Plant Crisis in Easton" Peter Alden
Changes in flora and fauna, understanding invasives

Design Exhibit: "Congratulations!"
It's a Girl - Novice
It's a Boy - Intermediate

Horticulture Exhibit: "Any Specimen Grown by the Exhibitor"

Horticulture Topic: "Planting an herb garden by the kitchen door" - Darya Cotter

Refreshments: Dede Ames, Claudette Dailey, Pat Jacobsen, Amy Rodrigues
Table Arrangement: Robin Kallfelz

Dates to Remember



BLOOMS!

At the Boston Flower & Garden Show

Wednesday, March 24 to Sunday March 28, 2010

Seaport World Trade Center

Boston, MA 02210

Blooms! is back, bigger and better for 2010. It will be held as a key part of the Boston Flower & Garden Show and will incorporate everything you'd expect from Mass Hort. Two premier floral design competitions (Design Division I and Design Division II) will test the imagination and creativity of the region's top arrangers. An amateur horticulture competition will show what a green thumb can accomplish over the course of a cold New England winter.

Wednesday, March 24 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday, March 25 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday, March 26 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 27 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, March 28 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

<http://www.masshort.org/Blooms-2010>

EGC News

Raffle Basket: Our monthly raffle baskets continue to be a fun way to raise a few dollars for the club, so please remember to bring a small item for the basket. This month's theme will be "Springtime!!!"

Food Pantry: Just a reminder that we will also continue to support the Easton Food Pantry. The non-perishable donations you bring to meetings will be dropped off there for the many Easton families in need.

Lug-a-Mug: In our continuing effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle, we are asking members to "lug a mug" from home to meetings for your coffee or tea.

March 25, 2010 (Thursday) 7:00pm

The March board meeting will be held at the home of Rosemary Sinesi.

Plant Sale Info

A message from Cathy Esty:

It's not too early to think about the EGC PLANT SALE. It is scheduled, as usual, for Saturday, the weekend before Mother's day. Lots to do: Priority for club is to offer a good assortment of plants. Hosta's (any variety), ferns, lilies, iris, flowering perennials. We are hoping to have more digging this year please. Cathy Estey will bring pots and label sticks for each attendee to take home with them at the March and April meetings. Feel free to e-mail or call Cathy to make any arrangements. More information to follow next month. www.cathy.estey@talbots.com or 508-989-0270.

LABELING YOUR PLANTS AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS: A nice idea another club did was to have a photo for each plant. Sources can be internet, catalogues (look through these before throwing out), seed packages. Information for labeling could be Name (common and/or botanical), annual or perennial, sun or shade, height & width expectations, color, watering needs. If you don't know we can do our best to fill in missing information.

GARDEN THEME GIFT BASKETS for Plant Sale- we will be putting together a few themed baskets to have as raffle items for the plant sale. We are asking members to donate, if possible, an item to go along with the following themes:

Gardening-gloves, seeds, clippers, gardeners soaps or lotions, misters, garden ornaments, gardening tools, bulbs, note cards with flowers, etc.

Birds- birdhouses, suets, suet cages, bird books, bird food (small packages preferred, hummingbird feeders, etc. NOTE: this was MOST popular last year at raffle.

Butterfly garden theme - butterfly houses, plants, plant books, etc.

House plant lovers - potting soils, fertilizers, pots, plants, clippers, books, misters, etc.

These gift baskets went over extremely well last year. We also raffled off the famous "pot lady" (made by Debby Johnson), a planter (filled with annuals and designed by Gloria) and a large wrought iron bicycle planter (donated by Rosemary Sinesi). We will need these preferably by the April meeting at the latest but please start looking around and see what you might have available for us.

PLANT SALE Supplies needed: pots, pots, pots!!! We are looking for large size (to fit 3-4 mixed annuals in) terra cotta, pottery, or anything else.

More information always available at
www.eastongardenclub.org