

Fall is Fantastic at the Gardens!



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September 21
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October 7
"The Artist in the Garden
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Sharon Lovejoy

October 14
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with John Greenlee and Brent Heath

October 14
"Living Flower Arrangements
with Layers of Bulbs"
Brent Heath of Brent and
Becky's Bulbs

October 30
Halloween at the Gardens

November 6
"The Inspired Gardener"
Judy Paolini

November 20
Frozen Turkey Hunt

Saturday, December 11
Christmas Market at the Gardens

Sunday, December 19
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and more.

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Ireland, and New York City.**

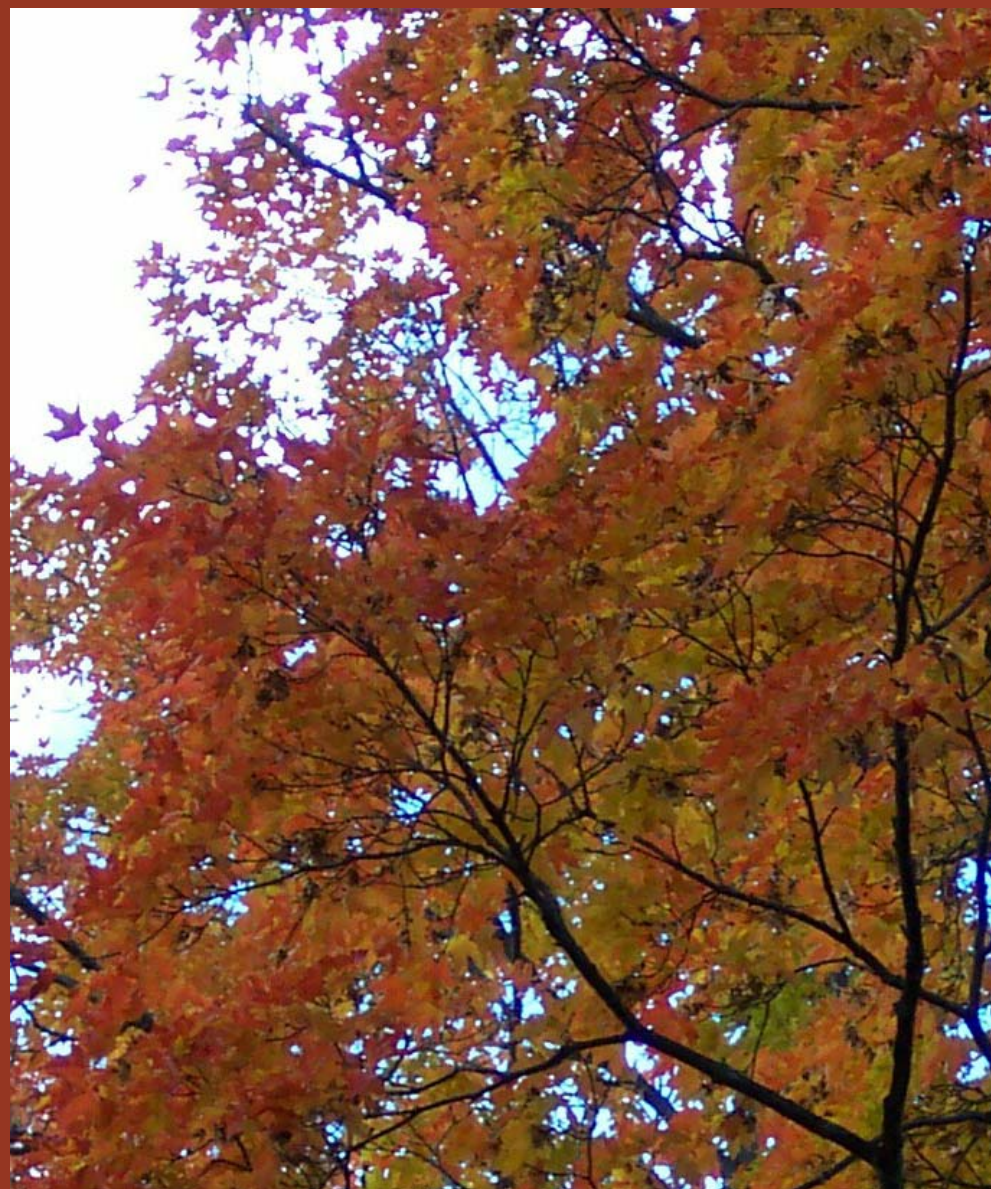
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2011 CONVENTION

It's not too early to start planning for the GCFM 2011 Convention. To give us a head start the 2011 Convention Committee have shared some lodging options with us. Below is a list of options for you to check out.

LOCATION	PHONE	NUMBER OF ROOMS	PRICE RANGE
CASTINE www.mainemaritime.edu	1-800-464-6565	145	\$48-\$86
CASTINE www.casstineinn.com	326-4365	19	\$95-260
CASTINE www.pentagoet.com	326-8616	16	\$125-285
CASTINE www.manor-inn.com	326-4861	13	\$110-290
CASTINE www.castinecottages.com	326-8003	6 - 2 BEDROOM	Call for info for convention
PENOBSCOT www.brassfoxbb@netscape.net	326-0575	3	\$105-130
ORLAND www.alamoosooklakesideinn.com	469-6393	6	\$115
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BLUE HILL www.bluehillin.com	374-2844	11 AND 2W/ KITCHENETTE S	\$155-295
BLUE HILL Under Construction	374-5126	14	\$85-115
BUCKSPORT www.williamspondlodge.com	460-6064	1	TBD
BUCKSPORT www.bucksportmotorinn.com	469-3111	23	\$75-85
BUCKSPORT www.fortknoxinnmaine.com	469-3113	40 - 2W/ KITCHINETTES	\$120-180



GCFM SPOTLIGHT

Do you have a member of your garden club that goes above and beyond that you would like to recognize? Someone that has an interesting hobby outside of gardening? Someone that has made a difference in the lives of others?

Submit your articles for our GCFM Spotlight, email newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org.



YOUTH CONTESTS

2011 National Garden Clubs Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Visit our website for the complete details of the 2011 National Garden Clubs Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contests. www.mainegardenclubs.org



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Email your request to: info@mainegardenclubs.info or on our website - members only section at www.mainegardenclubs.org
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Sign up today!

GCFM President's Message

October 2010 Newsletter

"Making A Difference"

As I write to you, September blows softly until the fruits of our labors in the gardens are put to rest. Indian Summer will soon paint all of its glory throughout the country side. In beautiful cooler days, with wrinkled and leathery leaves drifting into their winter homes of cracked ledges, tall grasses and water's edge, we will find October greeting all of us for the 79th Fall Conference.

Since our last Gardeners' Voice, GCFM has been very busy with garden tours, flower shows and various community projects. Congratulations to all of the Standard Flower Shows: "Books & Blooms" in Bangor; "Woodlawn in Bloom"– 'Tracing Our Roots Through Woodlawn,' by the Ellsworth Garden Club; "Folie de Fleurs" Boothbay Garden Club and "All That Jazz" by York Garden Club. All four of these were sponsored by totally devoted, talented garden club members and those who participated with exhibits and worked as volunteers brought rewarding distinction to their communities. Thank you for continuing to support the GCFM Golden Days Project of planting daffodils. Next spring, Maine will be blooming across the state. The bonus of this two year project will continue to blossom for years, as the proceeds will support future community projects. Please remember to update the GCFM Website with the latest of your club projects and community accomplishments. This is a wonderful way to communicate and share ideas.

The Kennebec District has been very busy, under the leadership of Jackie Tanner as Fall Conference Chairman and Shelly Hanson, District Director, planning another wonderful day of educational choices and hospitality, to be enjoyed in Lewiston, October 27th. Once more, it is the hope of the committee that the attendees will be inspired with the diversity of information brought to this Conference. We suggest that



Rebecca L. Linney ~ GCFM President
2009-2011

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you make an effort to bring someone with you that has never attended Fall Conference and "think green" by setting up a car pool. There will be a wealth of information for each of you to take back to your club membership and communities. Please remember to continue your efforts in working with the younger generation and the week-end gardeners. We are in the process of setting up three workshop/seminar days for each of the months, January, February and March. Keeping in mind that a Saturday, may be more appealing, we will try to accommodate that request and shall keep you posted on the details by the end of the year.

Gardeners are imaginative when it comes to the challenges of coping with Mother Nature. When we find vacancies on our boards, we also have to be creative as to how we are going to keep our organization viable. When you are asked to help, serve on a committee or be a chairman, please remember that this is an organization of team efforts. We have a very talented core of people giving a tremendous amount of their time, willingly and unselfishly. As our committee chairmen ask for participation and assistance, please take your turn willingly.

Thank you for all of the invitations to visit with you and your club activities. I have enjoyed my visits with fellow gardeners and hope to continue these journeys thru the winter ahead. You all work very diligently and have every reason to carry your accomplishments with pride. I am always eager to hear of your current agendas. As GCFM travels to the next NGC and NER Fall Meetings, those of us attending will be taking glowing reports and will also be bringing back helpful suggestions.

Because of your willingness to move forward, many of our leaders are appreciative of your support. Changes dig deeply and cultivate growth. Let's learn and grow together "Making A Difference",

Becky



Rebecca L. Linney
GCFM President 2009-2011

DISTRICT STANDARD FLOWER SHOW CONTINUED



Carol Arnold of Veazie won the Petite Award

Other Top Awards were presented to Sally Mowbray of Seabasticook Garden Club, who won the Award of Excellence and the Designer's Award for her Dr. Jeckel and Mr. Hyde Duo Design. The Award of Merit and Horticulture Excellence Awards were won by Jean Lyford of Brewer Garden & Bird Club. The Award of Merit was won by Gloria Burrill of Seabasticook Garden Club, Sandra Doughty of Bangor Garden Club and Carol J. Smith of Brewer Garden & Bird Club, and the Grower's Award was won by Carol J. Smith of Brewer Garden & Bird Club.

If you attended the show, you saw how many very talented members we have in our District Clubs. Several 'first timers' won blue ribbons! I encourage more of you to take a chance and try your hand at entering our next flower show. We aren't sure where and when that will be, but stay tuned!

OUR MEMORIES OUR HISTORY

Please save photos, articles, printed programs, videotapes of outstanding GCFM people and events for our GCFM Historian. These pieces of memories from you can become the history for all members of GCFM.

Phyllis as our GCFM Historian will use the material to compile a scrapbook of 2009-2011 term with Becky Linney as GCFM President.

Please send your memories to GCFM Historian, Phyllis Damborg, 716 Horseback Road, Anson, Maine 04911.

HORTICULTURE ZONE NEWS

Submitted By Karen Curtis ~ Horticulture Zone 5 Chairman

More Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

For several years we have been watching the spread of the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) in Maine. Less than a year ago the insect seemed to be limited to York County. This spring the Maine Forest Service detected established populations in three additional counties: Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln as far east as Bristol and South Bristol. The Maine Forest Service web site includes a section called "Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in Maine." The information is comprehensive, interesting and includes HWA identification, life stages, and where it has spread. Everything a homeowner needs to know to inspect their trees, report the presence HWA to the Maine Forest Service, slow its spread, or volunteer to assist in the search for new populations of HWA is on this site.

www.Maine.gov/doc/mfs/Hemlock/Woolly/Adelgid.htm

Obsolete Pesticides Disposal

Many of us have them, containers of obsolete or unusable pesticides sitting at the back of a shelf in the garage. We do not think of our homes as hazardous waste sites, yet the presence of old, now prohibited pesticides makes it just that. Responsible disposal of these chemicals can be difficult and expensive. Federal law requires permits and the use of a federally licensed disposal facility. The Maine Board of Pesticide Control and the Department of Environmental Protection provide a once yearly safe and free solution. This fall one can bring hazardous pesticides to specified sites for collection and shipping to out of state disposal sites. The details for using this service are explained in easy to follow instructions on the Board of Pesticide Control web site. The site includes how to participate, proper storage before collection, safe transportation, strategies for avoiding future accumulation of excess pesticides, and whom to call for further information. Register now and the Board of Pesticides Control will mail you directions and a map to the site 10 days before your collection date.

www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides Obsolete Pesticide Collection – Fall, 2010

e-mail: pesticides@maine.gov

Phone: 207-287-2731, address: Maine Board of Pesticides Control, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

Have you had enough rain yet?

In Southport, at the end of the Boothbay peninsula, my rain gauge has recorded two to four inches of rain weekly since spring. Two weeks ago neighbors here recorded a two hour rainfall of 4 to 5.4 inches. Gardeners who, since spring, have trimmed plant leaves so that none touched the ground, provided plenty of space for air circulation, and mulched to prevent soil from splashing on the plants when it rained have minimized the incidence of soil and waterborne diseases significantly. Although our weather is not as wet as last summer, I am using these strategies more frequently to avoid problems created by a wet season.

JOIN GCFM ON FACEBOOK

Facebook is a social networking website — a gathering spot, to connect with your friends and with your friends friends. Facebook allows you to make new connections who share a common interest, expanding your personal network.

Join Garden Club Federation of Maine on our Facebook page and share your ideas, questions, interests, tips and friendship.



PHOTO SHARING

SHARE YOUR GARDEN CLUB PHOTOS VIA FLICKR®

You're invited to visit and enjoy NGC's new public Flickr site (or "photostream") at www.flickr.com/nationalgardenclubs. The recently launched site--designed to create and nurture a photo archive for garden club members nationwide--showcases award-winning gardens, floral arrangements, conventions, news and projects. Anyone can view the NGC site simply by going to the link listed; you do NOT need to be a Flickr member. Photos on the official NGC photostream are licensed appropriately through Creative Commons; this allows the images to be used for publicity purposes in the news media as well as by NGC-affiliated clubs.

In addition to the official NGC photostream, the Flickr site features several affiliated "groups." The groups, which can be public or private, offer garden club amateur "photobugs" an easily accessible channel for uploading, pooling, categorizing and displaying their own photos. A major goal of these group pools is to make a wide variety of images available to garden club members everywhere for use in local, state, regional and national newsletters, brochures and websites, as well as educational demonstrations and training. High quality photos from the groups may also be selected for inclusion in the main public NGC photostream site and digital archive.

Initial groups include:

www.flickr.com/groups/NGC_conventions/
www.flickr.com/groups/NGC_flowershows/
www.flickr.com/groups/NGC_projects/

Additional groups will be created as interest in garden club photo sharing grows. Group rules and licensing information are available on the group sign-up pages.

To join a group and contribute photos and comments to the group pool, you need to have both a Yahoo! email account (Flickr is affiliated with Yahoo!) and a Flickr account. Both are free, quick and easy to set up, and accessible on the Flickr sign-up page at www.flickr.com.

For more information on photo sharing through Flickr, please contact Robin Pokorski, NGC Photo Archives Chair, at robinp@juno.com.

GREENCARE FOR TROOPS

Submitted By Wendy Cote ~ GCFM Civic Development Chairman

GreenCare for Troops
 A Civic Development Project For Your Club

In the spring newsletter I discussed a new program called GreenCare for Troops. I suggested that if you had service families in your communities who had family members serving in a combat zone, your club might take on some of the responsibilities of maintaining their yards and lawns. To follow up on this, I am asking any clubs that did this to please send me a report telling me what you did for these families so that I can share this information with the other clubs in our state. Send reports to:

Wendy Cote,
 Via email: kennebus@comcast.net
 Postal mail: 22 Old Cottage Ln, Eliot 03903
 Thank you

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Maine Department of Agriculture is in the process of overhauling our website. You are receiving this email because you are a constituent or customer of the Department. Your responses will help us create a website that better serves the community. We are asking you to help by taking a few minutes to answer the questions found in our on-line survey.

The survey link is found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7JSLCX3>. Please respond by November 1, 2010. Thank you.

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CLOSURE OF NAS BRUNSWICK THE END OF AN ERA

*Submitted By Suzanne Bushnell ~ President Harpswell Garden Club & Chairman~
Navy Chapel Gardens Committee*

CLOSURE OF NAS BRUNSWICK THE END OF AN ERA FOR INSPIRING GARDENS CREATED BY THE HARPSWELL GARDEN CLUB

With the pending closure of Naval Air Station Brunswick (NASB), next May, 2011 the curtain will also come down on two very unique and inspiring gardens created by members of the Harpswell Garden Club some 42 years ago. In a ceremony to take place at the Naval Air Station's Chapel on September 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. the Navy will formally close the Chapel and with it the Memorial and Friendship Gardens created within the Chapel's courtyard walls by generous members of the Harpswell Garden Club.

The gardens made history when the Memorial Garden was dedicated on June 16, 1968. It was believed at the time to be the only garden, residing on an active military installation in the United States, that was created by a garden club and dedicated to the memory of Naval personnel killed in action. Four years later the Club and Navy dedicated a second garden, the Friendship Garden, which commemorated the relationship between the surrounding communities and NAS Brunswick. Today, 51 names are emblazoned in bronze on two large plaques attached to one wall of the Friendship Garden. And, for more than four decades, the Harpswell Garden Club has continued to maintain the gardens, doing so by raising private funds to accomplish this mission.



It's interesting to note that the Chapel itself was the result of the pioneering efforts of another great lady (and garden lover) from Maine -- the late Senator Margaret Chase Smith. She got the ball rolling by securing funding so the current Chapel could be constructed while she was a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. After the building was completed, however, there was little government funding available for landscaping.

In stepped Ms. Anne Francis Hodgkins, a long-time member of the Garden Club and

SCHOLARSHIP/CAMPERSHIP INFORMATION FOR GCFM GARDEN CLUBS AND DISTRICTS

Name of Scholarship/Campership:

Sponsor (Name of garden club and/or private or commercial donor):

Amount (Fixed or estimated) **and/or Eligible Expenses** (tuition & fees only; room and board; open etc):

Number Offered:

Frequency with which Offered:

Deadline for Application:

Application Form and/or Specific Format/Materials Required (eg. typed, electronic; transcripts, letters of reference to be appended; provide an electronic copy of form if you would like it posted on the website):

Date Payable and Payable to Whom (Financial Aid Office, Camp, Individual, etc):

Eligibility Requirements:

Residency:

Age/Level of Education:

Where Tenable (a particular location, camp, school or type of school):

Area/Field(s) of Study:

Financial Limitations (may be combined with other financial aid or not; must demonstrate financial need, etc)

Criteria for adjudication:

Website Link:

Contact Name and Address (including email address where possible):

Address to Send Application to if different:

Further information or description:

Please return by October 1, 2009
to Mary Blackstone, GCFM Scholarship/State Life Chair:
Via email: blackstm@uregina.ca
Postal mail: 5 Christian Ridge Road, Ellsworth, Maine 04605

GCFM HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION FORM

100% of all money donated goes directly to increase the principal of this fund, the interest of which provides an annual scholarship in horticulture or related fields for an undergraduate university student at the junior or senior levels or for a graduate student at the masters level. Life memberships are an excellent way of honoring individuals who have made exceptional contributions to a garden club or gardening community, but they may also be purchased directly by individuals wishing to signal their support for GCFM educational objectives. Please contact the Scholarship Chair if you are interested in making a bequest or arranging for other types of planned giving. **Please make checks payable to GCFM Scholarship Fund and mail to the GCFM Scholarship and Life Membership Chair:**

Mary Blackstone, 5 Christian Ridge Road, Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Please indicate type of donation(s)

- _____ *GCFM Honorary Life Membership*
(for individuals who are not currently GCFM members) \$50
- _____ *GCFM Life Membership*
(for individuals who are currently GCFM members) \$50
- _____ *GCFM Life Membership pin* \$7

Name of new life member:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Garden Club of which they are currently a member:

[for GCFM Life Members]

Is the certificate needed for presentation on a specific date?

Send certificate to life member at address above _____

Send certificate to acknowledgement address below _____

_____ *Memorial Gift* Amount:

In memory of:

Name and address of any individual(s) to be notified:

_____ *Donation in lieu of speaker's fee* Amount:

Name and address of speaker:

_____ *General Donation* Amount:

_____ *GCFM pin* \$10 _____ *GCFM pendant* \$15

Name and address to which donor acknowledgement should be sent. Please identify the specific garden club(s) of which the donor is a member or the club making this donation:

CLOSURE OF NAS BRUNSWICK CONTINUED

former president from 1948-1950. She met with the Commanding Officer at the time, CAPT Charles Wyman, and Chaplain William Hunter to devise a plan to beautify the bare grounds surrounding the new Chapel. While she had no connection to the military, she had the foresight to see that the Navy needed help and she knew where she could get some money – from her own Club. After the OK was given to proceed, two prominent garden designers were contacted – Professor Lyle Littlefield of the University of Maine and Mr. Conrad Griffin of the US Department of Agriculture. They designed the initial plans that were subsequently used to create the gardens.

Besides the start-up money provided by the Garden Club, money was also raised in other ways -- by children of Base personnel selling lemonade at a carnival, from donations of a Brownie troop, from Bowdoin College, and local businesses as well. A check for \$148 was received from New Hope, Alabama in memory of their hometown hero, Lt. (jg) Stuart McClellan, killed in the crash of a plane attached to a squadron based at NASB. His name was one of twenty-four names inscribed on the first two plaques dedicated at the initial ceremony for the Memorial Garden in 1968. These names represented the men lost when two planes attached to NAS Brunswick were shot down off the coast of Viet Nam – ironically, shortly before the Memorial Garden was to be dedicated.

Over the years, 104 men would lose their lives – killed in action while attached to squadrons at NASB. All of them now have their names inscribed on plaques in the Memorial Garden. While most are on bronze plaques placed on a granite base, one squadron chose to remember their lost crewmates by placing their names on a plaque attached to a bench which sits under one of the first apple trees planted in the Memorial Garden. Before a plaque



would be placed in the gardens, members of the Navy Chapel Gardens Committee of the Harpswell Garden Club would meet with the Navy chaplains attached to NASB and plan a dedication service. This ceremony would reflect the poignancy of the occasion with a memorial service held in the Chapel, followed by remarks made in both gardens. The Garden Club would always be represented by many of its members over the years, sharing the serenity of the gardens with members of the military – equal partners in the ceremony. A military bugler would always close the

CLOSURE OF NAS BRUNSWICK CONTINUED

ceremony with the playing of TAPS. A reception, hosted by the Garden Club and the Navy, would follow the ceremony.



Over the years many prominent people would make their way to the Chapel for the rededication ceremonies. Chaplain John R. McNamara, who presided over the dedication of the Friendship Garden in 1972, would one day come back to Brunswick as the newly appointed Chief of Chaplains (appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1985). Senator Margaret Chase Smith also graced the gardens at their rededication in 1992, wearing her traditional red rose on her suit that day.

Now as this chapter in the gardens' long history comes to a close, the Chapel and its gardens face an uncertain future. The Mid Coast Redevelopment Authority, a quasi-governmental agency, is charged with redeveloping the Base property after the Navy leaves in 2011. A community group has been formed to study the feasibility of acquiring the Chapel and turning it into a museum to be called the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens. Initial fundraising has begun. Whether they are successful or not remains to be seen. Just the same, the Harpswell Garden Club has reason to be very proud for the contributions they've made over the years, giving selflessly of their time and dedication to bring beauty and honor to those brave men who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.



NER ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION



Return this form with check payable to:
 FGCV/NER, Caroline Frey, Registrar
 35 Randall St.
 St Johnsbury, VT 05819
 No phone reservations will be accepted

- Monday Dinner (choose one) \$35.00
 - Maple Glazed Salmon Filet _____
 - Roast Pork Tenderloin _____
 - Roasted Tomato & Garlic Cream Pasta _____
- Tuesday Luncheon (choose one) \$30.00
 - Soup and Green Salad _____
 - Soup and Turkey Sandwich _____
 - Soup and Chicken Salad Sandwich _____
- NER MEETING REGISTRATION \$30.00
 (All attending must pay this)
- Total Enclosed** \$ _____
- After September 1st, add late fee of \$10.00

Name _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 Club _____ District _____

Please check all applicable boxes:

- National President
- Past National President
- NER Director
- Past NER Director
- State President
- State Past President
- State Life Member
- National Life Member
- National Board Member
- Club President
- Club Member
- Guest (Non-Member)

NER ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 continued

11:00 AM-Noon *"Recycling Programs"*
 Program –Me, NH,VT speakers :
"Making a Difference"

Noon-1:00PM Social Hour
 1:00 PM Luncheon
 2:00 Awards Presentation
 2:30 PM Raffle
 Adjournment

FLOWER SHOW "RECYCLE"

A Standard Flower Show

Mon. Oct. 18th

10:00 to 12:00 Flower Show entries accepted
 1:00 Flower Show judging
 3:00-8:00 Flower Show open

Tues. Oct. 19th

10:00 –2:00 Flower Show open

The Schedule features majestic arboreal branches with beautiful seasonal foliage and berries, exciting floral designs including popular petite designs and imaginative educational exhibits from each of the six New England states. Exhibitors will compete for prestigious NGC Top Exhibitor Awards. Any NGC garden club member is invited to enter.



*May we never forget the endless memories and contributions of our fellow members.
 In Memoriam*

- Patsy Reilly ~ Harbourside Garden Club*
- Mary Wilson ~ Harpswell Garden Club*
- Lou Ann Lund ~ Lakeside Garden Club*
- Mrs. John Derrig ~ Longfellow Garden Club*
- Mrs. Harold Hanson ~ Milo Garden Club*
- Joan Jordan ~ Seacoast Garden Club*
- Mrs. Alden Carlisle ~ Surry Garden Club*
- Mrs. William Greig ~ Topsham Garden Club*
- Mrs. William Koreva ~ Topsham Garden Club*
- Maggie Rogers ~ Wiscasset Garden Club*
- Dolores Cross ~ Brewer Garden Club*
- Elizabeth Greiner ~ Presque Isle Garden Club*
- Joan Gray ~ Boothbay Garden Club*
- Ruth Manchester ~ Franklin Garden Club*
- Yvonne Tiden ~ Franklin Garden Club*
- Mrs. Bernard Williams ~ Gorham Garden Club*
- Mrs. George A Wood ~ Gorham Garden Club*
- Nona Spear ~ Not Your Mother's Garden Club*
- Pamela Leslie ~ Scarborough Garden Club*
- Carol Sebold ~ Camden Garden Club*

DIGGING DEEPER



Digging Deeper is for you - Do you have a burning question you would like to know more about? Looking for an answer for that gardening problem? Want to know more about a garden club procedure? Do you have a concern you would like addressed? Many of us have the same questions or concerns. Why not ask?

Submit your questions, comments or concerns to the Editor at: newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org.

Question: Where can I find internet links to helpful garden sites that have information about my area?

Response by Pam Newcomb GCFM Web Master

The GCFM site www.mainegardenclubs.org has several informational sites linked. Check out the tab called NGC & Related Links. It includes sites like NGC, NER, arboretums, nature centers, plant information, agriculture, wildlife, blights, bugs, beetles and sustainable farming. If you know of a good resource email me at webmaster@mainegardenclubs.org, I would be happy to add other links.

Question: I sent information last week to update my clubs page on the website, but it hasn't been changed yet. Who do I contact.

Response by Pam Newcomb GCFM Web Master

I would be the contact to update your clubs page on the website I would like to say that I can always make the changes within the week, but that isn't always the case. I, like all of us have many demands on my time. I will do my best to have your changes done each month. If you do not receive an email from me when you send your materials you might want to check in with me to make sure that I have received it.

Question: I have a couple of members in my club that do not have access to the internet so therefore can not receive the newsletter. I print it out for them, but it takes a lot of ink with all the color pictures, can there be a black and white version.

Response by Pam Newcomb GCFM Newsletter Editor

I am working on a printer friendly version for this winter, in the meantime, if you select black and white or draft on your printer screen you will save ink. Also to save paper, use the option on your printer to print in booklet form, on most printers this involves printing all the pages on one side of the paper and then putting them back in the paper tray to print again. This prints in the correct page order for a booklet, you would then just collage the pages. In my case I get two complete booklets when I do this.

NER ANNUAL MEETING

The states will present unique projects that they have in place and share their successes with you. Please take these ideas back to your states. Together we can make the world a better place when we Recycle and, Reuse, and the community reaps the Rewards.

Vermont- Caroline Frey will speak on the Environmental Literacy project highlighting model programs in Vermont.

Maine - Ann Thomas will speak on the restoration of historic sites in Maine that are a "Blight" to many communities.

New Hampshire - "Water Preservation". Examples of all the different types of water conservation and preservation projects in which the NHFGC clubs are involved.

Registration and Meeting Rooms

Registration – Lobby of Stratton Mt. Club, Stratton Mt. Access Road

Monday, October 18 12-5 PM

Tuesday, October 19 7:00 – 9:00 AM

All meetings, meals and speakers will be held at the Stratton Mt. Club

Lodging

Hotel reservations must be made directly with The Inn At Stratton Mountain 800-787-2886

Agenda

Monday, October 18, 2010

12:00 to 5:00

3:00-5:00 PM

3:00

6:00 – 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Dinner

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

8:00 – 9:00

9:00 – 10:30 AM

10:30 AM-11:00AM

Registration - Lobby of Stratton Mt. Club
President Round Table Discussion
State Presidents and 1st VP's only

Flower Show "RECYCLE" opens
Reception in honor of Kathleen Thomas,
NER Director
Program: Julie Messervy

Registration
Business Meeting
Kathleen Thomas, NER Director
Speaker: Sadie Puglisi
New England Tropical Conservatory
"Rain Gardens"



“The Future Starts Today”

76th Annual Meeting of the
New England Region
October 18 & 19, 2010

Connecticut – Maine – Massachusetts

New Hampshire – Rhode Island – Vermont

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

President: Renee D. Blaschke

New England Region

Director: Kathleen M Thomas

Presented by

The Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc

President – Stephanie Hockensmith

New England Regional

Meeting Chairman

Susan Robinson, FGCV

Stratton Mountain Club, Stratton Mt. Access Rd, Stratton, Vermont

Julie Messervy

With thirty years of experience, five books and numerous high-profile lectures, Julie Moir Messervy has emerged as a leader of a movement in which landscape design is as much a personal journey as it is leaving a unique imprint upon the earth. She has inspired a new generation of homeowners, landscape designers and others to create personal gardens that reflect an inward vision deeply rooted in outdoor archetypes, childhood imagination and aesthetic impulses.

Sadie Puglisi

A vivacious speaker, Sadie Puglis came to the New England Tropical Conservatory in Bennington, VT, in Jan. of 2009 to become Director of Programs. Before that she developed horticulture educational programs for both Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Univ. Of NH Cooperative Extension. She has her Bachelor’s Degree in Horticulture from Cornell University and her Master’s of Science from Virginia Tech.

RECYCLE REUSE = REWARDS

In carrying out her administration’s theme **“The Future Starts Today”** NER director Kathleen Thomas has chosen to highlight our States at our Annual meetings.. Tuesday’s speakers for this Annual Meeting have been chosen to represent the Northern Region, featuring Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont



2010

September 23-26	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Great Falls, MT
October 2	Penobscot District Meeting, Veazie, Maine
October 18-19	NER Fall Board Meeting, VT
October 26-27	GCFM Fall Conference, Lewiston, Maine
December 3	Festival of Trees, Boothbay, Maine FMI: Boothbay Region Garden Club, Mimi 633-7330



2011

April 4	GCFM Board Meeting, Manchester, Maine
May 27-30	NGC Annual Convention, Washington DC
June 21-23	GCFM Annual Convention, MMA, Castine, Maine



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79TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CONTINUED

- 1:45 p.m. **Program: Edible Landscaping with Rosalind Creasy**
Edible landscaping, food and gardening advice from a pioneer gardener (www.rosalindcreasy.com) followed by book signing
- 3:00 p.m. Vendors and Sales Tables
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Tuesday night dinner & program	\$25.00 _____
Wednesday Registration: programs, exhibits and luncheon	\$30.00 _____
Late registrations sent after October 12 & non GCFM member fee	\$35.00 _____
FALL CONFERENCE TOTAL \$ _____	

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MAILED AND POSTMARKED, BY OCTOBER 12, 2010 - NO REFUNDS.
NO PHONE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED. All registrations are to be done on an individual basis so send in your form today!

Make checks payable to **GCFM Fall Conference**.
 Mail to:
 2010 FC Chairman Jackie Tanner,
 P.O.Box 121,
 Belgrade, ME 04917.

The Lewiston Ramada Inn offers a special group rate, \$80.00, for GCFM members.
Room reservations must be made directly with the Ramada Inn at 207-784-2331. DEADLINE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 12.
 For more information contact Jackie Tanner at 207-495-2438 or email to jmtanner@colby.edu

This **REGISTRATION FORM** is available on the **GCFM Website:**
www.mainegardenclubs.org



**Call to the 79th Fall Conference of
The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.**

Ramada Conference Center
490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston, Maine
(exit 80 off the Maine Turnpike)

**“Gardens in Motion”
October 26- 27, 2010**

WHERE are they going? What/Who is leading the motion? WHY are they changing?

Print Name _____

District _____ Garden Club _____

Is this the first GCFM Conference that you have attended?

_____yes _____no - years attended _____

October 26: Tuesday night: Dinner and Program (\$25.00)

Ecophotography in New England: Celebrating Ten Years of Conservation

Photographers Jerry & Marcy Monkman

(www.jerryandmarcymonkman.com/about_us.html)

October 27: Wednesday: registration, all programs, luncheon (\$30.00)

9:00 a.m. GCFM Board of Directors Meeting (2nd floor classroom)

9:00 a.m. Registration, coffee/juice & pastries,

Please use this time to visit with the exhibitors who will be with us from 9 to 12:30 as well as with our vendors and various gardening club projects, the raffle and sales tables.

10:30 a.m. **NEW: Please mark your 1st & 2nd choice– seating is limited,**

Register Early:

_____: **program a - Fine Garden Art**, Jill Nooney,
www.finegarden.com

_____: **program b - Traveling Floral Designs**, Sandra Leonard
& Sally Mowbray, Designers

_____: **program c - Effects of Climate Change on New
England Flora & Fauna**, Elizabeth "Libby" Ellwood, Boston
University Ph.D. candidate

11:30 a.m. Exhibits, Raffle and Sales tables, *(the raffle table winners will be posted by 1:30pm)*

11:45 a.m. Parliamentary Session, Conference Room, 2nd floor
Rosalind Creasy-Book signing, Exhibit area

12:30 noon Luncheon and Program, Ballroom

1:15 p.m. GCFM Announcements and Business Meeting
District and Convention reports will be submitted for web publication

ENTICING NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Janet Gourley ~ GCFM President Membership

Enticing new members is a perpetual issue that clubs are always facing and striving toward. Articles in newspapers and announcements in calendars, advertising on radio and TV and websites, brochures and posters displayed in public places, offering T shirts and baseball caps and of course, word of mouth are some of the more obvious ways to attract new members. Encouraging members to participate in community projects such as environmental efforts, conservation, civic and park beautification, recycling and road and beach clean up should be stressed.

But what else can be done? Well, how about targeting special groups e.g., men, children and families. Certainly, many men are gardeners and would be interested in clubs' programs which are informative, educational and practical. Gone are the days of tea parties where members wore flowery hats and white gloves. To encourage male participation a "Soil Mate" membership category could be offered to couples with the mate paying ½ the dues. Family and Junior memberships could also be offered at appropriate fees.

Another category, not new but rather overlooked is Membership-At-Large. MAL attracts those interested in GCFM and what it has to offer, do not live near a club or for whatever reason do not wish to belong to a club. At present GCFM has two Members-at -Large. This is a valuable, untapped resource that deserves consideration.

Next Issue: Encouraging the Formation of New Clubs



HELP MEMBERSHIP BLOOM CONTEST



HELP MEMBERSHIP BLOOM!

Contest Update

Adrienne Langan

National Garden Clubs, Inc., continues its Membership Contest with a fabulous new award and a new deadline: June 1 2010 to March 31, 2011.

Disappointed that your state did not win the honor of naming that beautiful new Daylily? Well, you have a chance to claim victory by participating in this new contest where the state with the greatest number of new clubs will have the honor of naming a magnificent new variety of African violet.

This African violet, grown by Lyndon-Lyon Greenhouses, Inc., is a semi-miniature variety with single/semi double pansy shaped blooms of white with a distinct wavy green edge and light purple highlights randomly scattered about the flower face. Wavy medium green foliage enhances the striking blooms.

HELP MEMBERSHIP BLOOM by creating new clubs in your state, and proudly compete to have this beautiful African violet bear your state's name!

Congratulations to North Dakota winner of the 2009- 2010 Membership Contest whose members chose NORTH DAKOTA SUNRISE as the name of this spectacular new daylily cultivar! Instructions for ordering this beautiful Daylily will be sent to all states, and order forms will be available at Fall Board.



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"greener place". Stu Dawson and Jim Cothran came because of their friendship and their shared interest in Landscape Design. The gardens that we visited were all gardens belonging to her friends. Business owners in the area donated funds for the printing of the garden tour flyer, Convention program and the mouse pads for a total of \$1,650, because of Becky. This allowed us to spend more Convention funds on speakers. Our District Clubs did not have to spend any of their funds on this Convention.

Becky personally paid for all her invited guests. She donated several hundred dollars to the Scholarship Fund by presenting State Life Memberships to many of her friends and sponsors. The President's Reception, where everyone was invited, was because of her generosity.

Becky, it has been on honor and pleasure to Chair this Convention for you.

On behalf of the Piscataqua District and myself, thank you for your support. It was a pleasure to have you visit our area. We hope you enjoyed Convention 2010 and we hope to see you and some of your fellow club members at Convention 2011.

Convention 2010 Treasurer's Report

In Summary, Income totaled \$22,400.73 with Expenses of \$20,339.17.

A check was presented to Judith Tarbox, GCFM Treasurer, in the amount of \$1,236.94.

The financial records have been sent to Kathy Curry, Auditor.

A complete Treasurer's Report will be posted on the GCFM website after the audit is complete.



REACHING THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Submitted by Judy Alderman ~ Past President Lakeside Garden Club

I'm a member of Lakeside G.C./Stroudwater. Our G.C. has also been trying to reach the younger generation by including a "Student Exhibit" in our annual "Art In Bloom" flower show.

We've invited a high school student who excels in art to exhibit an appropriate work of art, and then we invite an interested teen student to create a floral design to interpret the art at our local art gallery in Bridgton. We hoped that the students would bring their friends, which in turn, would increase interest in art and floral design. There was no further communication from the students in each of the 5 years of presenting the show. We even found that it was very difficult to work with these nice, intelligent girls. They didn't take much interest in the instructional workshops, they needed constant prodding to respond to e-mails and phone calls, and in one case, a girl's mother found the container and flowers and probably made the arrangement!

On the other hand, our youngest member, age 7 (!), is quite intelligent and interested in science and nature. She offered to make a table arrangement for the show's food service table and used her favorite vase that had pink flowers like those she used in the design! She's home schooled and her mother grows a garden, so Zoe also grows vegies in her "own" garden.

I'm also a member of the Maine Iris Society. One of the members there has taken several kids under her wing and works directly with them to grow iris, then she teaches them basics of design. They enter the two iris shows each year that are open to the public and ribbons are awarded. The kids do beautiful designs, are competitive, love winning, and have become members too. This is the result of Linda's constant reinforcement, encouragement, and hands-on work with the pre-teens who are now teens.

Another member has also taken her grandchild into her iris garden, teaches her how to grow them, and has brought her to our shows. Now her granddaughter, age 7, has competed for 2 years against adults and has won "Best Iris in Show" !!!

Another member, a GCFM member has introduced her grandson to the world of iris growing. The teen has been hybridizing irises, grows them, and is also a big winner in our shows.

I believe that if parents and grandparents work consistantly with young kids in the garden to teach and encourage them, the world of gardening will be a natural playground where they can play, learn, experiment, stay active outdoors, taste their home-grown food, and become the gardeners of tomorrow. Rather than driving the kids from sport to sport to dance lessons, adults should use their own resources in their own backyards (literally!) to connect with the kids. Daily work and play in the dirt lets the kids copy their mentors and will provide for a future occupation or profitable hobby.

**“LEAVING A GREENER FOOTPRINT”
JUNE 8-10, 2010**

Submitted by Mary Ericson ~ GCFM Convention 2010 Chair

Convention 2010 is now history. A detailed record of all that transpired will be passed on to the next Convention Chairman today. Now anticipation begins for Convention 2011.

Since my Convention Report was printed in the July issue of the Gardeners Voice, today I would like to focus on what goes into planning and running a Convention. I am hoping that more people will attend these events if they realize the effort and work that goes into hosting one.

Dates and locations have to be secured three years in advance according to procedure. Dates are listed on the GCFM calendar. No excuse for anyone not to “save the date”. Many uncertainties plague you from the beginning. It’s a numbers game. Everything is based on how many will attend. The size of facility, the cost associated with room and meal cost and the total amount of registration fees that will be available to cover convention expenses. Planning a budget is near impossible. You want to offer interesting speakers and programs, that are both educational and new, that will entice Club Members from all Districts to attend. Contracts have to be signed up to 2 years before the event. Prior to the GCFM 2010-2011 Proposed Budget, you were expected to add \$1,500 to the State Budget. Talk about pressure.

My first obstacle was that all past convention records are not passed to you until the August Board meeting, ten months before the next Convention. The previous GCFM Handbook contained information detailing duties for all involved and an undated addenda with contradicting information. That same information is now contained in the Convention Procedures Folder. Neither my District Director’s Handbook or the GCFM Convention Handbook contained any information regarding the GCFM Convention. The Convention Procedures Folder contained nine sheets of paper. Without guidance, it is hard to plan. There was no consistency in filling forms such as the Credential Report. I even found that the records for the last Convention hosted by Piscataqua District are missing. It would be very helpful to have copies of the Convention Procedures Folder, written suggestions from previous Convention Chairmen and Registrars along with several past Treasurer’s Reports available for the Convention Chairman as soon as they are appointed.

The next challenge after getting the program secured is being sure that ALL Club Members are receiving this information. Board Members, Fall Conference and Convention attendees hear about the plans, but that number is small compared with

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the total GCFM membership. Soon after the January Newsletter was received, the Corresponding Secretary sent out an notice to all District Directors and Club Presidents asking them to notify their Club Members immediately NOT to use the registration form in the Newsletter and to use a revised registration form that would be sent to them shortly. You would not believe all the extra work that followed for the Registrar when the old form was used. It is very important that the District Directors see that their Club Presidents are passing along to ALL their Members information received from the State.

Another big challenge is getting people to attend Convention and Fall Conference. We have about 46 garden clubs in Maine. Only 29 Clubs had members attending, most Clubs had three or less. The core is made up of Board Members and the host District Club Members. Comparing past figures, the number of people from each District each year is very similar. Of course, the Host District always has the largest number. I was very please with the support from the Piscataqua District with 101 attending.

What can be done to get more Club Members coming to State Meetings? I think improved communications. District Directors and Club Presidents should support the State and urge their members to do the same. Talk about these events and share what you have gained by attending them in the past. Urge members to register. Suggest car pools. Many Clubs do help with registration fees. We ALL need to support the GCFM.

Many, many people work very, very hard to host a Convention or Fall Conference. I accepted the position knowing that my gardens would be weedy for a summer or two and that I would need to dedicate a lot of time to this commitment. I did it willingly. I believe in the GCFM and what it offers. Ann Wallace, the Registrar and Treasurer spent countless hours, my Committee Chairman devoted hours to be sure that all ran smoothly and the 101 District Members ALL worked in some capacity. There were designers from throughout the State that designed arrangements for everyone’s enjoyment. State Chairmen were involved and pages that tended to the needs of our visitors.

In conclusion, I would like to thank President Becky for all her support and leadership. She was the force behind Convention 2010. Becky lives her life these days for the GCFM. Check the time on some of her emails. Many of our speakers came because they respect Becky’s enthusiasm to make our little part of the world a