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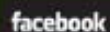
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It's not too early to start planning for the GCFM 2011 Convention. To give us a head start the 2011 Convention Committee have shared some lodging options with us. Below is a list of options for you to check out. This information was also run in our October 2010 issue, now that the registration information is available you will need a room. See everyone in Castine in June 2011.

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## GCFM SPOTLIGHT

**Maine Breast Health Leadership Awards  
Presented at Blaine House  
Professionals and Volunteers  
Honored for  
Dedication and Commitment**

August, ME - The Maine Breast Health Leadership Awards were presented at the 13th annual Silver Tea hosted by First Lady Karen Baldacci at the Blaine House in Augusta on Thursday, September 30, 2010. This year's recipients in the Professional category are Jennifer McCormack, RN, BSN, MBA, Breast & Cervical Health Program Coordinator for the Healthy Community Coalition in Wilton, And Susan Rowan, Executive Director of the Maine Cancer Foundation in Portland. The recipient of the volunteer award is Jackie Tanner of Belgrade. Each person is recognized for their leadership in advocating for the breast cancer needs of Maine women.



Jackie Tanner, a resident of Belgrade, is the recipient in the Volunteer category of the Breast Health leadership Award. She is a two-time, 23 year breast cancer survivor whose passion for helping other women has led her to multiple volunteer activities with the American Cancer Society. With over 10 years of volunteer experience, Jackie has grown from being a participant in events and programs to leadership positions with the American Cancer Society in this state and representing Maine in Washington, DC; as well as her unique personal outreach when travelling internationally. When Jackie accepted a volunteer position helping women affected by violence in Cambodia, she took the breast health message with her. Jackie asked for a supply of pink ribbons so that when asked about the one she wears, she could share the message of hope and help. When she met breast cancer patients in Cambodia, she asked the Society to send materials to help them. 'Jackie Tanner does not volunteer with expectation of recognition,' said Melissa Cushman, Community Executive for the American Cancer Society. "The breast health community in Maine is very blessed to have her as a volunteer and advocate. Her passion for breast health will continue to serve and inspire women in the state of Maine and across the world for years to come - her outreach knows no boundaries.

The Maine Leadership Award for Breast Health, created in 1998, is a collaborative effort of the American Cancer Society, the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program, the Maine Cancer Foundation, the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition, Maine Breast Nurse Network and Maine Affiliate of Susan G Komen for the Cure. Leadership Awards are presented annually during the month of October to recognize Maine residents who have made exceptional contributions to promoting breast health, improving understanding of breast cancer, and /or working toward the elimination of the disease at the national, state, or local level.

GCFM President's Message  
Winter 2011

Since the last Gardener's Voice, some of the GCFM Board of Directors have traveled to Great Falls, Montana for the NGC Fall Board Meeting and then on to Stratton, VT for the NER Fall Board Meeting. It is always interesting to hear about what is happening across the country as well as in New England. While we all have the common denominator with gardening, we are also educating our members about various environmental concerns, supporting diverse landscape projects and sponsoring flower shows displaying local talents and horticulture. Also, we each have our own identity to bring forward. It is a pleasure to share what Maine has to offer when we gather at the various tables for discussion groups. We are a part of a very large corporation and the people volunteering for NGC and NER have just as many concerns about the future as we do here in Maine. Changes are occurring rapidly and we all can foresee the necessity to share in possible solutions, to accommodate local needs, to proceed with responsibility and to update these new transitions with mutual understanding. To know that Maine is in a position to be ready for the years to come, as we connect the dots with NGC, is reassuring.

As I read the reports from our District Directors submitted last fall, each of you have certainly been quite busy and must feel rewarded for the tasks that you willingly undertake. We gain out of an organization according to the time that we devote to its needs. Please take the time to read about the devoted Districts and their clubs. Many of you give on a continuous level and we are most appreciative. The good news is that we have also gained new membership and new clubs in the state. That alone speaks for itself...gardening is still a personal passion and many seek fellowship and support for their desire to succeed with daily gardening adventures. The fact that people do care about the following: where their food comes from by supporting 'grow and eat local', realizing that our children are eager to learn more



*Rebecca L. Linney ~ GCFM President  
2009-2011*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

about their outside world, chickens are roaming in backyards, wild life has more respect and understanding, and environmental issues in Maine are appearing on the front page of many forms of media reaching the public. All of these topics relate to the existence of our garden clubs.

One of the comments that I hear over and over is that "Maine is a BEAUTIFUL state". It is our job to protect that image and nurture the understanding of sustaining this legacy. Another thing that I have noticed is that many of our GCFM members do share their time and talents with many other organizations within the state and New England Region. What a bonus for everyone as we learn from each other. While solitude and the peace of your own garden can be wonderful, isolation is counterproductive in today's world. We only have to spend a little time on the internet to know that daily we learn something new or we are challenged to reconfirm our own convictions. Understanding the misfortunes of our flora and fauna is mind boggling. County or state lines do not curtail these plagues lurking at our doorsteps. The threats are carried on wings, wheels, shoes, equipment and drift in the wind for miles. Our commitment is to educate our members on how best to identify and manage these intruders; or better yet, how to prevent a newly discovered infestation from spreading out of control.

All of this being said, it is our hope that each of you will take the time and energy to continue to schedule programs for your members that bring the updated data, provided by the professionals that are willing to bring the message forward. As some of these programs can be costly, please think about sharing the sponsorship with a neighboring club or even on the district level. There are countless resources for potential speakers thru other societies, local schools, civic community boards, specialty horticultural societies, historical societies and arboretums. It doesn't even have to be a formal meeting, but a gathering of people interested in the subject. Some garden clubs have book clubs that focus on the latest publications that address diverse facets of a gardener's curiosity and the desire to be well informed. What a wonderful way to bring some one new into your club because you have opened the door for further information on many subjects related to gardening. This is a perfect thought for brief gatherings in the evening, for the working gardener.

The magic of winter is upon us and the agenda of arm chair gardening is in session. The catalogs will be filling our mail boxes and of course, the on-line availability of "What is New for 2011" will be at the top of every GREEN WEBSITE. What a joy to anticipate in Technicolor, complete with details and availability, everything you ever wanted to know about the *'plant of your desire'* before the seed has had an

## RAIN DOES NOT DETER DETERMINED YOUNG GARDENERS

Earlier this month members of the Camden Garden Club and members of the Camden-Rockport Middle School Student Council planted 100 large daffodil bulbs in strategic locations around the shrubbery in front of the school. The rain began in earnest before the task was done, but adults and kids alike were undaunted.

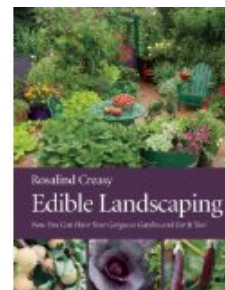
Some of the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade student council gardeners were among the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who helped the garden club plant trees and shrubs in those same beds three years ago.



Pictured are, from left: Kara Robak - grade 6 (on the left w. light blue); Garden Club member, Kath Holland of Warren; and Katherine Dailey - grade 5 (on the right w. dark blue)

## BOOK TIPS

Submitted By Alvion Kimball ~ GCFM ~ St Croix District Director



Really enjoyed the presentors at the Fall Conference. If you know anyone who would like a copy of "Edible Landscaping" by Rosalind Creasy, it's available at Bookstacks in Bucksport, [bookstks@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bookstks@myfairpoint.net). Cheers, Alvion

### “MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER”

The hobby of gardening can provide powerful healing of both body and soul after a devastating cancer diagnosis. Team Gardening Goddesses seemed a perfect way to offer hope and support to others while going through treatment, enjoying a healthy, happy survival after treatment and helping toward a cancer free future for many more women. The Garden Club of Wiscasset invites anyone interested in enjoying the company of other gardeners to consider membership in their club. For more information, please contact Esther Leck at 882-1180.



#### “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” walk Sunday

For the third year in a row a team from the Boothbay Region Garden Club walked on Sunday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> in “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk” in Damariscotta. A team of 15 garden club members and two spouses participated in this annual event. Over \$2,800 was raised for ACS by the Garden Club members.



*Pictured here are, from left, front row; Annette Stormont, Joyce Ward, Gail Nassif, Lynda Vawter, Mary Gevaudan, Alice Schambra and Irene Gerny; back row, Jim Singer, Mimi O'neill, Becky Singer, Lee Gevaudan and Pam Rawden. Team members not pictured were Ginny Burke, Linda Redman and Kathleen Marty.*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

opportunity to sprout its seedling foliage or be transplanted into a shipping container for the spring. Ordering and the inventory of your efforts on behalf of your own garden records have never had it so good. *On line records* will give your green thumbs more time to “WEED” and plant. Technology is wonderful, but somehow, those weeds can hide and multiply faster than a wink of a website.

Our first collaboration with another like minded organization will be held in Augusta on January 15, at the Viles Arboretum. We look forward to this session and the sharing of their knowledge and update on the latest of their developments. We welcome all of you to join us for this adventure of ‘getting to know them better.’ Please read the information included in this newsletter.

Thank you to all of you that joined us in Lewiston for the October 2010 Fall Conference that Jackie Tanner and the Kennebec District managed beautifully. St. Croix District, under the leadership of Alvion and Cindi Kimball, are very busy planning our GCFM 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention “DOWNEAST, Honoring Our Past, Sustaining our Future” in Castine, June 21-23, 2011. Plan to join us for a memorable time and learning more about one of our historical jewels of Maine.

The 2010 Holiday Season is history and we welcome the Year of 2011. It is always the ‘promise of spring’ that brightens the shorter, winter, daylight hours. It is also, the consistent dedication of our GCFM Leaders that are forever striving, year around, to guide our objectives to “Make a Difference” for a sustainable organization for all of you. Each one of you plays a very important part with the continuation of our passions for gardening, educating each other and preparing for the future ahead. Thank you,

Becky



Rebecca L. Linney  
GCFM President 2009-2011

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**“MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER”**

“Gardening Goddesses Number 1 Team in Making Strides Walk



*Esther on the left and Carole Dunbar on the right--Team Captains. In the middle, left to right, Sandy Hopkins, Ann Springhorn, Linda Belmont, Carol Way.*

The Garden Club of Wiscasset is proud to announce that their team, Gardening Goddesses, was the number one fund raiser in the Damariscotta Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 2010 walk held Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. This is the fourth year the team has participated in the Walk, and has been among the top fundraisers each year, contributing more than \$15,000.00 to the American Cancer Society in the fight against breast cancer. The total raised by the team this year was just shy of \$4000.00, with contributions still being made.

New this year was a ribbon cutting ceremony at the start of the Walk, in which over 1000 people from many surrounding communities participated on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Each year the team has honored members of the club or community who are survivors of breast cancer. This year they walked in memory of four past team members who have lost their lives to breast cancer while honoring members diagnosed with breast cancer in the past year. The Walk this year was organized by team leaders Esther Leck and Carole Dunbar, both survivors of breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society utilizes more than 90% of the funds raised from the Walk for breast cancer research and patient support services. The ACS has invested more than \$420 million dollars in breast cancer research, much of it to researchers early in their careers, 44 of whom have gone on to win Nobel prizes. More than \$9 million dollars in grants have been provided to Maine research institutions alone.



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## JOIN THE VEAZIE GARDEN CLUB FOR TWO GARDEN-INSPIRED BUS TRIPS

The Veazie Garden Club will once again offer garden-inspired bus tours in 2011. Two interesting destinations will have something for all garden enthusiasts. Dates will be finalized shortly. To receive a brochure that outlines details as soon as they become available, please contact Carol Arnold, Veazie Garden Club President by calling 990-5949 or by email: [gaafam@aol.com](mailto:gaafam@aol.com) **Space in limited.**

### Trip #1 June

The **World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA)**, an international organization that has roots in Britain will be holding its 10th World Flower Show in Boston. This tri-annual worldwide event makes its first-ever appearance on U.S. soil in Boston, Mass. at the Seaport World Trade Center, June 15-19, 2011. Competitors from around the world will be competing in 30 different floral design classes. In addition, demonstrations of diverse design techniques will abound. Opportunities to hear lectures from noted garden writers Daniel J. Hinkley, William Cullina and Douglas W. Tallamy will be available. Bus will depart Bangor and will also stop in Augusta to pick up passengers. For more information, see the WAFA web site: <http://www.wafausa.org>



### Trip #2 July

**Kingsbrae Garden**, a mature horticultural garden in St. Andrews, New Brunswick has been a destination garden for years. In fact, it is one of Canada's Top Ten Public Gardens! It is a feast for the eyes with wonderful display and themed gardens. Old and new gardening styles are used throughout the garden. One can find a White Garden, a Rose Garden, a Knot Garden, and Cottage Gardens, to name but a few. Newer styles are reflected in their Gravel Garden, Secret Garden and Ornamental Grass Gardens. Participants will need a valid passport to go into Canada. For more information, see the Kingsbrae web site: <http://kingsbraegarden.com/>



**Don't miss an opportunity to be inspired!**

## CIVIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

*Submitted By Wendy Cote ~ GCFM Civic Development Chairman*

Civic Development Grants will be awarded at the 2011 State Convention. The application form will be sent out to each club president and will also be on the state web-site in early February 2011. Clubs eligible to apply for grant money must have participated in the GCFM Golden Days Bulb Project.

## MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR THE FALLEN

*Submitted By Wendy Cote ~ GCFM Civic Development Chairman*

In the spring of 2011 a private outdoor garden will be planted adjoining the Center for Families of Fallen at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Donations are tax-deductible. Donation amounts; \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000. Donations should include your name, address, phone and email, checks payable to Memorial Garden, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, PO Box 17, Greenwood, Delaware 19950.

For more information email [MemorialGarden@yahoo.com](mailto:MemorialGarden@yahoo.com) or check their website at [www.MemorialGarden-Dover.org](http://www.MemorialGarden-Dover.org)



### Gloria Bryson Burrill Tree Award

**Will continue as long as the clubs and members participate in planting trees. Take pictures and make a book of evidence.**

**Refer to GCFM Handbook for complete information. Continuing since 2006 the award is \$50.00 annually.**

## NATIVE PLANTS

Submitted By Carol J. Smith ~ GCFM Native Plant, Invasive Plant & Endangered Species Chairman

Maine certainly has some beautiful native plants and many can be incorporated in your landscape. I asked Garden Club Presidents if their clubs have any gardens or activities around native plants and received a wonderful array of emails!

Bar Harbor Garden Club President, Floy Ervin reported that their club is very interested in Maine native plants. A member of St. Croix District, their club gives donations and members donate their time in the maintenance and management of the Wild Gardens of Acadia at Sieur de Monts in Acadia National Park.

Bath Garden Club President Barbara Richards told me she planted a Native Maine Plant teaching garden at the Woolwich History Museum, just East of Bath a few years ago. She is the only caretaker during the summer but says the plants are doing well! They were awarded Maine and New England Region Awards for their project within the past few years.

Kathleen Marty, President of Boothbay Region Garden Club had a lot to report. First, the Medomak District Meeting held last May featured a "Green Side Up" theme. Maureen Heffernan, Executive Director of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens was their featured speaker. Maureen talked about growing native plants based on her research and work for her recent book, *Native Plants for Your Maine Garden*. Club member, Pat McMichael, spoke on the nature preserve known as Penny Lake in the heart of Boothbay. It is a haven for wildlife and native plants. Coastal Maine Botanical Garden Director, Barbara Freeman presented a slide show on "Gardening for all the Senses." CMBG uses a variety of native plants throughout the gardens. Dennis Anderson, an arborist, landscaper and horticulturist presented a program for the club on Tree and Shrubs – best choices and care for Maine gardens.

Karen Johnson from Bucksport Garden Club reported that in April of 2009 they planted at Buck Memorial Library several native plants; Clethra alnifolia (Ruby Spice Summersweet), Ilex verticillatas (Red Sprite Winterberry and Jim Dandy Winterberry), Aster novae-angliae and Aster novi-belgii (Purple Dome and Alert), Liatris spicata (Blazing Star), Dahlia Peter's Purple, and Geum triflorum (Prairie Smoke). This year they added to the rock garden with Phlox divaricata laphamii (Wild Blue Phlox), Tiarella cordifolia (Foam Flower) and Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (Bearberry).

Lynn Jourdan from Seacoast Garden Club in Kennebunkport (Piscataqua District) reported that they planted a native plant buffer along the Kennebunk River at the historical Grit Mill property owned by the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust.

Sherry McConnell, President of Old York Garden Club in Piscataqua District sent me

## GCFM NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS CONTINUED

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Judith was born and primarily raised in California where she graduated from "Sac State" with a Master's Degree in Anthropology. She then was commissioned in the United States Navy and worked in various facets of Telecommunications in both the Naval and Joint environments. She was Commanding Officer of the US Naval Unit at Cutler, Maine and her major command was of the US Naval Telecommunications Station in Coronado, California. During the course of her assignments she received master's level education in Strategic Intelligence and later in National Security Affairs in Washington, DC. Her last assignment was working for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for C4IS (again in information management), from which she retired in February, 2001.

Her interests have been wide ranging, from serving as a National Officer in her Sorority, to being President of her Rotary Club in Mt. Vernon, Virginia. After returning to Maine in 2002, she has served on the Board of Merryspring Nature Center, volunteers with the Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce, is President of the West Bay Rotary Club Charitable Foundation, and recently stepped down from serving as Treasurer of the Camden Garden Club to become the current Vice President of that organization. This will be Judith second term as Treasurer.

She is interested in beautiful things, knitting, cooking and is learning about "playing in the dirt" and loves community involvement.

Judith is married to Tom Tarbox, a fellow Naval Officer, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.



## NATIVE PLANTS CONTINUED

a report from Jane Grace, project leader for a work in progress. In 2008, Old York Garden Club and the Old York Historical Society teamed together to create a native garden (native to the 1740s) at one of the town's historic homes, resulting in the Native Courtyards at the Emerson-Wilcox House. Successes include the planting of *Cornus alternifolia* (Pagoda Dogwood), *Chelone* (Turtlehead), *Clematis terniflora* (Sweet Autumn Clematis) and *Eupatorium* (Joe Pye Weed). Less successful have been *Juniperis* (Common Juniper), *Tiarella cordifolia* (Foam Flower) and *Vaccinium angustifolium* (Low-bush blueberry). Late this Fall they planted native roses and I hope they will report in the Spring how they handled the winter months.

In Penobscot County, Brewer Garden & Bird Club, Sebasticook Garden Club and Hampden Garden Club held programs on native plants. Carleen Harriman from Sebasticook said they had Kate Garland from the UMaine Cooperative Extension, who brought samples of native and non-native plants and had groups guess what they were and where they grew. Carleen reported this was a real learning experience. Anne Bennette from Hampden G.C. said they had Julie Beckford from Rebel Hill Farm present a program on native plants. Brewer Garden & Bird Club had a similar programs with both speakers.

The Garden Club of Wiscasset in Madomak District has a wonderful project at the Wiscasset Public Library. They are using plants native to their area in a semi-circular bed in front of a picture window of the children's room of the library. In the spring and summer, *Echinacea purpurea*, (Coneflower) *Monarda didyma*, (Bergamot), Goldenrod, *Iris cristata* (Crested Iris), *Lobelia siphilitica* (Blue Cardinal Flower) and *Aculegia Canadensis* (Wild Columbine) brought in many hummingbirds and butterflies. Along the fence line they planted *Eupatorium purpurem* (Joe Pye Wee), *Echinacea*, wild geranium and *Chelone glabra* (White Turtlehead). In the shade they have ferns, *Actaea racemosa* (Cimicifuga or Bugbane), *Cornus Canadensis* (Bunchberry), Solomon's Seal and Lady Slippers. This fall they ordered Red Trillium, Turk's Cap Lily and White Baneberry. The group was also considering planting *Arisaema triphyllum* (Jack-in-the-Pulpit).

Bar Harbor Garden Club has been invited to join Mount Desert Garden Club in a Garden Club of America sponsored project, "Partners for Plants", a project led by botanists in monitoring the endangered species and eradicating non-native invasive species in Acadia National Park.

All of these projects and programs add to our knowledge about the importance of native plants. Please keep reporting about your club's accomplishments.



## NEW BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER DEDICATED BY THE BOOTHBAY REGION GARDEN CLUB

Submitted By Linda Redman ~ GCFM Blue Star Chairman

It was a cold blustery day in Boothbay Harbor on Sunday afternoon, 7 November, 2010 when the Boothbay Region Garden Club dedicated a new Blue Star Memorial Marker in the Pocket Garden by the Boothbay Region High School.

A brisk and rousing march by the Boothbay Region Community Alumni Band started the dedication ceremony as the flags of the Color Guard from the Coast Guard Station Boothbay Harbor were whipping in the wind. Community members wrapped in layers of fleece and wool stood at attention while the Cub Scout Troop 238 from Southport lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pam Mancuso, a resident of the community, invited us to join in the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner*.



The Reverend Doctor Mary Jo Zimmerli, a club member, set the mood of the dedication with a moving invocation. Our club President Kathleen Marty welcomed the shivering guests noting that we had three Past GCFM Presidents (Wendy Cote, Allison Beards, and Shirlene Gosline), our Medomak District Director, Kathleen Filtrante, many Garden Club members, Legionnaires, and community members present. She went on in her introduction to read letters of congratulations from our Senators Snow and Collins and the Nation Garden Club President, Renee Blaschke.

Linda Redman, GCFM Blue Star Chair shared with the audience a brief history of the Blue Star Memorial Program and also the fact that just before the Dedication began that she had received a phone call reporting that her son who was returning from Afghanistan would be landing in the USA within hours. That certainly warmed

## GCFM NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS CONTINUED

project was the design and installation of the Memorial Garden at the new Topsham Municipal Complex - with much help. "It's exciting to watch it mature. I pretty much love everything about gardening".

Kathleen is a Critical Care Nurse in the ICU at Central Maine Medical Center and is also taking classes to prepare for a Masters Program. When not otherwise busy she enjoys knitting, reading, cooking and come winter, snowshoeing. If the weather is completely foul you will find her drinking wine by the fire, perusing plant and seed catalogues while dreaming of future projects.

### Judy Stallworth, Recording Secretary

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Medomak District

Judy is a retired educator who worked directly with teachers and principals to maintain high standards of education. In retirement, she has continued to be a learner and has focused on learning about gardening, the environment and how to preserve the beautiful landscape of Maine. In addition, she is interested in the education of children and adults. She has attended many of the GCFM schools and has become a Master Gardener as well. She gardens on the coast and is particularly fond of growing dahlias and creating a native border around her small yard. She enjoys photographing flowers and recently hosted Lynn Karlin in her garden talking to the Bath Club. Judy is married to Ernie Stallworth and has two grown children, Harding Smith of Portland and Lynn Kuttruff of Charlotte, NC. Once a week she goes to Portland with a car full of flowers for the tables at her son's three restaurants!

Judy is president of the Bath Garden Club and values the many friends she has made by being involved with GCFM. She served as Awards chair for two years before becoming secretary of the State Board. This will be Judy's second term as Recording Secretary.



## GCFM NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS CONTINUED

### Cyndy Bush, First Vice President

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Cyndy has been a member of National Garden Clubs for 25 years. During that time she wore many hats - from Civic Beautification to District Director of the Stroudwater District. Cyndy was Vice President as well as President in the first garden club that she joined. She is a Master Gardener, a Landscape Design Critic as well as an Accredited Life Flower Show Judge.

Before moving to Maine from Cape Cod 6 years ago, Cyndy was a nurse, a volunteer coordinator at a Massachusetts Audubon Sanctuary, and managed a retail business. Cyndy enjoys her dogs, reading, kayaking, and cross country skiing. She continues to volunteer for Mid Coast Hospital, the American Red Cross and her church.

Cyndy served as Second Vice President in the last term.



### Kathleen Filtranti, Second Vice President

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Kathleen lives and gardens in Topsham with her husband Mark, son Michael and a fat Maine Coon Cat. They are in the process of restoring/renovating an 1860's Greek Revival new/old house, one project at a time. While Mark works on the house, Kathleen prunes away on a yard that has great bones but had not been worked on for 25 years. Some trees will be taken out this November. She is a Master Gardener Volunteer. Her last garden



## NEW BLUE STAR MEMORIAL CONTINUED

the hearts of all of us. A most interesting part of the history of the Blue Star Program for us was that sitting wrapped snugly in hat, coat, and gloves was a daughter of the original group of ladies who had initiated the Blue Star Memorial Program in NJ in 1944, Sue Bogart, a long standing member of the BRGC.

After brief Military Tributes from Jim Singer, Commander of the American Legion Post 36, BM Ken McSherry, USCG Station Boothbay Harbor, and Chick Ciciotte, American Legion Blue Star Chair of Maine, the band warmed up the audience with the familiar *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*.

As chilly as the afternoon was, we were reminded in the Dedication Tribute by Linda Redman of the importance in remembering the sacrifices our military members have made and continue to make in standing in our place to protect and ensure our many freedoms.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker was officially accepted by representatives from each of the communities in the immediate area with words of honor, praise, and thanks. Linc Sample, Selectman of Boothbay Harbor, Smith Climo, Selectman of Southport, and Charles Cunningham, Selectman of Boothbay were most gracious in their acceptance of the Marker for our entire community.

As a wreath was placed on the new Marker and the Marker was unveiled, a stirring rendition of *Good Bless America* was played by the band. After the benediction by World War II Veteran, Rev Doctor Robert Zimmerli, the Dedication was concluded with a moving tribute of Taps by Andreas Panagore, a student at BRHS.

Everyone was invited to pass by the new Blue Star Memorial Marker and then join us for a reception in the BRHS Cafeteria. It was the thought of some warm coffee, tea or hot chocolate that brought most of the audience to the reception to warm their cold feet, hands and bodies. Our hearts needed no extra warmth as our love of country filled most of our hearts.



## 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](mailto:newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org).

*Question:* How can we do a better job of reaching the younger generation? How can we become more active within the local schools and libraries with children's programs?

*Response by Pam Newcomb GCFM Web Master*

This is an excellent question for our membership. Share your stories of SUCCESS. We can post your ideas on our website or in our newsletter, everyone needs new ideas to run with, let's share and help our fellow gardeners DIG DEEP FOR THE FUTURE ROOTS OF GARDENING. Email: [newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org](mailto:newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org).

*Question:* I am interested in publications and jewelry offered by NGC where can I find that information?

*Response by Pam Newcomb GCFM Newsletter Editor* The 2010 Member Services Catalog is available on the National Garden Clubs website at <http://www.gardenclub.org/Shopping/MemberServicesCatalog.aspx>

*Question:* Can you tell me when each club installs their new officers and has their annual meeting?

*Response by Pam Newcomb GCFM Database* Unfortunately we do not have a list of each GCFM clubs annual meeting when their new officers are installed. This is exactly the kind of information that we want to put into the GCFM database. So..... This is a call out to all District Directors and Club Presidents to send your club and district information to include in the database. Email: [newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org](mailto:newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org)

## GCFM WANTED LIST

## Information Requested

**ATTENTION** to all GCFM Students and Graduates of NGC Schools

Please submit all of your past and present records to Pam Newcomb, [newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org](mailto:newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org) GCFM is compiling a **Data Base** that will file all of our students and graduates of the National Garden Club Schools with their updated credentials for safe keeping. This will facilitate future connections for all NGC School communications electronically. Please submit all data to Pam, electronically, ASAP. Forms to be filled out will be posted on the GCFM Website by the end of January.

## GCFM NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS CONTINUED

## Get to Know the Future Officers of Garden Club Federation of Maine (2011- 2013)

## Kathleen Marty, President

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Kathleen and her husband Keith were transplants to Maine as of June, 2004. Both are natives of Ohio but have lived several places including Virginia, Florida, New Hampshire and for 6 years they lived on board a 37 foot sailboat (cruising the intra coastal waterway from the Chesapeake Bay – south).

Since joining the Garden Club in May, 2005 she has served on the board as Membership Chair, Publicity Chair, Awards Chair, Co-Chair of the Festival of Trees, First V.P. and President for three years.

A love of gardening and the desire to become involved in a community organization is one reason she joined the garden club. When not working on garden club projects or in her garden, Kathleen can be found on the golf course (another passion).

“Those who plant a garden plant happiness”, which is how Kathleen feels about gardening.



## GCFM NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS

Submitted By Lisa Colburn ~ GCFM Nominating Committee Chairman

The Nominating Committee worked for a whole year to get to the point that we announce a proposed slate of officers for the next administration of GCFM. As a result of our research, we were instrumental in changing bylaws as well as policies that allowed us to select these leaders. Future officers no longer have to wait in the wings as committee members. Officers can now be chosen from the general membership. In addition, we acknowledged that there are advantages to extending the term limits of our officers. Sometimes it takes an entire term to learn the ropes! Now, elected officers are limited to two two-year terms with the exception of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer who may serve three terms.

Before, I announce the entire slate of officers, it's important to know that on October 26, 2010, at the Fall Conference Executive Board meeting, Wendy Cote submitted her resignation as the First Vice President. This paved the way for Kathleen Marty to be elected to replace Wendy for the rest of her term. As of January 1, 2011, Kathleen will become President Elect. And, at next spring's state convention in Castine, Kathleen Marty will be the new President for the Garden Club Federation of Maine! Congratulations Kathleen!

In addition, the following members have accepted nominations to be officers of the Garden Club Federation of Maine for the 2011 to 2013 term:

- Cyndy Bush - First Vice President
- Kathleen Filtranti - Second Vice President
- Judy Stallworth - Recording Secretary
- Judith Tarbox - Treasurer
- Cindi Kimball - Assistant Treasurer

These officers will be officially installed at the 2011 state convention in Castine. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to the next slate of officers; get to know them; share your thoughts about what you'd like to see in the organization; suggest members that you think would be great committee chairmen; and let it be known if you want to get more involved. We all have an impact in the success of Garden Club Federation of Maine.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS AROUND THE STATE

### Kids Can Grow Program

University of Maine Cooperative Extension's hands-on Kids Can Grow program gets children excited about gardening. Kids learn and practice gardening in a series of five monthly sessions from April through August at the UMaine Extension York County. <http://umaine.edu/gardening/programs/master-gardeners/projects/>

### Creatures Underneath

January 22, 2011 - Join Kevin Simon and Steve Coghlan, UMaine researchers, out on the ice of Fields Pond as they drill in and drop nets to see what creatures are dwelling in the frigid waters. See the listings of other programs available at Fields Pond Audubon Center in Holden <http://habitat.maineaudubon.org/activities/Fields-Pond/>

### Friday on the Farm

January 21, 2011 - Come explore our farm, meet our Organic Golden Comet chickens and learn about what they need to grow and produce food. See the listings of other programs at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester [http://www.pinelandfarms.org/visitors/events\\_calendar.htm](http://www.pinelandfarms.org/visitors/events_calendar.htm)

Do you have other events you would like to share? Submit your youth dates by emailing [newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org](mailto:newsletter@mainegardenclubs.org).

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GCFM EVENTS



Viles Arboretum is looking forward to co-hosting with the Garden Club Federation of Maine this special event.

On January 15, 2011.

Our morning program beginning at 10:00am will feature a talk by Jay Adams, Executive Director of the Arboretum. Jay, the other staff members and the Arboretum's board and volunteers have been working hard to shift the focus of what the Arboretum does back to collections and education. His presentation will cover the fascinating history of the land and the organization, a journey which in his words will lead us toward a sustainable future for the Viles Arboretum.

There will be a brown bag lunch and ample time for all to take in some of the new exhibits in the ever changing Visitors Center and to meet the Arboretum staff. Beginning at 1:00pm. Mark DesMeules, Viles Program Director will introduce you the world of vernal pools through a slide, audio and video presentation. These generally small "wetlands" which actually need to dry up occasionally, provide a unique habitat for some of our most beautiful reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates such as fairy shrimp. This presentation will prepare you for the spring emergence of yellow spotted salamanders, wood frogs, spring peepers, and many other vernal pool inhabitants, and you will come away with the knowledge of how to identify and conserve these magical places on your own property.

The Viles Arboretum, celebrating trees and everything that lives in, on, under and around them is located at 153 Hospital Street in the Heart of Augusta.

Sincerely,

Mark DesMeules, Program Director

Registration Information

We would appreciate preregistration by January 12th

attendees sending in: their name, address, phone number and email address, plus a check made payable to January Seminar, GCFM, Inc. in the amount of \$3.00 for GCFM or Viles Arboretum members and \$5.00 for all nonmembers.

Please mail to: Cheryle Fasano, 727 Gardiner Road, Jefferson, ME 04348

Tickets will be available at the door on January 15th for the same prices. Space are limited

STROUDWATER DISTRICT CONTINUED

Cape Elizabeth Garden Club: "Growing Bulbs" presented by Nancy Atwell Making centerpieces for Cape Elizabeth Seniors Holiday Banquet

Foreside Garden Club: "Permaculture" presented by Lisa Fernandez Holiday Potluck with exchange of floral arrangements

Gorham Garden Club: Houseplants—How to Grow and Care for them presented by Cindy Stuckberry Meaning of Christmas Herbs at special holiday dinner at a local B&B

Harpswell Garden Club: Slide presentation by Rebecca Sawyer Fay and Lynn Carlin on their books, Gardens Maine Style and Gardens Maine Style II Program by Diana Chapin on Genetically Modified Organisms and Unidentified Food Objects – GMO and UFO

Lakeside Garden Club: "Art in Bloom" Flower Show at Gallery 302 in Bridgton Working relationship with the Bridgton Chamber of Commerce to distribute gift baskets to school teachers new to the area with a coupon for a floral design made by a club member. Floral designs donated for the Chamber's Afterhours Networking Events.

Longfellow Garden Club: Potluck supper followed by a presentation, "Healing the Native American Way" by Karen Kimball, Micmac Indian Healer "What's New in Plants" presented by Claudia Risbara

Not Your Mother's Garden Club: Making Christmas ornaments using milkweed pods Flower arranging workshop at Skillins Greenhouses

Osewantha Garden Club: Creating holiday centerpieces for the Preble Street Resource Center in Portland at their Greens Party Harvest Supper with designer Libby Jordan Sawyer

St. Mary's Garden Club: Tour of walking trails at Gilsand Farm in Falmouth with a discussion of invasive plants Putting St. Mary's Garden to bed – emphasis on diving plants, pruning shrubs, and amending the soil. Work done by all members.

Scarborough Garden Club: Maintenance of the Hunnewell House Flag Circle and Herb Gardens in Scarborough "Christmas Plants and Holiday Ideas" presented by Tom Estabrook

Each club has other programs and activities for the year as well. All participate in plant sales to raise money for club activities and strive to beautify their communities.

**ST CROIX DISTRICT CONTINUED**

students can someday be members themselves. The Ellsworth club hosted a school/gardening symposium to promote cooperation between school systems, gardeners and local farmers.

6. We're using the 2011 GCFM convention and Blue Star Marker program to promote gardening DownEast and encourage disenfranchised clubs to join the GCFM. We've opened up communications and collaborations and will keep you posted. Our priorities are the 2011 Convention in Castine, the DownEast Gardening map and adding value to the St Croix District/GCFM.

7. **DOWNEAST MAINE: HONORING OUR PAST, SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE.**

GCFM CONVENTION, CASTINE, 21-23 JUNE 2011.

**STROUDWATER DISTRICT**

*Submitted By Linda Frinsko ~ GCFM Stroudwater District Director*

Stroudwater District Annual Report  
October 27, 2010

The Stroudwater District is composed of eleven clubs: Buxton Garden Club, Cape Elizabeth Garden Club, Foreside Garden Club, Gorham Garden Club, Harpswell Garden Club, Lakeside Garden Club, Longfellow garden Club, Not Your Mother's Garden Club, Osewantha Garden Club, St. Mary's Garden Club, and Scarborough Garden Club. The district hold three board meetings and one Annual District meeting during the year beginning after the June convention and June of the following year.



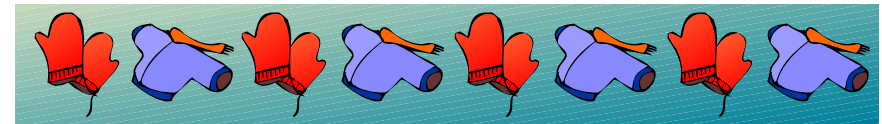
The district publishes a newsletter three times a year; it is available online and for those who do not have computers, it is available for a \$3.00 subscription fee. The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at the Portland Country Club, Falmouth. St. Mary's Garden Club is the hostess club. A designer will be the featured speaker. A survey had been circulated to ascertain what member would like at the Annual Meeting. The respondents indicated that they like a daytime meeting with a shorter time frame.

The district will also be reviewing its policies during this year.

I would like to highlight two activities which each of the clubs are doing this year:

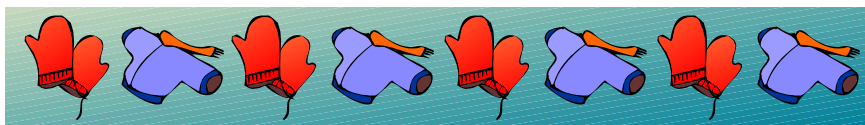
Buxton Garden Club:

- 20<sup>th</sup> Tree Festival Event, December 6-11, Bar Mills Community Church
- Container gardening with Brownie Troop #55, "Keep It Alive"



**2011**

- January 15 Viles Arboretum, Augusta, Maine  
FMI: see page 13 of this newsletter
- January 25 Camden's 2011 Winter Horticultural Series, Camden Library  
Robin Horty presents "Home Place Farm"
- February 1 Camden's 2011 Winter Horticultural Series, Camden Library  
Ken Cleaves presents "A Quarry Garden"
- February 7 GCFM Finance Committee Meeting, Augusta, Maine
- February 8 Camden's 2011 Winter Horticultural Series, Camden Library  
Sharmon Provan presents "The Bibby and Harold Alford Children Garden"
- February 10 Snow date for GCFM Finance Committee Meeting
- February 15 Camden's 2011 Winter Horticultural Series, Camden Library  
Anne Cox presents "Naturalizing Garden Design"
- February 22 Camden's 2011 Winter Horticultural Series, Camden Library  
Maureen Heffernan presents "Native Plants for the Maine Garden"
- March 7 GCFM Executive Committee Meeting, Augusta, Maine
- March 10 Snow date for GCFM Executive Committee Meeting
- March 10-13 Portland Flower Show, The Portland Company Complex
- March 16-21 Boston Flower & Garden Show, Seaport World Trade Center
- April 4 GCFM Board Meeting, Manchester, Maine
- April 7-9 Gardening Study School Course Two, MA
- April 8-10 Art in Bloom, Bangor Garden Show, Bangor, Maine  
FMI: contact Carol Smith [Luvs2Garden2@aol.com](mailto:Luvs2Garden2@aol.com)
- April 26-28 Flower Show School Course Two, Taunton, MA
- April 27 Stroudwater District Meeting
- April 28 Piscataqua District Meeting



- April 29– May 2 MFA Art in Bloom, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
  - May 2 Medomak District Meeting
  - May 5 Penobscot District Meeting
  - May 17 Kennebec District Meeting, Wilton, Maine
  - May 27-30 NGC Annual Convention, Washington DC
  - June 15-19 Wafa, Seaport World Trade Center, Boston
  - June 16 World Association of Flower Arrangers Garden Trip, Boston  
FMI: Carol Arnold, 990-5949 or by email: [gaafam@aol.com](mailto:gaafam@aol.com)
  - June 21-23 GCFM Annual Convention, MMA, Castine , Maine
  - July 15 Kingsbrae Garden Tour, St Andrews, New Brunswick  
FMI: Carol Arnold, 990-5949 or by email: [gaafam@aol.com](mailto:gaafam@aol.com)
  - September 13-15 Flower Show School Course III, MA
  - September 20-25 NGC 2011 Fall Board Meeting, St Louis, Missouri
  - October 14 GCFM Fall Conference
  - October 17-18 New England Region Meeting, Chelmsford, MA
  - October 18-20 New England Regional Symposium, Chelmsford, MA
- 2012**
- May 16-19 NGC Convention 2012, Buffalo, New York
  - September 25-29 NGC 2012 Fall Board Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 2013**
- May 24-26 NGC 2013 Convention, Seattle, Washington
  - September Flower Show School Course IV, MA TBA

**ST CROIX DISTRICT**

Submitted By Alvion Kimball ~ GCFM St Croix District Director  
St Croix District GCFM

Fall Update, 27 October 2010

To: Becky Linney, President, GCFM



1. Our biggest challenge is adding value to our local garden clubs and recruiting new members. We do this by encouraging clubs to share information, giving them an opportunity to collaborate, promoting our district, state and national scholarships, promoting training and helping them a little financially w/ Blue Star Markers. The state can help most by having a dynamic and up to date website, providing great schools and seminars, and promoting the GCFM scholarship and state programs like writing contests and the Blue Star Memorial Highway. The internet offers a tremendous resource for sharing information and learning. We need to use it better.

2. Eight of our 9 clubs have some great programs. We encourage them to have a website and promote those programs to their community and other clubs. The Sea Breeze Club in Sullivan is a three person shell that may be absorbed by the Franklin Garden Club in 2011. We do have a District Page on Google that Karen Johnson set up for us, <http://sites.google.com/site/stcroixdistrictgardenclubs/>. Promoting our activities to the public entices new members.

3. The Pleasant River Garden Club hosted a wonderful Fall District Meeting that included a tour of the Ruggles House in Columbia Falls. The Ellsworth Club conducted an area wide Judged Flower Show at Woodlawn. The Bar Harbor Club has a great youth program w/ local schools. The Garden Club of Mt. Dessert hosted a garden tour and helped sponsor a book, "The Plants of Acadia National Park". The Bucksport Club organized "Bucksport A'Bloom", a one day gardening and cultural promotion in downtown Bucksport. We are working with the Master Gardener Program to demonstrate the value of Garden Club membership and share credit for our many community service projects.

4. We provide some financial support to clubs to refurbish Blue Star markers. The GCFM handbook is a tool that needs page numbers and an index. We're producing a DownEast Gardening and Scenic Landscape map to promote the district and encourage extended tours as part of the 2011 GCFM convention in Castine. The map and a district biennial bus/garden tour may help raise money for our State and District Scholarships and cover operating costs.

5. The GCFM scholarship, the district's Nell Goff Scholarship for \$1,000 and a district campership for up to \$800 that we award to one club each year are membership incentives. These scholarships and youth activity writing contests encourage us to communicate w/ our towns, school systems and young people. Students have parents that are potential members and supporters. These same

**PISCATAQUA DISTRICT**

Submitted By Mary Erickson ~ GCFM Piscataqua District Director

Piscataqua District Report October 27, 2010

The Clubs of the Piscataqua District continue to carry out our mission to provide a forum for exchange of ideas between all the Clubs of the District; to encourage interaction and communication among the clubs and to further interest in horticulture, conservation, community beautification, landscaping and design.

At our Fall Board Meeting, it was decided to lower the cost of attending the annual District Meeting. The District would appropriate a substantial amount annually to insure that a high caliber speaker could be contracted to encourage higher attendance with an opportunity to hear and learn from someone new.

To further expand our "open meeting policy", each Club's Program Chairman will announce the following month's programs for all District Clubs. All Club Members will be extended a warm welcome with the hope of strengthening friendships between Clubs. The educational opportunities will be greatly expanded. Carpooling will be advised so that within our own Clubs friendships can grow. We want all Members to feel a sense of belonging to the District.

Individually, all Clubs continue to serve their Members and their Communities.

Old York Garden Club hosted a wonderful Flower Show at the York Public Library in September entitled, "All That Jazz". This spring they were awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> place National Award for their book, *In the Garden with Old York Garden Club*. The entire membership felt a sense of pride and accomplishment. They are the largest Club in our District with 122 members currently. They accept between 7 and 12 new members each year. They have approximately 60 members planting and maintaining their communities gardens with a new daffodil site planted this fall. Their spring plant sale is always a huge success providing funds for scholarships, programs and community service and attracting many new members.

Harbourside Garden Club Members participated in restoration of an important Kittery Point Landmark, the Pepperrell Tomb and Cemetery. After two years of planning and grant writing, a miniature replica of Celia Thaxter's Appledore Island garden was completed at the Kittery Historical and Naval Society's Mitchell Garrison addition. 100 pink impression tulip bulbs and 100 daffodil bulbs have also been planted by the Horticulture Committee. The Club has enjoyed many interesting programs highlighted by a wonderful one presented by Linda Redman entitled "Arbors and Things with Twigs."

Eliot, Seacoast and Southern Maine Garden Clubs continue to be active in their communities. Their programs offer a variety of subjects including Conservation, Water Gardening and Flower Design. Their Youth programs thrive.

All the Clubs of the Piscataqua District devoted much time since last fall preparing for the GCFM 2010 Convention. Each Club carried out their responsibilities in a very professional manner. The Convention ran smoothly thanks to the 101 Club Members that gave of their time and talents.

As their District Director, I am very proud of all their accomplishments.

**ENTICING NEW MEMBERS**

Submitted by Janet Gourley ~ GCFM Membership Chairman

## You Are Invited To a New Garden Club!

### Want To Share?

- Gardening Tips
- Leadership Skills
- Knowledge with Youth

### Like Horticulture?

- Houseplants
- Landscape Design
- Indoor Gardening
- Organic Gardening

### Interested in the Environment?

- Energy Conservation
- Recycling
- Pollution & Litter Control
- Habitat Protection

### Are You Creative?

- Floral Designs
- Landscapes
- Seasonal Displays

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### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Submitted by Janet Gourley ~ GCFM Membership Chairman

To those of you who didn't attend Fall Conference in October I am happy to announce that Alvion Kimball and Pamela Newcomb were presented with NGC Life Memberships bringing GCFM's total National Life Membership to 102. Congratulations Alvion and Pam. Any GCFM member may become a NGC Life member and help support NGC's scholarships simply by contacting GCFM's Membership Chair. I am also happy to announce that Diane Bullock and Mary Joe Church were approved as Members-at-Large by the Board of Directors. Welcome Diane and Mary Joe; they join Mary Wallace and Nancy Skala as MAL. Anyone who doesn't have a garden club in the area or doesn't belong to a club may become a MAL simply by contacting GCFM's Membership Chair.

Again on the national level wouldn't it be wonderful if the great state of Maine had an African violet named after it? Well, last year North Dakota had a daylily named North Dakota Sunrise. All we have to do, before March 31, 2011, is establish more new clubs than any other state in the union. All kidding aside, if you have a friend, relative or acquaintance who doesn't have a club available but would be interested in starting one up, there again suggest the person contact GCFM's Membership Chair for an application.

Pleasant River and Monmouth Garden Clubs, both founded in 2009 are two success stories. Janice Rhenow, Pleasant River's President reports they now have 25 members and have added East Machias to the list of members' towns of Addison, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Milbridge and Stuben. When Janice moved from Orland to Harrington, she missed the Bucksport club now too far and decided to do something about establishing a club nearer the area. First she put a notice in the paper which attracted five to the meeting. Those five advertised in church bulletins etc, and things just grew and grew. This past October Pleasant River hosted the St. Croix District Meeting. Janice joked that they didn't know what they were doing but with help from District Director Alvion the day was a huge success. (I wish we could all be that successful when we didn't know what we were doing.) The event was held at the Columbia Falls Municipal Building with 70 in attendance. The theme centered around herbs including a luncheon of herbal foods and the program presented by published herbalist, Lucille Harrington. Then the group toured the imposing Ruggles House and the pottery shop next door. Bravo!

The Monmouth Garden Club came about because the group was interested in hosting a garden tour. Their President Pamela Rosen was not available to fill me in on details but the club has grown from eight to eighteen members and the garden

### PENOBSCOT DISTRICT

Submitted By Patricia Snyder ~ GCFM Penobscot District Director

Penobscot District 2010 Annual Report  
October 17, 2010

The GCFM Penobscot District with a total membership of 268 is comprised of seven clubs: Bangor Garden Club, Brewer Garden and Bird Club, Hampden Garden Club, Orrington Garden Club, Milo Garden Club, Sebec Garden Club, and Veazie Garden Club.

This past June, the District staged a standard flower show "Books and Blooms" at the Bangor Public Library. The show attracted the attention of a commercial bank which asked the group to do a repeat performance for a corporate event. The bank subsequently reimbursed the District over and above actual costs, giving us a nice reserve account for future flower shows. We are planning to participate once again in the rejuvenated, but scaled down Bangor's Garden Show, April 8-10, 2011. An Art in Bloom show is planned.

Despite the excellent programs and gracious hosting of our district spring and fall meetings, attendance has been steadily declining at these events, whereas the individual clubs continue to retain their members' participation in their local community activities. Thus the District is in the process of evaluating our "Policies" to consider making changes to adapt to the current trends. We are considering changing our term limits restriction for elected officers of the District, to allow volunteer leadership to remain in office for more than one two-year term. And we are considering eliminating our Fall District Meeting, to have only one District-wide meeting per year at our Spring Annual Meeting. We have already changed our fiscal year to conform to the GCFM's fiscal year, which is June 1 to May 31.

Educational programs at our last three District meetings featured naturalist Tony Sohns's fascinating presentation about Maine wildlife (he may be located on his website); and programs from our homegrown plant experts in our district: Sonia Cianchette's updated species recommendations "Sonia's Beauties," with a truckload of plants to show and sell; and Lisa Colburn sharing the results of her extensive survey of Maine gardeners regarding the top recommendations of "Wow Plants for Maine Gardens."

Our District newsletter has been disseminated twice a year for four years now, thanks to our newsletter editor Carol Smith's excellent work on this. The District awarded her our District Award of Honor this year for all her generous contributions to the district over the last several years, including district director, flower show chairman, and newsletter editor.



**KENNEBEC DISTRICT**

Submitted By Shelly Hanson ~ GCFM Kennebec District Director

Kennebec District Annual Report – October, 2010

Kennebec Valley Garden Club hosted this year's annual District meeting on May 18 at the Augusta Country Club. The theme for the meeting was "Storybook Gardens". All of the table arrangements were based on various children's storybooks. Our speaker was Maureen Heffernan, Executive Director of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, who gave us an update on the new Children's Gardens scheduled to open this summer. She also spoke about other children's gardens she has designed at various botanical gardens in other states. We had 53 members from the six clubs in the District attending. We all had a good time visiting with other garden club members in the District.

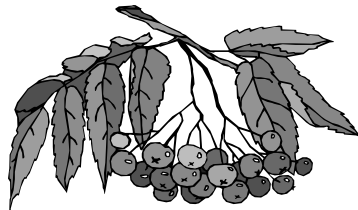


This year we have had a new club join our District, the Monmouth Garden Club. They started their club in October with 8 members and now are up to eighteen. They are holding their first garden tour on June 26 with 11 gardens on the tour, a very ambitious undertaking.

On June 19, clubs in the District will be participating in the annual garden party, "Summer Solstice in the Garden", to benefit Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area. The event will be held at Fieldstone Gardens in Vassalboro. We will be doing workshops on container gardening and flower arranging as well as having tables with information about the various clubs covering what the clubs do and describing the benefits of joining a club in addition to offering other gardening advice.

As District Director, I am trying to attend at least one meeting of each club. I visited the Waterville Garden Club's last summer. They celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by holding a garden party at a member's home. I attended a meeting of the Mount Blue Garden Club, at the home of one of their member's where we toured her garden of daylilies that she hybridizes. Last month I attended Monmouth Garden Club's meeting where they were finalizing details for their upcoming garden tour. I plan to visit the other clubs this summer.

All of the clubs are very busy working on community projects in their areas.



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS CONTINUED**

tour was a great success. Congratulations!

For hints on getting a club started, see the accompanying flyer from NGC. (shown on page 15)

For more information on Membership-at-Large, National Life Membership or new clubs, contact: Janet Gourley, 52 Whipple Road, Kittery, ME 03904, 207-439-6082, [janetwhg@comcast.net](mailto:janetwhg@comcast.net). Membership Chair

**A Gardener's Wish**

By Gloria Burrill

And now,  
 May the creator warm your garden with sunshine by day,  
 and sprinkle it with dewdrops by night.  
 May he walk with you along the pathways of your garden,  
 and talk with you through whispering trees.  
 May he countenance be revealed to you in the face of every flower,  
 and his love reflected in your every deed.  
 May he brighten all of your days with the gentle joys known only to the gardener  
 who looks for miracles and finds them so abundantly.

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

*In Memoriam*

*Mary McGowan ~ Central Maine Garden Club*

*Mary Lovejoy ~ Mt Blue Garden Club*

*Henrietta Korth ~ State Life Member*

**THE ROSEMARY CIRCLE**

Submitted by Mary Blackstone ~ GCFM Scholarship Chairman

Inaugurated in 2010 this is a perpetual list of donors who have given \$500 or more to the GCFM Horticulture Scholarship Fund. Donations may be in the form of pledges over time or planned giving from bequests or endowments.

We are happy to welcome **Rebecca Linney** as the first member of this circle.

**THE EVERLASTING CIRCLE**

Donors to the GCFM Horticulture Scholarship Fund from June 2010-May 2011

GCFM Life Memberships

SLM #531 Sandra Blake Leonard of the Bangor Garden Club, from that Club  
SLM #532 Margaret Holden of the Boothbay Region Garden Club from the Medomak District, GCFM

SLM #533 Ann Collier from Rebecca Linney  
SLM #534 Sarah Dimment from Rebecca Linney  
SLM #535 Scott Eldredge from Rebecca Linney  
SLM #536 Shanlee Ginchereau from Rebecca Linney  
SLM #537 Cathy Koppstein from Rebecca Linney  
SLM #538 Jennifer Moores from Rebecca Linney  
SLM #539 Jean Foss from Rebecca Linney  
SLM #540 Stuart Dawson  
SLM #541 Caroline Donnelly  
SLM #542 Paula Kee of the Bucksport Garden Club from that club  
SLM #543 Susan J. Simpson of the Kennebec Valley Garden Club  
SLM #544 Virginia Hawrylycz of the Surry Garden Club from the St. Croix District, GCFM  
SLM #545 Carol Yancey of the Ellsworth Garden Club

Honorary Life Memberships

Mary Joe Church of Kennebunk from Rebecca Linney  
Mort Mather of Wells from Rebecca Linney  
Helene Lewand of Kennebunkport from Rebecca Linney  
Helen Horn of Ogunquit from Rebecca Linney

**80TH ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION CONTINUED**

12:30-4:30	Mini Tours Depart Coleman/Damroche Gardens & Brooklin Brooksville green houses and gardens.	Check to attend _____
	Boat Tours of Penobscot Bay (limited numbers) May be separate charge	Check to attend _____
	Walking Tour of Witherle Woods	Check to attend _____
	Web Site and Newsletter	Check to attend _____
1:30-4:30	Ikebana Demonstration & Workshop Sandra Blake Leonard	Check to attend _____
2:30-4:00	Identifying Invasive vs Native Species Ann Gibbs	Check to attend _____
5:00 - 6:00	GCFM President's Reception with Rebecca L. Linney Harbor View Room, Alford Center	Check to attend _____
6:30-9:00	Annual Banquet and Awards \$30.00 Choose one: Pork Tenderloin _____ London Broil _____ Special diet upon request _____(specify)	_____

**Thursday, June 23, 2011**

6:30-9:00	Delicious Breakfast at MMA	\$9.00 _____
7:30	Breakfast Focus Groups; Check one: Putting Together Great Programs & Yearbooks _____, Getting Started on a Standard Flower Show____, Sharing What's New and Promising in Your Garden____, Ideas for Youth Activity Programs____	
7:30	Guided tour of Castine, Castine Historical Society	Check to attend _____
8:00-12:00	Registration at Harold Alford Center MMA	
9:00-11:30	Castine Farmer's Market at the Common	
9:00-10:30	GCFM Annual Business Meeting	
10:45-11:15	Greetings from Shirley Nicolai, President, NGC, Inc.	
11:15-11:45	Installation of GCFM President for 2011-2013	
12:30	Silent Auction and Raffle Results Posted	
12:30-2:00	Closing Luncheon \$17.00 Buffet style - Special diet upon request _____(specify)	_____
2:00-2:30	GCFM Executive Board Meeting in Holmes Heritage Room	
2:00	Departures via Blue Star Memorial Highways to view Downeast Gardens and Landscapes and Visit DownEast Garden Centers and Suppliers.	

**Registration fee:**

**Members \$30 Non-Members \$35 Late Registration \$45** Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** Amount of Registration Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**"HONORING OUR PAST; SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE"**

June 21-23, 2011

Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, Maine  
**Agenda & Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/zip \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

GCFM State Life \_\_\_\_ NGC \_\_\_\_ Board Member \_\_\_\_ Elected Officer \_\_\_\_

Appointed Officer \_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_ Past President \_\_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_\_

Club President \_\_\_\_

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

11:30-5:00 Registration at Harold Alford Center

12:00-4:00 Garden Tour of Castine-Castine Garden Club \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

1:00-4:00 Flower and Garden Photographer's Workshop  
 Check to attend \_\_\_\_\_

6:30-9:00 Scholarship and Life Member Dinner \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_ Broiled Haddock \_\_\_\_

Special diet upon request \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

6:30-9:30 Tasty Breakfast at MMA \$9.00 \_\_\_\_\_

7:30 Breakfast Focus Groups: Check one;  
 Landscape Design \_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_  
 Native/Invasive Species \_\_\_\_

7:30 Bird walk in Witherle Woods w/ Margot Haertel \_\_\_\_

8:00-6:00 Registration at Harold Alford Center, MMA

10:00-11:00 Keynote Speaker: Cindy Brockway; A Future For The Past,  
 Understanding Our Landscape Heritage.

11:15-12:15 The Greenhouse Project: Affordable  
 efficient and sustainable year -round growing,  
 Tom Adamo and Tony Ferrara, Check to attend \_\_\_\_\_

12:15 Luncheon Buffet in Cafeteria \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Or Box Lunch: Turkey \_\_\_\_ Hummus \_\_\_\_ \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**THE EVERLASTING CIRCLE CONTINUED**

Memorial Donations

Mt. Blue Area Garden Club in memory of deceased members

Donations in Lieu of Speaker's Fee

Osewantha Garden Club for Nancy Atwell

Cape Elizabeth Garden Club for Nancy Atwell

Other Donations

Ellen and Stuart Dawson

GCFM Landscape Design Council

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIANTS UPDATE**

AN UPDATE FROM LUKA NEGOITA, OUR 2010-2011 GCFM HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP and NGC SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

One of the many benefits of scholarships offered by the GCFM and the NGC is that they enable bright and highly motivated students to focus on their area of interest without having to invest so much time and anxiety in finding other ways to finance their education. When Luka Negoita applied for his scholarship he was preparing to do a survey of plants on Little Duck Island, a botanically unexplored 80-acre island 8 miles south of Mount Desert Island. Given the fact that this is one of the few medium-sized islands on the mid-coast of Maine that apparently does not have a history of human habitation--and that it is important as the nesting grounds for a large colony of seabirds--the scholarship committee realized that Luka's study had the potential to provide important information for conservation and management efforts on this and other islands in the area. Here is his most recent update on his progress with that project:



Dear Mary,

I have said to many that this summer is worth a book--both in terms of how much happened, as well as the quality of the experience. I was very lucky to have the opportunity to spend most of it living on Little Duck or Great

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS UPDATE CONTINUED

Duck Island. I helped out with seabird research while on Great Duck in exchange for my stay. On Little Duck, fellow student Matthew Dickinson helped me conduct a survey of vegetation on the island. We collected over 200 plant specimens—concluding in a tentative list of approximately 150 species belonging to at least 42 families. We also measured the percent cover of every species of vascular plant in 67 2m x 10m plots across the island. We collected soil samples from each plot that later were tested for mineral content. On top of that we took many notes on general natural history observations such as the birds of the island. It was a very productive summer. Thankfully the costs for equipment and food were covered by grants from the Garden Club of America and Maine Space Grant Consortium.

I've been back at school since the beginning of September. It has been going really well, but of course very busy. I'm taking a class in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) where I've been applying the data from this summer to generate interesting maps of Little Duck Island in hopes of better understanding its ecology. I am currently working on a summary poster about all the data collected on LDI. I should be done with it by the end of next Friday and will send it alone to you in case GCFM members are interested. I still have a lot to do with the data though. I anticipate this project going into next summer, but don't know yet. Senior year has been good so far and I look forward to the rest of it.

Luka



Encourage graduates you know to apply for GCFM Educational Scholarships. Details can be found on the scholarship tab of our website at : [www.maineclub.org](http://www.maineclub.org)

Keep our endowment growing become a GCFM Life Member and support our scholarship fund.

## SPRING CONVENTION 2011 CONTINUED

2:30-4:00pm	Identifying Invasive vs Native Species: Illustrated Talk and Workshop Ann Gibbs
5:00-6:00pm	GCFM President's Reception with Rebecca L. Linney Harbor View Room, Alford Center Annual Banquet , Awards and Entertainment
6:30-9:00pm	
<b>Thursday, June 23, 2011</b>	
6:30 - 9:30am	Breakfast Self-guided tours of Historic Castine Bird Walk in Witherle Woods Breakfast Focus Groups Putting Together Great Programs and Yearbooks - Patricia Michaud Getting Started on a Standard Flower Show - Sally Mowbray Sharing What's New and Promising in Your Garden - TBD Ideas for Simple Youth Activities Margot Haertel
7:30am	
8:00-9:00am	Registration
8:00am-12:00pm	Silent Auction and Raffle
9:00am - 12:30pm	Vendor Displays
9:00-11:30am	Castine Farmers Market
9:00-10:30am	GCFM Annual General Meeting
10:45-11:15am	Greetings from Shirley Nicolai, President, NGC, Inc.
11:15-11:45am	Installation of GCFM President for 2011-2012
12:30pm	Silent Auction and Raffle Results Posted
12:30-2:00pm	Closing Luncheon Awards and/or Speaker
2:00pm	Departures via Blue Star Memorial Highways and Downeast Gardens

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE DATES**

- Registration fee and payment for all meals must be **postmarked by May 13th, 2011**. A late fee of **\$15** will be added to registration after that date and **postmarked before May 27th, 2011**. Please make check payable to GCFM Convention 2010 and mail to Shirley Pierce, Registrar, PO Box 424, Orland, ME 04472. **No phone or email convention reservations will be accepted. No refunds after May 13th, 2011.**
- Lodging is available at MMA and a number of lovely inns in the area and is separate from conference registration. Over 200 dormitory double rooms w/ twin beds and 20 very simple single and double rooms are available at MMA. Dormitory spaces are \$35/night w/ shared bath. MMA single and double rooms w/ private bath are \$75 and \$85/night. **Room reservations for MMA ONLY will be taken by Cindi Kimball 469-0077, email, [ackimball1995@msn.com](mailto:ackimball1995@msn.com). All other accommodations must be directed to the property where you'll be staying.**
- Questions:** Alvion Kimball, Convention Chairman [ackimball1995@msn.com](mailto:ackimball1995@msn.com)  
PO Box 306, Orland, ME 04472 or 207-469-1144
- NOTE: (Out of Country 3/25-4/2)

**THE GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MAINE**

**SPRING CONVENTION 2011**

**“HONORING OUR PAST; SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE”**

JUNE 21-23, 2011

Maine Maritime Academy ~ Castine, Maine

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

11:30am-5:00pm	Registration
1:00-5:00pm	Vendor Displays, Silent Auction and Raffle
12:00-4:00pm	Historic House and Garden Tour of Castine
1:00-4:00pm	Flower and Garden Photographer's Workshop
6:00-9:30pm	Scholarship Dinner
6:00-6:30pm	Cocktails and Scholarship Raffle
6:30-8:00pm	Welcome and Introduction/Dinner
8:00-9:15pm	Program:
	David Merrill, 2008-2010 GCFM, NGC Scholarship Winner
	Luka Negoita, 2010 GCFM, NGC, Nell Goff Scholarship Winner
	Alison Dibble, 1989/1002 GCFM Life Member
9:15-9:30pm	Announcement and Introduction of 2011 GCFM Scholarship Winner and Mary Lou Marks Scholarship Winner Raffle Items and Door Prizes

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

6:30-9:30am	Breakfast
	Self-guided walking tours of Historic Castine
7:30am	Breakfast Focus Groups
	Landscape Design - TBD
	Building Club/GCFM Membership-Janet Gourley
	Native/Invasive Species - Carol Smith
	Newsletter/Website - Pam Newcomb
8:00am-6:00pm	Registration
8:00am-9:00pm	Silent Auction and Raffle
8:30-9:30am	GCFM Board Meeting
9:00am-5:00pm	Vendor Displays
10:00am-11:00am	Keynote Speaker: Cindy Brockway
11:15am-12:15	Community SELF Reliance and the Greenhouse Project Tom Adamo and Tony Ferrara
12:15pm	Buffet Lunch or Box Lunch
12:30pm	Mini Tours Depart
	(A) Coleman/Damroche Gardens & Brooklin/Penobscot Greenhouses
	(B) Boat Tours of Penobscot Bay
	(C) Walking Tour of Witherle Woods with Ian Stewart of Maine Coast Heritage Trust
1:30-4:30pm	Ikebana Demonstration & Workshop Sandra Blake Leonard

**YEARBOOK AWARDS**

Submitted by Patricia Michaud ~ GCFM Yearbook Awards

**20 -29 members**

Veazie Garden Club 1st  
Bangor Garden Club 2nd  
Buxton Garden Club 3rd

**30-44 members**

Newport Garden Club 1st  
Cape Elizabeth 2nd  
Southern Maine Garden Club 3rd

**45- 69 members**

Brewer Garden and Bird club 1st  
Elliot Garden Club 2nd  
Central Maine Garden Club 3rd

**70-99 members**

Seacoast Garden Club 1st  
Kennebec Valley Garden Club 2nd  
Mount Blue Garden Club 3rd

**Over 99**

Camden Garden Club 1st  
Old York Garden Club 2nd  
Bath Garden Club 3rd

**Special Award -- Digital yearbook**

Garden Club of Wiscasset

**PROGRAMS**

Submitted by Patricia Michaud ~ GCFM Yearbook Awards

Please ask your members to send an e-mail to me about their favorite program in the past and why. Program chairs have a tough job getting speakers, keeping programs interesting and trying to find the variety for all the members. I would like to send a list of the favorites to the club presidents to share with their program chairs and who better to give ideas is the members! I would like to receive the e-mails by the end of this year! Email: allagash@roadrunner.com

Bangor Garden Show  
April 8-10, 2011

**Art in Bloom**

FMI:  
Carol Smith ~  
Luvs2Garden2@aol.com  
or Pam Newcomb ~  
newcombpam@gmail.com

**2010 GCFM FALL CONFERENCE FINAL INCOME & EXPENSE**

Submitted by Jacky Tanner ~ GCFM Fall Conference 2010 Chair

2010 GCFM Fall Conference Final Income and Expense

Beginning balance in non-profit checking account with no penalties \$101.00

**Income**

Registrations: (Tuesday night 26x\$25.00 = \$650.00)	\$5445.00
165 conference, 6 vendor lunches, 21 Creasy lecture	
On site Registrations (Joyce, Leonard, Updyke-\$5.)	65.00
On site lecture tickets	40.00
Raffle	440.00
Lunch tickets Becky's guests	45.00
Harvest Sales (\$285.12-\$30.00 cash refund to N.Wyman)	275.62
Silent Auction-cks (cash went into Harvest/Raffle)	119.00
15% profit of Pressed Flower Sales +	53.15
15% profit of Windswept Creations	42.50
15% profit of Common Folk Farms + lunch	81.00
15% profit of Johnny's Selected Seeds + lunch	62.80
15% profit of Quilted Designs	57.00
15% profit of Longfellow Greenhouse	
15% profit of Bookstacks, Bucksport, Me	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6726.07</b>

**Expenses**

Change box	100.00
(Rosalind Creasy, special fund \$2500.00 from GCFM)	0
Jill Nooney	\$575.00
Elizabeth Ellwood	\$100.00
Tuesday night speaker - Jerry Monkman	\$330.00
Ramada Inn (\$195.00 + \$4212.50) =	\$4407.50
Tuesday evening meal	195.00
Wednesday lunch	2227.50
Coffee break	990.
Av media	200.
Tables	120.
Rooms	675.
Printing programs	79.35
Name Tags, corsage reimburse Shelly Hanson	0
Incidental reimbursements spent by Jackie	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5591.85</b>
Profit	1134.22

40% FOR KENNEBEC DISTRICT

60% FOR GCFM

Maintenance Balance in Account \$101.00

**2010 GCFM FALL CONFERENCE FINAL INCOME & EXPENSE**

The Tuesday evening program had 26 attendees, a small profit \$125.00 was realized because GCFM was not charged for the room; otherwise, the event would have paid for itself.

180 surveys printed, 50 returned

Rate the conference: 37 = good to excellent, 6 – fair to ok, 7- not marked

Rate the facilities: 43 – good, 7 – fair/adequate

Did you attend fall conference last year? 35 – yes, 15- no

Did you attend spring convention? 29- yes, 21-no

The vendors and exhibits were overwhelmingly popular, and the vendors indicated that it was worth their time to come to the GCFM Fall Conference.

171 paid for lunch; four has issues with the luncheon menu

Attendance by garden clubs:

Bar Harbor	6	Lakeside	1
Bath	3	Longfellow	1
Boothbay	19	Members at Large	2
Brewer	1	Milo	2
Bucksport	2	Monmouth	1
Camden	4	Old York	7
Cape Elizabeth	10	Orrington	1
CMGC	7	Osewantha	5
Eliot	3	Scarborough	1
Ellsworth	3	Seacoast	5
Foreside	3	Sebasticook	5
Gorham	2	SMGC	5
Hampden	2	Topsham	5
Harbourside	4	Veazie	2
Harpswell	3	WCGC	9
Kennebuck	1	Wiscasset	6
KVGC	16		

All in all, it was a great event with wonderful speakers and vendors enjoyed by many including non club members since the event was open to the public. Many thanks to the wonderful Kennebec Valley District garden club members who volunteered their time and energy to man the Harvest and Raffle tables, the Registration and Ticket Areas, and Clean Up! Items left on the Harvest Table were donated to the Salvation Army in Waterville. I have enjoyed serving as your fall conference chair, getting to know so many more of you, and learning so much more about gardening in Maine. And I especially thank those of you who sent notes about the conference. Respectfully submitted, Jackie Tanner