

89th Annual GCFM Convention
"A Celebration In The Garden"



Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 – 16, 2021
Virtual Annual Meeting via Zoom on June 15th
Installation of GCFM Officers for the 2021-2023 Term on June 16th
The Viles Arboretum, 153 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME 04330

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Garden Club to which you are a member _____

Please check all that currently apply to you:

GCFM Board Member _____ GCFM Club President _____ GCFM Club Delegate _____ Garden Club Member _____

Registration Deadline: Postmarked by May 20, 2021. Please note: All Maine CDC guidelines and state restrictions regarding Covid 19 in place at the time of Convention will be observed and protocols in place. If numbers for outdoor gatherings are limited, we will offer a waiting list by Postmark date if needed.

Convention Registration Forms will be accepted by mail only, please fill out completely and mail with your check to:

Fran Moore, GCFM Convention 2021 Registrar
P.O. Box 464
Camden, ME 04843

- Please remember to make copies for your records.
- No refunds after the deadline except for exceptional circumstances, as determined by GCFM Board.

NOTE: Convention Pre-registration is required for **ANY and ALL functions** connected with this event.

If you have any questions or wish clarification on any of this information, please contact 2021 Convention Coordinator:

Barbara Longstaff via email at: jblongstaff@comcast.net or by phone at: (207) 748-1049

Attendee Name: _____

Please be sure to check ALL events you will be attending (Including events marked N/C - No Charge)

2021 GCFM Annual Convention Registration Fee \$ 5.00 _____

TUESDAY, June 15, 2021

10:00AM – Noon: **GCFM Annual Meeting – via ZOOM** N/C _____

NOTE: Major annual business items will be covered during the meeting, most notable is approving the 2021-2022 GCFM Budget and Bylaws Amendments, as well as voting to elect the slate of Officers for the 2021-2023 GCFM Term. All members are welcome; however, it is important to remember that Voting Members are those outlined in the Bylaws as: GCFM Board Members, Club Presidents and Club Delegates as designated by Club Presidents. Specific instructions for attending the meeting will be sent by ZOOM Meeting Host Suzanne Bushnell to all who register for the meeting by checking this line item.

WEDNESDAY, June 16, 2021

10:00AM – 11:45AM: **“Celebration in the Garden”** N/C _____

NOTE: You must be Pre-Registered to attend this event. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:00AM. Check-in, Opportunity and Unique Boutique tables will open at 9:00AM. Our Celebration will include the installation of the GCFM Officers for the 2021-2023 Term. If you wish to attend, you must check this line item.

NOON – 1:00PM: **Luncheon** \$20.00 _____

Boxed Lunch Option: Please check preferred Boxed Lunch menu item

_____ A large, fresh spring mix green salad with seasonal veggies and garnished with edible flowers, served with vinaigrette dressing on the side. (Vegan, Gluten Free)

_____ Turkey Pesto Spinach Wrap with spinach, provolone and julienne red bell pepper served with small green salad and fruit cup.

_____ Croissant Sandwich with Egg Salad served with small green salad and fruit cup.

Boxed lunch will include a Dessert Bar and choice of bottled water or bottled iced tea

1:45PM: **Viles Arboretum Docent Guided Garden Tour** Tour Reservation _____

The charge for this one hour tour is \$12.00 per person, payable directly to the Viles Arboretum at the conclusion of the tour; checks, cash and credit cards are all accepted. You must check this line item to reserve your space on the tour.

TOTAL for Registration, Meals and Events \$ _____

Please submit Registration Form pages 1 and 2 with check payable to: GCFM Convention 2021 and mail to:

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***The Garden Club Federation of Maine Welcomes You
to an “Unconventional Convention”
Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 – 16, 2021***

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

10:00 – Noon: Annual GCFM Meeting via ZOOM! A new way to conduct business in these unusual times! Suzanne Bushnell will be hosting the Annual GCFM Meeting via Zoom, registered participants will be given specific instructions for participating in this meeting, which will be sent to you in an email message from ZOOM host Suzanne Bushnell prior to the meeting.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 “A Celebration in the Garden” at the Viles Arboretum, Augusta, ME

9:00AM – 10:00AM: Check in for Pre-registered attendees

9:00AM – Noon: Opportunity and Unique Boutique Tables are open

10:00AM: Opening Ceremonies

11:00AM: Installation of new GCFM Officers for the 2021-2023 Term

Noon: Luncheon – Box Lunch options are catered through The Parsonage House located in Vassalboro, ME
Please refer to Registration Form for choices and details

1:15PM: Closing remarks

1:45PM: Viles Arboretum Docent Guided Garden Tour
Reserve your space for an interpretive, guided tour of the Arboretum grounds. Every Tour is unique and led by an Arboretum Staff Member or volunteer. Topics discussed: History of the grounds and organization, Botanical Collections, Wildlife, Ecology, Conservation, Plant Identification, etc. There is a \$12.00 Charge for this tour, **payable directly to the Viles Arboretum at the conclusion of the tour;** checks, cash and credit cards are all accepted. The tour is approximately one hour.

A great way to wind up this special day might be to explore some of these additional options and Points of Interest!

- **Explore the many Gardens** and walking trails on the Arboretum grounds
- **Stay in the garden a while**, “catching up” with friends and renewing acquaintances
- **Visit the Viles Arboretum Visitor Center**
- **Visit the Gardens at the Elsie Viles Home** located nearby at: 71 Stone Street, Augusta, ME
- **Visit “Nettie’s Perennials”** to view her fabulous Iris Garden located nearby at: 236 River Rd., Chelsea, ME
- **Visit Longfellow Greenhouses** located at: 81 Puddledock Rd., Manchester, ME
- **Vaughan Woods** located in Hallowell, ME: Open to the public, offering 3 miles of gentle walking trails