

The St. Croix District Welcomes You to Bar Harbor
“Gardens of Eden”
Garden Club Federation of Maine's 85th Annual Convention

Tuesday, June 14th through Thursday, June 16th, 2016
Atlantic Oceanside Hotel
119 Eden Street
Bar Harbor, ME 04609

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

2:30PM – 5:00PM REGISTRATION: In Hotel Event Center. Pick up your information packets containing tickets for the events you'll be attending, your nametag and a fabulous goodie bag loaded with surprises from the St. Croix District merchants. Check out the raffle and silent auction, garden-inspired treasures donated by local and national businesses, and don't forget to see the GCFM Exhibits!

9:00AM – 5:00PM PUBLIC GARDENS: Early arrivals are invited to visit our public gardens at the *Gardens of Eden* Convention. A list and map will be provided. Donations are appreciated at these gardens. What to visit? Start at the *Wild Gardens of Acadia* (a collaboration between Acadia National Park and the Bar Harbor Garden Club begun in 1961); *Asticou Azalea Garden* in Northeast Harbor; *Thuya Garden* in Northeast Harbor; *Charlotte Rhoades Park and Butterfly Garden* in Southwest Harbor.

3:30PM – 6:30 PM SCAVENGER HUNT: Early arrivals are also invited to participate in a “scavenger hunt” to area businesses who will have rewards awaiting you at their stores! Pick up your card with your Registration Packet. More details when you arrive at the hotel!

5:00PM – 6:30PM RECOGNITION COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE MAINE SEA COAST MISSION, COLKET CENTER, 127 West Street, Bar Harbor: For National and State Life Members exclusively.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

8:00AM – 4:00PM REGISTRATION: In Hotel Event Center.

9:00AM - 5:00PM SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES, VENDORS, & EXHIBITS: All items await your viewing and shopping pleasure in the Event Center of the Hotel.

9:00AM - 10:00AM INCREDIBLE EDIBLE WORKSHOP: Pam and Brian Stewart, from the Pleasant River Garden Club, will show us how one town in Maine has created a series of public vegetable gardens where the produce is free for all takers! See how this project has united a small town and how it contributes to a stronger, healthier community. (Event Center Ballroom)

10:30AM – 4:30PM A GARDEN TOUR: Treat yourself to some of the most beautiful and unusual gardens in the Bar Harbor area! A map of the area with specific garden locations will be included in your Registration packet. The gardens may be visited anytime between 10:30 and 4:30. Cost for the tour is \$10.00.

2:30PM – 3:30PM BUTTERFLIES IN YOUR GARDEN: Workshop with **Ann Judd, Master Gardener and founder of the Charlotte Rhoades Butterfly Garden** in Southwest Harbor. Workshop to be held in the Barn at Garland Farm (also on the garden tour). If participating in the workshop, plan your visit to Garland Farm to give time for workshop AND see the garden. (*Limit: 45 participants*)

Wednesday (continued)

2:30PM – 4:00PM WALKING TOUR IN BAR HARBOR with Diane Phipps. Come explore Bar Harbor, the summer playground of the wealthy of our Nation. Put on comfortable walking shoes for a lovely walk through history and hear about a time of mansions, and lavish parties. Meeting place will be given to those signing up when they pick up registration packet. (*Limit: 30 participants - donations requested*)

4:00PM - 4:45PM GCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: In the Hotel Event Center's Board Room. Board members may wish to dress for dinner, as the meeting will adjourn at 4:45PM.

5:00PM – 5:30PM CONTAINER DESIGN CHALLENGE: Nationally-known garden expert and writer **Tovah Martin** will be competing against two of our GCFM members in a container design challenge. Join us outdoors on the grounds of the Atlantic Oceanside's Willows estate as we cheer on the contestants! Containers will be raffled off during the Convention. Tovah will be signing books after the Challenge.

5:30PM - 6:15PM COCKTAIL HOUR AT THE WILLOWS: Take a few moments to savor the day while enjoying a lovely setting in the historic "cottage" and view of Frenchman Bay. A cash bar will include beer, wine and other beverages. Sample some of the hors d'oeuvres while you spend time meeting friends.

6:30PM – 9:00PM DINNER: Featuring our keynote speaker **Tovah Martin** whose presentation will be "***Gardening for the Five Senses.***" Tovah will also be featuring something she calls a "***smellathon***" during her presentation where participants will test their knowledge of plants by smell only! (Event Center Ballroom)

Thursday, June 16, 2016

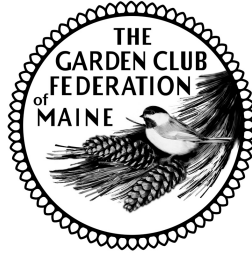
4:00AM – 6:30AM SUNRISE ON CADILLAC MOUNTAIN AND BIRD WALK: Join Bar Harbor Garden Club member **Margot Haertel** as we greet the first rays of the sun on Cadillac Mountain! For those interested in continuing on a bird walk, Margot will be leading the group to an appropriate location (possibly in Acadia National Park) to observe the birds and learn more about their habits. (Bring a camera, a pair of binoculars and wear comfortable shoes!) Meet in the lobby of the Main Building at the hotel at 4:00AM. Carpooling is encouraged. (Bring your Senior Pass to enter Acadia if you have one.)

8:00AM – 9:00AM REGISTRATION: In Hotel's Conference Center

9:00AM - 11:00AM SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES, VENDORS, & EXHIBITS: All located in the Event Center. Be sure to make time for raffle tickets and purchases!

9:00AM - 2:30PM GCFM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCHEON: All members are encouraged to attend. We'll be welcoming **NGC President Sandra Robinson** and **NER Director Vera Bowen** to Maine! Come hear what's new in the GCFM. This Meeting is a very important part of the Convention. If you've been selected as a Club Delegate (for voting on GCFM business items), be sure you've notified the Convention Registrar and have your delegate card with you (found in your registration packet). The meeting breaks at 10:30AM to allow time to check out of your rooms and check your bids in the silent auction before the annual membership meeting resumes at 11:00AM. The closing luncheon will also feature a talk by **Sheridan Steele, former Superintendent of Acadia National Park**. Members are invited to don their favorite garden hat to share in the festivities! (Event Center Ballroom)

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Please use separate form for each person

Name

Phone

Street/PO Box/Apt #

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address (for registration confirmation)

Garden Club that you belong to

*If you're not affiliated with a garden club, indicate "**non-member**".
If you're a "**member at large**" please indicate this designation.*

District

Please check all that currently apply to you

National Garden Club Life Member

District Director

GCFM State Life Member

Club President (as of 6/1/2016)

GCFM Board Member/Officer

Club appointed delegate for this Convention

Former GCFM President

Hotel reservations must be made directly with Atlantic Oceanside Hotel, Bar Harbor, by calling: **(800) 336-2463** or (207) 288-5801. Ask for the special **Garden Club Federation of Maine Convention Rate**. If reserving via website (<http://www.barharbormainehotel.com>), use code "**GARDEN061416**" for Garden Club Federation of Maine rates. Daily rate options are: \$189 for Willows, \$169-189 for Main building, and \$179-189 for Atlantic View (rates are subject to 9% Maine State Tax). The hotel's cutoff date for reservations at the Convention Rate is **April 15, 2016**. **CALL EARLY**, Convention rates will be honored three days prior to and after the convention based upon availability. Please note Room cancellation policy of the Atlantic Oceanside Hotel. Registered "Hotel Guests" are welcome to a breakfast buffet located in the Hotel.

Convention registration forms will be accepted by mail only.

- ☞ Please make a copy for your records.
- ☞ Registration deadline is **May 25, 2016**.
- ☞ No refunds after the deadline except for exceptional circumstances.
- ☞ Registration is required of members and non-member guests for any/all Convention Functions.

REGISTRATION FORM (Page 2 of 2)

Please enter dollar amount for appropriate registration fee and for each fee event that you plan to attend.
Also mark the appropriate box for other sign-ups, and enclose a check for the total amount shown or entered below.

Registration Fees (Enter an amount for one category only):

Early Registration (postmarked <u>by May 25, 2016</u>)	GCFM Member	(\$30.00)
	Non-GCFM Member	(\$35.00)
Late Registration (postmarked <u>after May 25, 2016</u>)	GCFM Member	(\$45.00)
	Non-GCFM Member	(\$45.00)

Events (both with and without Fees) & Workshop sign-up:

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

- **Cocktail Party recognizing our State Life and National Life Members**
(Must be a State Life or National Life Member to attend!) 5:00-6:30PM

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

- **Garden Tour** of featured gardens 10:30AM to 4:30PM. _____ (\$10.00)

Events With Limited Number – To sign up, check the desired event below:

(Order of acceptance will be determined by date this registration received)

- **Butterflies in Your Garden** 2:30-3:30PM (Limit: 45 participants)
- **Walking Tour in Bar Harbor** 2:30-4:00PM (Limit: 30 participants)
(Donations requested at time of tour)

- **Dinner Buffet*** with keynote speaker Tovah Martin: _____ (\$41.00)

Thursday, June 16, 2016

- **Sunrise on Cadillac Mountain and Bird Walk** 4:00AM to 6:30AM
- **GCFM Annual Membership Meeting Buffet* Luncheon:** _____ (\$25.00)
Featuring a talk by Sheridan Steele, former Superintendent of Acadia National Park

* Buffets with choices that should satisfy everyone! Please indicate any special dietary restrictions below:

TOTAL AMOUNT TO ENCLOSE:

If form is not filled in on your computer, please write the total in the box.

Please send **Registration Pages 1 and 2** with your check made out to **GCFM 2016 Convention** to:

Registrar, GCFM 2016 Convention
c/o Larry Mobraaten
P.O. Box 157
Hulls Cove, ME 04644

Questions? Contact Larry by phone: (207) 664-6141 or by email: gcfm2016@gmail.com

• Please remember to make a copy for your records.