

THE STROUDWATER DISTRICT WELCOMES YOU TO FREEPORT!

FROM THE FOREST TO THE SEA

THE 86TH ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MAINE
CONVENTION

Monday June 19 – Wednesday June 21, 2017
The Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Park St., Freeport, ME 04032
(207) 865-1433 ♦ www.freeportdowntown.hgi.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY JUNE 19TH

- **2:30 pm – 4:30 pm** **Early Registration** in the Monhegan Board Room
- **9:00 am – 5:00 pm** **Public Gardens** from Freeport to Portland. A list of gardens will be provided in your welcome packet as well as made available ahead of arrival.
- **5:00 pm– 6:30 pm** **State and National Life Member Reception** at the Longfellow Garden on the campus of the Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress Street, Portland. This is open to all those who have become State and/or National Life Members – or who sign up to become a member at the convention. A map will be provided in your welcome packet if you have registered for this. Carpooling will also be arranged for those who prefer not to drive into Portland. Tour the lovely Longfellow Garden, then follow-up with dinner at one of Portland's many fine restaurants! In case of inclement weather, we will be in the Maine Historical Society Conference Room.

TUESDAY JUNE 20TH

- **8:00 am – 4:00 pm** **Registration** in the Old Town Meeting Hall adjacent to the Hotel
- **8:00 am – 5:00 pm** **Silent Auction, Raffles, On-site Vendors, & Exhibits** in the Old Town Meeting Hall. Garden-themed vendors will also be available at several of the gardens on the tour.
- **9:00 am – 9:45 am** **Bringing Nature Home** in the Hilton Ballroom. Maine Audubon will share with us their work with Doug Tallamy to increase pollinator friendly plantings in Maine. Audubon is a major sponsor for our convention,
- **10:15 am – 12:15 pm** **Botanical Watercolor Workshop** led by Maddie Lou Chaplin, a watercolor artist from Gorham. Held in the Hilton Conference Center Ballroom, and limited to 15 participants. Come learn how to paint the beauty in your garden! No painting experience is required, and all painting supplies will be provided for you, although you may wish to wear an apron!
- **10:00 am – 4:30 pm** **Garden Tour** of a variety of lovely gardens from Yarmouth to Falmouth representing our theme *From the Forest to the Sea*. In addition to the 6 main gardens on the tour, there is an option for 2 additional gardens a little further out in Falmouth (but close to each other!) for those with a bit more time. A tour map and descriptions will be available in your welcome packet if you have registered for this event.

- **2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Chickens in Your Backyard** workshop led by Layne Gregory at her home. Her garden is on the extended garden tour, and in addition to a lovely garden she raises chickens. While there is no fee for this, please preregister so we know how many to expect.
- **4:45 pm – 5:30 pm GCFM Board of Directors Meeting** in the Hilton Ballroom. Board members may wish to dress for dinner as the meeting will adjourn just prior to the Cocktail Hour.
- **5:30 pm – 6:15 pm Cocktail Reception with cash bar and book signing by Thomas Rainer** Weather permitting, this event will be held outside on the terrace. Otherwise this event will be indoors outside the Ballrooms.
- **6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Dinner and Keynote Speaker Thomas Rainer** speaking on *Planting in a Post-Wild World*. In the Hilton Eagle and Jewell Ballrooms.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21

- **6:00 am – 8:00 am Bird-Walk** in The Pettengill Farm Sanctuary, led by Maine Audubon. A map will be provided for those that have registered for this event.
- **8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration** in the Old Town Meeting Hall adjacent to the Hotel
- **8:00 am – 11:00 am Silent Auctions, Raffles and Exhibits** in the Old Town Meeting Hall
- **9:00 am – 3:00 pm GCFM Annual Membership Meeting, Installation and Awards Luncheon with Speaker Neal Sanders.** This meeting is a very important part of the Convention. If you've been selected as a Club Delegate by your club, be sure you've received a Delegate Card in your welcome packet. If not, please notify the Convention Registrar so she can correct this. We will be electing and installing a new slate of officers, so this is very important! There will be a break at 10:30 am to allow time to check out of your room and do a final check of the Silent Auctions and Raffles before the meeting resumes at 11:00 am. This will also be an opportunity to purchase several of Neal Sanders gardening novels – GCFM receives 10% of the sales, so purchase several! Neal will speak to us on *Gardening is Murder*, regaling us with coping with gardening issues common to us all, as well as giving us pearls of wisdom for dealing with them.



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REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: This form may be completed electronically by entering information in or checking the appropriate box– this is the **PREFERRED** means so we can easily read the information. It may also be completed by hand if desired. Use 1 form per individual. When completed, please **PRINT and MAIL both pages with check made out to GCFM 2017 Convention to:**

GCFM Registrar Anita Wihry, 35 Everett St, South Portland, ME 04106

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Tel _____ Email (for confirmation) _____

Garden Club: _____ District: _____

In the “Garden Club” space, if you are not affiliated with a garden club, indicate “non-member”. If you are a “member at large”, please indicate this designation.

Please check all that CURRENTLY apply to you:

NGC Life Member

GCFM State Life Member

GCFM Board Member/Officer

Former GCFM President

District Director

Club President as of 6/1/2017

Club appointed delegate for this Convention

Hotel reservations must be made directly with The Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, ME by *calling (207) 865-1433, selecting new reservations, and then mentioning GCFM* to obtain the special convention rate of \$155 per night plus 9% sales tax. The hotel reservation cutoff date is **May 20, 2017** – call early to reserve your room!

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5/30/17 LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: after 5/30/17. NO MEALS CAN BE SOLD AFTER 6/14/2017!

Please make a copy for your records.

No refunds after the deadline except for *exceptional* circumstances.

Registration is required of ALL attendees for any/all Convention functions.

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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION BOXES

REGISTRATION FEES:

Early Registration, postmarked by May 30, 2017

GCFM Member \$30.00
Non-GCFM Member \$35.00

Late Registration, postmarked after May 30, 2017

\$45.00

EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS:

PLEASE CHECK THE EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND & TOTAL THE FEES AT THE BOTTOM

Monday June 19, 2017

- **5:00 – 6:30 pm: State and National Life Reception** N/C
Open only to State and NGC Life Members

Tuesday June 20, 2017

- **9:00 – 9:45 am: Bringing Nature Home** by ME Audubon N/C
- **10:15 – 12:15 pm: Botanical Watercolor Workshop** (limit 15) \$20.00
- **10:00 – 4:30 pm: Garden Tour** of featured gardens \$10.00
- **2:30 – 3:30 pm: Chickens in Your Backyard** workshop N/C
- **5:30 – 6:15 pm: Cocktail Reception with cash bar** N/C
Includes book signing of *Planting in a Post-Wild World*
- **6:30 – 9:00 pm: Dinner with keynote speaker Thomas Rainer** \$41.00
 - Chicken Roulades with leeks & smoked Gouda**
 - Baked Haddock with lime crab stuffing & prosecco**
 - Vegetable Napoleon**
 - Special Dietary Needs:**

Wednesday June 21, 2017

- **6:00 – 8:00 am: Bird-Walk** led by Maine Audubon N/C
- **9:00 am – 3:00 pm: GCFM Annual Meeting**, \$25.00
 - **Installation, Awards, and Speaker Neal Sanders: *Gardening is Murder***
 - **Buffet Lunch w/assorted roll ups, salads and desserts**

TOTAL FEES: \$ _____