

Northern Exposure



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



It's my hope that you are enjoying these lovely summer days we've been having lately and that your gardens are reflecting all your hard work!

As we begin organizing for the new season and, for some, a return to regular meetings, there are several topics that need to be shared with all our members. At our NEGC breakfast meeting in Philadelphia in May, we discussed the need to update, change and revitalize our web site. Kathy Thomas, our webmaster for quite a few years, is not interested in continuing in that position. There was a request made to find a new qualified webmaster at that time. I guess the biggest question I have is whether we should even have a website in the future. How many

people actually look for information about NEGC or check on upcoming meeting dates of your own state as well as the other 5 New England states? Correcting the existing information is a necessity.....starting with the ngcner.com domain name. Legally we are no longer that entity.

An ad hoc committee of several interested members will be working on this topic and we hope to have a complete report ready for you at the Annual Meeting. In the meantime, I would appreciate any thoughts you have regarding this topic. And, of course, we would love to have someone step forward to take over this arm of NEGC.

The second important item involves our NEGC symposiums. In June the New Hampshire Judges' Council met with the inclusion of the Vermont judges. They discussed presenting a joint symposium in 2019. . . .New Hampshire and Vermont together organizing the event. A proposal was put forward and it came to me for approval. I have asked Andrea Little, our NEGC Parliamentarian, to weigh in on this subject. A letter will be sent to the state presidents to have this discussion and its variables brought up with their members and to have a solution prepared for the fall meeting. This problem of having fewer judges in some states

is nationwide. I'm hoping that a reasonable solution can be decided upon to lessen the burden and share the responsibility.

Please plan to attend our fall meeting at Water's Edge resort in Westbrook, CT, on October 15th and 16th, followed by a symposium on the 16th-18th. The reservation forms are on the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut website ctgardenclubs.org/events-overview/connecticut-symposium-2/. It promises to be a great meeting in a lovely setting! More information can be found at the end of Northern Exposure.

Thank you again for putting forth the objectives of National Garden Clubs in New England. Your many articles and pictures are a great tribute to all that your clubs do.

Happy Gardening,
Sue Hinkel
NEGC Director

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PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

NHFGC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: "Happy Summer"

NHFGC will be holding their 84th Fall Meeting at the Puritan Conference and Event Center located in Manchester, NH on September 19th. This time around, instead of a having a speaker or some type of standard presentation, the NH Judges' Council offered to hold a Standard Flower Show, titled "Opposites Attract" in conjunction with the fall meeting. It will take place in an adjacent room. Entries in both Division 1 and 2 will be accepted early in the day and judged while the business meeting is in progress. Meeting attendees will then have the opportunity to tour the show during an extended social period held prior to the luncheon. Following the luncheon, the business meeting will reconvene and later in the afternoon, representatives of the NH Judges' Council will give a series of mini presentations entitled "Taking the Mystery Out of a Standard Flower Show." The Judges' Council is encouraging the general membership to enter floral designs and horticulture for this particular flower show and their flower show schedule reflects this, as it contains only one Division 1 class that is open to Flower Show Judges. All other classes need to be filled by garden club members who are not Flower Show Judges. The hope is that more members will enter either a floral design, horticulture specimens or both — perhaps for the very first time.

In early July, NHFGC ordered a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be placed at the New Hampshire Veterans' Cemetery located in Boscawen, NH this fall. **Continued.....**

NHFGC – continued

Funding was quickly raised thanks to the support of our member clubs as well as individual members, a number of whom are either veterans themselves, have loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the military or who have been laid to rest at the Veterans Cemetery. A dedication ceremony is planned for late October.

Joyce Kimball
President, New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs
joyceakimball@comcast.net

Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut President's Message

I am pleased to report that Connecticut had a banner year with a series of Blue Star Memorial Marker dedications in four different towns, while another two are pending. NGC Blue Star Chairman Andrea Little officiated at several of them and guided those in attendance during the impressive ceremonies. Of great significance this year was the participation of several youth groups not only as observers but also as 'musicians'. Connecticut's total currently stands at 15 Blue Star Markers: two Highway; ten Memorial; and three By-Way Markers. Our Federation's Blue Star Memorial Chair is Krista Swanson Fiorini who worked closely with the Blue Star Chairmen of the respective clubs involved.

Here are the latest:

On May 26th the Daytime Gardeners dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker in the town center of North Haven, chaired by Sally Brockett.

On June 16th the Black Rock Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star By-Way Marker at St. Mary's by the Sea Section in Bridgeport in the club's garden adjacent to the beach, a pollinator-friendly garden which they renamed the "Blue Star Garden," chaired by Joan Lindquist.

On June 14th, on Flag Day, the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club dedicated two Blue Star Memorial Markers, one in the town of Roxbury, the other in Bridgewater, chaired by Adrienne Caruso. **Continued.....**

FGCC – continued



After the welcome by Andrea Little in Bridgewater, there was the presentation of the colors by the Honor Guard, the raising of the American Flag, and the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of the United States of America.



A group of children from the Burnham Elementary School in Bridgewater played "This Land is Your Land"



Children from the Burnham Elementary School gather next to the dedication ceremony in Bridgewater.

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The Memorial Marker by the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club.

FGCC – continued

Of note is that many more of our garden clubs are sponsoring program and projects involving our young children. Many of them have participated in beautifying their community with new plantings in public spaces. I'll talk about that in our next newsletter.

In the meantime, don't forget to register for the Second Annual NEGC Meeting and Connecticut Symposium to be held at the Water's Edge Inn and Resort in Westbrook (please see page 11 for additional information).

Inge Venus
President, Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut

Notes from the Garden Club Federation of Maine

Greetings from Maine! I want to share some of the discussions and programs I've enjoyed during the past three months. I think you will learn more about the diverse interests we have in our wonderful State.

April and May marked the six Districts' Annual Meetings. Their programs represent a wide range of activities we engage in. For me, it was a great way to learn about what is going on with the garden clubs, join with friends, make new friends and enjoy the diverse communities of Maine.



Kennebec Valley District Annual Meeting

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GCFM – continued



Penobscot District Annual Meeting

We kicked off the season with the Stroudwater District Annual Meeting in Cape Elizabeth (just outside Portland). The “Five Senses” presentation reminded us of the interrelationship of our senses with plants and gardens. The Piscataqua District met in York (southern coastal Maine). We enjoyed a delightful presentation on wildflowers and Maine native plants.

The Penobscot District’s meeting was held in Veazie (right beside Bangor). Our speaker from Birdsacre spoke about owls, and I learned several nuances about their behavior. The Medomak District held its Annual Meeting at the 1812 Farm in Bristol (mid-coast). Our speaker gave insight into the Midcoast Conservancy and their plans for the area. The St. Croix District met on Mount Desert Island. Our speaker talked about the wild blueberry industry and the many benefits that ½ cup of wild blueberries a day can bring to our lives. The Kennebec District met near Waterville and the speaker gave very interesting information on grain and rice that thrive in Maine’s climate.

We held a second symposium/forum in conjunction with the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens on May 15th. The program had over 40 attendees and we gained knowledge on the importance of native plants in our changing environment and their significance for bees and other pollinators. **Continued.....**

GCFM – continued

On June 23rd the Harpswell Garden Club sponsored Maine's first Gold Star Marker for Families Memorial Marker dedication at P-3 Park in Brunswick. Patti Smith, President and Founder, America's Gold Star Families, gave remarks regarding the project. Andrea Little, NGC Blue Star Marker Chairman spoke, as well. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. issued a Certificate of Appreciation, given earlier in the week at Annual Convention, to honor the occasion. Words cannot express the pride I felt.



Left to right: Judith Tarbox, GCFM President; Elsa Civello, Harpswell Garden Club President; Suzanne Bushnell, Gold Star Marker Project Chairman, Harpswell GC; Angus King, U.S. Senator for Maine, from Brunswick.

The 87th GCFM Annual Convention "Celebrating the Summer Garden" took place mid-June at the Sebasco Harbor Resort, mid-coast Maine. The State and National Life Member "High Tea" kicked off the convention with local flutists performing while we enjoyed scones with clotted cream and jam. Then, we had a truly exquisite Garden Tour of some of the finest local gardens. The GCFM Judges Council sponsored a Standard Flower Show concurrent with the opening days of the Convention. The last time we did that was in 2009! The NGC President Nancy Hargroves was able to join us during the meeting and gave her **Continued.....**

GCFM – continued

presentation on “Witches, Turkeys, and Reindeer – Fall and Winter Container Gardening,” which gave us several ideas to use in our winter projects.

Our garden clubs are so dynamic and diverse. We play a huge role in our communities in so many ways. We beautify and preserve heritage and are role models. We may be a little under-appreciated for what we do, but we would be sorely missed if we weren't there.

Judith Tarbox
President, Garden Club Federation of Maine

Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

The FGCV held a “Celebration of Peonies” their 81st Annual meeting at Hildene, Manchester, Vermont. Nancy Hargroves, President of National Garden Clubs. was our special guest.

Hildene the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, was built in 1905.

Robert Lincoln's daughter Jessie, designed the formal garden on the south lawn in 1907 as a gift to her mother, using an American version of a European Parterre design. Closely cropped privet hedges outline peony and other flower beds, which are laid out to resemble a stain glass window when viewed from the home's second floor. Each June, the original peonies which survived more than 100 years, produce more than 1000 blooms. The American Peony Society designated two of the original peonies “The Hildene” and “Jessie Lincoln.” Both peonies previously were unidentified cultivars.



Hildene



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FGCC - continued

The FGCV meeting day proved cold, wet and dismal but this did not dampen the members' spirits as we welcomed our National President Nancy Hargroves. Following the business meeting, she spoke about the advantages of membership and the opportunities available to all garden club members. Nancy shared information on the NGC's updated website, encouraging members to utilize all the opportunities available. In sharing the success and continuation of the Plant America Grant Program, she noted that Vermont won two of the 28 Plant America awards though there were over 400 award applications.

Following the business meeting Hildene's horticulturist Andrea Luchini gave an illustrated presentation on Hildene's garden practices and the famous Peonies, followed after lunch by a tour of the gardens.

Following lunch, club awards were presented with the assistance of President Nancy Hargroves.

Caroline Frey
President FGCV



L-R: President Hargroves, Springfield GC
Caroline Frey President FGCV, Sue Hinkel
NEGC Director



L – R: NGC President Hargroves,
Springfield GC President Carolyn Lane,
NEGC Award Chairman Kitty Furman

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FGCC - continued



L – R: Co-Presidents Arlington GC Jean Freebern and Joanne Taylor, NGC President Hargroves



L – R: NGC President Hargroves, Mountain Gardens Club President Carol Minor, NEGC Award Chairman Kitty Furman

Second Annual New England Garden Club Meeting

Our gardens are blossoming and we are enjoying the fruits of our springtime labors! Of course the weeds continue to keep us busy too! As we sit back and contemplate the summer warmth, it is time to consider joining our gardening friends from throughout New England during the beautiful fall season at the 2nd Annual NEGC meeting in October.

The 2nd Annual meeting of New England Garden Clubs is scheduled for October 15-16, 2018, at Waters Edge Resort and Spa in Westbrook, Connecticut. Water's Edge overlooks Long Island sound where you can enjoy beautifully landscaped grounds and easy access to antique shops, outstanding wineries, quaint towns, and garden centers. In keeping with our CT theme "Plant Connecticut, be a Conservation Champion," the NEGC theme, "NEGC Plants for Everyone" and our NGC theme "Plant America," Leslie Martino will treat us to a presentation of "Community Gardening and the CSA" on Monday evening after a welcoming reception and scrumptious dinner.

Of course we all love to shop! Some exciting vendors will be set up and ready for your shopping pleasure on Tuesday after our business meeting. We are searching for three designers anxious to exercise their talents for a "Design Challenge" **Continued.....**

New England Garden Club Meeting – cont.

prior to the Awards Luncheon. Contact Karin Pyskaty (jim.karin.pyskaty@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. Three volunteer names will be drawn at random and notified prior to the meeting.

Online registration is available on The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut website www.ctgardenclubs.org and the registration trifold brochure is available on the website as well, for mail-in registrations. Keep in mind the registration deadline is September 15, 2018, to receive special NEGC room rates at Water's Edge. We look forward to seeing you here in Connecticut.

Karin Pyskaty, Meeting Chairman
Carmelina Villani, Meeting Vice Chairman
Shirley Hall, Registrar and Treasurer

2018 Connecticut Symposium

While all of New England is wonderful in mid-autumn, October on "the Shore" in Connecticut is spectacular! So combine delicious meals in a room overlooking the Long Island Sound, blue-ribbon landscaping, an elegant hotel with learning about horticulture and the newest designs - and **join us at the 2018 Connecticut Symposium.**

Back by popular demand at the delightful **Water's Edge Resort and Spa in Westbrook, Connecticut, the Symposium is open to all, not just judges!**

Horticulture: Going Green: Container Begonias and Broadleaf Evergreens will be taught by **Dorothy Yard**, of Pennsylvania. Dorothy serves as Chairman of the NGC Flower Show Schools Committee. Dot oversaw the development of the 2017 "Handbook for Flower Shows," bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Symposium.

Learn the specifics of two very interesting design types: Grouped Mass and Featured Plant Materials with **Penny Decker**, of Florida. Penny also has taught Symposia and Flower Show Schools around the country, and is known for her color-filled creative designs

Allied Topics will feature an inside look at **the 21st Century Global Flower Market**, presented by **Jamal Ansari, President and Owner of East Coast Flowers**, a premier floral wholesaler in Norwalk, CT. He will discuss how the global market for flowers works, from growing to transport to care. As a counterpoint, **Ko Klover, Certified American Grown Council**, will share how American grown flowers, and, particularly local flowers, are becoming a recognizable brand through the Certified American Grown program and contribute to the U.S. economy. **Continued.....**

2018 Connecticut Symposium – cont

The Symposium will follow the New England Region Annual Meeting. Registration will begin Tuesday afternoon, with one Allied Topic preceding a reception and **Continued.....** dinner. The second Allied Topic will follow dinner. Wednesday will be Design and Thursday will be Horticulture. You may register for the entire Symposium, Tuesday Dinner/Allied Topics, or individual Design or Horticulture days. Registration materials are available in print, and on-line – with registration to be available via the Web as well. [Please note that for those taking the Symposium for credit, the time allotted for the exam is now 1.5 hours.]

We anticipate an interesting selection of vendors. Water's Edge Resort and Spa is located beachside on Long Island Sound. Nearby are garden centers, lovely Colonial towns, outlet malls and much more. Water's Edge is easily accessible via I-95 and Route 1.

For registration materials contact **Kris Urbanik, Registrar at krisurb@cox.net** or visit <https://ctgardenclubs.org> and click on events. You may also contact **Trish Manfredi, Symposium chairman at ptmanfredi@cox.net**

Trish Manfredi
Symposium Chairman

Burlington Garden Club Shares Flower Arranging Skills

In Vermont, Burlington Garden Club, Garden Therapy Coordinator Jean Henshaw, along with Barbara Turnowicz and other club members travel to three Senior Assisted Living and Long Term Facilities during the year to assist the residents in designing and making floral arrangements to brighten their rooms. These avid gardeners bring their years of gardening skills, a willingness to help others and bring their smiles. Promoting the therapeutic aspects of gardening is the goal about which the club members want to share and educate the residents.

The club members travel to Birchwood Terrace, Pillsbury Manor South and Burlington Health and Rehab, assisting residents with floral arrangements to add pleasure and joy to the resident's day. Whether the month is "Irish Eyes are Smiling," "The Promise of Spring" or "See You in September" their very alive flower arrangements are part of the fun working with residents who chose to attend their activities. Flower arrangements are created by the residents with guidance of the Garden Club Members. This service is part of the Burlington Garden Club's commitment to the Burlington Community. Club members bring all flowers and supplies while the club purchases the flowers making the flower arrangements a labor of love. Linnie Aubin, Activity/Enrichment Director at Birchwood Terrace Healthcare said, "it is unclear just how long the Burlington Garden Club (BGC) has been coming to Birchwood Terrace, but twice a year, for as long as can be remembered, the BGC has been bringing **Continued.....**

Burlington Garden Club Shares Flower Arranging Skills – continued

the beauty from the outside, in. Buckets of gorgeous flowers come through our doors and become transformed into florist shop quality bouquets by our flower arranging residents and patients. There is a sense of satisfaction that comes with creating beauty, choosing the colors, textures and sizes and seeing the magic that happens when these elements come together. Many times more than enough vases are filled to give those who need their day brightened or to give an unexpected surprise to a friend or loved one.”

Garden Therapy promotes social interaction as well as education for our seniors. “It is beneficial to all involved and we are very pleased to have this opportunity for the residents” says Doris Van Mullen, garden club member.

Doris Van Mullen
Co-Vice President Burlington Garden Club

Birchwood Terrace Health Care News: Burlington Garden Club shares Flower Arranging Skills

Sitting: left to right Connie Shea, Linnie Aubin, Activities director, Nancy Drop, Audrey Morbey. Standing: left to right Adam Skiff, activities, Mary Scollins BGC member, Barbara Turnowicz



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Burlington Garden Club Shares Flower Arranging Skills – continued

BGC AND SOUTH BURLINGTON LIBRARY



APRIL 23, 2018 – 10:30 AM
READING TO CHILDREN AND PLANTING SEEDS
THANK YOU JAN DeSarno, Nancy Teachout, Mary & Doris



Celebrating National Garden Week 2018 in Vermont

The Burlington Garden Club serving the greater Burlington area celebrated National Garden Week 2018 by receiving signed proclamations from the Mayor of Burlington and town managers of Williston, Shelburne and South Burlington. The photo is the members of the garden club with city manager Kevin Dorn at Wheeler Park where the members maintain the Butterfly Garden, Grandpa and Grandma Gardens and the location for their Young Gardeners Summer Program.

How Burlington Garden Club members celebrated National Garden Week 2018:

Rosemary Abele – Bring flowers to retirement home

Nancy Bell – Work at Butterfly Garden – Wheeler Park

Jan DeSarno – Be with the Growing Young Gardeners Group of 16 Children

Anne Gordon - I celebrate gardening week by working in my own garden. I like to think, that it offers an example, to stimulate young neighbors to create one of their own. I often get interest and questions which lead me to believe that this may be true.



Jean Henshaw – Arrange flowers with residents at a long term care facility

Gail Lang – Planning programs for club members

Camille Lovering – Seeing tulips in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Jane Murphy – Guiding tour to Hildene

Barbara Turnowicz – Planting a vegetable garden and marigolds. Attending a volunteer luncheon at Birchwood Terrace for service to residents

Doris Van Mullen – Working on intern hours for master gardening certification

Carolyn Bates - I plan to make each day happier for someone by giving a flower as an expression of kindness and love.

Joelyn Niggel - Attending the Growing Young Gardeners project with my granddaughter.



NEGC Awards 2017

left to right are Trish Manfredi, Suzanne Bushnell, Blakely Szosz, Arlene Feld, Judith Tarbox, Suzanne McCance, Nancy Hargroves, Sue Hinkel, Jane Waugh, Joyce Kimball, and Andrea Little

NEGC Awards Deadline Approaches: September 1

As we enter the “dog days of summer” it’s time to remind our clubs that the New England Garden Club’s deadline for applying for regional awards is right around the corner – September 1st. Last year the deadline was extended because the NEGC Annual Meeting was scheduled for the final days of October. This year, with the NEGC Annual Meeting occurring on October 16th, your NEGC Awards Chairman (Suzanne Bushnell) will be adhering to September 1st as the final day to get your awards submitted.

Please use the NEGC form that can be found on our website at www.ngcner.org by clicking on the AWARDS tab. The current award form is a WORD document which you can type directly on by clicking on the button which says “*enable editing*” at the top of the page. Be sure to save your document before making a copy or submitting it to your State Awards Chairman who will forward it on to the NEGC Awards Chairman. **Continued.....**

NEGC Awards Deadline Approaches – cont.

If a club has problems working with the electronic form, the State Awards Chairman may mail a copy of the form, with any supporting documentation (limit of three pages total), to Suzanne Bushnell. The award year covers all projects started or worked on during the period June 1, 2017, to May 31, 2018. If your club won an NEGC Award for a project last year, please do NOT put that project in for the same award this year! Some of our awards involve cash prizes, so encourage your clubs to apply! If you have any questions, contact Suzanne at sembushnell@comcast.net or 207-729-5285.

Suzanne Bushnell
NEGC Awards Chairman 2017-2019

Welcome Summer with Some Fun Smokey Bear Facts

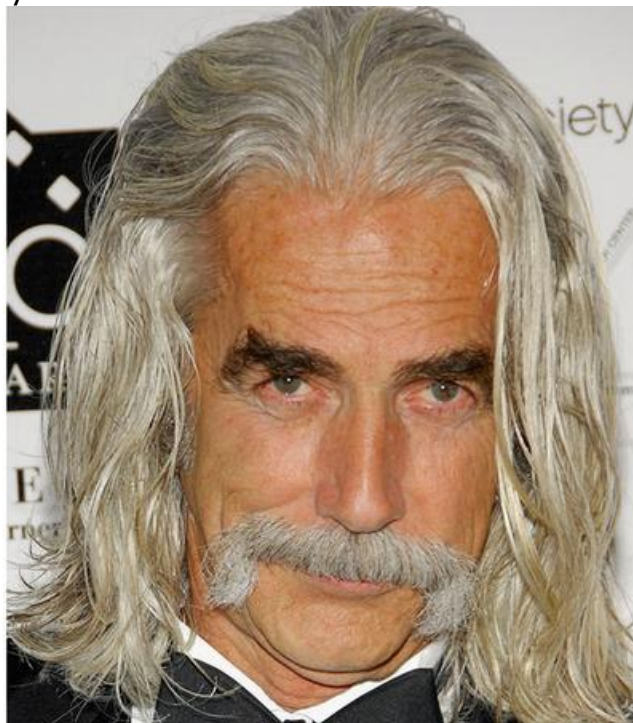
DID YOU KNOW? Walt Disney was the initial launch of Smokey's Fire prevention Campaign. With the beginning of World War II and many of the country's men fighting overseas, the government's strategy of fighting forest fires shifted to educating local communities on how to stop them in the first place. One early campaign included using characters from Walt Disney's popular 1942 animated film "Bambi" in fire prevention campaigns. But Disney only loaned the characters to the government for a year. After that year concluded, Smokey was created as the new symbol of fire prevention.

DID YOU KNOW? Smokey's name pays homage to the New York Fire Department. Smokey's name is a reference to the legendary New York firefighter "Smokey" Joe Martin, who went blind and suffered many burns after a 1922 fire rescue.

DID YOU KNOW? Zip Code Exclusive!
That there are only two residents in the US that have their own personal zip code? The zip code 20252 belongs to Smokey Bear and no other residents. The only other person who can claim a zip code for themselves is the President of the United States.
And Zip Code 20252 is in our New England region state of New Hampshire! Anyone want to endorse Smokey for a presidential run? **Continued.....**

Welcome Summer – cont.

DID YOU KNOW? Smokey is a bear of many voices.



Many famous human celebrities have lent their voices to Smokey over the years. Jackson Weaver, Jim Cummings, Roger C. Carmel, George Walsh and Gene Ross are among the actors who've voiced the bear. Currently, the iconic western cinema legend Sam Elliott voices the bear.

Bonni L. Dinneen
NEGC Youth Chair

Bow Garden Club (NH) Wins Grant from the Espoma Company

In 2017, the Espoma company partnered with National Garden Clubs, Inc. to help foster NGC's 2017-2019 theme, "PLANT AMERICA" by offering specific grants to NGC clubs for a specific project, redeemable for their Espoma Organic Plant Foods and Potting Soils.

Earlier this year the Bow Garden Club (NH) applied for a grant through the Espoma Company and National Garden Clubs, Inc.'s partnership which would entitle them, if selected, to receive up to \$250 worth of Espoma products. The club applied for the grant, requesting Espoma's consideration in affording them the products they needed to amend the soil and appropriately fertilize the community park club members plant and maintain in the center of their small town of Bow throughout the year. A few months ago, the Bow Garden Club was pleased to receive word they had been selected to receive one of the only twenty (20) grants offered to all NGC clubs this year.

Representatives of the garden club met with the Espoma company's territory manager for New York and New England at Osborne's Agway, located in Concord, NH and chose their Espoma products. Their representative was very helpful in advising them in the selection of the Espoma organic products they most needed to supplement their garden project's soil and plantings for this season and for several others to come.



PHOTO CAPTION: R-L, Sarah Chessman, Store Manager, Osborne's Concord Agway; Sue Smith, Civic Beautification Chairman, Bow Garden Club; Joyce Kimball, Publicity Chairman, Bow Garden Club; Charlie Shield, Territory Sales Manager, The Espoma Company.

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Bow Garden Club (NH) – cont.



The Bow Garden Club's (NH) community garden, now thriving with the application of Espoma products and their members' TLC.

New England Garden Clubs Participate in National Garden Club's Plant America Project

Garden Club of Manchester, Vermont

NEGC clubs should be very proud of the fact that five Plant America grants were given to New England clubs. There were over 400 entries vying for those awards of up to \$1000 each and 5 of those went to the following:

- Atkinson Garden Club, New Hampshire
- Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club, Vermont
- Ellsworth Garden Club, Maine
- Garden Club of Manchester, Vermont
- Plum Beach Garden Club, Rhode Island

Each club submitted an entry describing its project, what the grant would be used for, who would be participating in the project (it is a community project so the club works with a local group to complete their project), and how much they are requesting. Pictures accompanied the entry. As you've probably noticed, lately each edition of the National Gardener has an article about one such project across the country.

It's the goal of our **Northern Exposure** to show off one of these project in each publication. Since Vermont won two of the awards, I'm going to take the liberty of sharing my own club's winning project this month.

The **Danby-Mt. Tabor Veterans Memorial Landscaping** project was awarded a Plant America grant. The Memorial project is led by a non-profit organization, Danby-Mt. Tabor Now with a mission to design, build and maintain a veterans' memorial to honor nearly 900 local veterans by name. The memorial consists of a 20x15 foot freestanding wall and an impressive marble plaza and benches constructed with donated marble from the Danby Quarry and installed by volunteers.

All funds received from NGC will be used to purchase trees, shrubs, perennial flowers and other materials needed to landscape the Memorial in the middle of our small town. The **Garden Club of Manchester** has collaborated in the design and layout of the landscaping. Volunteers from **Continued.....**



Plant America Project, Vermont – cont.

the GCM and Danby-Mt. Tabor communities will complete and maintain the landscaping on an ongoing basis. Because of our unusual weather this spring and summer, we will plant the trees and shrubs in the fall. So at this point the Memorial is ablaze with grasses and perennial flowers only. We look forward to maintaining this ongoing project for our community.

Sue Hinkel
NEGC Director
Garden Club of Manchester



The memorial before landscape project



Work on memorial this summer

This is the application form for 2017 – the deadline this year is October 15, 2018. The form and application guidelines are available at www.gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants.aspx



**PLANT AMERICA
Community Project Grants
Application**

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Date of Application:

Name of State Garden Club:

Applicant (Club):

Contact: (Name of individual representing club)

Address:

Email:

Phone:

New Project: Yes ___ No ___ **Beginning date:** _____ **Completion date:** _____

Amount Requested (up to \$1,000): _____ **Total Project Budget:** _____

Description of Project:

Brief description of how the funds will be used:

Brief statement of any in-kind or volunteer services:

Judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

• Impact and scope of project	30
• Benefits and visibility in community	30
• Involvement and participation by club members	20
• Collaboration with other community groups	15
• Application form complete	5
Total	100

Attach: Budget

Email or mail the completed application form and budget to:

Betty Cookendorfer
10859 New Biddinger Road
Harrison, OH 45030-9522

PLANTAMERICAGRANTS@gmail.com

Application is available as a fillable PDF in Acrobat Reader at <http://gardenclub.org/resources/plant-America>

Hollister House Gardens, Connecticut



Garden travelers who have had the good fortune to visit some of England's great gardens, such as Great Dixter, Sissinghurst and Hidcoast, will thrill to the American adaptation of these classic gardens at Hollister House Gardens. Taking inspiration from the works of Christopher Lloyd and Vita Sackville-West, this garden is divided into a series of rooms, intimate outdoor spaces framed by dramatic hedges, containing imaginative color combinations and opening out onto the natural, stunning landscape beyond. Complementing the farmhouse, the garden is situated in the Litchfield Hills of northwestern Connecticut.



An abundance of daylilies, dahlias, hydrangeas and old-fashioned phlox, plus various other energetic and exotic plants spill onto walkways, tumble over walls and climb up arches, adding masses of color. A winding brook and a large pond at the bottom of the lawn add to the variety of the garden scene. Beyond offering a delightful setting for garden enthusiasts, it hosts concerts, plant sales and horticulture and design classes. **Continued.....**

Hollister House Gardens - cont.

Hollister House Garden is one of only 16 exceptional gardens currently designated a Preservation Project by the Garden Conservancy, whose mission is to identify and preserve important and historically significant gardens across America for the education and enjoyment of the public. In 2010, Hollister House achieved its prestigious listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the property was also named a Town Landmark Site by the Town of Washington.



The garden has been a 36-year labor of love by Washington's "man with a plan," Washington resident George Schoellkopf, gardener extraordinaire and respected Early American antiques dealer. He is Hollister House's sole gardener, and has been known to personally conduct tours for garden club groups, accompanied by his cat, Evita.

Sandi Tinyk
NEGC Historic & Public Gardens Chairman

Admission: \$5 donation
Hours: Friday, 1-4 PM; Saturday 10:00-4:00PM

Hours:
Fridays 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Groups welcome by appointment.



Contact information: Hollister House Gardens
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NEGC Calendar

Deadline for the **November 2018 issue of Northern Exposure is **October 27** – please e-mail articles or questions to editor Nancy Atwell at atwelln@aol.com**

Regional Meetings

October 15 – 18 - NEGC Annual Meeting/Symposium in Connecticut at the Water's Edge Inn in Westbrook, CT. For more information contact Karin Pyskaty at james.pyskaty@snet.net

State Garden Club Meetings

September 19 – 84th Fall Meeting of the **NH Federation of Garden Clubs**, Puritan Conference and Event Center, Manchester, NH. Program: A Standard Flower Show, "Opposites Attract."

October 1 – **Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont**, Fall Meeting Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont

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Flower Show Schools, Design Workshops and Symposiums

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Gardening Study Schools

October 1-2 - Gardening School Course I at The Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, CT.

Garden Tours

Tues August 14, 2018 11:00 a.m.	Cindy Lin Home Burlington GC member Cindy Lin has ornamental plants and as well as vegetables in her South Burlington garden. She is a creative cook and enjoys growing a variety of vegetables for her use. Our visit in mid-August will be a good time to appreciate all aspects of her garden. For more information contact djvanmullen@gmail.com .		23 Dorey Road South Burlington, VT	Vege tables and Flowers
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Landscape Design Schools

September 12 - 13 - Landscape Design School Course IV in Falmouth, Maine, for more information contact Harriet Robinson at harrietlewisrobinson@gmail.com

