



Clippings July 2019

NEWSLETTER FROM THE GARDEN CLUB OF HINGHAM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 18 MEETING

Oct 16 MEETING

Nov 20 MEETING

Dear Club Members,

We always try to plan programs that will cover a variety of interests. This February I was enthralled by Martha Chiarchiaro's lecture on the floral work of women artists of the seventeenth century as well as Arleyn Pringle-Levee's lecture in March on the Olmstead Legacy. The lively discussion after each talk proved that I wasn't the only one who enjoyed their presentations. In other months we learned about architectural plants, photographing the garden, and how to make spiral hand-tied bouquets. I still need lots of practice on the bouquets but I'm enjoying practicing! Arbor Day was celebrated at East Elementary School this year with the planting of 3 October Glory Maples, one donated by our Club. These beautiful trees will grace the school for many years. Sarah Boynton and Ellen Garrow represented the club at Art in Bloom at the MFA. We took a field trip to a tulip farm and had a successful Plant Sale. My last spring as President was capped off with a wonderful Annual Meeting and Presidents' Luncheon. A lot of work by our hospitality committee and a fascinating presentation by Sarah Boynton on her award winning botanical arts entries made the day special. I have enjoyed my time as your President and if I have been successful, it is due to the support and hard work of many women in the club. I am especially grateful to the other officers, directors, and committee chairs for their service. I am proud to be a member of the Garden Club of Hingham and look forward to a long association with such a wonderful group of women.

Thank you, Joyce Mandel

Presidents' Luncheon and Annual Meeting

June 12, 2019

First Baptist Church of Hingham

This occurs once every few years so we wanted to make it a special event for both GCH club members and the guests from local clubs for Joyce's last official event under her presidency. That meant a change of venue to accommodate more people...we had 80 rather than the normal 50 for the annual meeting, and we wanted a nice sit down, served lunch rather than the usual pot luck buffet. Erin and I visited an event service and designed the tablescapes in the theme of all things pink. Linens, place settings, china and glassware were carefully chosen to compliment the floral creations Erin had in mind...pedestal containers brimming with peonies, roses and carnations in shades of pink.

As guests arrived and were checked in, they mingled while enjoying a Brie cheese and fruit platter, Carolyn Clark's fabulous floral cookies and cucumber rounds with smoked salmon mousse.

Lunch menu was created by myself and included a Mediterranean Farro and Feta salad with vegetables, roasted chicken breast on a bed of greens, French bread and butter. Dessert was homemade Lemon squares, Mocha chocolate brownies and Fresh seasonal strawberries with coffee and tea service. What a delight to have so many of the Hospitality committee help cook the lunch in my kitchen!

As a treat, we enjoyed our own Sarah Boynton and her presentation on her jewelry collection made from dried natural plant materials. *-Meg Glazer*





Good food is always sweeter
when shared
with good friends







Club members in Newport.

Sarah also shared her talents with visitors to the Newport Flower Show in June. She exhibited 25 of her pieces in the dining room of Rosecliff throughout the weekend, featuring jewelry, accessories, and beyond – all made entirely of plant material to create a stunning display.



Visitors at the Newport Flower Show admire Sarah's work..

Sarah was presented with **The Newport Flower Show Best in Show Award** (selected from among blue ribbon winners in the Botanical Arts Division). Congratulations, Sarah!



Arbor Day Celebrated at East Elementary School

On April 26, Hingham's East Elementary School celebrated Arbor Day with proclamations, songs, and a general assembly of more than 500 students, faculty and staff, many wearing tropical flower leis and shirts, some even in sunglasses and straw hats. This brought color and fun to a rainy day! Even a large fish swam through the air! School Principal Tony Keady, resplendent in a colorful tropical shirt, welcomed all, and moderated the assembly. The Fifth Grade sang "50 Nifty States" with rousing enthusiasm!

The great convergence of East School's monthly Spirit assembly and Arbor Day also brought the planting of three new October Glory Red Maple trees at the entrance drive to the school. This was the work of Hingham's Shade Tree Committee, with installation undertaken by the crew of Hingham's DPW. One of the trees was donated by the Garden Club of Hingham, as it does each year. -Martha Reardon Bewick

*"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago
The second best time is now."
- Chinese proverb*

Field Trips

Finally the sun was shining! Perfect day for our field trip to **Wicked Tulip Farm** located in Johnston, Rhode Island! As the largest tulip farm in New England, we were treated to an incredible array of tulips! There were all varieties of colors, leaf shapes and variegations, and flower petal variations! It was definitely difficult to choose which tulips to pick!! We all managed to come home with incredible bouquets tulips! -*Deb Flaherty*



Art in Bloom 2019

Ellen and I were delighted to represent our club at this year's Art in Bloom at the MFA. We were thrilled with our given artwork but honestly, a bit intimidated to have such an imposing, spectacular and dramatic piece! Once we found a container that would help give our floral interpretation the grandeur the arrangement needed, we were off selecting flowers for the event. The color of the roses were important as they represented the bright clothing which contrasted with the somber background of the painting. The white calla lilies and dried cecropia leaves were chosen to express Christ and his burial shroud and the willow was added to symbolize the crosses in the background. We had such a great time and loved the whole experience!!! - *Sarah Boynton*



About the Town

The Library Garden Committee met this spring to do our bi-annual clean up and assessment. The weeds have proven to be rampant, high winds and cool rainy weather have produced record amounts. There have been a number of weeding sessions by various members since May. We have added the Spiraea bumalda that we had removed from Jackass Park and annual Pentas for colour. We will be discussing additions of low growing roses, (Drift varieties), Hylotelephium (sedum) for later summer colour and hostas to fill bare spots. We have a very hard working committee, but our goal is to try to make the garden somewhat less labour intensive. The soil is extremely poor and we will look into measures to increase its quality. Kevin Jenkins has agreed to mulch the area as well.

This year's flowering pots by the entrance have a tropical theme, with more vibrant shades of deep yellow and rusty orange. The Eugenia topiaries are more contemporary with an Asian flair echoing the Library's modern Japanese inspired architecture.



We always welcome any Garden Club members who are not on the Committee to volunteer for watering or clean-up at any time.

Elisa Fontanes
Chair



Summer Reading



- *The NY Times* recommends these books for gardeners:
- **A Way to Garden** by Margaret Roach **The Kitchen Garden** by Alan Buckingham **Pruning Simplified** by Steven Bradley **Beginner Gardening Step by Step** **Wings in the Light** by David Lee Myers **Blooms The Tree Book** by Michael A. Dirr and Keith S. Warren **The Hidden Life of Trees** by Peter Wohlleben **The Secret Wisdom of Nature** by Peter Wohlleben **Sprout Lands** by William Bryant Logan **How to be a Good Creature** by Sy Montgomery
- Kathy Norman suggests an article featured in the New York Times by Oliver Sacks, a neurologist and author. He discusses the therapeutic powers of gardens.
Here is the website:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/18/opinion/sunday/oliver-sacks-gardens.html>

Our first meeting of the fall will be held on September 18 at the Library. Presenter Martha Chiarchiaro will discuss Claude Monet and his gardens at Giverny, exploring their impact on his paintings over the years.



“My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece.”

- Claude Monet

Many thanks to those who contributed to Clippings. Happy summer!

-Carolyn Clark (editor)