

Falmouth Garden Club

Founded 1931

We promote the study and practice of gardening and horticulture, the protection and conservation of our natural resources, and the beautification of Falmouth.



President's Message

January brings the beginning of a new year. The Garden Club is also in preparation for our new year, which actually begins in June, with the installation of new officers, and where needed, new committee and activity chairs. Like the seeds in the earth preparing to emerge in the summer and spring, we now begin our preparations for these changes. The immediate need for our club is that of a Yearbook editor/chair and a Newsletter editor/chair. As the club looks for volunteers for these two valued jobs, we also begin our search for new chairs for committees and activities. We are most grateful to those members who volunteer to share their talents and skills and say "Yes" to these opportunities. Each club member has her own individual set of talents and skills and we look to you to share them and help with the workings of our most active and vibrant club.

When asked, or, when you hear of a need, please consider responding with a "Yes"!

Nancy

Save the Date

1/17/2012 Tuesday - The Workshop Committee will be offering "Printing with your Houseplants" At Gus Canty Arts & Crafts Room from 9:30 - 11:30 a \$5 fee, paid ahead, limited to 10 participants. See Jon Keenan @ Jan 9th meeting.

1/30/2012 Monday - Next FGC Board Meeting - Gus Canty Center 9:30 AM

2/6/2012 Monday - General Meeting - Recreation of their 2011 Art-in-Bloom Floral Design with Dale Kapp & Fluffy Winner

3/14/2012 Boston Garden and Flower Show Wednesday to Sunday—March 14-18, 2012
Seaport World Trade Center Boston, MA

Surveys:

Please look for the annual club survey, which will be available on line and in hard copy. This is an important tool for The Garden Club in striving to meet each member's needs and giving us the information we need to help the club maintain its focus, keep accurate information, and grow where needed. When completed, please return to Ruth Eldredge Augusta.

The Jr. Gardeners Comm. and the Conservation Comm. planted Amaryllis bulbs in December with two Falmouth elementary schools. The fourth graders at Mullen Hall listened closely to Norma Mahoney's talk before participating in the planting. Third graders at East Falmouth School answered questions about soil and basic elements necessary for plants to flourish, then planted the bulbs with enthusiasm. Conservation Comm. will display the blooming results at Falmouth Library in February.

Pat Cowan

The Beautiful and Easy-To-Grow, Amaryllis

Once Amaryllis blooms, feed it with a 5-10-5 fertilizer diluted to 1/4 strength every two weeks as long as it is in flower, keep soil evenly moist.

When flowers die, cut stalks to about 2" and maintain regular watering.

After the last Spring frost leave outside in semi-shade.

Before first fall frost, bring container into a cool room with subdued light, snip off all foliage and let bulb "rest" for a month without water or food. Then, begin to water (keep barely moist) to spur new growth and maintain plant as before.

Starting in February, the newsletter will be sent to each member via e-mail! Please ensure we have your correct email address. We are a great and cohesive club and this new change will make us stronger and help us 'grow' together!

In February our Club will be trying out going paperless for the Monthly Newsletter by sending the Newsletter via email the Wednesday before the meeting. However we realize that some members do not have access to email. The Communication Committee has a plan for the information to be disseminated to those members called "Pass it On"

A list of members without email is displayed at the back of the meeting room. Those of you with email access are asked to select one friend or neighbor, and you will be responsible for giving her the Monthly Newsletter information. You may call, print and send via snail mail, or walk next door with a print out. This also refers to information that is sent in the form of a Blast.

I am hoping to have every person covered. Even if you do not live near or know a member please feel free to sign on as a communicator, and you may also take two people if you wish. I will call on you to lend a hand in this endeavor if not all are signed for today.

Thanks for helping our club go a little more "green" by selecting someone who does not have email, and "passing on" information.

Any questions call: Sue Griglun

508-457-7738

The Communications committee is looking for a Logo for our Club as well as a Title for the Quarterly. Any and all suggestions are appreciated and can be sent to Dale Kapp at her home address, or e-mailed to her at Honda_1946@yahoo.com.

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts presents: Horticulture Mornings
2/13/2012 Monday- Julie McIntosh Shapiro "Seeds up Close: Amazing!"
Seed expert and collector, photographer, Arnold Arboretum/Harvard researcher
Enjoy the beauty of seeds, & learn about plant conservation projects

3/19/2012 Monday- Irwin Ehrenreich "Roses for the Sustainable Garden" aka "The Rose Man,"
rose expert and designer of sustainable rose gardens

Programs start at 10:00 AM, at the Espousal Center, 554 Lexington Street, North Waltham, MA
off Route I-95 (128) Exit 27A Totten Pond Road
Donation \$5.00, at the door. Members and guests welcome

To Contact Co-Chairman

Betsy Williams, betsy@betsywilliams.com Rita DeLollis, rdelollis@aol.com For further
information and cancellation for snow/storms, call 781-391-0361 snow days following day 2/14
and 3/20

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Please provide any information to me by Wednesday, January 25, 2012 Thank you!

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