

# NEWS

Rhode Island Federation of  
Garden Clubs, Inc.

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## May 2019 Issue



April was a breathtaking month for the Federation. Our Flower Show—*Dream, Discover, Design* brought together designers from all over New England. Over 48 contemporary and traditional designs were on display at the RI Home and Garden Show.

I am honored to become the RIFGC, Inc President and am humbled that you feel I am worthy of this position. My President's theme is: *PLANT RHODE ISLAND-- Remember Your Roots.*

We are all advocates of clean air, water and helping to reduce global warming. During the next two years, I hope that each club will plant a new tree in their town. The RIFGC is working to give each club a tree at no cost.

A tree will be planted at a Habitat for Humanity home and at the Hasbro Children's Hospital near our bench that you have helped to us provide. De Feldman is our chair of the Arbor Day Program and Penny Pines. We look forward to inspiring you to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Our next Board meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Roger Williams Casino in Providence. The Sogkonate Garden Club will be hosting the refreshments. National Garden Club awards will be presented at this meeting. Please come to be introduced our new Board and Standing Committees. Our Board and committee chairs' information is now on the website. Please print it and contact us. We will be very happy to help you and your club with whatever information that we can. Our Events calendar is ready to put all of your clubs' programs and events to share with all the other club members.

Deb Ort, President, RIFGC, Inc.

## HAPPENINGS

### “On Broadway” – Portsmouth Garden Club Standard Placement Flower Show

May 17, 2019 @ 12:30 pm – May 18, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

Portsmouth Free Public Library

2658 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871

The Portsmouth Garden Club will present a Standard Placement Flower Show “On Broadway,” A Floral Presentation of Broadway Musicals, at the Portsmouth Free Public Library on Friday, May 17, 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm and Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. It is free and open to the public.

### Cindy-Wood Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18th from 9 am to noon inside the American Legion Hall on Post Road near the turnoff for Goddard Park. You'll find perennials, annual flowers and herbs, flower arrangements, pre-owned garden tools and planters - all from members' gardens. We'll also have gardening books and wrought iron decorations.

### Cultivating Your Garden Senses...with Tovah Martin – Plum Beach Garden Club

June 6, 2019 @ 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

The Dunes Club

137 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett RI

At their luncheon, Plum Beach Garden Club will present “Cultivating Your Garden Senses...with Tovah Martin” on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Dunes Club in Narragansett, RI.

Tovah Martin shares her passion and knowledge of horticulture and gardening through books, magazine articles, lectures, videos, television and radio shows and more. The program will be followed by a book signing. \$50 per person Checks payable to PBGC Luncheon Include your name, phone, email and name(s) of your guest(s) Mail to: Jane Brockway, 223 Wickford Point Rd., N. Kingstown, RI 02852

### Edgewood Garden Club's 2019 Rose Sale

We are delighted to offer this tremendous selection of high-quality rose bushes in 2or3 gallon pots. From Davi Austin® English Roses to Knock Out® Roses to reliable climbing varieties, there is a rose for everyone. Our selection is based on reliability and sustainability in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, including disease resistance. Proceeds will benefit the club's community gardening initiatives, neighborhood beautification, and educational programming. Thank you for your support and happy gardening! Place orders by contacting Karer Calkins at (401) 965-9599 or by e-mail [twicetoldtalesri@aol.com](mailto:twicetoldtalesri@aol.com) for a list of roses and the order form. Roses can be picked up in Cranston. Please order early as quantities are limited. **David Austin® English Roses – 3-gallon pot – \$39** of roses and the order form. Cash or check only. Roses can be picked up in Cranston.

### The Newport International Polo

Fun-filled day presented by the RIFGC

Sunday, July 14, 2019-Time: 5:00 PM

Location: **Newport International Polo Grounds** 250 Linden Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871

Free reserved parking.

Bring a picnic or buy from vendors and BYOB.

Bring your own chair.

Contests for FREE gardening gifts

*Cost \$15 per person (was \$20 last year)*

Family, friends and dogs of RIFGC members are welcome

Please send check to Paul Nunes 920 County Street Seekonk, MA 02771-1810

