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Flower Show Schedule Issue





As we approach the holidays, I want to take a moment to celebrate some of our recent events. In late September, just a few days after Irene, we planted two Habitat for Humanity houses. Many thanks to Karen Kestenberg for coordinating it and to all who helped in the planting! Our education day (free to all RIFGC members) on October 21st was a huge success. Many thanks to Vera for the idea and Sandi for seeing it through! We will definitely plan on another for the next year.

On December 1st we had our RIFGC Board Meeting followed by a Holiday Luncheon and Boutique. We were also hosts to our NGC President, Shirley Nicolai, and the New England Region Director, Joyce Kimball. It was a fun day and I thank Cathy Moore for coordinating the luncheon, Karen Calkins for the holiday boutique, and all who so generously donated gently worn jewelry and handbags.

Now, looking past the holidays, we are actively planning for our Flower Show, February 23-26th, held in conjunction with the Flower and Garden Show at the convention center. The theme is *Through the Eyes of a Child*. The wonderful schedule, found in this issue of the NEWS, was written by Vera Bowen. Thanks to her and all of our other volunteers, I know that this year's show will be very successful. This year, we will actually hold our February 23rd Board Meeting at the convention center so that you can enjoy opening day of the show after attending the meeting.

Please have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your time with family and friends!

Judy

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Over The Garden Gate



Hello everyone!

I will begin my editorial by sharing a joyous occasion with you. The Western Cranston Garden Club celebrated our Fortieth anniversary this past October 11 at the Cranston Country Club. Guests of honor included our Founder, Jill Caldarone, her husband and family. Also in attendance were Cranston Mayor Alan Fung, Judy Hager, President of the RI Federation of garden clubs; as well as past President, Vera Bowen. Mayor Fung presented Jill with a certificate of recognition and appreciation from the city of Cranston. Everyone had a

wonderful evening!

As Judy mentioned in her letter, please be sure to check the spectacular flower show schedule in this issue and make plans to submit your entries! I am sure that everyone joins me in thanking Vera and everyone who are working so hard to make this event a success!

A friendly reminder to all Club Presidents; please remember to email your report to me by December first.

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy, safe holiday season, filled with the joys of family and friends!

Yours in gardening fun,

Cheryl

The Rhode Island
Federation of
Garden Clubs, Inc.
Presents

Through the Eyes of a Child

A Standard Flower Show



February 23, 24, 25, 2012

Thursday ~ Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ 8:00 PM

February 26, 2012

Sunday 10:00 AM ~ 6:00 PM

Admission: Free with admission to the RI Spring Flower Show

Rhode Island
Convention Center
1 Sabin Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Member:

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
New England Region

Judy Hager, President & Flower Show Chairman

Through the Eyes of a Child...

*How wonderful to look at the world through the
eyes of a child. .*

Remember the wide eyed innocence!

*Take a trip back in time and experience the
adventure of Life's Simple Pleasures.*

*The Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
invites you to enjoy their floral interpretations of
"Through the Eyes of a Child."*

Educational

Section S1300

'A Thirst for Knowledge'

Eligible for an Educational Award

Consultant: Vera Bowen 225-9680

Exhibit 1 - *Nature's Miracles*

An exhibit on how to plant, maintain and enjoy Rhode Island's Beautiful
Wildflowers.

Exhibit 2 - *One Plus One Equals Two*

An exhibit for children and adults alike to learn how to propagate plants.

Exhibit 4 - *Future Stewards of the Land*

How to start or join a Youth Garden Club

All of the above Exhibits will be staged on 8' skirted tables.

Glossary

Arboreal: Pertaining to trees and shrubs.

Challenge Class: A class in which each of the 4 exhibitors are provided with the same assortment of plant materials, components and mechanics.

Companion Class : 2 individuals work together to create a design for competition with other Companion exhibits. Companion exhibits are not eligible for any Design Top Exhibitor Awards. (see HB pg.187) Each designer will receive a ribbon.

Creative Design: Designers use forms and shapes in unusual ways to create an original concept.

Duo Design : Two back to back designs organized in one container.

Evergreen: A shrub or tree that holds needles or leaves for more than one growing season

Free-standing Design: A design that is created and exhibited to be viewed from all sides.

Miniature Design: May be a design of any style, but no more than 5" in height, width or depth.

Multi-Rhythmic: A creative design with emphasis on two or more rhythms in the design.

Small Design: May be a design of any style, but no more than 8" in height, width or depth.

Stretch Design: A creative design of two units, one smaller than the other, having a prominent component connecting the two.

Youth

Section S1100

'Capture the Wind'

Eligible for the President's Special Youth Award (1 in each class)

Consultant: Kathy Schnabel 461-4432

Our young enthusiasts are invited to decorate a Pinwheel using dried and/or treated plant material, beans and pods, etc. Some decorative materials may be used in addition to plant materials. THE PLANT MATERIAL MUST DOMINATE. The Committee will provide the wheel. They will be placed on a wall.

Class S1101 - Juniors, pre-school through age seven.

Class S1102 - Intermediate, ages eight through twelve.

Class S1103 - Advanced, ages thirteen through eighteen.

Section S1200

'Powering the Future'

Eligible for a Youth Award

Consultant: Sheryl McGookin 941-9217

Class S1201 - Youth Educational Exhibit.

An exhibit on Wind Power. This exhibit will be enhanced by the decorated Pinwheels. A 6' skirted table will be provided. Black fabric background.

Section S1300

'Look Don't Touch...'

Eligible for the Youth Award for Horticulture (1 in each age group)

A succulent or cactus to be displayed on an artist's palette. This display is limited to 30 entries. The container will be provided by the Committee and the exhibits will be staged on a "Ferris Wheel."

Class S1301 - Juniors, pre-school through age seven.

Class S1302 - Intermediate, ages eight through twelve.

Class S1303 - Advanced, ages thirteen through eighteen.

2012 RIFGC Flower Show Committee

(area code 401 unless noted)

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General Rules

1. This is a Standard Flower Show staged according to the rules of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) using as its authority **The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 revised**, and any changes printed in **The National Gardener** magazine.
2. No artificial plant material is allowed in any Division.
3. Emphasis is on fresh plant material.
4. Plants on the Rhode Island Conservation & Invasive lists may not be used unless grown by the exhibitor or obtained in a legal manner and so stated.
5. All Design and Artistic Crafts classes are open to members of NGC.
6. Design and Artistic Crafts entrants are required to pre-register with their respective entries chairman. One designer per entry. Exception Design Class 102, the Companion Class. All entries are to be completed on the website no later than 9 pm on Tuesday, February 21st . Online entry forms are found on **www.rigardenclubs.org**. Revisions to plant list will occur during the passing/placement process.
7. All Horticulture classes are open to any gardener. Pre-registration via e-mail is required no later than 6 pm on Monday, February 20th. All entries are to be completed on the website. Online entry forms are found on **www.rigardenclubs.org**
8. Youth and Educational Exhibit entrants are required to pre-register. All entries are to be completed on the website no later than 6 pm on Monday, February 20th. Revisions to plant list will occur during the passing/placement process. Online entry forms are found on **www.rigardenclubs.org**.
9. All Horticulture entries (Youth horticulture included) and Educational Exhibits will be received on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 between 10 am and 4 pm only. No Horticulture will be received on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.
10. Artistic Crafts entries will be received ONLY on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 between 5 pm and 8 pm.
11. **Design entries will be received ONLY on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 between 7 am and 9:30 am.** All exhibitors must leave the show area by **9:30 am**. Non-conforming entries will be disqualified by the Classification Chairman.
12. **Exhibits may be removed on Sunday, February 26, 2012 after the show closes, between 6 pm and 7 pm, or on Monday after 7 am.**
13. Judging will begin promptly at **10:15 am** on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Only Show Chair, Classification, Horticulture, Judges and Clerks Chairs will be permitted in the flower show area during judging. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards are given only if merited.
14. The Flower Show will open to the public on Thursday, February 21, 2012 at 10 am.
15. The Flower Show Committee will take all possible care to protect the exhibitor's property and cannot be held liable for any loss or damage.
16. **All Youth Pin Wheels must be entered by January 26th and should be delivered to the Youth Entries Chair - Kathy Schnabel - 461-4432.**

Special Exhibits Rules

1. Artistic Crafts: All exhibits must include some plant material.
2. All sections in the Special Exhibits Division will be judged according to the appropriate Scales of Points found in the **Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 revised** Youth Exhibits and Artistic Crafts – page 304
3. Youth Exhibits: All entries must include some plant material. Flower show policies are listed in the **Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 revised edition**.
4. Youth exhibits must include name, birth month and year on provided tag.
5. Plant material used in Section S1000 *and* Youth Exhibits Section S1100 may be dried and or treated (see HB p 154).
6. Plant material for Class S1300 must be in exhibitor's possession for at least 60 days.
7. **All youth Pinwheels must be delivered by January 26th to the Youth Chairman.**

SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION III

Artistic Crafts

'WHIMSEY'

Section S1000

Eligible for Artistic Crafts Award

Consultant-

Class S1001

4 Entries

Do You Believe in Fairies?

Create a fairy using fresh and/or dried plant materials to be hung from a shepherd's garden hook. Body may be of man-made materials. Height from floor 76", distance from staff to hook 9 ½", hook to floor 69 ½", hook to top of pot 53 ½". Size of fairy must be large enough and in scale with staging.

Class S1002

4 Entries

Mystical Creature

Create a fantasy animal of your own choosing of fresh and/or dried plant materials on a pedestal. Body frame may be of man-made materials and not visible. Staged on a grey pedestal 42" high with 24" square top.

Class S1003

4 Entries

Fairy House

A designer's dream! Build a home worthy of a beautiful fairy. Design of fresh and/or dried plant material using some embellishment, however plant material must dominate. Design staged on a 12" deep x 36" wide half of a 41" high mirrored topped pedestal. Creative staging may incorporate the mirror and the space from floor to mirrored top.

Section H600

A Tisket, A Tasket

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container-grown flowering plants

Class H601 pot size up to 8"

Class H602 pot size over 8"

Class H603 Hanging plant. Pot size not to exceed 12"

Section H700

The Jolly Green Giant

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container-grown plant, grown primarily for its foliage

Class H701 pot size up to 8"

Class H702 pot size over 8"

Class H703 Hanging plant. Pot size not to exceed 12"

Section H800

Slight of Hand

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container-grown succulents and cacti

Class H801 pot size up to 8"

Class H802 pot size over 8"

Class H803 A plant used for medicinal purposes
Pot size not to exceed 12"

Section H900

Make a Wish

Eligible for Award of Merit

Container-grown bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers -

Class H901 A forced bulb(s) or corm(s).

Class H902 A forced rhizome(s) or tuber(s).

Class H903 *Hippeastrum* (Amaryllis)

Awards

The NGC Standard System of Awarding will be used. Only one first (blue), one second (red), and one third (yellow), and one or more honorable mention (white) will be awarded in each class or sub-class when merited.

First Place exhibits must score 90 or above.

Second Place exhibits must score 85 or above.

Third Place exhibits must score 80 or above.

Honorable Mention must score 75 or above.

Top Exhibitor Awards

Top Exhibitor Awards must be Blue Ribbon winners scoring 95 or more except Youth Awards that must score 90 or above. See (page #) in Handbook for Flower Shows for further information.

Design Division

Award of Design Excellence – A Division Award – may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by a single exhibitor. Winning exhibit may have also won a Top Exhibitor Award. This award is a rosette of gold ribbons. (page 45)

Designer's Choice Award – A Section Award - designer must be given complete freedom to choose plant materials and other components, within the NGC policies. Section D300 is eligible for this award of purple ribbons. (page 47)

Tricolor Award – A Section Award - all plant material used in design must be **fresh**. An award may be given to the highest scoring design in the section. Section D200 is eligible for this award, a rosette of red, blue and yellow ribbons. (page 46)

Petite Award – A Section Award for a Small and or Miniature design. Section D300 is eligible for this award, a rosette of burgundy ribbons. (page 49)

Horticulture Division

Award of Horticultural Excellence - A Division Award. May be given to the named exhibit judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Division. This award is of green, orange, and blue ribbons. (page 43)

Arboreal Award - A Section Award for cut trees and/or shrubs. Two may be offered & awarded to the highest scoring exhibits in Section H400 and H500. This award is of two values of green ribbons. (page 43 & 300)

Award of Merit - A Section Award. Section H900 is eligible for this award of orange ribbons. (page 43)

Growers Choice Award – A Section Award for container grown plants and combination plantings. Sections H600, H700 and H800 are each eligible for this award of dark green ribbons.

Special Exhibits Division

Educational Award – May be given to the highest scoring exhibit in *Section S1400* that is designed to instruct the public in some phase of NGC objectives.

A rosette of brown and white ribbons is eligible for this award. (page 49)

Youth Awards – A rosette of red, white and blue ribbons. One award may be given to each age group in *Section S1300* for a total of three. (page 51)

Additional Awards

Artistic Crafts Award - A Section Award. An award may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the section. Exhibit must include some plant material. *Section S1000* is eligible for this award of navy ribbons with gold lettering. (page 53)

Sweepstakes Award - The Chairman of the Show and the Awards Chairman will compile the tabulations. Points are to be allowed as follows: Top Award = 5 points, Blue ribbon = 5 points, Red ribbon = 3 points, Yellow ribbon = 1 point. This award is represented by a rosette of green and white ribbons.

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs' President's Award - This award will be presented by the President of the RI Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., to the blue ribbon winner of her choice, and is represented by a rosette of green and white ribbons.

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs' President's Special Youth Award -

This award will be presented to the blue ribbon winner in each age category in *S1100* and is represented by a rosette of lime green and white ribbons. **Flower Show**

Judges' Award - This award may be given to an exhibit in the Design Division which best depicts its class title. Need not be a blue ribbon winner. The award is represented by a rosette of pink ribbons.

McColl Bowl - Judged to be the best design by an exhibitor who has never won a blue ribbon in the RIFGC, Inc. State Flower Show. The winner need not be a blue ribbon winner but must be a member of RIFGC, Inc. This award is represented by a rosette of turquoise ribbons.

Rhoda B. Green Award – This award may be presented to a blue ribbon winner in *Section D100*. This award is represented by a rosette of green ribbons.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION II

'The Magical Garden'

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

Consultant- Cathy Moore 348-8926

Section H400

Rumpelstiltskin

Eligible for Arboreal Award

Needled evergreen – A branch grown for the beauty of its form with a maximum length of 30" cut end to tip and should have several nodes.

Class H401 – *Juniperus* (Juniper)

- a. with berries
- b. without berries

Class H402 – *Pinus* (Pine)

- a. with cones
- b. without cones

Class H403 – *Thuja* (Arborvitae)

- a. with cones
- b. without cones

Class H404 – Any other

Class H405 – Collection of five different evergreen specimens to be staged on a 20" square section of a table.

Section H500

The Green Umbrellas

Eligible for an Arboreal Award

Broadleaf evergreen – A branch grown for the beauty of its form with a maximum length of 30" cut end to tip and should have several nodes

Class H501 – *Buxus* (Boxwood)

Class H502 – *Ilex* (Holly)

- a. with berries
- b. without berries

Class H503 – Any other

- a. with berries
- b. without berries

Horticulture Division – Rules
Sections are eligible for
Award of Horticultural Excellence

1. The Horticulture Division is open to all gardeners. All horticulture specimens must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor.
2. Pre-registration with the Signage Chairman is required for exhibitors entering six or more horticulture entries. Entry cards are available in advance of the show from Cathy Moore at 348-9826.
3. All specimens must be named, giving genus and species; variety and cultivar added when available.
4. All cut branch specimens must be no longer than 30" from cut end to apex and must include several nodes and an apical tip.
5. Exhibitor may enter more than one variety of a genus, but not more than one of the same variety, type, color or cultivar.
6. Classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the Classification Chairman or Show Chairman according to type, cultivar or color.
7. The Flower Show Committee will provide clear bottles for cut specimens. Bottles may be weighted with clear marbles, supplied by exhibitor. Clear plastic wedging is allowed and will be supplied by the committee. Cut specimens should not have any foliage below the water line.
8. Exhibitor will provide clear bottles for the five cut specimens in Class H405.
9. Exhibitor may supply large, clear glass bottle for heavy branch material.
10. Container-grown plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least ninety days.
11. Plants must be of show quality and well groomed. No oiling, glossing or dressing of the foliage is allowed. Double potting and staking are allowed.

Design Division Rules

1. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
2. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. Fresh plant material must **never** be treated.
3. An exhibitor may enter more than one class; however, only one person per entry in a class. Exception: Class D101 the Companion Class.
4. Any exhibitor unable to participate must provide a substitute.
5. Religious symbols must be displayed in a respectful manner, and in accordance with policies of local religious organizations.

6. The American flag and other national flags are **not permitted** in any design, or as underlay, background, skirting etc.
7. Landscapes and scenes are not permitted in the Design Division.
8. Each exhibitor must list all plant material used in each design, botanical and common names required.
9. Designs may be partially assembled prior to show with finishing touches done on site. Exception Class D202 the Challenge Class.
10. Exhibitors are allowed on show floor at 7a.m., Wednesday, Feb 22, 2012. Designs must be completed and passed by 9:30 a.m. The Design Classification Committee must pass each exhibit before exhibitor leaves flower show area.
11. All components must be within the frame of reference.
12. Living members of the animal kingdom are not permitted.
13. All entries in the Design Division will be scored according to the Design Scale of Points found on page 297 of **The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 revised**.
Suggestion: refer to Chapter 10 for a listing of what is allowable in a Design Division, unless prohibited by schedule.
14. Exhibitor is responsible for keeping his/her design in pristine condition throughout the show. A design may be removed at the discretion of the Committee.
15. Exhibitors are asked to remember that this is a Standard Flower Show and emphasis should be placed on **fresh** plant material.

DESIGN DIVISION I

'The Fun Begins'

Section D100

Playmates

Eligible for Rhoda B. Green Award

Consultant: Vicki Iannuccillo 253-4535

Class D101 4 Entries

Tea for Two – A Companion Class.

Have tea with The Mad Hatter, The Little Mermaid, and Tea with Teddy Bears or Harry Potter's Hermione. Exhibitor's choice of table will be determined on a first come basis. A fantasy Functional Table for four staged on a round 36" diameter table 30" h provided by committee. All table coverings provided by designer.

Setion D200

Coloring Book

Eligible for Tricolor Award

Consultant: Candace Morgenstern 624-1230

Class D201

4 Entries

A Box of Crayons

A Traditional Mass Design of all fresh plant material staged freestanding on a white pedestal 36" high with an 18" round top. Designs will be placed in front of a black fabric background. Frame of reference is 10'h x 4'w.

Class D202

4 Entries

Stay within the Lines — A Challenge Class

A Design of any style. All plant materials and components supplied by the Committee. Design to be staged on a 42" high black pedestal with a 15" square top. Designs will be placed in front of a black fabric background. Frame of reference is 10'h x 4'w.

Class D203

4 Entries

Hero

A Creative Duo Design of all fresh plant material to be staged freestanding on a grey pedestal 42" high pedestal with a 24" square top. **See Class D301.** Frame of reference is 10'h x 4'w.

Section D300

Let's Pretend

Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

Consultant: Candace Morgenstern 624-1230

Class D301

4 Entries

Villains

A Creative Duo-Design to be staged freestanding on a 42" high grey pedestal with a 24" square top. **See Class D203.** Frame of reference is 10'h x 4'w.

Class D302

4 Entries

When I grow up I want to be....

A Creative Multi Rhythmic design using a black pole 48" high which will be placed on a black triangular platform 12" high with each side 36". The 1" pole has holes at 6, 12, 18 and 24" intervals to attach design. Taupe 4'x8' background. Frame of reference is 8'h x 4'w. A Statement of Intent, a maximum of 30 words, needs to be provided by the designer.

Class D303

4 Entries

Karaoke , Rock Star

A Creative Stretch Design to be staged on a black 30" cube with cutout sides. Design will be exhibited in front of a taupe background. Frame of reference is 8'h x 4'w.

Section D400

"It's a Small World After All - Play Time"

Eligible for Petite Award

Consultant: Priscilla DiMarco 245-6928

CLASS D401

4 Entries

Sports

A Small Design of fresh and/or dried plant material. Staged in a white 12"x12"x12" niche with a 9 1/2" round opening. Exhibitor may add background and/or underlay.

CLASS D402

4 Entries

Puzzles

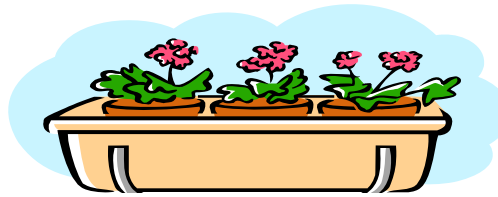
A Miniature Design of fresh and/or dried plant material. Staged in a white 12"x12"x12" niche with a 6" round opening. Exhibitor may add background and/or underlay. Exhibitor may add background and/or underlay.

CLASS D403

4 Entries

Beach Day

A Small Design of fresh and/or dried plant material. Staged in a white 12"x12"x12" niche with a 9 1/2" round opening. Exhibitor may add background and/or underlay.



**RIFGC ADVANCED DESIGN &
HORTICULTURE STUDY GROUP**

Spread your wings! Practice design styles you may not have tried before. Thinking about entering a flower show but to afraid that you can't compete? This is the study group for you.

A mini flower show schedule of two design classes and two horticulture classes are offered four times a year. Choose one of the designs that challenge you and bring the completed design to the meeting. A very informal, non-judgmental critique follows. Move a flower, add a flower, turn it, and add a colored background, questions, and hopefully answers, all to make us better designers. Practice makes perfect! Also, bring something from one of the horticulture classes as well. Judges, these count as an exhibit for credit.

This design group is open to members of the RI Judge's Council, those of you who have previously entered flower shows, and others with a love for flower arranging and the desire to compete.

There is no cost to belong to this group. Sign up and come and have fun learning. Please contact De Feldman by October 15, 2011

Dates:

Friday, January 6, 2012

Friday, March 30, 2012

Friday, May 25, 2012

Locations to be announced

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Beginners' Design Study Group – 6th Year

Meets 4 times a year: **Time:** 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

3. *January 25, 2012, Wednesday.* “Capsule Table.”

Presenter: Sue Redden Location: Jamestown

4. *April 4, 2012, Wednesday.* “Transparency”

Presenter: Priscilla DiMarco Location: TBA

Membership Requirements: You must be a member of a NGC Garden Club
or NGC Affiliated Club

Fee: \$120.00 for the 4 sessions.

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PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Photo Archiving of accomplishments

This NGC President's Project provides a new public Flickr® site (or "photostream") at www.flickr.com/nationalgardenclubs. The site is designed to create and nurture a photo archive for garden club members nationwide, as well as our International Affiliates-showcases award-winning gardens, floral designs, conventions, news and projects. Anyone can view the NGC site simply by going to the link listed; you do NOT need to be a Flickr® member. Photographs on the official NGC "photostream" may be used for publicity purposes in the news media as well as by NGC-affiliated clubs.

To join a group and contribute photos and comments to the group pool, you need to have both a Yahoo! Email account (Flickr® is affiliated with Yahoo!) and a Flickr® account. Both are free, quick and easy to set up and accessible on the Flickr® sign-up page at www.flickr.com. Group rules and licensing information are available on the group sign-up pages. Your NGC Flickr® Committee eagerly awaits your participation and will help you be successful. If you place photos that include children, you must have gotten signed permission prior to posting. See what other garden clubs are doing, share your successes, gather ideas for your club projects. Have fun!

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Youth Activities

The campaign to preserve our environment began in 1947 with Bambi as its mascot. In the 50's, Smokey the Bear took over that spot and later Woodsy Owl joined him. I appreciate your efforts to contact teachers and youth leaders, but I realize that not all attempts are successful. Why not turn to your grandchildren? They are never too young to appreciate ecology and safety. Look on the websites for rules, hints, and examples of successful entries.

Check the colors for the poster contest at
www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation
[www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/Poster Contest.aspx](http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/Poster%20Contest.aspx);
[www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/Essay Contest.aspx](http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/Essay%20Contest.aspx);
[www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/Poetry Contest.aspx](http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/Poetry%20Contest.aspx);
www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/sculpture.aspx.

I need the essays, poetry, and sculpture entries in December because my deadline is January 1, but you can give me the posters at the January meeting. You should also consider having your grandchildren or neighbor's children work on a pinwheel for the RI Flower Show.

Rochelle Kieron - rckieron@msn.com

Member Services

To order handbooks, calendars etc., please call Member Services Chair,
Grace Klinger at 401.364.2036 or email gfhk@cox.net

NGC, NER, RIFGC Awards Reminder

There have been many changes to the NGC award process which the awards committee for RIFGC will replicate by revising all of our processes and paperwork to mimic NGC changes. NER will be doing the same over the next year. Here are the highlights of the changes:

- New application form with 3 page maximum limit (NGC exception for Flower Show awards and Award of Excellence; RIFGC will allow a 12 page maximum for the Edith Fricker award)
- No binders or BOE (exception is for Edith Fricker award)
- All applications submitted electronically should be sent to Mulkerin3@cox.net; NGC awards are due on December 1st and RIFGC awards will be due on February 15th.
- Yearbooks will be due by the October 27th board meeting
- Publicity Press books will be due by the January 27th board meeting
- Newsletters – submit THREE sample issues to Kathie Mulkerin, 12 Harbour Terrace Drive, Cranston RI 02905
- The revised NGC and RIFGC awards and applications can be found on the RIFGC website, www.rigardenclubs.org as of September 1st.

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

The deadline for the Presidents' Reports is December 1, 2011 The spring issue of the NEWS traditionally features Presidents' Reports.

Please outline your program of your club's past calendar year, including your theme for the year. Select one activity to describe in detail. Send us a brief description. Total words should be between 100 and 200 words. The limit will be strictly enforced!

Whether public service, speaker, fundraiser, workshop, field trip or holiday bash, be sure it includes who, what, when, where, why and how and what made it work.

We will also need the total voting membership information.

Sharing your best program creates a resource for the incoming Program Chairmen, looking for the unique and engaging. Sharing your yearly program will provide a record for your club's history in the NEWS. Please submit (email in a Word document) to the editor in this format:

NAME OF CLUB Total Voting Members (include all classes that vote)

Name of President:

Theme: Description of President's choice of best program:

Limit 150 words. This limit will be strictly enforced. Total words in article must not exceed 200 words.

Please give us the facts, plus your interpretation of what distinguished the program and made it successful. Your club's inclusion in this issue of the NEWS is vital and it's all up to you. Please email in a WORD program, if possible. Thank you. Editor's email:cahutch2@verizon.net





Notice: Rehoboth Garden Club has postponed their flower show until next spring

December 1, 2011 - RIFGC Executive Board Meeting & Holiday Luncheon & Boutique, Casino, 9:30 am.

December 1, 2011 – NGC Awards to RIFGC Awards Committee Chairman, Judy Hager

December 1, 2011 – Deadline for President’s Reports to the NEWS editor

January 6, 2012 – Advanced Design Study, Details TBA.

January 25, 2012 – Beginner Design Study. Details TBA.

January 26, 2012 – Deadline for Publicity Press Book Awards to RIFGC Awards Committee

January 26, 2012 – RIFGC Executive Board Meeting, Casino 9:30am

January 30, 2012 – Deadline for NEWS edition March, April & May, 2012

Continued:

February 23, 2012 – RIFGC Executive Board Meeting, RI Convention Center, 9:30am.

February 23 to 26, 2012 – Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show.

March 1, 2012 – RIFGC and National Scholarship applications to Life Member Scholarship Chairman.

March 22, 2012 – RIFGC Executive Board Meeting, Casino, 9:30am

March 30, 2012 – Advanced Design Study, Details TBA.

April 4, 2012 – Beginner Design Study. Details TBA

April 26, 2012 – RIFGC Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Location TBA

April 30, 2012 – Deadline for NEWS edition June, July & August, 2012

May 17-20, 2012 – NGC Annual Convention, Buffalo NY

May 25, 2012 – Advanced Design Study, Details TBA.

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