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Presidents' Reports





It's nearly SPRING! We had a wonderfully successful flower show that took us back to some of our most enjoyable childhood moments. Many thanks to all who participated, whether it was as a designer, volunteer or another very necessary role, it is your help that led to our success! A special thanks to Vera for writing a lovely schedule, to Cathy for managing the horticulture exhibit, to Sue and Sandi for judges and clerks, to Vicki, Priscilla, Candace and Doris for design entries, to Bristol, Portsmouth and Quononoquott Garden Clubs for staffing the coping station, to Kathleen and Bernie for the raffle and hostesses, and, last but not least, to Sheryl and Kathy for bringing us the amazing youth exhibits! What a great team effort!

It is with much excitement that I look forward to our annual awards meeting and luncheon on April 26th. It will be held at Twin Rivers, in their beautiful conference center. The conference center has its own entrance and free valet parking. The awards meeting begins at 10am, followed by cocktails, shopping and lunch. Our program, Dance and Design, will feature ballroom dancing by a group from Johnson and Wales University and designs reflective of the dances created by some of our very talented RIFGC designers. This event is one not to be missed! The food is also excellent, as are our ticket prices – only \$30 per person. Many thanks go to Vicki as annual luncheon chair and Priscilla for ticket sales.

May will see a group of us “shuffle off to Buffalo” for the NGC convention. If you have an interest in attending the meeting, please go to www.gardenclub.org for details. This year's convention includes a flower show which some of our members will be participating in. Registration closes on April 16th. I hope to see you there!

Judy

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Over The Garden Gate

I begin my editorial by reflecting on the talent, creativity and beauty of all of the entries in our February flower show. Many thanks to all who participated in various ways to help make our show a success! Special thanks to Judy Hager, the flower show committee, and volunteers~~~ you shine!

This issue contains the garden club President's letters in which they share their most interesting club program. Enjoy their summaries and imagine how many other awesome programs each club hosted.

As Judy mentioned in her letter, an event not to be missed is the Annual Awards Meeting being held at Twin River on April 26, 2012. Please look for details with regards to this event in this issue.

A friendly reminder to all: the copy deadline for the June, July, August issue is April 1, 2012.

As winter will be soon coming to an end, I am sure that everyone is anxious to "get their hands dirty", planning and executing their outdoor gardening projects. Have fun and happy spring!

Yours in gardening fun,

Cheryl

Flower Show Schools

Congratulations to Ann Huntoon, Gentian Garden Club, on passing her fourth Flower Show Schools Course. She now must create a Standard Flower Show Schedule and pass the critique, and then take the Handbook exam, to become an Accredited Judge. Congratulation too, to Vicki Iannuccillo, Bristol & Bayberry Garden Clubs, who attended the New England Region Symposium in Chelmsford, MA in October and passed her exams. She is now an Accredited-Life Judge. Also attending this Symposium were Priscilla DiMarco, Janice Panoff and Doris Stephens, who 'refreshed' and are in 'Good Standing' until December 31st, 2014. De Feldman, Candace Morgenstern, Lynne Merrill, Vera Bowen, Ann Huntoon and I also participated. The next NER Symposium will be held in RI at the Providence Marriott on October 15 – 17, 2012. The New England Region Annual Meeting will precede the Symposium. More information will follow.

RI now has 15 Accredited-Master Judges; 2 Accredited-Life Judges; 4 Accredited Judges; 1 Student Judge and 1 Student Exhibitor.

If any garden club member would like to know more about becoming a judge, please contact me. I will be happy to explain the procedure.

Sue Redden
RI Flower Show Schools/Symposium Chairman, sueredden@verizon.net

RIFGC ADVANCED DESIGN & HORTICULTURE STUDY GROUP

Dates:

Friday, March 30, 2012

Friday, May 25, 2012

Contact: De Feldman, Chairman
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Plant Sale!

Gentian Garden Club will have a plant sale on Saturday May 19, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Community House in North Scituate located at 546 West Greenville Road (Route 116). There will be perennials, annual, herbs, shrubs and vegetables for sale. This sale is known for having healthy plants at reasonable prices. It is a great way to purchase plants and get advice if requested from experienced gardeners. For more information please call Cindy at 934-9212.

Beginners' Design Study Group – 6th Year

Meeting: **Time:** 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

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.

Committee Chairman: Cathy Moore **401-348-8926** Email: csimplymoore@cox.net

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PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Barrington Garden Club

Active Members 68

President: Jeanne Nugent

Theme: Cultivating Inspiration, Sharing Our Gifts

Our garden therapy workshops are a favorite part of our program. Each workshop provides an opportunity for active and associate members to work together to brighten the hearts of many of our home bound friends. Several associate members of our club are recipients of the lovely seasonal designs prepared at the workshops. The autumn workshop features the beautiful colors of fall in New England. To ring in the holidays we prepare and deliver boxwood trees to provide holiday cheer. In late winter we visit a local assisted living facility and bring all the components to help the residents make bright spring designs for themselves and their friends. All participants agree that this is a highlight of our year. Succulent Workshop

Bayberry Garden Club

My favorite meeting has to be the Succulent Workshop. In January, we invited Angela, a local greenhouse owner, to give us a brief presentation on planting indoor succulents. She provided us with containers, a nice selection of baby succulents, and plenty of embellishments. After her presentation, it was a frenzy of choosing our succulents, planting them, and then deciding how to finish off the container. We could choose from white rocks, colorful gems, sun bleached seashells, sea glass, and small colorful stones, just to name a few. In the end, it was fun to see all the different and unique containers, as well as watching all the unique gardeners create them.

Kara Campanella
Bayberry Garden Club
President

Bristol Garden Club

Bristol Garden Club, BGC, transpired through a metamorphosis bringing monthly meetings from the class room building to the field of oasis and learning. Outside the walls, we have explored the environment of nature, gardens and design. Members bundle up or slim down depending on the weather but all are happy to reunite unequivocally. Learning and experiencing together. The reception has been over whelming.

Karen Kestenberg, RN, MPH, President, installed May 2011 with 12 Voting members with President abstaining. BGC's theme for this year is: "Cultivating Community".

Perhaps, the best field visit we have experienced was a member car pool trip to Voluntown, CT, to an organic sustainable farm. Their juicy heirloom tomatoes, stuffed peppers, and wild mushrooms were luscious. Bread on the side was complementary. My farmer friends served us all the bounty, while my husband, Howard, put out the chairs for the ladies. The sun was ablaze and the wind blew gently. It was actually heaven.

Our club will be implementing the First Annual Plant sale collaborating with MT. Hope HS. students on May 12, 2012. We are thrilled, as they are, to be establishing close ties with the youth in our community.

In addition, we are hosting on July 14, 2012 "Hidden Gardens of Olde Bristol", walk downtown Bristol. It will be a self guided tour featuring exclusive homestead gardens open to the public.

In closing, I am very proud to be President of BGC.

Chatham Village Garden Club

Members: 29

President: Janice Marcello

Theme: "Beyond the Garden"

It is always such a pleasure to meet with our planning committee and others who choose to come, to decide our programs for the coming year. There are so many ideas on what to do and how to best meet the needs of our club and community in a learning and entertaining way. It is always a difficult task for the President to choose her favorite program of the year. There are so many!

Having to pick one, I decided that it was our October program entitled, "What You Always Wanted To Know About Wild Mushrooms." It was an interesting evening. There was a key snafu and we were locked out of our usual meeting place! But in minutes one our members, Mrs. Carol Lukowski intervened and we all went to her home. Did I mention that it was raining quite hard? We had a lovely time and it was great of Carol to bring us

all into her home, just like that. Our speaker/workshop person of the evening was a wonderful woman, named Helen Lusi. She had a list of credentials that was as long as my arm but I think the best thing she told about credentials was that she had been foraging since she was four years old, with her uncle. She is definitely a senior citizen but I don't know if she would want her age mentioned here. Helen had many hands-on types of mushrooms, several hand-outs and a wealth of knowledge to share. It turns out that there are more things to do with mushrooms than to just eat them. We heeded her warnings about eating familiar and unfamiliar types of mushrooms. There were many questions asked and answered. I believe that we all left knowing that on this night we learned so much and were entertained as well.

Edgewood Garden Club

Edgewood Garden Club does not hold summer meetings; yet this is the season when our gardens are most productive. During the summer of 2011, I started "How does your garden grow?" Our members with email were contacted and asked to funnel their photos, tips and comments through me for distribution to the entire membership and it was a huge success. Although we were all busy with our summer fun and chores, it was a great treat to see glorious fruits, vegetables and flowers at their peak as our members kept in touch electronically over June, July and August. Many suggestions were traded, making our little bits of heaven all the more beautiful and bountiful! Try it; you may be inspired to pull the bike out of the shed and pedal around to peek over the garden walls.

The Gentian Garden Club

Active Members: 48

Associate Members: 13

Honorary Members: 2

Life Members: 13

President: Lois Hartley

Theme: *"Facets of Gardening"*

In this year's theme, "Facets of Gardening," faceted gemstones and jewels were used as descriptive titles for the many different "facets" of gardening our members enjoy. In the words of Gentian member, Layanee DeMerchant, "Like a precious gemstone, gardening has many facets. Each facet has its own angle and each person approaches gardening from a slightly different direction."

One of the year's best programs, "*Elegant Silvers*" presented by Karen Bussolini, provided a bright setting to our gemstone theme. Karen, author, photographer, painter, garden lecturer and coach, has a long list of impressive credentials and drove all the way from western Connecticut to attend our meeting. Her lecture on "*Elegant Silvers*," deer and drought resistant silver plants, was as entertaining as it was informative. After Karen's outstanding lecture and video presentation, members viewed their gardens from a different angle.

GOVERNOR FRANCIS FARMS GARDEN CLUB

Voting Members: 29

President: Joan Goyette

Theme: Friendship Blooms Where Love is Planted

Our club has incorporated a variety of activities this year. We visited Confreda Farm to explore the growth process of crops. We also participated in the Neighborhood Association's Fall Festival by creating floral baskets for our fundraiser. As fall progressed, we worked with Nicki at River's Edge to make decorative pumpkin arrangements. We continued our yearly planting of mums and bulbs at the entrances and rotaries of the Farms. A highlight of our year was our Christmas celebration at the Warwick Country Club. Keeping in the Christmas spirit, we donated gift bags for nursing home residents and collected food for a local church.

One of the most rewarding projects we have worked on yearly, has been our fifth grade Junior Garden Club at John Brown Francis School. Members help the children assemble and decorate a Mother's Day gift involving plants. The appreciation of parents, teachers and children reinforce our commitment to this project every year.

We are looking forward to celebrating our upcoming 60th anniversary.

Hameho Gardern Club

Barrington, RI

President's Report

26 Active members

6 Life Members

President: Michele Popko

"Sustainable Gardening Is In Our Hands" is our clubs theme. Members sign up to host our monthly programs, deciding the location speaker, and topic

pertaining to our theme. Our programs take place in different locations including the Barn at Mount Hope Farm in Bristol, RI. in October. The November meeting at a local church hall in Barrington featuring Julie Lapham, a NGC Master Judge creating designs using organic fruits, vegetables, flowers and various plant materials. This popular meeting was open to guests of members and members of the Barrington Garden Club. We are a small, but active club that reaches out to the community with a garden therapy program, "Daffodils for Barrington", and maintaining three gardens in town.

Plum Beach Garden Club:

44 Members

42 Active

2 Associate

President: Sue Shriner

Several of the programs for our 2011 year involved "Elements of Floral Design". We were very lucky to have Floral Designer Constance MaCausland from Massachusetts do a fabulous presentation using examples of art from the MFA in Boston and interpreting them with floral arrangements. We followed this program up with our own "Wickford in Bloom". Members were given photos of several landmarks and settings in Wickford. We teamed up in groups of 4 and interpreted our photo with flowers. The water wheel at Gilbert Stuart and the Hussey Bridge were two examples of our choices. Our members had so much fun presenting their designs and interpretations to the group. The teams were selected randomly which gave members a chance to work with and get to know ladies they necessarily were not that familiar with. A HUGE HIT!!

Portsmouth Garden Club

Voting Members: 51

President Annette Jarvis

Theme: Our Eclectic Year

The Portsmouth Garden Club under took a project this past year with the town of Portsmouth. Our town installed a state of the art wind turbine on a high point in the area of the Portsmouth High School and Fort Butts, a site of the Portsmouth Revolutionary War. The Portsmouth Garden Club was asked to soften the area around the turbine. We spoke with our Honorary Consultant Martin Van Hoff and he designed a hardscape to depict an artist's palette using gravel and large pudding rocks which made for an outstanding landscape. Many school children and people from all over have visited the site to see this turbine since it is so different and we are glad to have helped beautify the area.



Quononquott Garden Club

Active Members: 34
Associate Members: 7
Life Members: 24
Honorary Members: 5
Platinum Members: 2

President: Rita Antine

Theme: "Jamestown and the Silver Screen" Table Settings

The Quononquott Garden Club worked in conjunction with the Jamestown Historical Society's theme "Jamestown and the Silver Screen" – an extensive effort to show films, have lectures and related events during the year – all with a Jamestown connection.

Our October Program was entitled "Jamestown and the Silver Screen" Table Settings. Club members participated either solo or a team of two and designed table settings and floral arrangements corresponding to themes of movies filmed in or with scenes located in Jamestown. This exhibit was held in our Library and open to the public. Members and visitors voted for their favorite place setting. There were twelve participating movie themes – and from this event and with the permission of the Jamestown Historical Society - member Jillian Meyer designed a twelve month calendar of each club member's birthday featuring one photograph of a table setting for each month.

Each member will receive a calendar as a thank you for the past year.

South County Garden Club

Active Members: 53

Honorary Members: 3

Provisionals: 1

Sustaining: 1

Associate: 9

Co-Presidents: Hope Farrell
and Gail Cyr

Scholarship: \$2000

The year began with a meeting at Hale House, a recently restored 1873 house in Matunuck, RI, and a presentation by Lucinda Brockway, garden historian, on the original landscaping, cultural landscape and art colony of the late 19th century. Other meetings covered invasives with Kate Venturini, a flower show, greens workshop, and photography with David H. Wells. Our big project for the year is "Celebrate Matunuck", a Garden Tour of members' gardens and Market Place, on June 30, 2012. Funds generated by the tour and market place will be given to the South Kingstown Land Trust for open space and the Pettaquamscutt Historical Association for further grounds restoration at Hale House.

Sundial Garden Club

Presidents Report

Our annual June field trip this year proved to be a popular choice.

Our ladies car pooled to Thompson, CT. for a guided tour of the Fort Hill Farms Quintessential Gardens.

Kristen Orr, owner, gave us the historical history of the property and of how she and her family transformed it into the show piece it has become today.

Among other farm produce, she chose also to cultivate lavender, one of the world's most popular fragrance (both edible and sustainable).

After an informative stroll through the different variety beds, members were invited to gather a bouquet of the fragrant blooms to return home with.

We rounded out the day with a visit to the farm's creamery to enjoy servings of vanilla ice cream topped with lavender syrup.

Barbara L. Oceau, President

Western Cranston Garden Club: Forty Years of Our Favorites

Kathleen Damiani President

Active members 56

Associate Members 8

Honorary 3

Last years' program theme was all about herbs which included everything you can do with them such as cooking, medicinal and planting. The highlight of our herb theme was a "cooking with herbs" program. This was not just your basic spreads and dips program, this was a *sensory delight*. We invited the Cranston West culinary teacher, Chief Martha, to demonstrate cooking with herbs to our club.

First we had a game to identify eight cooking herbs and then had several dishes using the same herbs. There was bruschetta with fresh tomatoes and pesto as well as dips of course. The big hit of the night was Chief Martha demonstrating cooking a spaghetti squash. There was more than enough to go around as she brought plenty for us to sample. Chief Martha had prepared tomato sauce made with fresh tomatoes as well as sauce made with canned tomatoes so that we could see the difference between the two. She also prepared fresh pesto for us to try. It was such a hit that Chief Martha will be coming back this coming year.

RIFGC Community Project Award

Do you have a community project that you would like to start and feel that you are unable to do so due to lack of funds?

The RIFGC, in an effort to "give-back" to the clubs has money available to help with these projects. Every year at the annual luncheon we will give a cash award/s of up to \$2000.00 to the club/s to help them accomplish their goal. This award will not be judged!

The applications will be placed in a hat and drawn at the Annual Meeting.

1. Please give a brief description of the project you would like to start?
2. How much money do you think you would need to accomplish your project?
3. What benefit would this project be to the community?
4. How many club members will be involved?
5. How long do you think it will take to complete the project?
6. Who will maintain the project (if needed) upon completion?

*The Rhode Island Federation of Garden
Clubs, Inc.*
LIFE MEMBER GROUP

January 1, 2012

Dear Garden Club Presidents,

The Life Member Group of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. primary goal is to develop a fund for scholarship(s) promoting education in horticulture, landscape design, environmental science and related subjects. Any scholarship is for one year only and may be repeated annually until the completion of the education of the recipient. The recipient must be a resident within the area served by the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs. Any individual may be a member of the **Life Member Group**. Membership in a garden club is not required. There is a one-time payment of \$100. which is tax deductible.

The Life Member group is financially sound and actively seeks applications for the scholarships.

As a Garden Club President, you can help in several ways:

1. Help us keep the Life Member Group membership list current. Please look at the Life Member Group list previously sent to your President and verify your LMG club members addresses and emails.

Please mail this information to Marjorie DeAngelis, Membership Chair..

2. Educate and then encourage your Garden Club members to join the Life Member Group. Consider giving a Life Membership as a gift from your club to a departing officer, for example.

3. Encourage your club members to attend the Life Member fund raising events.

4. Encourage students to apply for these scholarships. Contact Janice Panoff, Scholarship Chair.

5. Attached find an application to join the Life Member Group. Please make this available to your members.

Thank you for your support

Gloria Westlake, Chairman LMG Marjorie DeAngelis, Janice Panoff,

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Spring is here

at the

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Thursday, April 26, 2012

10:00 A.M.

Twin River Casino

Lincoln, Rhode Island

\$30.00

Program

"Dance and Design"

featuring the

Johnson & Wales Competitive Dance Team

in step with

Interpretative Designs by RIFGC's best arrangers.

An exciting new location has been chosen this year!

There is a convenient entrance with complimentary valet parking.

Spacious rooms, good food, plenty of shopping at our vendors' tables, our
big raffle and great entertainment.

Tickets available at December board meeting or

from Priscilla DiMarco at 401-245-6928.

Plan to reserve your table early.

LIFE MEMBER GROUP SPRING LUNCHEON

THURSDAY May 31, 2012

*Rhode Island Country Club
150 Nyatt Road
Barrington, RI
(Go to website for directions: www.ricc.org)*

*11:30 Wine Bar (Cash)
12:00 Noon Luncheon*

*\$35.00 Per person
Guests welcome!*

PROGRAM

*Frederick Law Olmstead in Rhode Island
An interesting and delightful program presented by Mr. Alan Banks
of the Olmstead National Park in Brookline, MA. The presentation
will include some history and slides of Mr. Olmstead's work.*

*Reserve a table
Reservations by May 25, 2012
(No refunds after this date)
Payment must accompany reservation*

**Make checks payable to:
Life Member Group**

**Send Checks to:
Vera Bowen
11 Dolly Drive
Bristol, RI 02809**

Hidden Gardens of Bristol



*Saturday July 14,
2012*

*Sponsored by
The Bristol
Garden Club*

A self-guided tour of nine gardens dating from 1794 through the early to late eighteenth centuries, with one outstanding Portuguese flower garden, which includes a large vegetable garden.

Light refreshments will be served. There will also be a "Treasure" Table with original artwork and garden accessories.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day of the event.

For information call Connie Witcher, Chairman of the event

at 401.253.5229.

Bristol Garden Club & Mt Hope High School

Cultivating Community & Dedication of
Greenhouse at
Marsha King Garden @ Mt Hope High
School/Bristol, RI

1st Annual Plant & Treasures Sale

Saturday, May 12, 2012 10/2 PM

Mt. Hope High School, Gooding Avenue,
Bristol, RI
(between Metacom Av and Hope St)

E mail: BristolGardenClub@gmail.com



Garden Tour

The Gentian Garden Club is sponsoring a garden tour on June 2, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, rain or shine. The tour, "Gentian Gems", includes ten gardens that are truly special and have gem like qualities. This theme is captured by glass gem garden sculptures created by noted local artist Neal Drobnis especially for the tour. These unique pieces will be for sale that day. These private gardens have been designed, planted and maintained by their owners and it is an opportunity to view them along with the Gentian Wildflower Garden in historic North Scituate. Visitors will enjoy spectacular perennial borders, wildflower gardens, herb gardens, vegetable gardens, woodland gardens and beautifully landscaped properties.

Tickets are \$25 and, and if ordered by May 15,2012, will include a delicious box lunch. If you are not interested in the lunch the price is \$20. To purchase tickets, please send a check payable to the Gentian Garden Club to Alyce Peddar, P.O. Box 464, Chepachet, RI 02814. Please include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope or else you can pick up your tickets

the day of the tour at the North Scituate Community House located at 546 West Greenville Road. Boxed lunches can be picked up there along with your tour map. Tickets can be purchased there the day of the tour for \$25 - without lunch. Do not miss this opportunity to experience nature's beauty and bring home creative ideas and inspiration.

The **Portsmouth Garden Club** is presenting a free flower show, "SUMMER on the ISLAND", at Atria Aquidneck Place, 125 Quaker Hill Lane, Portsmouth, RI on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Come and vote for your favorites. Call 683-9470 for more details.



The **Portsmouth Garden Club** is having its PLANT DAY on Thursday, May 24 from 9 AM to 5 PM at the Island Garden Shop, 54 Bristol Ferry RD., Portsmouth, RI. Club members will assist patrons, and free refreshments will be served. Martin Van Hof will offer a free workshop at 2:30. Proceeds will benefit the club's civic beautification projects. For more details, call 683-9470.



50th Anniversary

Please join us for
brunch as we
celebrate our 50th
anniversary.

Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 11:30 am.

Highland Country Club
104 Mechanic Street, Attleboro, MA
\$30 For tickets or more information, please
call
Nancy Sherman at 508-695-6443

2011-2013 NGC PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

PLANTINGS

FOR PUBLIC AND SPECIAL PLACES

recognizes outstanding projects in three categories with MONETARY

AWARDS:

Apply DIRECTLY to the proper Chairman using the form found on NGC
website: www.gardenclub.org

Gardens with Edibles: Chairman Pat Rupiper arupiper@bright.net

1st place - \$300 946 Crouse Chapel Road

2nd place - \$150 Chillicothe, OH 45601-8842

3rd place - \$100

Container Gardens: Chairman Susan Robinson rerob@mac.com

1st place - \$300 173 Witherell Lane

2nd place - \$150 Manchester Center, VT 05255

3rd place - \$100

Trees and Shrubs: Chairman Lisa Williamson erw510@aol.com

1st place - \$300 403 St. Ives Drive

2nd place - \$150 Severna Park, MD 21146-1015

3rd place - \$100

Participate in the NGC President's Project - PLANTINGS for PUBLIC and

SPECIAL PLACES. WIN in each category. Visit www.gardenclub.org for more details and to apply DIRECTLY to the individual chairman listed above.

DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2012 and APRIL 1, 2013

Complete form on NGC website as projects are completed for recognition and a MONETARY AWARD. Applications may also be submitted to chairmen by mail. For further information contact Coordinator Betsy Steele at betsysteel@truvista.net or 803-789-5451.



NEW ENGLAND'S PREMIER FLOWER SHOW
THE NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW

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*A Celebration
of Latin Cultures*

June 22, 23 & 24, 2012
Rosecliff, Newport, RI

Enjoy the heat of Salsa - exotic plants and colorful designs,
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Derek Fell, Garden Writer

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and it's all up to you. Please email all submissions in a
WORD program, in Calibri 11. Thank you. Editor's
email: cahutch2@verizon.net





- 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 27-28, 2012**- The Portsmouth Garden Club is presenting a free flower show, "SUMMER on the ISLAND", at Atria Aquidneck Place, 125 Quaker Hill Lane, Portsmouth, RI from 9 AM to 4 PM. Come and vote for your favorites. Call 683-9470 for more details.
- April 30, 2012** – Deadline for NEWS edition June, July & August, 2012
- May 12, 2012** – Bristol Garden Club 1st Annual "Plant and Treasures Sale"
- May 17, 2012**- Angle Tree Garden Club 50th Anniversary brunch
- May 19 2012** – Gentian Garden Club plant sale
- May 17-20, 2012** – NGC Annual Convention, Buffalo NY
- May 24, 2012**- The Portsmouth Garden Club is having its PLANT DAY from 9 AM to 5 PM at the Island Garden Shop, 54 Bristol Ferry RD., Portsmouth, RI. Club members will assist patrons, and free refreshments will be served. Martin Van Hof will offer a free workshop at 2:30. Proceeds will benefit the club's civic beautification projects. For more details, call 683-9470.
- May 25, 2012** – Advanced Design Study, Details TBA.
- May 31, 2012** – Life Member Group Spring Luncheon
- June 2, 2012** – Gentian Garden Club garden tour
- June 22- 24, 2012** – Newport Flower Show
- June 30,2012**- "Celebrate Matunuck", a South County Garden Club's garden tour and market place to benefit the South County Land Trust and the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society's Hale House landscaping. Information will be available at: southcountygardenclubofri.org
- July 14, 2012** – "Hidden Gardens of Bristol", 9 self-guided garden tours
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