

NEWS

of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Member National Garden Clubs, Inc.

September/October/November

Chairmen's Issue





Dear RIFGC members,

After a cold, damp spring and early summer, August has brought us some lovely days. While we sense the approaching fall in the demise of many of our summer plants and somewhat shorter days, not to mention Back-to-School ads, the re-emergence of Montauk daisies, asters and mums make it a bit more palatable. For now, it is good to reflect on the many summer activities of our clubs and members, from civic beautification projects of all of our clubs, to the glorious Newport Flower Show and Edgewood's beautiful Flower Show and Garden Tour. In addition, there are two events which are more than worthy of our praise. A small group of club volunteers worked on one of the hottest days of June with Karen Kestenberg to landscape Habitat for Humanity homes in Providence. While Karen and I worked with HFH's Kevin Moore to plan the landscapes, and Judy and I selected plants and trees, it was the back-breaking work done by Karen, Vera Bowen, Blakely Szosz and others, including much-appreciated help from HFH, which brought these projects to fruition. Many thanks to you all for a spectacular job, about which we will all be enlightened at our September board meeting.

Not to be ignored was the moving dedication of our first Blue Star Memorial Marker in Portsmouth. I was proud to represent you in the placing of the wreath in the Tribute of Flowers section of the program with Roberta Stevens. Veterans, Portsmouth residents, people from all over the state and, of course, club members and spouses were impressed and moved by this remarkable event. Annette Jarvis, 3-time former president of Portsmouth GC, President Sofi Cofield, and Portsmouth Blue Star chairman, Carolyn Evans, assisted by RIFGC Blue Star chairman, Candace Morgenstern, are to be commended for their dedicated efforts in bringing about this tribute to our veterans.

As many of us have spent recent weeks sailing around the Bay, gardening, barbecuing and enjoying time with friends and family, a good many of our chairmen and officers have been busily organizing activities and projects on your behalf. Please see our RIFGC 2013-2014 calendar for specifics, and the Happenings column. Among our immediate events that I hope you will participate in are the Life Member luncheon on September 19, which promises to have an awe-inspiring speaker from the Museum of Fine Arts, and the free October 10 Education Day. Workshops on floral design, container gardening, a craft project and a special class on growing micro-greens will be offered, almost all by our own members, who give of their time and talents so generously. Please try to attend both events, which I know you will enjoy. Workshops on awards requirements will be offered later in October, Cathy Moore is planning our annual holiday luncheon AND writing the schedule for our February flower show, which will be chaired by Sue Redden, and short presentations at RIFGC board meetings are all “in the works”. ALL club members are invited to our board meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month (except November, February and May). Sp please join us at the meetings as well as the events, which are scheduled on YOUR behalf!

Fondly,

Sandi

Sandi Tinyk, RIFGC President

Calendar of Events

September 19, 2013 – RIFGC Executive Bd Mtg, 10:00; Life Member Luncheon, 11:30, Quidnessett Country Club, North Kingstown, RI

September 24-28, 2013 – NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO

October 2, 2013 – Design Study, Beginner & Advanced

October 10, 2013 – RIFGC Education Day, Roger Williams Botanic Center, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

October 14-17, 2013 -NER Annual Meeting & Symposium, Water's Edge Resort & Spa, Westbrook, CT

October 24, 2013 - RIFGC Executive Bd Mtg, 9:30, Roger Williams Casino

October 28, 2013 - Awards Committee Meeting with club presidents & awards chairmen; Bowen home, Bristol

November 12, 2013 - Design Study, Beginner & Advanced

December 5, 2013 – RIFGC Executive Bd Mtg, 9:30, Roger Williams Casino & Holiday Luncheon 11:30

January 15, 2014- Design Study, Beginner & Advanced

January 23, 2014 – RIFGC Executive Bd Mtg, 9:30, Roger Williams Casino

February 20-23, 2014 – RI Flower & Garden Show, “Vintage Gardens,” & RIFGC Standard Flower Show, “It’s All About Time.” Convention Center, Providence

March 27, 2014 – RIFGC Executive Bd Mtg, 9:30, Roger Williams Casino

April 2, 2014 - Design Study, Beginner & Advanced

April 24, 2014 – RIFGC Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon, Twin Rivers Conference Center

April 30-May 3, 2014 – NGC Annual Convention, Norman, Oklahoma

June 5, 2014 – RIFGC Executive Bd Mtg, 9:30, Roger Williams Casino

Flower Show Schools

I am sorry to report that Biruta Cunningham, former RIFGC President and Master–Judge Emeritus has passed away at the age of ninety. Birt, as we all knew her, was a wonderful teacher of floral design and was always so willing to teach workshops. Those of us who knew her valued her expertise and generosity in sharing her talents. Sadly, Birt had been inactive as a judge for many years because of illness.

Several of our RI Judges will be attending the New England Region Symposium in Connecticut, October 15 -17, 2013. Design Instructor is Barbara May and the Horticulture Instructor is Dot Yard, the new NGC Flower Show Schools Chairman. You do not have to be a judge to attend, any one is welcome to come for the whole session or any part. Symposium brochures are available on the RI website, or from me. The New England Region Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon precede the Symposium.

RIFGC Flower Show

Plans are coming along for our Annual Flower Show in February, the title is ***“It’s All about Time.”*** Cathy Moore is writing the schedule. The Youth Artistic Crafts will be a clock face, these will be available at the October Board meeting or from Cathy. The schedule will be on our RIFGC website as soon as it is ready. Design Entries Chairman is Vera Bowen verabowen9092@gmail.com and Artistic Crafts Entries Chairman is De Feldman defeldman6@gmail.com

Please note that if you plan to show a Container-grown plant, you must have it in your possession for 90 days, so that means by **November 20th, 2013**. Our Staging Chairmen, Priscilla DiMarco and Ann Huntoon will need lots of help in the days before the show. You will be hearing a lot more about this in the months to come!

The Show will be judged on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, and open to the public on **Thursday, February 20 – Sunday, February 23**.

Sue Redden, Flower Show Schools Chairman
RIFGC February Flower Show Chairman sueredden@verizon.net

2013 Awards

The Awards Committee for 2013-2015 consists of the following:

Co-Chairmen – Vera Bowen and Sue Redden

Sandi Tinyk. – RIFGC President

Holly Lippert

Cathy Moore, First Vice-President

The Awards Committee invites all club Awards Chairmen and Presidents to an Awards Meeting on Monday October 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Vera Bowen, 11 Dolly Drive, Bristol, RI 02809.

All awards will be discussed and we hope to answer any questions you might have.

The Yearbooks - two copies - are due on October 15, 2013. Please bring them to the RIFGC Board Meeting on September 26, give them to a committee member, or send them to *Sue Redden, 16 Appian Way, Barrington, RI 02806*. **Please use the NGC Awards Application Form** available on the RI website – www.rigardenclubs.org

NGC Awards are due on December 15, 2013.

Publicity Press Books are due by the January, 2014 RIFGC Board Meeting.

RIFGC Awards are due by February 15, 2014

All of the above applications should be sent to Sue. Information above.

The Sylvia Street and Joan Pesola Awards are due by February 1, 2014. A photograph of a Traditional or Creative Design, created for any NGC/RIFGC event, or an event/flower show where the exhibitor represented her/his club, such as “Art in Bloom,” the Newport Flower Show, is acceptable. Name, event, event date, plant material, garden club, and email or phone # should be written on a removable ‘Post-It’ note and placed on the back of the photograph. Out-of-state judges select the winners of these awards. Applications to be sent to: *Lynne Merrill, RI Judges’ Council Chairman , 233 Third Beach Road, Middletown, RI 02842*.
Sandi Tinyk – for all of her support of the president

SAVE THE DATE!!

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs invites ALL club members to participate in our FREE, 3rd annual

Autumn Education Day!

Thursday, October 10, 2013

at Roger Williams Botanical Center

Four 1-hour workshops are being planned, to be held between 10:00AM-3:00PM. Presentations on growing micro greens , floral designs for the fall and winter holidays, making stepping stones for your garden and a workshop on container gardening will comprise our offerings. (You may select those which appeal to you or choose to spend the day, have lunch (optional) and attend all four. The choice is yours!

Once again, RIFGC is happy to offer this full-day program free of charge; however, in order to plan effectively, pre-registration will be required. As we are still in the planning stages, a flyer, including the registration form, will be e-mailed in the near future to all club presidents, who will be requested to forward it to their members. Stay tuned!



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Life Member Luncheon

Life Member Luncheon - September 19, 2013 at Quidnessett Country Club at 11:30am. Lunch will be served at noon followed by a presentation by the Museum of Fine Arts Road Show. Tickets are \$35 per person and guests are welcome. The luncheon selection is Baked Scrod or Roasted Statler Chicken. Tables of 10 can be reserved. RSVP with payment or questions to Sharon Gainey sharon.gainey@icloud.com (45 Huntington House Lane, No. Scituate, RI 02857) or Bernie Larivee (15 Kensington Road, Edgewood, RI 02905).

Blue Star Dedication



Blue Star Memorial Marker in Portsmouth

Youth Contests

- **Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest** - 1st through 5th grade students. The Grand Prize National Poster Contest Winner wins a free trip to Washington DC, including round trip airfare and accommodations for four, to attend the Recognition Ceremony. A \$50 check, sponsored by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., is awarded to the First Place National Winners from each grade level Poster Winners. Deadline for entries is January 23, 2014.
- **Essay Contest** 2014-2015 Theme - "**Choosing to Make a Difference for a Better World**" grades K-9 - (600-700 words) Regional deadline 1/1/14. These annual competitions provide a way

for students to express their love of nature and concern for their environment through prose. Teachers can utilize this contest to reinforce creative writing skills. Each year, a \$1,000 NGC Scholarship is awarded to the national winner of the High School Essay Contest.

- **School Poetry Contest** Theme – **“Good Stewards of our Earth”**
Regional Deadline: February 14, 2014
- **Sculpture Contest** - grades 4-8. In this competition, students can showcase their artistry and creativity to show their environmental awareness by forming a sculpture using recyclable materials.
Deadline 2/14/1014.
- **High School Distinguished Service Project Award – grades 9-12.**
Annual awards of \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place are awarded to high school students for outstanding civic projects in such areas as the environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling or garden therapy. If you have or know of someone who has done an outstanding civic project consider applying for Award #76,
High School Distinguished Service Project under Youth Awards.

For more information go to the National Garden Club website
<http://www.gardenclub.org> (user name: member password: world) . **All entries must be sponsored by a local garden club. Please contact Rochelle Kieron, rkieron@msn.com, 401-683-9470 for more information.**



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For the Love of Birds

Let's talk squirrels!! Sure they're cute and have fluffy tails. But they love to go to our bird feeders, don't they? It is pretty difficult to squelch their ambition to find a way to get on the bird feeders and eat "our" birdseed. They are very clever animals and we have no choice but to learn to live with them in our yards. Some "birders" feed the squirrels using many types of squirrel feeders that are sold at big box stores or stores that sell many items for birds. They particularly like cracked corn but do not like safflower. Some of us put safflower in our feeders. I like more variety when feeding my birds.

But there are other ways to get squirrels away from bird feeders. There are many types of feeders now that discourage our little furry-tailed bird feed thieves. One bird feeder is cone-shaped at the top and the cone is long enough to spread over the perches that the birds land on to eat. After a few tries the squirrels realize that they will slide right down the cone and never get to the feed. My cone-shaped feeder is clear heavy duty plastic. The squirrels are unable to come up from the bottom and get on the little

perches either. There are 6 perches altogether allowing plenty of feed for the birds.

Another type of squirrel-free feeder is one that when the squirrel lands on the perch it closes, therefore, allowing no food to “anyone” who weighs more than a bird. My feeder, like the one described here, has a wide perch which allows for three or four little birds to feed. I call it the diner because it looks as if the birds have lined up to sit at the counter.

The third type is a cylinder shaped feeder made of metal at the top and bottom. The cylinder part is made of heavy see-through plastic. The squirrel cannot come down from the top because it's too slippery. It has the same principle as the “diner” because at the bottom when the squirrel tries to feed at the 6 perches, the openings to the feed close. Once again, the squirrel weighs more than the birds and cannot get the seed. These three feeders have been very successful in my backyard.

Suet feeders were a little more tricky. After many tries what worked for me was a very thin wire hanging from a thin tree branch. The suet feeder is then hooked to the wire but not near the trunk of the tree. This had been the best solution so far.

There are many places to find squirrel-resistant bird feeders. Birds Unlimited in Warwick sells them. There is Allie's Tack and Feed Store in East Greenwich, and others such as, Agway and many big box stores like Lowe's that have these types of feeders.

Squirrels aren't so bad-they just like to eat a lot! Until next time...Jan Marcello



Soil Conservation

How often do you think about the very soil under your feet, other than when we are gardening? Do you ever take the time to consider that soil has many uses? **Soil:**

Performs a Number of Vital Functions. Soil sustains plant and animal life below and above the surface; regulates and partitions water and solute flow; filters, buffers, degrades, immobilizes, and detoxifies; stores and cycles nutrients; and provides support to structures.

Basis of the Ecosystem. The living systems occurring above and below the ground surface are determined by the properties of the soil.

Supports Life. Various organisms (i.e., plants, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, earthworms, etc.) that in turn benefit the soil through decomposition, the release nutrients, the create pores, and help to stabilize soils. Various soil-forming factors affect soils even on “stable” landscapes. Materials are deposited on their surface and are blown or washed away from the surface. Additions, removals, and alterations are slow or rapid, depending on climate, landscape position, and biological activity.

Parent Material. Few soils weather directly from the underlying rocks. More commonly, soils form in materials that have moved in from elsewhere (i.e., humans, ice, water, wind, etc.).

Climate. Soils vary, depending on the climate. Temperature and moisture amounts cause different patterns of weathering and leaching. Wind redistributes sand and other particles especially in arid regions. The amount, intensity, timing, and kind of precipitation influence soil formation. Seasonal and daily changes in temperature affect moisture effectiveness, biological activity, rates of chemical reactions, and kinds of vegetation.

Topography. Slope affects the moisture and temperature of soil. Steep slopes facing the sun are warmer, just like the south-facing side of a house. Steep soils may be eroded and lose their topsoil as they form. Deeper, darker colored soils may be expected on the bottom land.

Biological factors. Plants, animals, micro-organisms, and humans affect soil formation. Animals and micro-organisms mix soils and form burrows and pores. Plant roots open channels in the soils. Different types of roots have

different effects on soils. Grass roots are “fibrous” near the soil surface and easily decompose, adding organic matter. Taproots open pathways through dense layers.

Time. Time for all these factors to interact with the soil is also a factor. Over time, soils exhibit features that reflect the other forming factors. Soil formation processes are continuous.

The following sources provide information that will assist you with soil conservation and a better garden:

Garden Forever - <http://www.gardenforever.com/>

Soil and Water Conservation Society - <http://www.swcs.org>

US Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service
<http://soils.usda.gov/education>

University of California – Agriculture and Natural Resources
<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/8036.pdf>

Sharon M. Gainey, Environment Chairman

Habitat for Humanity Summer 21013 Project

The Habitat construction team had completed two houses in Mid June 2013 and were awaiting landscaping funding from a resource when this request came across my desk. Wow, perfect timing. With the help of Sandi, we took a cruise to south side of Providence and began conceptualizing a plan to beautify the new home’s landscape. We collaborated and identified trees and shrubs that would flourish in each habitat and then drew up a schematic.

Judy, who had originally worked with Andy’s Landscaping from Warwick last year, helped us pick out some healthy, hardy trees and shrubs perfect for the new homes.

Kevin, an employee of Habitat for Humanity, picked them up in his box truck on June 27 at 8 AM and our crew of Joann Allen, a dear friend of mine, Vera Bowen, Blakely Szosz, and I began planting. Kevin from Habitat already had dug the holes I drew out the week prior so it made our job so much easier than past year projects. The street addresses are: 83 Waldo and 531 Union St, Providence, RI. Purchased were: Hinoki Cypress, Japanese Maple, Anna

Kueski Rhododendron, Arborvitae. The plants delivered were magnificent and reasonably priced.

I went shopping and each family received a shovel, gardening gloves, hose and nozzle. I can report that all trees and shrubs are doing well and families faithfully watered, and greenery is flourishing. It worked out perfect because 5 days following the planting, the heat turned up to close to 100 F for 10 days straight. It would have been a disaster to plant any later than what we did.

I want to thank Vera for her keen eye, Blakely for her strong back, Sandi for her guidance, Joann for her friendship in time of need and Judy for her wisdom.

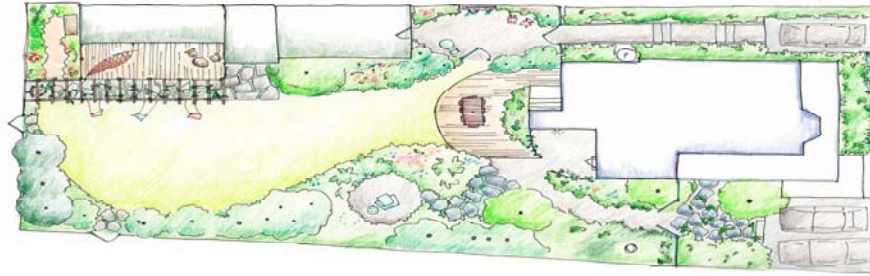
Respectfully submitted,
Karen A Kestenberg, Chair for Habitat for Humanity projects

WHAT IS A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW?

It is the official title of a flower show that conforms to standards established by NGC.

The purposes are:

- 1. To educate club members and the viewing public.**
- 2. To stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design.**
- 3. To provide an outlet for creative expression.**
- 4. To convey to the community the objectives of NGC.**



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2013 - 14 Floral Forays
with Barrington Garden Club & Barrington Community
School

Blossoms in the Bronx

Friday, September 24

Spend a full day at one of the nation's foremost botanical gardens, with its splendid conservatory housing a tropical rain forest, a cactus-filled desert garden and seasonal displays with plants from around the world. Explore 50 diverse gardens, including the breath-taking Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, across its 250-acres. Marvel at Philip Haas' "Four Seasons," an installation of four colossal sculptures representing the four seasons. They reflect the artist's inspiration by the works of Renaissance artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, who painted composite heads composed of flowers, ivy, moss, vegetables, fruit, bark and branches.

Flora in Winter at Tower Hill Botanic Garden & the Worcester Art Museum

Friday, January 24, 2014

This mid-winter extravaganza, held when we need it most, features riveting floral designs by regional designers and professional floral arrangers at both venues. Don't miss this unique show!

Philadelphia Flower Show & Duke Farms

March 8-9, 2014

The 2014 official theme of this year's largest indoor flower show in the world is "ARTiculture: The Art of Great Garden Design," reflecting how exquisite landscapes, gardens and floral arrangements have inspired artists from the Old Masters to the Impressionists. This overnight visit also includes a visit to Doris Duke's Duke Farms, and much more!

Gardens to our North: Sedgwick Gardens at Long Hills and Glen Magna Gardens

Wednesday, May 28

This garden journey features two of the most beautiful gardens on the North Shore. Glen Magna Farms, typifying the golden age of American gardens, with a rose garden of old-fashioned roses arranged in a radial pattern, tiled

pools filled with lilies, perennial borders, and an Italian-style garden and one of the most impressive weeping beech trees in the world. Sedgwick Gardens, renowned for its series of separate garden “rooms” with ornaments and statuary, surround the handsome, Federal-style, house.

Gardens of Ireland and WAFA 2014

June 12-20, 2014

From the scenic west coast’s Ring of Kerry and Muckross House to the Wicklow Mountains, elegant Powerscourt, the Helen Dillon Garden, Dublin’s National Botanic Garden and much more, we’ll visit a number of horticultural treasures. Each day is filled with beautiful gardens, castles, dramatic views, and historic sites, as well as delicious cuisine. The tour is enhanced by a full day attending the World Association of Flower Arrangers 2014 show in Dublin. Also available will be a Northern Ireland Garden Extension June 20-23. Limited to 20 participants. A complete day-by-day itinerary is available; call Sandi at Barrington Community School, 245-0432, to be mailed a copy!

Over the Garden Gate

Hello everyone!

Here we are at summer's end. I hope that yours has been lovely with lots of time in your garden! Also, that you have time to participate in all of the fall activities Sandi and her team have planned. Reminders for the NEWS – deadlines for content:

December, January, February – Flower Show Schedule Issue due by November 1

March, April, May – President's Reports Issue due by February 1

June, July, August – Awards Issue due by May 1

September, October, November – Chairman's Issue due by August 1

Also, please note:

- **Please use Calibri 11 font – it is called the green font because it takes less ink to print it (which helps those who still print the NEWS)**
- **Please, please send everything electronically to me at jhager@cox.net**

Enjoy a wonderful New England fall!

Judy

