

Northern Exposure



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New Hampshire – Rhode Island - Vermont**

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

A big welcome to all NEGC members as we begin the 2017-2019 term! As your new district Director, I want to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I'm Susan Hinkel, a member of the Garden Club of Manchester in the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc. I have just completed my second term as President of FGCV and I look forward to working with all of you during the next two years.



Many of you are aware of the metamorphosis (sounds appropriate!) of the 8 districts in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Because of this separation between the two entities, we voted on changing our name last October at our Fall Meeting, and we're in the midst of rewriting our By-Laws to conform with the changes taking place. Our new name is New England Garden Clubs, Inc, NEGC. We are removing any reference to NER in our newsletter "Northern Exposures," on our website, and in all of our publications. We are asking you to make these changes as well. We know that it's time-consuming and tedious, but it's a necessity. At last fall's meeting it was the consensus that we as a region wanted to stick together as we have very close ties within our six states, and we didn't want to dissolve our district altogether and lose all that we share. So we changed our name, are waiting to receive our 501c3, and are rewriting all our materials. Please bear with us as this is a work in progress!

The theme I have chosen mirrors that of our NGC President, Nancy Hargroves' theme....."Plant America." My NEGC theme is "NEGC Plants for Everyone." I hope that you will join with me in making this theme your blueprint for your clubs and members. To me this means that we will be involved in planting all things.....flowers, shrubs, and trees for ourselves, community gardens to beautify our towns or vegetable gardens to share with our neighbors, and most importantly, we will be planting ideas, especially in the heads of our youth who need to learn to "get their hands dirty."

Our NEGC Annual Meeting will be superb as the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. will be our hostesses in Warwick, RI, on October 30th and 31st.....think Halloween! An NGC Symposium will follow that on October 31st, November 1st, and 2nd. Our NGC President, Nancy Hargroves, will be our guest speaker at the meeting. There will be a Small Standard Flower Show presented on Monday evening. Please plan to join us and enjoy a special surprise at our luncheon on the 31st! The registration form can be found on the NEGC website.

It's my pleasure to serve you during the next two years. I hope you will share your ideas, discuss your problems, and just keep in touch with me during this time. I will try to have several Hagar cartoons added to this edition of Northern Exposures.....they seem very pertinent!

Susan Hinkel
NEGC Director

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Hagar The Horrible

WE'RE LATE—WHICH
EARRING DO YOU LIKE
BEST?

I CAN'T DECIDE—
WHY DON'T YOU
SHOW ME ALL
YOUR EARRINGS?

YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO PUT OFF GOING
TO MY GARDEN CLUB DANCE, AREN'T YOU?!!

CHRIS
BROWNE
12-12

I KNOW I
FORGOT OUR
ANNIVERSARY...

AND I KNOW
YOU WANT
ME TO
FEEL
GUILTY...

CHRIS
BROWNE
6-11

BUT DO
YOU NEED
YOUR...

ENTIRE GARDEN CLUB TO HELP
YOU DO THE JOB?

HOW
DID
IT
GO?

WE LOST THE BATTLE, THE
LOOT, OUR BOAT, WEAPONS
AND SUFFERED MANY
WOUNDS!

CHRIS
BROWNE
4-21

CHEER
UP!

YOUR
LUCK
ISN'T ALL
BAD...

YOU'RE BACK JUST IN TIME
FOR MY GARDEN CLUB'S BIG
FORMAL DANCE TONIGHT!

HOW WAS YOUR
GARDEN CLUB'S
CHARITY BALL
LAST NIGHT,
MAMA?

SAME
AS LAST
YEAR...

WE MADE A LOT
OF MONEY FOR
CHARITY...

AND
OBVIOUSLY YOUR
FATHER HAD
A BALL!!

CHRIS
BROWNE
5-7

WE NEVER
TALK
ANYMORE!

WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
TALK ABOUT?

WELL, MY GARDEN
CLUB IS HAVING ITS
ANNUAL FLOWER
SHOW NEXT
WEEK...

CHRIS
BROWNE
1-29

YOU'RE
RIGHT—

WE NEVER
TALK
ANYMORE

PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

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Education: RN, Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, England, Graduated 1954.

Moved to US in November 1955. BSc Lyndon State, VT

Work history: RN Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA.
Memorial Hospital NYC.

Moved to St. Johnsbury, Vermont 1959.

Retired from Caledonia Home Health and Hospice. St. Johnsbury, VT 1990

Director of Weeks Home Health, Lancaster, NH 1990-1993

Started in Seed and Weed Garden Club in 1986 held most club positions except

Treasurer; Club President 1995-1997, 2007-2009, and 2015- to present.

FGCV President 2003-2005 Theme: garden with a vision for the future.

National Garden Club Environmental studies consultant.

Areas of Interest: horticulture, environment issues and community service,

Hobbies: Reading and the great outdoors. I enjoy visiting gardens everywhere I travel.

Husband: Raymond, retired teacher and administrator. Two sons and three grandchildren.

Currently FGCV State President 2017-2019 Theme: Plant to Magnify Vermont's Beauty.

Favorite Season: Spring, with all the garden flowers

Garden Hero: Capability Brown, one of the greatest Landscape Gardeners

Goal: try and pass some of my enthusiasm for the joy of gardening and gardeners to others.

President, Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut



Gardening or any gardening-related projects were furthest from my mind when I grew up and entered my professional career, yet once I moved to Cheshire in 1984 it took off like the Energizer Bunny and is still going and going and going.

You see, as a teenager I was very much involved in Gymnastics and Field and Track intercollegiate competitions while studying the Sciences at one of the Academies in Hamburg. Then when I moved to New York and subsequently to New Haven, I became deeply involved with several choral societies, performing classical masterpieces at such venues as Carnegie Hall, the Met, and Yale's Woolsey Hall in New Haven.

My degrees in Biology and Psychology and School Counseling served me handsomely as Postgraduate Education Director and Genetics Associate at Yale and later at UCONN. Over a twelve-year span I conducted over sixty week-long courses in Ultrasound for physicians from all over the world – I loved meeting them all from so many foreign lands; I co-authored many research articles and translated numerous documents from German into English.

Having studied Latin and Greek helped tremendously with understanding all that medical terminology. The highlight during this time was a half-hour program PBS did on my involvement with counseling patients. One novelist even wrote an entire chapter about yours truly around that time.

After my retirement I joined the Cheshire Garden Club and soon became whole-heartedly involved with conducting the garden Beauty Spots of the Month program from April through October, selecting the most attractive front yard in town each month. To see the surprise on the winner's faces was priceless. After having interviewed the winner, I took a picture and then wrote up the article for publication in the local Cheshire Herald. Not only did I realize how much I enjoyed photography but also how learned I had become with landscaping principles and horticulture terminology.

Around that time I also began developing my half-acre property into a 63-flower bed ornamental garden, all the while delving into dozens of horticulture and gardening books to get myself into the know. I ended up designing and creating several gardens in town on behalf of the Cheshire Garden Club. Imagine!

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. heard about my involvement with the Beauty Spot of the Month program and asked me to speak to them at one of their meetings. Before long I was asked to join The Federation Board – that was 22 years ago. Sooner or later several clubs invited me to speak to them with a view toward establishing their own program in town, which I gladly did.

I eventually chaired several committees on the Board, such as Program, Nominating, Website, and for twelve years as Parliamentarian. I've been an active member of the Awards Committee as well as the Finance Committee.

Now in its 88th year, our Federation has installed me as their 44th President.

My theme picks up on the NGC theme of "PLANT AMERICA." With "PLANT CONNECTICUT – BE A CONSERVATION CHAMPION" our members are encouraged to support a healthy environment for today and for future generations by conserving water, assisting pollination and garden naturally. They may participate in two contests to either create a pollinator-friendly garden or a Xeriscape

President, FGCC – continued

garden in a public space and might just be awarded handsomely with the Conservation Champion Award come April 2019. Individual garden club members may also participate by creating a Xeriscape garden on their own property – also in the running for the coveted Conservation Champion Award.

In conclusion, my life has taken me to two continents and six large metropolitan cities. I have been involved with four major areas of interest, which have become passions of immense importance to me at the time. However, most important of all, it has provided me the opportunity to meet with people from every corner of the world.

Even now that I am Connecticut's president, having gotten to know a lot of the folks in our 124 garden clubs over the last 22 years, I will strive to engage them with a strong conviction both with a view toward raising awareness to protect our environment as well as to stimulate communication – both ways - through their continued association with our Federation I am so proud of.

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Educational background - BS in Biology and Masters of Science in Psychology and

School Counseling from Southern Connecticut State University.

Employment background: Postgraduate Education Director at Yale School of Medicine; Genetics Associate at UCONN.

Family background (husband, children, dogs, whatever): Married for eleven years; husband passed away; engaged to be married to Head of Counseling Department at Southern; passed away on wedding day; no children; total of 44 cats over a thirty-year period. Love birds.

Started in garden club when? How? - Moved from New Haven to Cheshire and joined garden club in 1986 and became actively involved with twelve committees and still am to this day; joined The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. in 1995; chaired several committees such as Program, Nominating and Website; Parliamentarian for twelve years; was installed President April 2017.

Theme/project - My theme is "Plant Connecticut – Be a Conservation Champion"; my projects are three contests for clubs to create either a pollinator-friendly garden or a Xeriscape garden and for club members to create a Xeriscape garden – winners to be presented with the Conservation Champion Award (an engraved marble plaque) in April 2019.

Favorite area of garden club: My favorite area of my Cheshire Garden Club is the Colonial Garden we built in 2003 using plants authentic to the time the Cheshire Historical Society Museum was built in 1780.

Current favorite plant (tree, shrub, etc.) Why? - My favorite summer flower is the Crocosmia because the cascading blossoms provide natural nectar to hummingbirds. My favorite shrub is the Crape Myrtle because it is a late summer bloomer and keeps on blooming and blooming. Actually, most flowers and shrubs and trees are my favorite because they all have a peak blooming period when they shine at their best.

Favorite gardening book - My favorite gardening books are two shelves long but if I had to pick one I would choose John E. Klimas and James A. Cunningham *"Wildflowers of Eastern America,"* 1974, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. I knew very little about gardening

President, FGC – continued

until then so that put a bug into my head.
Your gardening hero? - Can't decide between P. Allen Smith and Roger Swain.
Is there anything else you'd like to add? - Not sure if it fits in here but my passions and avocations have gone from Gymnastics to intercollegiate Field and Track competitions as a teenager to Choral Music Performances at New York's Carnegie Hall and the Met to Yale's Woolsey Hall; and, finally, to Gardening and Photography here in my home town of Cheshire. Well, my original home town was Hamburg, Germany. We had to learn Greek and Latin at the Academy. So at my job at Yale I ended up co-writing and editing over sixty research articles which helped quite a bit with the medical terminology. I've also translated numerous papers and books from German into English. But that's another story.

President, New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs



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Educational Background: Weare, NH High School and various University of New Hampshire (UNH) and New Hampshire Technical Institute Communication courses.

Successfully completed the UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener course in 2007.

Employment Background: Blue Cross/Blue Shield-Claims Supervisor; Sprague Electric

In-House Marketing Representative; North East Dental Plans Professional Relations Director, NH Dental Society Executive Director.

Family Background: As a young-married right out of high school I raised two children

until school age, divorced after 8 years and have been married to my husband Allan for 44 years. Together, we have raised a blended family of two boys and two girls who are all happily married and live in our immediate area. We have been blessed with a total of nine grandchildren—seven boys and two girls who we absolutely adore—and spoil! Our grandchildren range in age from 11 to 28 with no weddings in sight!

Started in garden club: I joined my first garden club while living in Sterling, MA in the late 90's. When we moved back to Bow, NH after a time, I the joined the Bow Garden Club (2000) and have been an active member ever since, including serving as Club President in 2003-2006.

Favorite area of the garden club: I enjoy every aspect of my local garden club, from

President, NHFGC - continued

chairing the clubs' two major fundraisers—the Poinsettia Pre-Sale and the Spring Plant Sale, handling the publicity to working in the community gardens. Personally, I “adopted” the large window boxes and urns in the front of the Baker Free Library as my personal project but I enjoy “jumping in” to contribute whenever there is something going on.

Current favorite tree: Oh boy, that is a toss up between the Weeping Cherry and the Kousa Dogwood. I just love the shape of the Weeping Cherry, how it drapes and its beautiful white blossoms in the spring and Kousa Dogwood's late spring/early summer bloom just embodies all that is beautiful in its richness and delicacy. My favorite shrub is probably hydrangea. They are just beautiful.

My favorite gardening book is probably “The Flower Gardener's Bible” by Lewis and Nancy Hill. It is simply “straight talk” about how to achieve season-long color, when to plant “what” and “where” and contains lots of “how to's.” I refer to it often even as a seasoned gardener!

My gardening hero is probably Dorothy Perkins, the Master Gardener Coordinator for NH's Merrimack County. She is a self-proclaimed “farm girl” who is extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of agriculture and horticulture and spends a great deal of time working with children to ensure that “they know where their food comes from”! She is an inspiration to me and many others!

President, Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs



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Education: Graduated with BFA from Rhode Island School of Design in 1991

Work History: Head Gardener for the last 12 years at Rhode Island Country Club

Family: Married to Noah Szosz for 20 years with three mighty daughters, 2 dogs, 2 cats, 6 chickens, and bees all living in estrogen central.

Garden Club: joined Barrington Garden Club in 2003 when my daughters were starting school so that I could give back to my community. I could see the talent in our community gardens from

a mile away and knew I needed to get to know who these people were. The comradery shared through appreciating horticulture, our environment, and design is more than I ever dreamed I would find.

Theme: 'Respect- From the Ground Up'. Gardeners are simply stewards that lend encouragement and support. In the same way I see my role as state president as being an advocate. The clubs and membership are doing the work. Whatever I can do to showcase their individuality, talent, determination, and commitment is my purpose.

Favorite tree or shrub: that's HARD! So today's answer is Fothergilla for the shrub and Nyssa sylvatica (Blackgum/ tupelo) for the tree. Both plants are native and excellent for pollinators. Additionally they extend your gardening season with spectacular fall color which is key for a lot of

President, RIF - continued

my landscape design - it's a trait that I think more New England gardeners should highlight. My favorite gardening book is The Secret Garden. Being outside brought a girl health, beauty, and happiness - that's my life right there.

Gardening heroes? I'm thrilled by the work of Oehme, van Sweden & Associates or the Dutch designer Piet Oudolf. I love when the order of design doesn't sacrifice respect of the original landscape.

President, Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.



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I want to say what an honor I feel to be the new president of GCFM. While attending the NGC Convention in May, I was amazed at the activities highlighted by our State Presidents and Directors. Individually, and collectively, we really do make a difference. I look forward to being a small part of that process. Would you please tell us a little about yourself? Well, I grew up a "Valley Girl" in southern California and moved to the Sacramento area at the start of my sophomore year in High School. I earned a B.A. in Psychology and Anthropology, and a

M.A. in Social Anthropology at California State University, Sacramento.

What did you do after graduating? I had enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve a few years before, so I thought I would serve as a commissioned officer for a couple of years while deciding what I wanted to do next. I very much enjoyed each assignment and suddenly found that I had completed a long career, retiring as a Captain in February 2001.

What did you do in the service? I pretty much began work in Strategic Intelligence and attained a post graduate degree in the same. While doing that, I found that I was drawn to communications transmission and took future assignments in telecommunications. I served as the Commanding Officer at a small Naval Communications Unit in Cutler, Maine, and later, as Commanding Officer of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Command in San Diego. During the course of my assignments I attended the National War College where I studied National Security and Strategic Studies. My last tour was as a staff officer in the Office of the Secretary Defense.

What brought you to Maine? As I had mentioned I was C.O. at Cutler and loved our 2 years there. Returning to Maine was like coming home. We found our home in Camden, along the mid-coast and settled in 2002.

Do you have family? My husband Tom and I were married over 40 years, but sadly he passed away in 2014. Our children and their families live in Arizona. My cat of 16+ years is named Orion and he travels with me just about everywhere.

Tell me about how you got started in your garden club and GCFM? My next door neighbor was a member of the Camden Garden Club and invited me to join her at the club's winter horticulture series in 2003. I've been a member ever since. Like so many others I was interested in learning about gardening. Our garden club has several projects to beautify Camden among which I love seeing Camden displaying our hanging flower baskets downtown throughout the summer and, then, our Christmas Wreath project, again downtown, which brightens our short winter days.

President, GCFM - continued

Do you have any personal gardening projects at this time? I am slowly creating an Asian influenced backyard garden. I prefer to use native plants that are hardy enough to survive my lack of attention and that provide nurturance for my backyard creatures. I'm still learning about the many facets of gardening and borrow ideas like mad. Although our gardens are very different, I think my neighbor, Olive Adden, who, although she passed a few years ago, had a big influence on me. Her garden reflected her sense of who she was, with a balance of shape, texture and color in a traditional Maine way. Her garden was inviting and comforting. Our gardens are very different as she and I have had different life experiences, but I strive for a garden that is inviting and comforting,

Is there anything else you'd like to add? My theme during my presidency is "Plant Maine-Sustainable Home Gardening." I feel it is important to be caretakers of our many gifts we have around us. We need to be aware of the many symbiotic relationships within nature and build upon that for our future. I look forward to hearing members' thoughts about just about anything.

President, Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

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Education: University of New Hampshire BA/Studio Art 1986

Employment Background: Professional Volunteer, including sitting on numerous boards. Prior to children I worked in Customer Service for Crate and Barrel. Prior to that I was in the restaurant business in Alexandria, VA

Family: Husband Bill, 2 daughters Caroline – 23, attending University of Richmond (VA) Law School, and Catherine – 21, attending the University of Alabama, rising senior in the Nursing School. Two dogs, Holly an almost 13 year old Airedale Terrier and Wynn timer a crazy 4 year old Welsh Terrier.

GC History: I started in the Reading (MA) Garden Club in (2005?) and was put on the "Ways and Means" Committee. I went on to chair that committee for 4 years. I was also the chair of the "Horticulture" Committee" and, the "Adopt an Island" Committee. I became the Vice President, then President in (2010-12). I was recruited as Assistant District Director in 2012 and continued on to Middlesex District Director in 2013. Due to a vacancy on the Board I was nominated to 2nd VP in December of 2015. As the result of another unfortunate vacancy I then advanced over the 1st VP position to be nominated and installed as GCFM President in June of 2017.

My favorite area of the Garden Club is Civic Beautification. There are so many different ways to accomplish the task of beautifying communities via floral planting, horticulture, garden design programs, historic planting, arboriculture.....

My current favorite plant is the Privet Hedge. I am surrounded by them in bloom and the fragrance is intoxicating and a welcome sign of summer.

As for favorite book? There are too many, from primers to design books. I can easily be transported by catalogues but, a new book that I want to get my hands on is

President, GCFMA - continued

"Out East: Houses and Gardens of the Hamptons." A girl can dream.....

My Gardening hero is my father. He is the son of a New England "saltwater" farmer and at almost 90 years of age, inspires me daily with his knowledge of climate, soil, and just the right plant. Perhaps that's what started my life in the garden (club).

October 30 and 31st

**Please join us for the first ever meeting
of the New England Garden Clubs**

At THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI



presented by RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS,
President, Blakely Szosz

NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
Director, Susan Hinkel (VT)

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
President, Nancy Hargroves

Annual Meeting Chairman Sue Redden
Vice-Chairman Cathy Moore
Treasurer Vera Bowen
Registrar Vicki Iannuccillo

Our NEGC Director will be joined by Nancy Hargroves NGC President. This will be an exciting event as we welcome both our NEGC Director and NGC President.

We are having a Flower Show: Barbara Blossom has written a wonderful schedule and we look forward to seeing the beautiful horticulture and designs. The Flower Show Schedule is available on the New England website www.ngcner.org and on RI website www.rigardenclubs.org

New England Garden Clubs Meeting – continued

The horticulture and designs will be accepted on Monday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. Your design can be pre-assembled with finishing touches done at the show.

This event will be judged and the designs will be on display for the cocktail party and dinner. The winning designers will be our evening program. We will ask them to tell us about their designs and what went into the making of them.

Here is a brief version of our schedule:

Monday Oct 30th

10 a.m. If participating in the Flower Show, please bring your designs and horticulture.

Judging will begin at 3:00 p.m.

2.00-4.00 p.m. Registration

6.00-7.00 p.m. Reception in honor of our NEGC Director and National President

7.00 p.m. Dinner followed by our program presented by the designers

Tuesday Oct 31st

It's Halloween!! Wear a costume, if you wish!

7.00-9.00 a.m. Registration

9.00-10.30 a.m. Business Meeting

10.45-11.45 p.m. Program, presented by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse. Senator Whitehouse, often called the Environmental Senator, has fought for our environmental rights, giving over 100 talks on the state of our planet

12 noon Awards Luncheon

2.30 p.m. Adjournment

The Registration deadline is OCTOBER 9, 2017. There will be a late fee of \$10.00 for all registrations received after that date.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Room rates are \$149.00 single or double. Check-in time is 3:00 P.M. Check-out is Noon. To receive these special rates, please mention **Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs**. You may reserve your room by emailing: reservations@providenceri.crowneplaza.com or online at www.CrowneHotelWarwick.com using the group code of **RIF** or by Phone: 1-401-732-6000. Deadline for reserving rooms is Sept. 30, 2017.

Registration information and a brochure about the meeting is available on the New England website www.ngcner.org and on RI website www.rigardenclubs.org

45th National Garden Club Symposium

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

President, Nancy Hargroves

NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS

Chairman, Dorthy Yard

Symposium - continued

NGC SYMPOSIUM

Chairman, Julia Clevett
Symposium Chairman Sue Redden
Vice-Chairman Cathy Moore
Treasurer Vera Bowen
Registrar Vicki Iannuccillo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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| 2:00-4:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION |
| 4:15 P.M. | WELCOME |
| 4:30-5:30 P.M. | ALLIED SUBJECT presented by Dottie Howatt |

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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| 7:00 A.M. | REGISTRATION |
| 8:00 A.M. | ANNOUNCEMENTS |
| 8:15 A.M. | ALLIED SUBJECT presented by Cathy Felton |
| 9:15 A.M. | BREAK |
| 9:30 A.M. | HORTICULTURE presented by Dottie Howatt |
| 11:30 A.M. | LUNCHEON |
| 12:45 P.M. | HORTICULTURE |
| 2:45 P.M. | BREAK |
| 3 - 5:00 P.M. | HORTICULTURE EXAM |

YOUR EVENING IS FREE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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| 7:30 A.M. | REGISTRATION |
| 8:00 A.M. | ANNOUNCEMENTS |
| 8:15 A.M. | DESIGN presented by Claudia Bates |
| 10:15 A.M. | BREAK |
| 10:30 A.M. | DESIGN, (continued) |
| 11:30 A.M. | LUNCHEON |
| 12:45 P.M. | DESIGN (continued) |
| 1:45 P.M. | BREAK |
| 2 - 4:00 P.M. | DESIGN EXAM |

The Registration deadline is OCTOBER 9, 2017. There will be a late fee of \$10.00 for all registrations received after that date. See above information about Annual meeting for hotel registration information and how to get a brochure from web sites.

Award Winners in New England

YEARBOOKS

1. (under 20 members) Daytime Gardeners of New Haven-(CT)
2. (20-29) Orrington Garden Club - (ME)
3. (30-44) Norwood Evening Garden Club - (MA)
4. (45-69) Derry Garden Club - (NH)
5. (70-99) Edgewood Garden Club - (RI)
6. (100-299) Barrington Garden Club - (RI)

PUBLICITY PRESS BOOKS

- Ai - Hamemo Garden Club - (RI)
- Aii - Greenleaf Garden Club - (MA)
- Aiii - Derry Garden Club - (NH)
- Aiv - Opechee Garden Club - (NH)

New England Region Publicity Press Book Chairman's Report To be Presented at the Meeting of the New England Garden Clubs, Inc. October 31, 2017 Warwick, Rhode Island

I received only fifteen (15) Press Books this year, three less than last. I am not sure if it is a sign of the times with so much of today's communication now being so digital or what, however I do hope our member clubs realize what a valuable reference document these press books are for their members—a chronological year-at-a-glance as well as historically. Please encourage your clubs to keep doing them and sending them in for judging. And do take note that both website pages and Facebook postings are also acceptable as publicity items for the press book. Thank you.

The results of the National Garden Club Award #44 for 2016 New England Region Publicity Press Book entries are:

SMALL - 1st Place: Hamemo Garden Club, Barrington, RI
2nd Place: Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, CT
3rd Place: Sandown Garden Club, NH

MEDIUM 1st Place: Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford, MA
2nd Place: New Hampton Garden Club, NH
3rd Place: North Haven Garden Club, CT
Hon. Mention: Kennebec Valley Garden Club, ME

LARGE 1st Place: Derry Garden Club, NH
2nd Place: Sogkonate G. C., Little Compton, RI
3rd Place: Wallingford Garden Club, CT
Hon. Mention: Bar Harbor Garden Club, ME
Hon. Mention: Weymouth Garden Club, MA

Publicity Press Book Chairman's Report – co0ntinued

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- 1st Place: Opechee Garden Club, NH
- 2nd Place: Boothbay Region Garden Club, ME
- 3rd Place: Wilton Garden Club, CT

Joyce Kimball
NER Publicity Press Book Chairman

NEGC AWARDS DEADLINE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

While many of you are busy tending your gardens during the summer, it's often hard to remember that the **September 1st deadline** for submitting your award applications for NEGC Awards is right around the corner! The list of awards can be found on the NEGC website by going to www.ngcner.org and clicking on the AWARDS tab. The period covered for awards to be given at this year's NEGC Annual Meeting is **June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017**.

With a new administration now in place, it was also time to update the Awards Application Form as well. On the AWARDS page on the NEGC website you'll see the Awards Application Form. The new NEGC Awards Chairman, Suzanne Bushnell (immediate past President of the Garden Club Federation of Maine), has updated the form to reflect the 2017-2019 administration of the Region and has also added her address for all award submissions. The form should be appearing shortly on the updated NEGC website. If you have any questions, you can contact Suzanne by e-mail at sembushnell@comcast.net or call her at 207-729-5285.

The requirements for awards are basically the same as you'll see listed on our website. We're waiting to see how the NGC will handle awards that, in the past, were sent on to them for judging. Be sure to take plenty of photos when you're doing a project! Often clubs forget that it's essential that you document the work you do to beautify your community. Again, if you have any questions, contact Suzanne Bushnell at the contact information above.

Suzanne Bushnell
NEGC Awards Chairman 2017-2019



NEGC Calendar

Deadline for the November 2017 issue of Northern Exposure is October 15 – please e-mail articles or questions to editor Nancy Atwell at atwelln@aol.com

National Garden Club Meetings

September 12 – 16 – National Garden Club Fall Board meeting, St. Louis, MO.

Regional Garden Club Meetings

October 30 and 31 – New England Garden Clubs annual meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI. For information and registration form: www.ngcner.org or www.rigardenclubs.org

State Garden Club Meetings

August 21 - Garden Club Federation of Maine Board meeting, Viles House, 71 Stone St., Augusta. For more information contact Judith Tarbox at jtarbox@earthlink.net

September 20 – Presidents Day/Board Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Inge Venus at ihvplanet@cox.net.

September 27 - Fall Meeting New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs at The Inn on New Found Lake, Bridgewater, NH, hosted by District 1. It will feature National Garden Club President Nancy Hargroves as Guest and Speaker. Nancy will present a Power Point Presentation on Container Gardening, entitled "Witches, Turkeys and Reindeer," alluding to her approach to changing fall containers into those appropriate for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

October 2 – Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc. Fall Meeting: Vermont State House, Montpelier, VT

October 25 – Eighty-Eighth Awards Meeting at Aqua Turf (Connecticut), for information contact Nan Merolla at ncmerolla@aol.com.

November 14 – Garden Club Federation of Maine Fall Conference, Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME. Heather McCargo from the Wild Seed Project will speak about landscaping with native plants. For more information contact Judith Tarbox at jtarbox@earthlink.net

November 15 – Board Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Inge Venus at ihvplanet@cox.net.

March 14, 2018 – Board Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Inge Venus at ihvplanet@cox.net.

April 18, 2018 – 89th Annual Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Nan Merolla at ncmerolla@aol.com.

May 16, 2018 – Board Meeting, for more information contact Inge Venus at ihvplanet@cox.net.

June 18-20, 2018 – Garden Club Federation of Maine Annual Convention, Sebasco Estates, ME.

Environmental Schools

October 11-13 – Environmental School Course I at Kellogg's Environmental Center, Derby, for more information contact Jeanette Barrows at jeanette.barrows@gmail.com.

Flower Shows

February 22-25, 2018 – 37th CT Flower Show, Hartford Convention Center, for more information contact Cathy Ritch at cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com.

Flower Show Schools, Design Workshops and Symposiums

August 9 – Garden Club Federation of Maine Design Workshop 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish House, Falmouth, ME. For more information contact Marilyn Traiser at mkt@maine.rr.com

September 8 – Beyond Beginning Design Workshop at CAES, for more information contact Cathy Ritch at cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com.

September 13 – Garden Club Federation of Maine Design Workshop 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish House, Falmouth, ME. For more information contact Marilyn Traiser at mkt@maine.rr.com

September 26-28 – Flower Show School Course II at Kellogg's Environmental Center, Derby, CT, for more information contact Pat Dray at pbdray@optonline.net.

October 6 – Beyond Beginning Design Workshop at CAES, for more information contact Cathy Ritch at cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com.

October 31, November 1 and 2 - 45th National Garden Club Symposium will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI. For information and registration form: www.ngcner.org or www.rigardenclubs.org

December 1 – Before Beyond Beginning Design Workshop at CAES for more information contact Cathy Ritch at cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com.

April 6, 2018 – Before Beyond Beginning Design Workshop at CAES, for more information contact Cathy Ritch at cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com.

May 4, 2018 – Before Beyond Beginning Design Workshop at CAES, for more information contact Cathy Ritch at cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com.

Garden Study Schools

September 26-28 – Gardening Study School Course IV at CAES, for more information contact Katherine Patrick at kmpatrick@snet.net.

Judges Council Meetings

September 13 – GCFM Judges Council meets at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish House after Design Group in the morning. For more information contact Marilyn Traiser at mkt@maine.rr.com

September 19 – Judges Council Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Trish Manfredi at ptmanfredi@cox.net.

November 13 – Judges Council Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Trish Manfredi at ptmanfredi@cox.net.

April 17, 2018 – Judges Council Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Trish Manfredi at ptmanfredi@cox.net.

May 15, 2018 – Judges Council Meeting at CAES, for more information contact Trish Manfredi at ptmanfredi@cox.net.

Landscape Design Schools

November 2-3 - Landscape Design School Course III in Falmouth, ME. For more information contact Harriet Robinson at harrietlewisrobinson@gmail.com.

March 20-22, 2018 – Landscape Design School Course IV at CAES, for more information contact Susan Laursen at sklaursen@aol.com.

Native Plant Symposium

August 29 – Garden Club Federation presents the Maine Native Plant Symposium at McLaughlin Gardens and Homestead, South Paris, ME. Lectures on native plant propagation, landscaping with natives, etc. from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information contact Nancy Atwell at atwelln@aol.com

Tours

December 6-8 – Bus Tour to Boston and Newport, Rhode Island, for more information contact Donna Desimone at d.desimone1@cox.net.

Please note: CAES stands for Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven.