



Northern Exposure

Newsletter of the New England Garden Clubs, Inc.



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is an honor and a privilege for me to assume the role of your new Director of New England Garden Clubs. I am really looking forward to visiting all six of our New England state garden club federations to witness and learn more about the wonderful work you all do within your communities and in your schools.

For those of you who don't know me, here is a little background. I was born in Buffalo, New York, and grew up in Lakewood, Ohio, which is near Cleveland. I attended Valparaiso University in Indiana earning a degree in Electrical Engineering and then later an MBA at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire. With my first job out of college, I lived in Weymouth, Massachusetts, for a year, moving to New Hampshire in 1978. I later met my late husband Fred in Maine through work, and we had 42 wonderful and exciting years together. I have three grown stepchildren, eight grandchildren and one great grandson and live in Salem, New Hampshire, with my black cat, Onyx, who just loves to photobomb my Zoom meetings!

I joined the Atkinson (NH) Garden Club in 1994 after attending a floral design demonstration focusing on table settings for the holidays, and since then I have served in



many positions including Club President from 2008-2010. I went on to become the President of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs in 2019, serving 2 consecutive terms. I spend some of my spare time playing flute in my local community band and the Kokopelli Flute Ensemble. I also enjoy researching my family history and have taken many genealogy-focused trips to do so. And during my various travels, I often visit local botanical gardens - my favorite being the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix.

My theme for the next two years is GROW GREEN...PLANT AMERICA. This ties into NGC President Brenda Moore's theme of GO GREEN...PLANT AMERICA. I chose this theme to encourage our clubs to take on specific horticulture activities that will help support the environment such as planting trees, making pollinator corridors and encouraging home-grown national parks. My Director's project is to increase donations to Penny Pines from our clubs and states within the New England Region. I have been in contact with the NGC Penny Pines Chairperson, and she is sending me a report of monthly donations to Penny Pines by state, and I have set up a spreadsheet to track the progress. I hope we can increase our participation in this important NGC program over the next 2 years. I would certainly appreciate your support in this endeavor.

Looking ahead, I hope you will join me and other members from throughout New England and attend our NEGC Annual Meeting that is being held at the 1620 Hotel in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on October 10 and 11, 2023. Our host is the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and GCFM members are working hard to put on a great event in "America's Hometown." All the information you will need to register and reserve a room is posted on our website under the **MEETINGS** tab.

Thank you for all you do for your state and for your Region. Working together I know we will accomplish great things! Please reach out to me if I can help in any way.

Susan Miner
NEGC Director 2023-2025

Questionnaire replies: Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts President

Name: Marjorie Dienhart
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Email: marjorie.dienhart@gmail.com
Personal history: Gardening is in my blood. I connect with nature, and I love digging in the dirt. It gives me immeasurable pleasure and I only wish I could do it year-round. After having lived in Germany for 9 years working in Frankfurt, and in Boston another 20, with 14 years in the school



system in between, I finally found the time to make it to a local evening garden club meeting of interest to me. After 2 visits, I was a member of the Evening Garden Club of Plymouth. That autumn, I was voted in as President of the club and held that position for 3 years.

The following 2 years I was invited to be Assistant Director of the SE District (2014-2016). Such a pleasurable experience. At that time, I became a member of the Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne. In 2021, I moved to Yarmouth Port on Cape Cod and am currently a member of the Village Garden Club of Dennis, the closest one to my home.

I served as District Director of the Southeastern District 2019-2021. What an interesting term due to COVID.

In the winter of 2022, I attended classes to become a Master Gardener. I received my certification as a Master Gardener of Cape Cod.

I have contracted poison ivy more times than I want to share, and I have chronic Lyme Disease after 3 bouts in 2 years. It doesn't keep me out of the garden, but I am more cautious. I am retired now, and it is a joy to be able to putz a bit each day. The only interesting situation I have now is a lot of creative ideas come into my head while watering and that just leads to more digging. I do landscaping and landscape design upon request and thoroughly enjoy the smiles it brings to the owners.

I look forward to an exciting term as President of the GCFM and the opportunity to meet other Presidents across New England and the country.

Born: Boston, MA

Education: Regis College, AS Computer Technology from Fisher College, Master Gardener Certification

Work history: Merrill Lynch - Frankfurt, Germany, Fidelity Investments- Boston

Hobbies: Gardening, (I am a digger), Book Clubs (2), Philosophy Club, card making, watching documentaries, visiting historic places

Partner: Tom Keeney

Children: 2 daughters

Pets: rabbits galore on Cape Cod

Favorite plant, shrub, or tree: White fringe tree, sun king plant/shrub, blue star plant

Favorite Season: spring when the gardens come alive with a strong second being autumn as being New England's farewell.

Garden Hero: Baptisia

Favorite garden you have visited: Brookgreen Botanical Gardens, Murrells Inlet, SC

When did you join a garden club? 10 years ago

Garden club positions held: President 3 years of local garden club, Assistant District Director of Southeastern MA, District Director of Southeastern MA, 1st VP GCFM and now President GCFM

Current garden club? Village Garden Club of Dennis, MA

Current garden club positions held in your state: GCFM President, Program Chair

Areas of Interest: landscape design, propagating plants and shrubs

Theme: Nurture Nature

Questionnaire replies: Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont President

Name: Doris Van Mullen – President (FGCV)

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Personal history

Born (where): Virginia

Education: Virginia, New Hampshire RN BSN FCN MED

Work history: Nurse Educator – Cardiac – Manchester, NH; Nursing Director – St. Thomas West Medical Center, Nashville, TN; Nursing Clinical Instructor, Vermont State University

Hobbies: gardening, sewing, knitting, spending time with grandchildren

Husband/partner: William

Children: Two children – Billy and David

Pets: none

Favorite plant, shrub, or tree: Orchid – its beauty, diversity, and wide distribution – the second largest flowering plant.

Favorite Season: Summer

Garden Hero:

Favorite garden you have visited: Sissinghurst Castle Garden, England, Longwood Gardens, Philadelphia, PA,

Good movie – “Green Fingers”

Gardening book you’re glad you read: “Native Plants” author – Mark Richardson and Dan Jaffe

When did you join a garden club? 2016

Garden club positions held, schools attended, etc.: President, Burlington VT Garden Club – chair yearbook, program, publicity, summer garden tour

Current garden club? Burlington Garden Club

Current garden club positions held in your state: President FGCV

Areas of Interest: leadership

Theme and/or project as state garden club president: “Cultivate and Inspire Yourself in nature.... Play Outside.” Vermont living – it is full of natural beauty that is out of this world.

Anything else you’d like to add: I embrace the opportunities ahead as President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont and the life I have been granted. Doris encourages local club members and the FGCV Board to be willing to share and help sustain nature’s abundance in our gardens, environment and landscape in our beautiful Vermont towns and cities.





Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont L to R: Martha Dale, Vice President; Doris Van Mullen, President; Cheryl Pierce, Secretary; Judy Reed, 2nd Vice President; Therese Burton, Treasurer; Barbara Ricotte, Assistant Treasurer; Jo Fretz, outgoing President.

Questionnaire replies: Garden Club Federation of Maine President

Name: Karen Rea

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Personal history

Born (where): Eliot, ME (although technically in the hospital in Portsmouth!)

Education: BS in Nursing from Skidmore College, MSN in Nursing Education from The Catholic University of America

Work history: Worked in the Northern VA and DC area in several jobs – staff nurse, nursing professor, staff development manager, senior clinical nurse. Volunteer work once I retired included camp nursing director, substitute school nurse, and Disaster Health Services Manager for the ARC plus being on their National Nurse team.

Hobbies: gardening of course! Also reading and knitting

Husband/partner: Ed Rea – 53 years this year! He worked as a budget analyst for the Office of Management and Budget – now spends all his time doing budget spreadsheets for 4 different organizations (all volunteer, of course)

Children:

Son – Christopher, a computer program/systems manager in Northern VA where he lives with his wife Ilana (also an avid gardener and certified in Permaculture) and 11-year-old daughter Emily.

Daughter – Melissa, DVM, working in Blue Hill and living in Bar Harbor with her husband Matt (former wildland fire smokejumper, now working for the US Forest



Service) and 2 sons – Owen, age 13 and an avid outdoorsman, and Ethan, age 10, avid basketball player.

Pets: none now, but had multiple cats for years until our last one died about 5 years ago

Favorite plant, shrub, or tree: Not sure I have one.

Favorite Season: Fall – crisp air after the heat/humidity of the summer, beautiful colors, season of “restarting” everything,

Garden Hero: not sure I have one!

Favorite garden you have visited:

Gardening book you’re glad you read: mostly have reference books, not reading. books. But if I picked a fiction one it would be *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver

When did you join a garden club? Moved to Portland 2006, joined Longfellow Garden Club in 2007

Garden club positions held, schools attended, etc. President, District Director, Landscape Design Consultant, currently in Environmental School – completed year 1, hope to do year 2 this fall.

Current garden club? Longfellow Garden Club

Current garden club positions held in your state: President 2023-2025

Areas of Interest: pollinators, trees, lawn alternatives

Theme and/or project as state garden club president: “Rethinking the Lawn,” moving from an environmental disaster to a pollinator heaven.

Questionnaire replies: Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs President

Name: Judy Gray

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Personal history

Born (where): NH

Education: Culinary Arts associate degree at NHVTC

Work history: 26 years in the restaurant business. Starting at the age of 14 as a bus girl and worked every job a restaurant has except being an owner. Later worked in the winters as a Ski Shop Technician and summertime owned my own landscape business with emphasis on estate gardening. I moved to RI 10 years ago working side by side with my boyfriend in his building contracting business.

Hobbies: Floral Design and Gardening

Husband/partner: Paul is my partner of 12 years. On our first date he took me to a Neil Young concert, need I say more.

Children: I have one son who just graduated high school.

Pets: 2 German Shepards named Fritz 5 yr. old and Stout 2 ½ yr.

Favorite plant, shrub, or tree: Fothergilla 3 season shrub



Favorite Season: Summertime

Garden Hero: Chris Michaels was a local gardener in NH, friend, mentor and employee of mine. I credit her for making me the gardener that I am.

Favorite garden you have visited: Chanticleer, Wayne PA

Gardening book you're glad you read: "The Well-Tended Perennial Garden" by Tracy DiSabato-Aust,

When did you join a garden club? 1992

Garden club positions held, schools attended, etc.: Vice President and President of Ashland Garden Club of NH

Current garden club? Bayberry G.C. of Bristol, RI & Edgewood G.C. of Cranston RI.

Current garden club positions held in your state: RIFFC President

Areas of Interest: Floral Design

Theme and/or project as state garden club president: Theme: "Growing Together for a Sustainable Future."

Anything else you'd like to add: The biggest bonus of being in a garden club is the lifelong friendships I have made along the way.



RIFGC Executive Board 2023-2025 L.-R.: Paul Nunes, Treasurer; Kathleen Damiani, Vice President; Judy Gray, President; Pat Yearwood, Recording Secretary; Kathy Bessette, Corresponding Secretary.

Questionnaire replies: Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut President

Name: Karin Pyskaty

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Personal history

Born (where): New Haven, Connecticut, grew up in
Wallingford, CT

Education: BS (University of CT), MS (University of RI),
MS (Southern CT State University), 7th Year Certificate
(Southern CT State University)

Work history: 40 years as an educator at the high school
and university levels.

Hobbies: propagation, gardening, cooking, sewing and
enjoying my 5 grandchildren (3 in Wallingford and 2 in
Chelmsford, MA)

Husband/partner: Jim Pyskaty (48 years)

Children: Anna (43) and KC (45)

Pets: 2 English Springer Spaniels Beau and Junior

Favorite plant, shrub, or tree: River Birch and Native Dogwood

Favorite Season: Fall

Garden Hero: Doug Tallamy

Favorite garden you have visited: Sleepy Cat most recently, but every garden has
its own special spark! I've never visited a garden without bringing home a new
idea.

Gardening book you're glad you read: "Bringing Nature Home." Any of Neal
Sanders mysteries!!

When did you join a garden club? 2012

Garden club positions held, schools attended, etc. Wallingford GC Vice President,
President, Plant Sale Chairperson and Yearbook Chairperson. Flower Show
School...accredited judge. Landscape Design School. Environmental
School.

Current garden club? Wallingford GC

Current garden club positions held in your state: President of FGCT and
Yearbook chairperson of the Wallingford GC

Theme and/or project as state garden club president: "Care for Our
Air"



Questionnaire replies: New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs President

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Personal history

Born (where): Western New York

Education: SUNY Geneseo BS, University of
Southern Maine, MS

Work history: Retired teacher after 40
years of adventures with children of
many ages! Taught grades K-12 and
adjunct at University of Maine at Presque
Isle



Hobbies: Garden Club! reading, traveling, family fun

Husband/partner: Widowed

Children: Adam Schmidt, Catherine Schmidt

Pets: Looking forward to getting a puppy/dog

Favorite plant, shrub, or tree: love blue hydrangeas and hostas of all colors and
sizes

Favorite Season: I like all four or I wouldn't live in New England!

Garden Hero: All of the wonderful people in my community who work so hard to make
Manchester such a beautiful city.

Favorite garden you have visited: Butchart Gardens, Victoria, BC and Bedrock
Garden, NH

Gardening book you're glad you read: "Cultivated: The Elements of Floral Style."
by Christin Geall. '...celebrating garden-grown, imperfect, shapely flowers'

When did you join a garden club? When I moved to NH thirteen years ago.

Garden club positions held, schools attended, etc. Manchester Garden Club
President, NHFGC President

Current garden club? Manchester Garden Club

Current garden club positions held in your state: NHFGC President

Areas of Interest: At this time, it is planning and decorating my new home being built
as an addition to my son's home. We call it a "Granny Pod," it is under
construction! When not busy with this project, I enjoy learning more about history,
politics and current events. Traveling to explore places I have taught about is also
high on my list of interests. Visiting art galleries, museums and historic sites and
enjoying an eclectic selection of music from BSO concerts to the Motown sound.

Theme and/or project as state garden club president: My theme is 'Plant seeds
of friendship.' Gardening can be an individual activity but when you join a garden

club also becomes a social activity. When we work together, seeds of friendship are sown between members as well as clubs.

Anything else you'd like to add: I am delighted to serve my State Federation as President and look forward to working with the other New England Presidents in the future years!

New England Garden Clubs Annual Meeting October 10-11 in Plymouth, Massachusetts

by Marjorie Dienhart, GCF Massachusetts President

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts hosts the Annual Meeting of the New England Garden Clubs October 10-11 at The 1620 Hotel in Plymouth. All garden club members are welcome to attend. Our speaker on Tuesday evening is **Carol Alper**, a Master Gardener and the founder of **Pollinator Pathways of Cape Cod**, a regional initiative to increase pollinator friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife across Cape Cod.



Our program for Wednesday is **Mosses, Sticks, Twigs and Stones. Bob Whitney**, AIFD, a 40-year veteran of the floral design industry, will share his unique, and, sometimes hysterical, perspective on design and creativity. He will demonstrate a variety of styles and techniques, focusing on ways to use nature to bring interest to your own floral designs.

GCFM is delighted to host the conference this year and we have selected Plymouth as a destination to welcome the National Garden Club President Brenda Moore, who will attend along with our New England Regional Director, Susan Miner, and the presidents from the 6 New England states.

Most Americans are familiar with the story of the Pilgrims' voyage across the Atlantic aboard the



Mayflower and their landing at Plymouth Rock. Today, Plymouth Rock is just one of the sites telling the story of Plymouth. Consider taking a one-mile walking tour to experience the history of Plymouth in 1620 when you stop at all of the sites along the

tour. You will learn about the voyage but also the people who endured that first winter and about those who did not. Names like Governor John Alden, Governor William Bradford, William Brewster, Miles Standish and Massasoit come to life in the downtown streets.

Take time to visit the Forefathers Monument, the Pilgrim Maiden, Brewster Gardens, the Mayflower Society House, the Richard Sparrow House, Jabez Howland House, Harlow Old Fort House, the 1749 Court House Museum, Spooner House, the Sarcophagus, Pilgrim Hall Museum, Leyden Street Church, Burial Hill, The Hedge House and Plimoth Patuxet Plantation where the original Pilgrims come to life in the re-enacted village. Despite the geographical enormity of the town, Plymouth still manages to maintain its small-town charm along Main, Leyden and Water Streets.



Please use the link below to go the registration form and all the details pertaining to the conference. We have secured a favorable rate of \$179 per night including tourist destination fee.

Online reservations: use code: Garden 2023

Phone (Hotel # 508-747-4900) reservations: use code: Garden Club of MA

Link: [cbe110_ed17aaac83f047fcb84109ed55a44b74.pdf \(gcfm.org\)](https://www.gcfm.org/cbe110_ed17aaac83f047fcb84109ed55a44b74.pdf)

Come visit America's Hometown and your visit will be memorable.

Help Wanted!!

Just as your own State Federation needs willing volunteers for jobs, so does your Region. While the number of committees chairmen positions on the Region's Board of Directors is smaller, there are a few key positions that must be filled for things to "trickle down" from the NGC, or to be advanced to the NGC through the Region. Here are a few key positions we're trying to fill!



REGION WEBMASTER – NEGC uses WordPress for our website. Webmaster would update information on the website as needed.

REGION YOUTH CHAIRMAN – The youth chairman collects the winning youth contest entries in each grade level category from each state, arranges regional judging in February and sends the region winners to NGC by March deadline. Certificates are made for all regional winners. The youth contests include the poster contest (Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl), sculpture contest and poetry contest.

REGION CHAIRMAN FOR PROMOTION OF SCHOOLS – Each state that holds schools has their own schools chair. The region chairman would help promote the scheduled schools to all states encouraging members to attend schools within our region. Schools include Environment School, Flower Show School, Gardening School and Landscape Design School.

REGION 4 – 5 STAR CHAIRMAN – This position should be held by someone who is already a 4-star or 5-star member and has completed all the schools! Because a few of the New England state federations have their own schools, they keep their own records. The Region's Chairman would keep a region list of 4- and 5-Star Members.

SYMPOSIUM CHAIRMAN – Chairs the committee to put on the NEGC Flower Show Symposium every 3 years.

If you have a question about any of the above positions or might be interested in learning more, don't hesitate to contact Region Director Sue Miner at fmotion@aol.com.

Susan Miner
Director, New England Garden Clubs

Garden in the Woods

Article and photos by Sandi Tinyk, NEGC Historic & Public Gardens Chairman

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Hours: Daily 10a.m.-5 pm through October 15.
Admission: \$16 adults, \$12 seniors and students with ID, \$6 youth (5-17)**



As a service to the community, Garden in the Woods rents indoor meeting space in the Education Center to nonprofit organizations and businesses for a modest fee. Boxed lunches are available but must be pre-ordered.



Recent interest in native plants has justifiably grown in our ongoing dedication to sustainability and protecting biodiversity. In addition to their important role in botanical interest, they are, quite simply, just beautiful. To discover the beauty of native plants in a naturally dramatic landscape, one needs to visit the incredible, 45-acre Garden in the Woods, the largest landscaped collection of native plants in the northeastern United States.

In 1931, when landscape architect Will Curtis was taking a walk along a brook from Framingham to Sudbury, he stumbled across a wet valley of hemlocks and decided to plant a wildflower garden with his friend, Dick Stiles. Almost 100 years later, that modest beginning is Garden in the Woods, now containing some 1,600 varieties of flowers and shrubs. A mile-long trail snakes through the property, where a woodland grove features a collection of wildflowers including one of the largest collections of trilliums anywhere, as well as ferns, phlox and other wildflowers such as aquilegia.

Several display gardens contain plants such as pitcher plants, meadow flowers, alpiners and rare and endangered plants native to the area. All plants are labeled to identify the specimen and provide information on their native habitat.

The Garden is operated by the Native Plant Trust which states: "We've lost more than half of our grasslands and coastal marshes, 10,000 dams on our rivers negatively affect plant health and for the first time in two centuries, New England is losing forest. Because native plants compose the **habitat** for all animals, from black bears to black swallowtails, these losses ripple outward. Eventually, the impacts will shrink our food supply, sap our economy, and dim the beauty of our region."

Native Plant Trust is the only organization in New England dedicated solely to protecting and restoring rare plant species. To prevent extinction, the Trust maintains a seed bank for preservation and restoration of at-risk species, and monitors populations of rare plants throughout New England.





Barrington Garden Club, which is the largest club in the RI Federation, made a trip to The Garden in the Woods May 2023. L. to R. Jane Donnelly, Sally Troup, Maria Kallis (VP of club), Lynne Seacord and Martha Johnston partially hidden, Sandi is in front, with red scarf. There were more GC members on the tour aside from those shown in the photo.

New England Garden Clubs Photography Show

At the NEGC Annual Meeting, the NEGC Photography Group will display the winning photo entries from "Rejoice in the Sun," a contest open to NEGC members. Finalists' images will be displayed at the Regional meeting October at 10 and 11 at the 1620 Hotel, 180 Water St. in Plymouth, MA.

"Rejoice in the Sun" NEGC Photography Show Celebrating New England's Ecosystems



Class 1 "From Sea to Shining Sea"

A photo of an ecosystem - a New England landscape, seascape, vista or scene including any geological features or other natural phenomena.

Section A – Nature

Section B -Pictorial

Class 2 ["It's a Small World"](#)

A macro or close-up image of a New England native plant, pollinator, predator, resident or visitor to a New England ecosystem

Section A -Nature

Section B- Pictorial

Class 3 ["If I had a hammer"](#)

New England Structures– Natural, Man-made or animal made

Section A -Nature

Section B- Pictorial

Class 4 "Me and My Shadow"

A monochromatic, black & white, or sepia image that features contrast in the natural or built environment.

Section A -Nature

Section B- Pictorial

Each class will be subdivided into 2 sections –

Nature (no hand of man – a camera club rule)

Pictorial (emphasizes beauty of subject matter, tonality, and composition rather than the documentation of reality. <https://www.britannica.com/technology/Pictorialism>

Rules and Regulations

Open to members of New England Garden Clubs – i.e. members of Federated Garden Clubs in CT, RI, MA, NH, ME, VT and life and honorary members of these states.

Each member may enter no more than 2 classes and must identify each entry as N- for nature or P-for pictorial

All Entries will be accepted as digital files, no larger than 2 MB

By clicking on this link: [jot form link](#)

or you can also paste this link into your browser

<https://form.jotform.com/231665348220049>

The jot form will take your personal information (including your garden club) as well as permitting you to upload your digital images.

Entries open July 1, 2023 - Entries close September 1, 2023

The jury judges will be Photography Judges from Camera Clubs, Art Associations, Garden Clubs, photography instructors and other qualified groups and individuals.

The Finalist's images in each class will be printed and displayed at the NEGC Meeting October 10-11, 2023, in Plymouth MA. The prints will be sold at the meeting to defray costs.

Prizes will be given at the discretion of the judges to the exhibits of exceptional quality.

All Finalist's images will be eligible for the New England Camera Clubs Council inter-club competitions during the 2023-2024 year.

Changes In New England Garden Clubs Awards

Recently, NEGC Director Susan Miner set up a Zoom meeting with New England State Presidents, Awards Chairpersons and several committee members who specifically deal with awards. The meeting was held to update the NEGC Awards. A revised list was approved and ratified.

Here are some of the most important changes:

- All of the NEGC Awards applications are to be sent electronically, in keeping with NGC's Awards which will also only be sent electronically. A Dropbox Account is being set up. I will apprise you of that information once it is all set.
- We have included Design Specialty Awards and Horticulture Specialty Awards where needed.
- We removed the NGC Award for subscription to *The National Gardener* since the newsletter is now only electronic.
- We have reintroduced the Yearbook Awards. The Yearbooks will cover a completed year. Hence the awards for this year will be for your 2022 to 2023 year (June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023). The yearbooks will be judged according to club size. The 6 sizes are as follows:
 1. Club Under 20 members
 2. Club 20-29 members
 3. Club 30-44 members
 4. Club 45-69 members
 5. Club 70-99 members
 6. Club 100-299 members



If you have any questions, please contact me. Each NEGC State President should send me a confirmation email, with the email address and telephone number of their state's Awards Chairperson.

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PLANT AMERICA, FEED AMERICA



Are you participating in the NGC President's Project helping to feed the less fortunate in America? Get involved TODAY in the Plant America, Feed America Project by donating any extra produce you're growing in your own garden or in a community garden to a local organization that helps to feed the hungry in your community.

If you participate, **fill out this short donation form** found on the NGC's website. You'll find more information about this project and a link to the donation form in a story about the Plant America, Feed America project on the NGC's HOME page.

Get involved today to Feed America!!

www.gardenclub.org



To report a donation to the NGC President's Project, please complete the donation form at: gardenclubwebsite.wufoo.com/forms/zsknpl11e4aocl/ (Please copy the address into your browser). Donations may be made by individuals, garden clubs, etc. to local food banks, soup kitchens, etc.

NEGC Calendar

Deadline for the November 2023 issue of Northern Exposure is October 25 – please e-mail articles or questions to editor Nancy Atwell at atwelln@aol.com
The November issue will cover the months of November and December 2023 and January 2024.

National Garden Club Meetings

September 21 - NGC Fall Board Meeting via Zoom

Regional Meetings

October 10-11 - NEGC Annual Meeting in Plymouth, MA. See article beginning on page 10.

Environmental Schools

September 21-22 – Environmental School Course 2, Derby CT (virtual)

Flower Show Schools

September 28 and October 4-6 Flower Show School Course 4 - 9/28 (Zoom) and 10/4-6 in person

Landscape Design Schools

September 13-15 - Landscape Design School Course 1 in Falmouth, ME (hybrid).

October 25-27 - Landscape Design School Course 1 in Waltham, MA via Zoom

Symposiums

November 1-2 - Symposium in Milford, MA

State Garden Club meetings

September 12 - NHFGC Fall Event at The John Hay Estate at the Fells in Newbury, NH.

October 3 - FGCVT Fall Meeting in Rutland, VT.

October 24 - GCFME Fall Conference, Augusta, ME

October 25 - FGCCT Annual Awards Meeting and Luncheon

Other events:

August 21-29 - FGCCT Tour - Nova Scotia and PEI

September 1 - NEGC Photography Show "Rejoice in the Sun" Entry Deadline

October 27 – November 18 - FGCCT Tour - South Africa w/Safari & Victoria Falls Extension

May 15-23, 2024 - RIFGC Tour - Great Gardens of Southern England including, Chelsea Flower Show

What to visit in Plymouth

Plimoth Patuxet Museums



Mayflower II