

LEXINGTON FIELD & GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members:

What an unusual summer this has been. My green tomatoes have just started to turn red, the Dahlias have buds that may open before a killing frost, and some of the weeds are so tall I can pull them out without bending over. We all have our stories and suggestions to solve gardening challenges and we sometimes come across horticulture information that we would like to share. Now, we have that opportunity. Starting this month there will be a new column in the newsletter, "Horticulture Notes." Contact the newsletter Editor, Nancy Hubert, if you would like to write a short note.

The Holiday Greens Party is set for December 11. If you can, hold off pruning some of your evergreens till then and bring the branches to this fun event.

Our October evening meeting will be held at a different location. We will be using Keilty Hall at St. Briigid's Church, on the lower level. There is plenty of parking and there is an elevator for those who choose not to go down the short flights of stairs. Sue

October Meeting - Note: This is our annual evening meeting.

October 9 - Keilty Hall, St. Brigid's Church, Lower Level

6:30 p.m. refreshments—7:00 p.m. meeting

Traditions and Techniques of Building New England Stone Walls

In the fields and on the farm, along country roads, in abandoned woodlands, even in our home gardens, stone walls are everywhere in our New England landscape. Join Kevin Gardner, author of *The Granite-Kiss* and a stone wall builder for nearly 40 years., to learn how and why New England came to acquire such walls, the ways dry stone structures were built and their changing styles. During the talk Kevin will build a miniature wall on a tabletop, using tiny stones.

Horticulture Note

NOT Just a Pretty Plant

Besides being beautiful, several houseplants have been shown to be good for our health. How? By helping to clean the indoor air and filtering out harmful chemicals such as benzene, formaldehyde, trichloroethylene, xylene and touene.

Some detoxifiers to choose from are: Boston fern, moth orchid, dendrobium orchid, ficus tree, heartleaf philodendron, peace lily, spider plant and dracaena.

Now you can have beau-



Gardening Project at Hastings Elementary School

LFGC member Miranda Clarke is starting a gardening project at Hastings Elementary school. She is looking for garden tools. If you have unused garden tools in your shed or garage, she could use them for her project. She needs:

Hard tools (shovels, forks, rakes, hoses) the children can use.

Long-handled tools, such as rakes and hoes.

Watering Can.

Wheelbarrow.

Plastic buckets or storage crates to collect weeds or trash.

Some materials to build or make a compost heap—could be a black plastic bin that you no longer need, or a length of wooden slat fence.

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A Whale of a Day in New Bedford

Thursday, October 17

Lexington Historical Society Day Trip

Experience New Bedford with the active waterfront, cobblestone streets and stately buildings, including: The New Bedford Whaling Museum that brings to life the rich history of the whaling industry and New Bedford as a premier port.

The Seaman's Bethel, or House of God, where sailors worshipped before heading out to sea and those lost at sea were remembered.

The historic 1824 Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, the home of three families who had a profound influence on New Bedford's history.

Luncheon at the lovely Waterfront Grille, directly on New Bedford's busy harbor.

The motor coach will leave at 8:00 a.m. from the St. Brigid's parking lot (Worthen Road end) and return by 5:00 p.m..

The cost: \$75 for Historical Society members, \$80 for non-members. Register by calling the Society office at 781-862-1703.

GOD'S GARDEN

Dorothy Frances Gurney

The Lord God planted a garden

In the first white days of the world

And He set there an angel warden

In a garment of light unfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven

The hawk might nest with the wren,

For there in the cool of the even

God walked with the first of the men.

And I dream that these garden closes

With their glades and sun-flecked sod

And their lilies and bowers of roses

Were laid by the hand of God.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,

The song of the birds for mirth,

One is nearer God Heart in a garden

Than anywhere else on earth.

Remembrance

Member Ruth Doran, a life-long resident of Lexington died peacefully at home a week after celebrating her 100th birthday.

She was the mother of Guy Doran and the mother-in-law of Elaine Doran. With her husband she owned Doran's Greenhouses of East Street.

This poem was printed for her service with a sprig of rosemary (for remembrance) attached. This poem was published the year she was born.

Notes Fall is here and its time to put your gardens to bed. Take time to mark or separate plants in your gardens to give to next year's plant sale.

A correction for the Yearbook. The Middlesex Director's theme is "'Greener Gardens for a Greener World", page 2.

The club is looking forward to the 2015 garden tour. Please send suggestions to Sue Spicer. It's not too early to begin to begin listing gardens.

What do you think of the Yearbook? Changes, compliments, critiques. Please share your thoughts with us so next year's book can be even better.

It's not too early to plan for the spring flower show. Do you have a plant for the amateur horticulture class? Begin preparing now. Call Sue Spicer if you will need transport for your plant. We are looking for volunteer drivers.

What's Going On?

Next LFGC Meeting—Nov. 11—Williamsburg Holiday Decorations

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Events

October 7—Horticultural Morning, 10:00 a.m. South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacob Lane, Norwell, MA. “America’s Romance with the English Garden,” Tom Mickey

October 21, 2013, Monday - Back to Basics 1: Principles in Floral Design - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
–The Espousal Center, Waltham, Ma.

October 23, 2013 - GCFM Fall Conference. Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center

October 30, 2013 - Design Workshop 1, Elm Bank, Wellesley, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon

October 31, November 1,2 - Landscape Design School, Course IV, Elm Bank

November 9-10- Environmental Study School, Course II, Elm Bank



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