



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

April 29, 2024

Hello Everyone,

This is a memo of dates and deadlines and other good information. So much going on from week to week.

Tonight! April 29th @ 6:30 PM GCFM Treasurer Information Webinar on accepting Credit Cards. The Ins and Outs of Credit Card and other Electronic Payment Processing- things for Clubs to consider. This webinar will be conducted by our own GCFM Treasurer, Beate Bolen..

[Register here](#)

Tomorrow Night! April 30th @ 6:30 PM GCFM will present a webinar on “**Garden Therapy Webinar hosted by GCFM**”

The Framingham Garden Club will give a presentation on what garden therapy is and how a club can begin their own program or enhance a current offering. [Register here.](#)

May 1st - Due date for GCFM Dues! We have had a fairly good response from clubs sending in their dues to the Federation. Thank you for being early birds on this matter. For the clubs that have not done so, please mail your dues into Susie MacPherson to meet the deadline. The form is [here.](#)

Next webinar: May 9th @ 7 PM Junior Gardening, Part 2 with Diana Brandi and Kevin Andrews. [Register here.](#)

Meeting will explore establishing veggie gardens in the school curriculum with an ecological focus of bringing a prominence of pollinators.

Deadline: May 10th for the Cindora Goldberg Award Did you apply for the Cindora Goldberg Award? If not, there's still time.

[Click here](#) for application.

You can still send your creative work from 1,5,10,15 years ago . Not just flower shows but the work from museums - illustrating your most creative and innovative manner of interpretation.

This award is given in tribute to Cindora Goldberg which honors the ability she had to create in an innovative manner. It is in the form of a framed certificate and given to the most outstanding floral design submitted by a member of The Garden Club Federation of MA. It will be presented at the Annual meeting of the GCFM in June 2024. A full color photo of the winning design will appear in the Fall issue of Mayflower.

Send the application form and design image 5x7 in size to the information listed on the form. Any questions email [Minal Akkad](mailto:Minal.Akkad).

June 1st Deadline for Insurance: The insurance notice has been posted with the most recent information for clubs on the website. [Click here for the application form](#) for submission. Please note the due date of 6/1.

A Giving Opportunity! Our 97th Annual Meeting is approaching and we were wondering if any person or garden club out there has a talent who would like to create a gift to donate for our raffle table. We would certainly acknowledge your contribution with a tent card with your name and garden club on it. It is strictly voluntary, but oftentimes, there are some very talented members who would welcome the opportunity to help out the Federation by creating something of beauty and interest that could be raffled off at the meeting. Please [email me](#) if you are one of those giving people or clubs so I can know what to expect. Thank you so very much in advance.

If you have not registered for the **97th GCFM Annual Meeting**, please consider doing it as soon as possible. We are looking for a solid headcount for planning purposes. Thank you. [Click here](#).

At the Annual Meeting we will have an interesting vendor back by popular request, The Spear Head Spade "Shovel Guy". Hugh offers presales which gives you a \$4 discount and you save an additional \$15 on shipping costs if you pick it up at the Annual Meeting. No order form is necessary. Simply go to our website, www.spearheadspade.com, order whatever shovel(s) you'd like, enter coupon code "GCFM" for a \$4 discount, and mark "Pick Up" to save the \$15 shipping charge. These shovels are a big hit at the meetings.

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President

It may seem like we are nurturing our garden, but it is actually our garden nurturing us. GypsyFarmGirl