



Monday Memo

June 17, 2024

Hello Everyone,

Well! What a turnout and what a fun day we had at the 97th GCFM Annual Meeting! My goodness, it was such a treat to see so many attendees smiling, laughing and enjoying the program. I hope you all learned something from the meeting. The awards Oscar rendition went well and I hope that many clubs are now inspired to make sure you have an Awards Chair in your club and a few members on the committee. I read your newsletters and there is a lot of impressive work going on in your towns because of you! Make sure you take the time to read over the numerous opportunities you have to apply for an award. You could be next year's winner!

Another big thank you goes out to the outstanding floral arrangers who presented at our morning program. Your talent is extraordinary. And again, I think the audience did learn quite a bit from the explanation of the point system used at a flower show. I do hope it inspired many to want to attend **Flower Show School** which is coming up this fall, October 16 - 18 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Milford. [Click here](#) to apply.

There are so many people to thank because it took a lot of volunteers in every capacity to make it happen. The garden clubs who volunteered to bring floral centerpieces outdid themselves. They were absolutely stunning and such a lovely addition to the large room. We have so many talented and generous members out there. Thank you! Also, thank you to those garden clubs and individuals who donated to the raffle table. It was an interesting array of nice gifts.

Impressive work from everyone involved. I am so proud of you. I appreciate the giving and the spirit in support of GCFM.

And now on to the planning of the 98th Annual Meeting. We do not have a date yet because we are waiting for National Garden Club, Inc. to announce their date. We always follow them a week later. We are hoping to host our meeting the 1st Thursday in June as is our tradition.

July 1st is coming soon and that is the **deadline for Civic and Historic Grants**. Please make sure you take the time to look at the parameters of the application and get it done in time. [Click here](#) to apply. Please contact [Leslie Frost](#) if you have any questions.

I realize most clubs are winding down now and you probably won't be paying too much attention to emails, especially Monday Memos. I will try to refrain from sending many over the summer unless it is something you need to know. I do want to remind you that your updated information for the Federated yearbook is overdue. Please make sure you fill in the online form so that we have complete information from your club come this September. [Click here](#) to complete the form.

Here are the upcoming events over the summer and into the fall. Thought you might want to note them on your calendar now in case you don't visit the website during vacation.

June 26 Fundamentals of Floral design on June 26 in Plymouth, MA "Walk-ins are welcome"

July 17 - 19 Southeastern Standard Flower Show @ Heritage Plantation, Sandwich

August 16 -20 South Shore District Flower Show, Marshfield Fair

September 21 - 22 New England Fall Flower Show Heritage & Hope at Elm Bank - Mass Horticultural Society

October 4 - 8 Topsfield Fair

October 16 - 18 Flower Show School Course 1 **"Register Soon"**

October 31- November 3 Tower Hill Standard Flower Show -Boylston, MA

On another note: Many of you may have known Suzanne Mahler through the GCFM, and sat in on one of her wonderful animated lectures, or toured her beautiful gardens.

For anyone interested, there will be a celebration of her life in her yard on Thursday, June 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Per Suzanne's son Brian, guests may come and go as they please, share stories, and view the gardens. Casual dress is encouraged.

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Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart
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Once you realize that Earth and Heart have the same letters it all starts to make sense.