

## **Monday Memo**

May 6, 2024

Hello Everyone,

**Presidents Pins** - It's that time of year when some clubs may be hosting an installation of new officers to their club. Traditionally, it is often customary to purchase a President Pin for the incoming president or President's Bar saying Past President for the outgoing one. Kate Angley manages that for us and you can order these online by clicking **here**.

**Credential forms** will be emailed out to the BOD, past presidents and club presidents from the GCFM Office at the end of this week. Please take the time to complete the form and submit it as soon as possible. Please be aware of how many delegate votes you are entitled to based on your club size. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, you are allowed to give your vote to another member in your club to represent your garden club.

**Yearbook form** was sent out by the GCFM Office last week in a .pdf format. This is the required information for your yearbook to be eligible for the yearbook award. If you did not receive it, please contact <a href="mailto:gardenclubfedma@gmail.com">gardenclubfedma@gmail.com</a> and ask Kate to resend it to you.

**Plant Sales & Garden Tours:** It is nice to see many clubs taking advantage of the free posting of the Plant Sale fliers all over the state. To date: there are 67 Plant Sale listings. Lots of places to shop on the upcoming weekends!! There are also 9 upcoming Garden Tours listed as well.

You can find each calendar under the **Event Tab** on the GCFM website.

**Memoriam:** If your club has lost a member this year and you would like her to be remembered at the Annual Meeting on 6/13, please send a photo (if you have one) and her name and the name of her garden club to **Linda Jean Smith.** We have only heard from Hull Garden Club and Walnut Hill Garden Club. If you do not get this to Linda Jean by the end of next week, there is no guarantee she will be able to accommodate your request.

Sunday, May 10th 10 AM - 3 PM **Lilac Sunday** has been celebrated at the Arnold Arboretum since 1908. The primary lilac collection is located on the edge of Bussey Hill Road in the heart of the landscape. For more info **click here** and scroll down to the date.

**From National Garden Club:** It is with great sadness that we are sharing the news of the passing of BOD member Gerry St. Peter's husband and garden club member, Donald St. Peters.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Gerry St. Peters, 6329 E 55th Pl., Indianapolis, IN 46226-1647. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gerry and her family. **Obituary here**.

Enjoy each day.



Marjorie Dienhart GCFM President

The truest measure of a garden's worth is not in its appearance but in the biodiversity it supports. -Gardening Tips