



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

January 6, 2025

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year! I hope it is getting off to a good start for everyone. So much to share already in the first week of January!!

-VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY at GCFM: The Executive Team is looking to fill the position of Treasurer for the 2025-2027 Administrative term. If you are interested in this role, please contact Donna Garrabrant, the Nominating Chairperson at chrisanddonnacc@gmail.com or 860-916-5004.

-January 10 - Deadline for Youth Contests. [Click here](#). All Smokey the Bear posters and Poetry entries should be mailed to Mary Bandouvres, Chairperson. Her address is in the Federated yearbook. Please make sure that the posters are sponsored by a garden club. For detailed info, please email Mary. GCFMyouthcontests@gmail.com

-January 30 - Free Webinar on CANVA. The state president of the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Victoria Schmidt, will be doing a wonderful presentation with slides and good information. This webinar is helpful to all members, but in particular newsletter editors and your marketing team. You **must register** for this event. [Click here](#).

April 30 - GCFM 100th Anniversary Fundraiser! Michael Derouin, AAF, AIFD, PFCI, a second generation floral designer and floral educator. This event will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Milford, MA.

See flyer [here](#).

Centennial Fundraiser tickets can also be purchased online. [Register here](#).

WEBSITE UPDATES:

1. **A Guide for Club Presidents** handbook has been posted under **Resources** on our website. You can find it by [clicking here](#).
2. **Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance** webinar is posted on the website. [Click here](#).
3. **The Blue and Gold Star Memorial Markers** website page has been updated. The layout of the information captures the entire process. [Click here](#)

4. Announcing a new feature on the **DISTRICT PAGE** of the GCFM website. Now, when visitors search for a club on the FIND-A-CLUB table, they will be able to instantly visit a club's internet presence with the click of a button. A new field was inserted to contain a website or Facebook link for each of our garden clubs. While a good faith effort was made to find all your active links, **please make sure you go online and check these links yourselves** to make sure they are accurate. Please be sure to email GCFMwebmaster@gmail.com with any changes.

5. A new page has been created for the **Shriner's can pull tabs**. [Click here](#) for viewing and detailed information.

6. The **Cindora Goldberg Award** page has been updated showcasing all of the winners since its inception. [Click here](#).

7. The **GCFM History** page has been updated showcasing the state presidents from 1927 through 2001. We are still working on gathering information from 2002 to present time. For convenience in searching, it is broken down by the decades. [Click here](#).

Enjoy each day.
Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience. -Ralph Waldo Emerson