



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

March 10, 2025

Hello Everyone,

GCFM DUES AND UMBRELLA LIABILITY COVERAGE 2025-2026

As a reminder, the payment for both annual GCFM dues and enrollment in the GCFM umbrella liability policy coverage must be received by May 1, 2025.

Both forms for remittance are located on the GCFM website under Resources/Forms [Click here](#).

Please contact Susie MacPherson, GCFM 2 nd VP with any questions- Rmacpham@me.com

GCFM LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Course 3 for LDS will be held via zoom on March 25-27. We have a terrific group of instructors for this upcoming Course and encourage anyone wishing to broaden their exposure to aspects of landscape design to join us.

The registration form is available on the GCFM website and can be completed online. [Click here](#).

For a brochure with detailed information [click here](#).

Please contact Susie MacPherson for further assistance- Rmacpham@me.com

THINK SPRING

Does your club have a Civic or Historic project this year?

THE GCFM HAS \$4000 TO GIVE OUR CLUBS FOR THESE PROJECTS

1. Thanks to the generosity of the Landscape Design Council the GCFM Grants Committee has \$1000 to give to a single civic or historic project to encourage garden clubs to use sound landscape design principles in the year 2025-2026. The Landscape Design Plan submitted for the project is important.
2. Diane Bullock, GCFM former President, has again given \$1000 to fund the Sandra M. Joyce Grant for a single project with emphasis on Horticulture.
3. \$2000 is set aside each year by the GCFM to help clubs with their projects

DEADLINE JULY 1 FOR DETAILS

GO TO www.gcfm.org awards/grants for Questions/advice/help [Click here](#) for direct link

Contact: Leslie Frost Tel: 978 475 8400, email: frostandover@verizon.net
ALL CIVIC & HISTORIC PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE GRANTS APPLY EARLY!

GCFM SCHOLARSHIPS

The GCFM, Inc. is offering eleven \$1000 scholarships to undergraduates (including HS seniors who will be freshmen in the Fall) and graduate students who will be attending colleges and universities.

Please visit the GCFM website for details. Remember to tap on Awards and scroll down to scholarships. [Click here](#)

Three of the scholarship require the student attend the UMASS system

All applications are due April 1 st, 2025. Contact: [Joscelyn Varieur](#), Scholarship Chair

APRIL DESIGN WORKSHOP

**April 24 - GCFM and Designing Workshop Present National Garden Clubs Flower Show
Judge, Dolores Ahern**

Theme: All Foliage Floral Design

Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Saint Patrick's Church, 82 High Street, Wareham, MA

Learn how to create beautiful arrangements with JUST foliage, no flowers, no berries, nada!

All levels of experience in floral arranging are welcome

Bring a friend. You do not have to be a GCFM garden club member to attend this class.

[Click here](#) for detailed information on how to register.

FUNdamentals of Floral Design

Details:

WHAT: Fundamentals of Floral Design (a three part series)

WHERE: Charlton Library, Community Meeting Room (Basement floor), 40 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507

WHEN: Tuesday, May 27 2025 10 AM - 12 PM
 Tuesday, June 3, 2025 10 AM - 12 PM
 Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10 AM - 12 PM

COST: \$60 for the series or \$25 per single class

REGISTRATION: Mail in instructions [click here](#).

Register online at: [Click here](#)

(Note that online registration includes a \$1.50 processing fee)

WEBINAR ON ORGANIC LAWN CARE

The attendance was great at last week's Organic Lawn Care online webinar with Jim Agabedis from Minuteman Landscaping, Inc. For those of you who could not attend, you can catch this video by [clicking on this link](#). You must use the passcode list below.

Passcode: 8^zLm^Pa.

After the strong winds over the weekend, this quote from Charles Dickens came to mind. It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the winds blow cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade. Great Expectations, Charles Dickens

Enjoy each day.
Marjorie Dienhart
GCFM President