



Nurture Nature

Monday Memo

October 28, 2024

Hello Everyone,

We have completed the District Fall meetings. Congratulations and thank you to all of the District Directors for organizing such wonderful meetings. They were similar but also unique in their own way. Our intent was for club presidents and treasurers to learn about GCFM and also to learn from one another. Hopefully this was achieved and in the future you will connect with each other within your district by sharing ideas and concerns. As we also have said multiple times, please reach out to any of us with your questions. We are happy to help and listen.

-We have some AWARD WINNERS!

The New England Region Conference held in Warwick, RI this past week had Massachusetts coming home with the following awards. The awards received were:

1. **The Helen Hussey Champlin Award:** for the largest number of new members in a state garden club. **The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts** is the winner of this award with 460 new members.
2. **The Pamela C. Hebert Garden of Youth Award** was awarded to **The Groton Garden Club** for its excellent and innovative “Gardening at the Library” project for preschoolers.
3. **The Acton Garden Club** received an **Award of Recognition** for its revitalization of the Oval Garden in front of the Town Hall.
4. **The Garden Club of Norfolk** received the **Yearbook Award** for Class 3, 30 - 44 members from New England Garden Club.

Congratulations to the garden clubs of Groton, Acton, Norfolk and also to everyone in the Federation who had new members join their garden club. The Helen Hussey Champlin Award belongs to all of you!!! It was a collective effort and it was recognized. Thank you and we will keep the award at Headquarters for future viewing. This award received a big cheer applause, just so you know. Everyone was proud of us.

-October 29 - 31 Landscape Design School, Series 17, Course 2 begins tomorrow (mornings) via Zoom.

For Registration Availability, Please Contact Judy Karlin, Registrar Judykarlin@gmail.com

-November 1 - 3 “Moments of Joy” the Central North and Western & Central South Districts’ Standard Flower Show at The New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, 11 French Drive, Boylston. [Click here](#) for more detailed information.

Friday & Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday 10 Am - 4 PM

Horticulture entries will be welcomed from all October 30, 2-4 PM and October 31, 7:30-90 AM.

-November 22 - Designing Workshop Kaye Vosburgh will lead a workshop on creative design. Kaye combines her expertise and experience with both the Eastern and Western World floral arranging to form her creative designs.. All levels of experience in floral arranging are welcome. [Click here](#) for more information.

As Halloween approaches this week, here is a link to note for Towns that recycle pumpkins for compost. <https://blackearthcompost.com/pumpkinsmash/>

Enjoy each day. 🌻

Marjorie Dienhart

GCFM President

As we say goodbye to October," **my favorite color is October**" - unknown.

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers" - Anne of Green Gables