



EASTON GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2011

MEETINGS/EVENTS:

June Event:

June 8th - The Annual EGC Annual Meeting & Luncheon -1:30 AM at The Redding Country Club.

SAVE THE DATE:

June 27th- Board Meeting. Note this is a change from Tuesday to Monday. The time is 10:30 AM in the Library reference area. All outgoing committee chairs are encouraged to attend as well as all new chairs. This meeting is designed to facilitate a smooth transition for the coming year in the EGC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next meeting will be in the Library Reference Area at 10:30 AM on May 24th. Committee Chairs should let one of the new Co - Presidents, Edith Hersher or Terry D'Ausilio, know that you are attending and your agenda items. All members are welcome and required to attend at least one Board Meeting per year. If you have not been to one of the Board meetings since September of this year, this would be a good meeting to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Message from our President, Cynthia Carlson

The proposed slate of Officers is as follows. The slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 8th.

Co-Presidents:

Edith Hersher and Terry D'Ausilio

Co- 1st Vice Presidents: Lisa Colasante and Cecelia Campbell
Second Vice President; Janet Gordon
Co-Recording Secretaries: Shari Butler and Jill Young
Corresponding Sec'y: Alyssa Mocco
Treasurer: Sharyn Zembruski

At the end of this letter is a copy of the proposed budget that will also be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Please give this a good look so that you will be able to ask questions at the meeting prior to the vote. (see attachment)

The following is a list of Standing Committees for the EGC 2011-12 calendar year:

Awards & Scholarships	Margot Abrams
Barrels & Window Boxes	Lisa Colasante
Civic	Cheryl Frier & Alyssa Mocco
Green & Clean	Meredith Anand
Conservation	Jean Puchalski
Floral Design & Horticulture	Catherine French
Historian	Janet Klein
Hospitality	Virginia DiCesare
Membership	Abby LePage & Ruth Perles
Newsletter	TBD
Programs	Janet Gordon
Publicity	Cathy Meyer
Signage	Marilyn Savard
Sunshine	Lauren Ryng
Website	Terry D'Ausilio
Wreath Sale	Cynthia Carlson & Jane Butler
Yearbook	Jean Puchalski

Membership- Abby LePage

The dues forms for 2011/2012 have been mailed to all members. Would you please send your dues and the activity sheet she had enclosed with the dues notice to Abby LePage as instructed. Dues must have been received so that you can vote at the annual meeting.

We welcome 3 new members this month to the Club. Please introduce yourself to them at the Annual Luncheon and don't forget to add them your yearbook. They are as follows:

Alexa van Batenburg 30 Wintergreen Drive 203/870-8071
flexa13@aol.com

Ellie Susmeyer 45 Sunny Ridge Rd. 203/268-5353
esusmeyer@gmail.com

Barbara van Achterberg 359 Silver Hill Rd 203/261-2156
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Hubbell Garden – Abby LePage

Abby and Janet Hoyt will be working in the Hubbell Garden each Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Would you please consider joining them to help as often as you can during the summer. A great time is had by all and beginning 'weeder's' will learn a great deal about gardening from these pros.

Civic-Jean Puchalski

Conservation:

Toth Park Remediation Garden project is in full swing as of June 1st. Our club has been invited to join The Nature Conservancy and other partners in restoring multi-layered vegetation to the shore of the Aspetuck River around the Toth Park swimming hole and upstream of the pedestrian bridge. The plan is to create a grass swale, planted as a rain water and remediation garden, which will direct geese runoff from some of the playing areas and from the upper beach around the lower swimming hole to a point at or just below the dam. Participants will receive hands on experience in learning how to create the garden from initial planning stages, including plant selection, to actual implementation. Volunteers will also receive a copy of the plan and a full listing of plants utilized. Volunteers who have signed up will be receiving their volunteer forms and will be asked to formally sign in with The Nature Conservancy to be recognized as members of the team. Additionally, this is an MG approved project . So, members may earn Master Gardener and Advanced Master Gardener outreach hours through participation. Please contact Jean with any questions or to volunteer.

Garden Mart – Cheryl Frier

Our Garden Mart on May 7th was a huge success. Thanks to the efforts of all members who participated by working and shopping, the Club raised \$6,500. Great weather and a fantastic turnout made this possible. I brought a guest to shop and she was overwhelmed that our Garden Mart was so professionally done compared to the offerings of her garden club, which could be considered a competitor. Our committee chairs obviously did a stupendous job.

MEMBER TO MEMBER: Eleanor Gosse

For those of you who attended the excellent lecture by Foster McKeon of Forster's on Hydrangeas at the February meeting, you might remember that he was touting the quality and variety of offerings of the Hydrangea Farm on Nantucket, where he likes to shop for exotic hydrangea plants. This weekend I visited the Hydrangea Farm and learned a great deal from Mal Condon, the owner. I now have a new hydrangea bed that I hope I have deer proofed sufficiently. The nursery has a large mail order component so if you have an interest in hydrangeas, feel free to contact this very knowledgeable man for advice. I told him about Foster's lecture and he felt we were in good hands with his advice. Please access his website at www.hydrangeafarm.com or email at hydrangeafarm@comcast.net -- if you want more information. Mention you live in Easton, CT as he said he would be more than happy to help out our clubmembers.

Cecelia Campbell wanted me to mention that she has a friend that wants to give away (for free) a floral refridgerator . The dimentions are – 28” front, 28” depth and 78” height. There are 2 adjustable shelves and maintained humidity. There is a condensation evaporator and no water runs out, plus there is nothing to be added. All you have to do is pick it up. Phone Cecelia at 203-254-3497 for more details.

June Garden Quote:

*“To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves.”
~ Mohandas K. Gandhi*