



Gardeners' Guild of Braintree

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Gardeners' Guild of Braintree

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WE WANT YOUR INFORMATION!

If you have events, news, stories or photos to share, please send them to rmzahran@yahoo.com.

**Deadline for the next e-newsletter is:
May 16, 2016.**

MEETING DETAILS

Program: Annual Meeting and Spring Banquet

Ready for Spring



Date: May 2, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: The Quarry Restaurant & Lounge
415 Whiting Street
Hingham, MA

Membership and Remembrance Hostesses:
Carole Wilson and Regina Zahran

Invocation: Lucille Barton

Hospitality Chair: Sarah Sciascia

GGB MEETING DATES

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month ~ October through May

2015

- October 5** *Gardening is Murder*
November 2 *Harvest Swag Workshop*
November 30 *Christmas Greenery Workshop*
December 6 *Boutique and Holiday House Tour*

Old Time Christmas Visits Contemporary Elegance and Charm

269 Peach Street



2016

- January 4** *Potluck and Brown Bag Grab Auction*
February 1 *The Eyes See ... the Heart Anticipates*
March 7 *High on Hydrangeas*
April 4 *Native Plants, Wildflowers, and Pollinators*
May 2 *Annual Spring Banquet*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Everyone:

At our upcoming meeting, April 25 at the Bean Museum (*entrance to the Museum is 31 Tenney Road*), we will be voting in our new officers, amendments to the By-laws, and the 2016-2017 allocations so please do your best to attend. It is important everyone's voice is heard, and this is your opportunity to do so.

Just a few reminders: please get your dues (\$30) to Carole Wilson, by bringing it to the April 25 meeting or mailing it to her at her home: 333 Tremont Street. Dues must be in no later than June 1, 2016.

All selection sheets should be submitted to Rochelle Moore as soon as possible, especially if you are signing up for Community Beautification. The Community Beautification Committee meets in May to make assignments for June. Please give your sheet to Rochelle at the meeting or mail it to her home: 46 Hollis Avenue.

This is my last newsletter as President, so I shall take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued and persistent hard work, unstoppable creativity, and your incredible generosity of heart and time - you don't need me to tell you that it all makes Braintree a more beautiful community on the ground, and as importantly, in spirit. On a personal note, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for the last two years, for your continued support and kindness, for everything I have learned from you, and from what I have learned about myself. This has been an incredible experience, one which I will always hold close.

Our last meeting of the year is of course the banquet, scheduled for May 2. This is always a really nice evening, and a lovely way to end our year. Hope you can all make it!

Happy spring everyone!

Barbara



Birthday Wishes

A very "Happy Birthday" to our members who have special days in **May**:



Nina Egan

Rochelle Moore

Phyllis MacPherson

Carol Morley

Carmela Varraso

Lisa Reid

PLANT THERAPY

News from Plant Therapy

Carolyn Mahoney, Plant Therapy Chairperson, and Joan Hutcheon, feature famous gardens in our monthly member newsletters. Carolyn and Joan write about gardens in and outside the USA. For our May piece we have a brief overview of The Boston Public Garden.

QUOTE

I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.

— David Hobson

FEATURED TOPIC: THE BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN

Established in 1837

Two centuries separate the creation of the Boston Common and the Public Garden, and what a difference that period made.



In 1634 the Common was created as America's first public park; it was practical and pastoral with walkways built for crosstown travel. In contrast, the Public Garden was the first public botanical garden in America. It was decorative and flowery from its inception, featuring meandering pathways for strolling.

The Victorian Touch

The Victorians ushered in the style of park which featured the gardener's art. They designed vibrant floral patterns in the Garden which utilized new techniques of collecting, hybridizing, and propagating plants. With access to

showy annuals and greenhouse-grown plants they bedded the Garden with colorful displays and planted exotic imported trees. George Meacham used these new techniques to win the public design competition held for the Garden, for which he received a \$100 prize.

In the early days, some complained that the unnatural combinations of colorful plants were garish beyond the bounds of good taste. Now Boston calls the Public Garden one of its greatest attractions.

Visit the Garden



The Parks Department maintains the Victorian traditions to the best of their abilities, so you can judge its beauty for yourself. Admire the rich and unusual plants, the Lagoon, the monuments and fountains, and the Swan Boats

created and operated for over 100 years by the Paget family. A visit to the Public Garden is not complete unless you take a ride on the Swan Boats.

Boston Parks and Recreation Department grows all the plants used in bedding-out the Public Garden in their greenhouses. Over 80 species of plants are cultivated there for future plantings in the Garden and more than 50 other locations around

the city. Due to the wide variety of plants and its romantic setting, the Garden attracts many weddings.

The non-profit citizen's advocacy group Friends of the Public Garden and Common formed in 1970 to preserve and enhance the Boston Public Garden, Common, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall in collaboration with the Mayor and the Parks Department of the City of Boston. The Friends number over 2500 members and many volunteers, and have also produced a brochure detailing detailing the park's history.

QUESTIONS ABOUT SOIL



How do I take a soil sample for testing?

1. Dig a hole 6-8 inches deep (3-4 inches deep for lawns) and set the soil aside.
2. Using a clean trowel, take a thin vertical slice from the side of the hole and place in a clean container.
3. Take at least 5 samples from the test area and mix them well in a clean container.
4. Place 1/2 cup of this mixed soil in a small plastic bag, close tightly and label the outside of the bag.

Avoid taking soil which has recently been limed or fertilized.

I have been adding coffee grounds to the soil around my flowers for several years now, if I continue will it hurt the flowers?

Coffee grounds are a natural fertilizer, sometimes called a form of OM (organic matter) and provide low levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (2-0.3-0.3). You can use coffee grounds both as a one-inch mulch and in compost over a long period of time without harming the flowers if you add either lime or wood ashes to the soil to counteract the acidic nature of the coffee grounds.

Can I add orange and banana peels, apple cores and other organic table scraps directly to the soil in my garden?

If you add table scraps directly to the soil eventually they will decompose and become organic matter which will benefit your soil. However, while this process is taking place, it will drain the Nitrogen from the soil that your flowers and vegetables need in regular amounts all summer to grow leaves, stay green and grow at their proper rate. It would be better to compost your table scraps and then add them to your garden to prevent continued Nitrogen loss.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PESTS AND DISEASES

It's springtime and you may be wondering about the bounty of Little Green Inchworms that seem to be covering your trees and dropping or traveling on small silken balloons. If you live east of Worcester, chances are that this is the annual influx of the **Winter Moth Caterpillar**. This springtime feeder emerges from mid March until late April – depending on how cold the spring is. Initially these caterpillars are too small to see (around 1mm) and during this time will be feeding on the buds of emerging plants. They tend to be general feeders and will attack maples, oaks, apples, crab apples and a variety of perennials like blueberries or even roses.



As the caterpillar grows to a size of one half inch they will generally feed on the leaves of trees and it is at this point that the caterpillars are noticed and we start to get calls about them from the public. It is also at this point that they are most vulnerable to treatment by a variety of applications including *Bacillus thuringiensis* (kurstaki) and Spinosad, both of which are certified organic.

Although you may be worried about the damage being done by the caterpillars, there is typically little long-term affect. Trees have many leaves and most infestations only remove 10 to 20 percent of the leaves, which brings no significant ill to the trees.

In heavy defoliation the tree will flush a new round of growth in the early summer to compensate. It is only after several years of heavy feeding that the trees suffer permanent damage.

The caterpillars drop from the trees in late May and early June and then pupate in the soil where they will emerge around Thanksgiving as adults and mate. Each adult female lays 150 eggs on the bark of the tree where the process will start again in the spring.



What can I do about armyworms?

Armyworm problems on lawns and hayfields are widespread throughout Massachusetts. The problem this year may be related to introductions of adult moths on the series of thunderstorms we had in late April after the earlier long dry spell.

Armyworms are moth larvae that are usually thought of as pests of grasses including lawns in the Midwest and southern states. They are called army worms because they "march" in large groups over an area, feeding in large masses then moving to the next grassy area to continue feeding. They may march during the day but are thought to do most of their feeding at night. The female moths lay as

as many as 2000 eggs in lawns at a time. After 6-10 days of incubation, the eggs hatch into small caterpillars that feed on leaf blades. The larval stage lasts 3-4 weeks, when the larvae pupate in cocoons in the soil. Armyworms are thought not to over winter north of Tennessee and the second generation should not be a great problem as the adult moths will become more widely dispersed than the first introduced concentrated generation.

The best "control" option is to cut fields to avoid damage. However Armyworms will often move out of a cut field, and may cause damage to adjacent crops. There are also some natural parasites. Chemical controls for grass are limited, and only likely to be effective if the larvae are small 1/2" to 3/4". When larvae get beyond 1 1/2", most of the feeding damage has already occurred. For more information on chemical controls visit [The University Of Massachusetts Extension Service](#) or [Rutgers Armyworm Page](#).

What can I do about moles?

Mole-Med is sold for mole treatment. It's the one tested by the universities and supposedly works. The home-made version contains 6 ounces of castor oil, 2 tablespoons of dishwashing liquid (one known for its degreasing capabilities) and one gallon water. This is the concentrate. Add one ounce of this to one gallon of water. Water the area to be treated and then apply. Treats 300 square feet of lawn.

What is the cottony stuff infesting my hemlocks?

This could be signs of a relative newcomer to the Northeast called hemlock wooly adelgid. This aphid-like insect has been spreading locally and can kill hemlocks if not treated. Apply dormant oil according to container instructions in early spring before buds swell. Really bad infestations can be treated systemically by a certified arborist.



Why did my tomato plants start turning brown and wilting on one side?

Most likely your tomato plants were infected with verticillium wilt, a very common fungus that attacks the tomato family. Scrupulous fall cleanup of infected plants is very important as the spores will overwinter in fallen leaves. Rotation of crops within the garden and use of verticillium-resistant hybrids will help eliminate recurrence.

Something is making tiny holes in my cabbage and brussels sprout plants.

Flea beetles are the most likely culprits. They are very small (hence the name) jumping beetles that chew many

many tiny holes in members of the cabbage family. Most of the damage is done in early spring when the plants are small. Floating row cover material is useful as a barrier until the plants grow large enough to withstand the chewing. A spray of pyrethrum is also helpful.

Parts of my healthy-looking squash plants suddenly wilted and died. What caused that?

A sudden wilting of squash-type vines is often caused by the larvae of the squash vine borer moth which bores into fleshy squash stems effectively killing that part of the vine. Floating row cover is a good barrier method for early control. This needs to be removed for pollinators once blooms open. For chemical controls, check with your local garden center.

ZONE 6: SEASONAL PLANTING TIPS FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTHS

May:

- Set out tender plants once all danger of frost is past.
- Keep seedbeds damp with shallow, frequent watering.
- Pinch the growing points from the stems tips of mum plants when they get 3-4 inches.
- Plant annuals among waning spring bulbs.
- Mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds.
- Control weeds while they are small.
- Sow quick germinating radish seeds with carrot and beet seeds to mark rows.
- Avoid using insecticides on fruit trees in bloom.
- Soak soil the day before transplanting bedding plants.
- Mow the lawn high, 2 to 3 inches, to discourage weeds.
- Take a break to view the many wildflowers in bloom.

June:

- Water more deeply and less often as plants become established.
- Check plants sales, for bargains and close outs.
- Pick your fruits and vegetables as they ripen.
- Keep weeds pulled and mulch in place.
- Watch for early disease problems and take care of the before they get worse.

July:

- Water early in the day so that the leaves will be dry by evening.

- Spend a few minutes every morning deadheading~pinching off spent flowers of plants.
- Keep your eyes open for insects, and disease problems. Early detection is important.
- Keep mulching to help retain moisture and reduce weeds.
- Divide Iris clumps for more plants.
- Cut, dry and store everlasting flowers for winter displays.

August:

- Stop feeding roses this month so that there won't be tender, new growth for winter kill.
- Keep picking or shearing faded flowers off annuals so they won't go to seed and stop blooming.
- Gather and save seeds of other annuals that you might want to use again. Don't bother saving seed from hybrids, they won't come true to type.
- Put seeds in envelopes and label them by name, date, and color. Store in a cool, dry place - such as airtight jars in the refrigerator.

September:

- Take cutting of annuals and use as house plants.
- Plant hyacinth and daffodil bulbs in early to mid-autumn.
- Gather leaves for composting. Mix green and dry materials and alternate with thin layers of soil or compost for more rapid decomposition.
- Keep deadheading flowers so plants won't look messy or waste energy making seeds.
- Dig, dry and store tender bulbs such as Gladiolus, Dahlias, and tuberous Begonias.

Sources: UMASS 2015 calendar and the Organic Gardening website

LOCAL PLANT SALES: APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2016

April 23 (Saturday)

Holly Hill Farms 236 Jerusalem Road Cohasset, MA	10 am – 4 pm	Early Spring
Farm: 781-383-1455 Friends: 781-383-6565		

May 7 (Saturday)

Wildflower Plant Sale 48 Jacobs Lane Norwell, MA	10 am – 4 pm
Tel: 781-659-2559	

Norwood Evening Garden Club Plant Sale Hawes Pool in South Norwood Norwood, MA	9 am – 1 pm
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Tel: 781-659-2559

The Kennedy Center 440 E. Squantum Street North Quincy, MA	10 AM to 12:30 PM	Annual Plant Sale
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<http://squantumscoop.com/connect/seaside-gardeners-of-squantum/#sthash.Xq5ysMLV.dpuf>

May 14 (Saturday)

Wildflower Plant Sale
48 Jacobs Lane
Norwell, MA

Tel: 781-659-2559

9 am – 3 pm

The Gardeners' Fair is an opportunity to find rare and unusual perennials, trees and shrubs; ready-to-plant herbs and vegetables; and tomato varieties by the dozens. Admission is \$5 per car for the general public, free for Mass Hort members.

Norwood Evening Garden Club
Hawes Pool in South Norwood
Norwood, MA

Tel: 781-659-2559

9 am – 1 pm

Plant Sale

The Kennedy Center
440 E. Squantum Street
North Quincy, MA

10 am to 12:30 pm

Annual Plant Sale

<http://squantumscoop.com/connect/seaside-gardeners-of-squantum/#sthash.Xq5ysMLV.dpuf>

UMass Waltham Field Station
240 Beaver Street
Waltham, MA 02452

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Grow Native Plant Sale - 2nd
Annual Native Plant Sale

Sponsor(s): Grow Native
Massachusetts
Open to public
Phone: 781-790-8921

May 21 & 22, 2016

Holly Hill Farms
236 Jerusalem Road
Cohasset, MA

Farm: 781-383-1455
Friends: 781-383-6565

10 am – 4 pm

Annual Sale

Quincy - Wollaston Garden Club
Wollaston Congregational Church
48 Winthrop Street
Wollaston, MA

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Annual Plant Sale

Weymouth Garden Club
DPW
120 Winter Street
Weymouth, MA

9:00 am – 1 pm

Annual Plant Sale

Mattakesett Garden Club of
Pembroke
Henry Woods Bandstand
Center St. Rte 14
Pembroke, MA

9:00 am – 1 pm

The Plant Sale will be held rain or shine! A wide variety of annuals and perennials.

Scituate Garden Club The Wildflower Garden The Mann Farmhouse (Corner of Stockbridge Rd & Greenfield Lane) Scituate, MA	9:00 am – 1 pm	Annual Plant Sale Annuals, perennials, hostas, herbs, wildflowers, tomatoes Suzanne Rynne, 781-545-7275, srynn@hotmail.com
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May 28 & 28, 2016

Holly Hill Farms 236 Jerusalem Road Cohasset, MA Farm: 781-383-1455 Friends: 781-383-6565	10 am to 4 pm	Annual Sale
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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST BEYOND GGB

From Seed to Tree - Arnold Arboretum - Free Tour

Tuesday, May 03, 2016

Did you know that almost all of the plants in the Arboretum begin their lives in the Dana Greenhouses? Get a behind-the-scenes look of the greenhouse growing process, from seed to sprout, to seedling, to tree. Meet at the Bonsai and Penjing Collection above the Leventritt Shrub & Vine Garden.

There is a 15-person maximum.

Location:

Bonsai and Penjing Pavilion
125 Arborway
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Sponsor(s): Arnold Arboretum

Time(s): 1-1:45 pm

Cost: Free, registration is limited and requested

Phone: 617-384-5251

Email: adulter@arnarb.harvard.edu

Website: <https://my.arboretum.harvard.edu/Info.aspx?DayPlanner=1513&DayPlannerDate=5/3/2016>



Beacon Hill GC presents, "Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Annual Tour"

Thursday, May 19, 2016

A self-guided tour of 10 private gardens and several "Ribbon" gardens.

Sponsor(s): Beacon Hill Garden Club

Time(s): 9 am -5 pm

Cost: \$45 advance sale/\$55 day of tour

Contact: ticket and information @ www.beaconhillgardenclub.org



Collections Up Close: Bonsai and Penjing Collection - Arnold Arboretum - Free Tour

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Get up close and personal with some of the most historically intriguing and culturally rich specimens at the Arboretum.

Join Steven Schneider, Director of Operations, for a special tour of the bonsai and penjing collection. Enjoy entry into the display pavilion and learn about the differences between bonsai and penjing. Discover the new Martin Klein Collection, a comprehensive collection of Japanese, Chinese, and North American species. Hear the story of specimens that are associated with past curators.

The bonsai volunteers will also be on hand to help answer questions and share their knowledge.

In case of inclement weather, contact 617-384-5209.

Location:

Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection
Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain, MA

Sponsor(s): Arnold Arboretum

Time(s): 1:00-3:00pm

Cost: Free, no registration required

Phone: 617-384-5251

Email: adulted@arnarb.harvard.edu

Website: <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu>



From Seed to Tree - Arnold Arboretum - Tour

Date: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 - Tuesday, July 05, 2016

Dana Greenhouses' Staff

First Tuesday of the month, May through October, 1-1:45 pm

Location: Bonsai and Penjing Pavilion

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Bonsai and Penjing Pavilion (Meeting location)
125 Arborway
Boston, MA 02130

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Website: <https://my.arboretum.harvard.edu/Info.aspx?DayPlanner=1513&DayPlannerDate=6%2f7%2f2016>

GGB MEMBER SURVEY

This quick survey has been designed to gauge responses of Gardeners' Guild of Braintree members to these proposals. Your opinions assist us in a successful understanding of the views of the membership; we hope that you will take the time to respond fully to the questions we have proposed. The survey allows you to express your opinion on important issues. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Programs for 2016-17:

Do you have a favorite gardening topic/program you'd like to learn more about?

A favorite guest speaker?

A favorite Workshop?

Ideas for 2016-17:

How to grow the membership:

Website design; add calendar, etc.:

Thoughts about having a Guild calendar featuring community beautification gardens tours: ex - Berkshire Botanical Garden; Fuller Gardens, NH; Coastal Maine Botanic Garden, etc.

NEXT MEETING SNEAK PEEK: ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Don't forget to set aside Monday, May 2, 2016 for the Annual Meeting and Banquet, which will be held at The Quarry Restaurant & Lounge, 415 Whiting Street in Hingham at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you all there. Please see the tempting menu choices below:

- ❖ Cocktail hour and meeting begin at 6:00 pm
- ❖ Choice of Caesar or Seasonal Salad
- ❖ Main Course ~ Please choose from the following:
 - Chive & Honey Brick Chicken
 - Crispy Atlantic Salmon
 - Wild Mushroom Risotto (Vegetarian)
- ❖ Dessert: choice of Bread Pudding or Flourless Chocolate Cake; Coffee ~ Tea to follow dinner

The fee for this wonderful event will be \$42. Please make your check payable to: The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree. RSVP's are requested by **April 15, 2016**; don't forget to include your **menu selection** and **check** when you can bring it to the April meeting or mail it to either Stephanie or Cathy at the address below:

Stephanie Minchello
38 Robbie Road
Braintree, MA 02184

Cathy Toohey
29 Hawthorn Road
Braintree, MA 02184

Special **"Thank You"** to Stephanie Minchello, Cathy Toohey and Gail Burns for their help arranging this event.

THE GARDENERS' GUILD OF BRAINTREE (GGB)

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

CREATIVE POTPOURRI

The Holiday House Tour is the primary project of this committee. Small groups of members work together under the guidance of a chairperson to decorate a room or area of the selected home(s). Participation in this committee may require several hours of preparation and planning before the event. This may include gathering with your group to plan, prepare and create items for use in your room/area. In addition, each person in the group will be expected to assist in the decoration of the room/area to which they are assigned during some portion of the Friday and/or Saturday before the Tour. You may also be asked to be present, at least for some portion of the Tour on Sunday, including for any pictures prior to the actual Tour.

WAYS & MEANS

The Holiday Boutique is the primary project for this committee. Under the direction of the chairperson, workshops are held to make items for sale on the day of the boutique. Participation in this committee may require your assistance in setting up displays during the weekend of boutique (subject to discretion of the chairperson,). You will also be asked to attend a shift in which it will be your responsibility to attend to the tables of items for sale and assist customers in their purchases of any GGB items. You may also be asked to assist with any other GGB-related tasks at the boutique, i.e. coverage, etc.

Your second (and any additional) choices may be made from the following committees:

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION (as many members as possible)

This committee plants and/or maintains (May-Sept) various garden locations in Braintree, such as Furlong Park, Council on Aging, Hollis Playground, Marge Crispin Center, Plain Street Cemetery, Police Station, Thayer Herb Gardens, Town Hall Mall. It also administers the Adopt-an-Island program and assists with other community beautification projects as needed. Participation in this committee will require up to several hours of commitment throughout its active months (May-Sep and will be assigned and carried out under the guidance of the chairperson(s).

HOSPITALITY (14-21 members maximum)

The committee chairperson arranges for refreshments at general monthly meetings (Oct-Apr) and for the Boutique (Dee). The chairperson assigns several committee members (hostesses) for each general meeting. They decorate the refreshment table(s) in accordance with the season and call the monthly bakers as a reminder. The hostesses and bakers arrive early to help set up and help clean up after the meeting. This committee also helps serve refreshments at the Boutique on the day of the House Tour, Participation in this committee will require you to bake/make/purchase a refreshment item to be shared with members at the monthly meeting you are assigned. It will also require you to arrive and stay approximately 20-30 minutes before and after the meeting. Your commitment during the Boutique will be determined by the chairperson based upon your other responsibilities to either the House Tour or Boutique.

MEMBERSHIP & REMEMBRANCE (16 member maximum)

Several members are assigned to each monthly meeting (Oct-May) to greet members and guests, take attendance, and remind members to donate to the Sunshine Fund. Cards and plants (for illnesses, sympathy, new baby, etc.) are sent or delivered by this committee. Participation in this committee will require you to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting to set up table at front entrance and be ready to receive all members and guests.

PUBLICITY (8-10 members maximum)

The committee chairperson(s) with their members work on publicizing the endeavors of the GGB throughout the year. This includes sending monthly calendar notices/bulletins to newspapers, coordinates articles with other committees which covers events and/or general meetings of particular interest to the public (e.g., Holiday House Tour/Boutique, book donations to public schools, scholarship presentation, community beautification projects, etc.). This committee also displays signage and posters publicizing the House Tour/Boutique, take photos, keeps a Press Book (scrapbook) with all publications of the year and not if the web host of Guild update for website. Participation in this committee will require up to several hours of commitment throughout the year (Sept-May) and will be at the discretion and assignment of the chairperson).

TELEPHONE (6 member maximum)

The membership list is divided among this group when telephoning is necessary to communicate a time sensitive or special occurrence (cancellations, program changes, obituaries, etc.). Participation in this committee may require very little commitment, depending on circumstances that arise during the year.

PLANT THERAPY (8 member maximum)

Helpful information and tips about the areas important to the GGB are written, and submitted through the chairperson, to the monthly newsletter by this group. Members of this committee research topics and give short presentations and/or handouts at selected meetings. Participation in this committee may require up to one to several hours of commitment throughout the year (Sept-May) and will be at the discretion and assignment of the chairperson.

COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

Please print name exactly as you wish it to appear in the membership book, and all future publications.

NAME: _____

HUSBAND'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY (Month/Day) _____

Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail? YES _____ NO _____

Please make sure that you notify the Corresponding Secretary ASAP if you have any changes to your personal information throughout the year.

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Please check the committees you wish to join. Each member must join two.

One of these choices **must** be Creative Potpourri (House Decoration) or Ways & Means (Boutique). Please select one:

- Creative Potpourri \_\_\_\_\_
- Ways & Means \_\_\_\_\_

Please be advised depending upon which committee you choose, your presence at either the house or the boutique may be needed on the day of the event, in addition to your responsibilities in preparing the house or Town Hall for the festivities. As the date approaches, the House Tour and Boutique Chairpersons will advise everyone if and/or when their attendance may be needed.

Your second committee choice must be from any of the following. (If you should choose, you may select more than one from the following list) Please select from the following:

- Community Beautification \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership & Remembrance \_\_\_\_\_
- Plant Therapy \_\_\_\_\_
- Publicity \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in becoming a co-chairperson of any of the standing committees, and would like more information, please indicate which one(s) so we may contact you to discuss

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Please mail your completed form to the President:

Rochelle Moore  
46 Hollis Avenue  
Braintree, MA 02184

Dues should be given/mailed to the Treasurer:

Carole Wilson  
333 Tremont Street  
Braintree, MA 02184