



Gardeners' Guild of Braintree

October Newsletter 2014

OCTOBER MEETING DETAILS

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WE NEED YOUR INFORMATION!

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

Deadline for the next e-newsletter is October 20, 2014.

Program: We are delighted to welcome **Thelma Shoneman** as our guest speaker at the October 6th member meeting. Thelma will be presenting her program: *'Floral Designs Inspired by Fabulous Gardens'*. Thelma has personally visited six fabulous gardens in Oregon, Nebraska, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maine. Her presentation will be an interactive design experience. She will speak about each garden and the unique attraction that inspired the 'floral souvenir' that she will create. She will demonstrate a different leaf manipulation in each floral arrangement. Thelma is one of the best floral designers in the country. She will teach us what she does and how she does it. Top secrets are often revealed! A discussion on "Art in Bloom" interpretation will also be included as part of her presentation. All floral arrangements will be raffled at the end of the program. Guests are welcome to attend for \$1.00. Read more on page 5.

Date: October 6, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm Gardener's Guild Business
7:30 pm Program

Place: Masonic Hall
403 Washington Street
Braintree, MA 02184

Greeters: Karen Connelly and Diane Hanlon

Hostesses: Lauren Crook – Sarah Sciascia

Bakers: Phyllis MacPherson, Regina Zahran, Kathy Toohey, Judy Daristi, Donna Banville, Anette Samassian.

**GARDNER'S GUILD OF
BRAintree MEETING DATES**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2014

October 6 *Floral Design*

November 3 *Bow Making
Demonstration and
Workshop*

December 1 *Christmas
Greenery Workshop*

December 7 *Boutique and
Holiday House Tour*

2015

January 5 *Potluck and Brown Bag
Grab Auction*

February 2 *The Eyes See...The Heart
Anticipates*

March 2 *Herbal Gardening for
Kitchen and Health*

April 6 *Dividing and
Transplanting Perennials*

May 4 *Annual Spring Banquet*

Hi Everyone,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all. I hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather. Joan Hutcheon, our new VP and Program Committee Chair has done an awesome job of booking interesting and evocative programs for us. Just to tell you about a few, our October meeting will host Thelma Shoneman, who will give a demonstration on *Floral Designs Inspired by Fabulous Gardens*, which designs will be raffled off. Our November meeting will be a workshop on bow, swag and bundle making, to get us ready for our December Greens Workshop (one of my very favorite meetings of the year!) at Town Hall, all in preparation for our House Tour and Boutique scheduled for Sunday, December 7th. Other scheduled programs include dividing and transplanting perennials, and herbal gardening, just to name a couple.

I would like to give a special thanks to Donna Banville, our Webpage Chair, who has spent timeless hours getting our member book together, and updating our webpage – she has done an outstanding job – if you haven't visited our webpage recently, please take a minute to do so. Our new Publicity Chairs, Stephanie McLaughlin, Tina O'Brien and Karen Joyce are hard at work making sure our events and programs are publicized in the Forum and Braintree Patch, working with the schools for the Gardeners' Guild of Braintree's (GGB's) book donation, and advertising the House and Boutique event. And lastly, but by no means least, a special welcome to Rochelle Moore, our new Treasurer, Phyllis McPherson, our new Recording Secretary and Regina Zahran, our new corresponding secretary, who created this new newsletter format! Great job ladies! Many thanks.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting, and please bring your friends and family members that might be interested in attending a program. We would love to have them come and enjoy the programs, learn and get to know us a little!

Go GGB!

Barbara

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Creative Potpourri (*Chris McIntyre and Maggi Johnson*)

Christmas by the River

23 Vine Street



28 Vine Street



Ways & Means (*Kerri Eck, Karen Connelly, Diane Hanlon, Lisa Reid and Ginny Quinn*)

We have been busy over the summer months recruiting new vendors and securing many who have participated in the past. We hope to have dancers from The Dance Studio of Braintree perform on stage for a portion of the event as well as musicians from Archbishop Williams and Braintree High School. The hours of the event have been changed to 11:00 am - 4:00 pm to better line up with the house tour hours. Some new vendors include Ethereal Gardens which offer glass terrariums, Stir it Up Cuisine with award winning pepper jelly, and Beachhouse Baking Company with hand crafted bagged baking mixes including gluten free truffle cookies. Many of our favorite vendors will return!

Community Beautification (*Lucille Barton and Maggie Johnson*)

Thanks to all members who were so responsible in planting and maintaining the gardens scattered around town. They were all beautiful—that is until the drought struck some! But some were more fortunate to have been watered and weeded and they still look awesome. It really is a pleasing sight to ride by Furlong Park and see it still in full blossom. They all show Guild pride and again we were able to beautify our Town! We appreciate all your efforts!

Co-Chairwomen, Community Beautification

Publicity (*Karen Joyce, Steph McLaughlin and Tina O'Brien*)

We have been busy getting notices out regarding the scholarships that were awarded last spring to two Braintree High seniors and for the upcoming October meeting. We are in the process of scheduling the president's interview with Barbara and setting up a time to make our annual book donation to the Braintree Public Schools. We have also been hard at work writing our first article about the Holiday House Tour and Boutique. These articles will appear in the Braintree Forum, Patriot Ledger, Braintree Advertiser, Braintree Patch as well as on the GGB website and Facebook page.

Birthday Wishes

A very "Happy Birthday" to our members who have special days in [September](#) and [October](#):

Donna Banville

Barbara Black

Linda Cozzens

Karen Joyce

Maggi Johnson

Carolyn Mahoney

Stephanie Minchello

Tina O'Brien

Sandy Young

BOOKS DONATED TO BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Since 1992, The Gardener' Guild has purchased books for all public schools in Braintree (The Kindergarten Center, 6 Elementary Schools, 2 Middle Schools and Braintree High School). One of the objectives of the Guild is education and that starts with our children. We are all models for them and so we teach appreciation of nature and the earth they live on. Again this year, Cathy Avellino and myself had the wonderful task of choosing the books. We have found so many touching on all sorts of relevant topics ... from poetry to plant growth, from pollution to conservation and to the geographical regions in which we live. My friends, that's a "whole lot of books" over these past years and a tradition we are very proud of. I thank Judy Caristi for putting the Guild's nameplate in each one. The following list is our contributions for this year.

Lucille Barton

KINDERGARTEN CENTER:

- **From Seed to Pumpkin** by Wendy Pfeffer
- **The Salamander Room** by Anne Mazer
- **Snowflakes Fall** by Patricia MacLachlan and Steven Kellogg



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

- **Eagle** by Judy Allen
- **A Spring Story** by David Updike
- **Everybody's Somebody's Lunch** by Cherie Mason
- **Hey Diddle Diddle, A Food Chain Tale** by Pam Kapchinske

MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

- **Walt Whitman** by Catherine Reef
- **Postcard History of Norfolk County, Massachusetts** by James B Tedesco & Paul H. Tedesco
- **Boston, A Visual History** by Jonathan Beagle, Ph. D.

HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Wild Cape Cod, free by nature** by John & Pamela King
- **North Shore Wide The Panoramas of A.P. Richmond**
- **A Natural History of North American Trees** by Donald Culross Peattie
- **The Charles River, A History of Greater Boston's Waterway** by Ted Clarke
- **Blue Hope, Exploring and Caring for Earth's Magnificent Ocean** by Sylvia A. Earle
- **Robert Frost's New England** by Betsy and Tom Melvin

Plant Therapy

Plant Therapy ~ To stimulate knowledge and the love of gardening. Submitted by the Plant Therapy Committee ~ October, 2014

“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.” ~ Nathaniel Hawthorne

Featured Topic: ART IN BLOOM – A TRIBUTE TO ART AND FLOWERS

Also included in the October 6th meeting will be a discussion led by Thelma Shoneman on ‘**Art in Bloom**’ interpretation. Thelma has exhibited at the both the Museum of Fine Arts and Worcester Art Museum “Art in Bloom’ events. So, what is ‘**Art in Bloom**’? The phrase **Art in Bloom**’ is often used as the title of various exhibits held annually, often in spring, at art museums. An ‘**Art in Bloom**’ exhibit is composed of works of art and their corresponding eye-catching floral arrangements created by the region’s top floral designers who interpret these works of art. The first Art in Bloom exhibit was held at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston in 1976, where it is now held annually. Other institutions hosting Art in Bloom exhibits include the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria , and the St. Louis Art Museum.

The image below is one of Thelma’s floral interpretations of ‘Flora in Winter’ at the Worcester Art Museum.



Which fabulous gardens will Thelma interpret into floral arrangements? You’ll have to come to our meeting on October 6th to find out.

Thelma Shoneman’s Bio:

Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judge; Vice Chairman, MA Judges Council 2013-2015; Chairman, GCFM Designing Principles lecture series 2011-2013; Chairman, New England Regional Symposium, October 18-20, 2011; Chairman Design Division I of the New England Spring Flower Show 2008; Winner of the Ruth A. Wallack Design Award in the New England

Spring Flower Show 2007; Director of Floral Concerns for the Acton Garden Club where she presently teaches many floral design classes and leads workshops; In 2008, received a GCFM Service Award, Certificate of Merit for continual AGC Floral Design Programs/workshops for over 15 years. Has exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts, Art in Bloom, 20 years; and at the Worcester Art Museum, ‘Flora in Winter’, 11 years. Thelma has developed “Scriptures in Bloom” in her church where she does interpretive arrangements for the altar. Thelma retired in January 2007 from 20 years of owning her own flower shop, Colony Florist in Concord, MA.

Ask a Master Gardener

Q: What are some recommendations for fall Perennial Garden care?

A: The following are a few helpful hints courtesy of the Farmer's Almanac:

- ❖ Water your perennials & flowering shrubs in the fall; they will thank you for it this winter.
- ❖ Once the ground has frozen hard, cut perennials back to 3 inches and mulch them with a thick layer of leaves or straw.
- ❖ If you plan to put in a new flower bed next spring, cover that area now with mulch or heavy plastic to discourage emergent growth when the ground warms up in the spring.
- ❖ Before a heavy snowfall, cover pachysandra with a mulch of pine needles several inches deep.
- ❖ Move potted chrysanthemums to a sheltered spot when their flowers fade. Water well and cover with a thick layer of straw to overwinter them.
- ❖ When a frost blackens the leaves of dahlias, gladioli, and cannas, carefully dig them up and let them dry indoors on newspaper for a few days. Then pack in shredded newspaper and store in a dark, humid spot at 40° to 50°F until spring.

Tips for October Zone 6 Seasonal Planting

- ❖ Plant bulbs to their tops are at a depth equal to three times their height.
- ❖ Do not prune spring flowering shrubs.
- ❖ Mow around fruit trees to eliminate hiding places for rodents.
- ❖ Bring clay pots in before a hard freeze.
- ❖ Mow over raked leaves before adding to compost pile – they'll break down faster.
- ❖ Start new amaryllis bulbs for holiday blooms.
- ❖ Be careful not to overwater house plants now.

Source: UMASS 2014 calendar

NOVEMBER MEETING: BOW MAKING

The November meeting will feature a Bow Making Demonstration and Workshop in preparation for the December greenery event. We will be looking for GGB club members who are eager to share their expertise at our workshop. Also, please take some time to find some bow making materials you may want to donate for the workshop. Any and all suggestions are welcome; you can send an email to Joan Hutcheon (jhutcheon@yahoo.com) or Regina Zahran (rmzahran@yahoo.com). There will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting.