



Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Monday Memo

October 19, 2026

“Elevated Blooms: Celebrating 40 Years at Tower Hill” an NGC Standard Flower Show presented by Central North and Western & Central South Districts opens to the public at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill on October 23-25th. Two lectures will also be presented- “I Was Given This Plant: Now What?”- Friday, October 23 at 11am—12pm; “Traditional Design/Creative Design: What’s the Difference?” Saturday, October 24 at 11am-12pm

Landscape Design School- Series 18, Course 1 via zoom- October 28-30th. Space is still available. Contact Beate Bolen, Course Registrar, for registration information

Incorporated Clubs Only- November 1 – Must file an annual report listing officers and their addresses with Secretary of the Commonwealth- <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/corporations/filing-by-subject/corporations/corporations-domestic.htm#2>

State Awards- the 2026 GCFM awards applications will be posted to our website on November 1. For those clubs wanting to start their write up before then, here are the topics for the narrative:

1. New project: or continuing from previous work:
Beginning date, Expected completion date OR Ongoing
2. Summary of project - include history, objectives, how publicized
3. Involvement of club members (how many), other organizations, collaborations
4. Project expenses and source of funding
5. Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance
6. Attach or insert photos and/or landscape plan

GCFM congratulates the following individual and clubs who were recipients of Awards from the New England Garden Clubs. Awards were presented at the recent conference held in Killington, Vermont. The awards program affords National Garden Clubs, New England Garden Clubs, and GCFM an opportunity to express their appreciation for all the projects that were completed in the past year. By honoring our clubs, we hope to promote growth and stimulate our members to plan programs in accordance with the objectives of our organizations. Certificates will be mailed to the winners.

- Marie Giorgetti, Framingham Garden Club awarded the Maria J. Nahom Table Design Award for her creative and colorful table design exhibited at the CT State Flower Show.
- Burlington Garden Club awarded the Jeanne-Marie Parkes Award for an excellent exhibit on their “Pollinator Partnership.” This highly educational exhibit demonstrates the need to save our bees.
- Osterville Garden Club awarded the Virginia F. Thurston Award for a landscape design education program/project for a multi-purpose educational site at Barnstable HS.

- Lazy Daisy Gardeners, Chelmsford awarded the Yearbook award for Class 1, under 20 members.
- Littleton Country Gardeners awarded the Yearbook award for class 2- 21-29 members

IMPORTANT REMINDER: NO member of the GCFM Board will ever email you to ask for a cash loan, to use your credit card to make a purchase, pay an invoice or buy a gift card. Please be aware of these scams... they are rampant!!