



Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
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SPECIAL EDITION

This week we review the Annual Meeting and we wrap up the year. Summer days are here! It is time to get out in the garden and enjoy these longest days of the year. We welcome summer on Sunday, June 21st with the solstice at 4:24 AM.

FROM THE VILLAGE NEWS STAFF:

The Village News Staff hopes you find this newsletter useful and it provides valuable information about GCFM happenings. This will be the final edition of the Village News for this year. Previous editions are available on the GCFM Website. Stay tuned for a “Year Ahead” preview edition over the summer.

The 25-26 year came to a close at the GCFM Annual meeting.

The GCFM 99th Annual Meeting was held at the Doubletree by Hilton, in Milford, MA on Thursday, June 4, 2026. We had an enthusiastic group with club members attending from across the state. They spent time with friends, learned about club activities, celebrated our accomplishments and shopped at the vendor area. For follow up, contact Linda Thomson-Clem at: lthomson1@verizon.net or 781-789-7002.



2026 Cindora Goldberg Award Winner. Design by Gail Hubacker

National Garden Club President Donna Donnelly addressed the attendees.

She talked about the History of National Garden Clubs and how Massachusetts was instrumental in the formation of NGC. In fact, the first NGC President was from Massachusetts - Mrs. Margaret Motley of Hyde Park. She served from 1929 to 1930, guiding the organization through its initial formation and early growth.

This year’s program featured a “Project Showcase” where projects were presented by a selection of clubs from all areas of our state. The activities have energized existing members, attracted new members, and increased awareness to the public and contributions by the club. The clubs and topics are included below. Thank you to these clubs for their time to create presentations for the Annual Meeting.

Link to the clubs’ project showcase slides: [Project Showcase Presentation](#)
 This will be sent to the [Downloads](#) folder on your device.

Club	Project Topic
Burlington Garden Club	Lanterns on the Common
Garden Club of Norfolk	Programs and Decor for the Library
Danvers Garden Club	Hospice House Garden
North Andover Garden Club	Patriots Memorial Park
Acton Garden Club	Garden Therapy Program
Springfield Garden Club	Geisel/Dr. Seuss Garden Restoration
Sudbury Garden Club	USA 250th Garden + Wayside Inn
Osterville Garden Club	A Coastal Christmas
Haverhill Garden Club	Edible Avenue
Framingham Garden Club	Design,EarthDay,Tablescapes,PR
America’s Hometown Garden Club Plymouth	Sustainable Native Plant Garden
Groton Garden Club	Youth Program at the Public Library





During the GCFM Awards program, clubs were recognized and received 2025 State and National Garden Club (NGC) awards for outstanding projects and initiatives in their communities and for their members. A full list of winners will be posted on the website soon.

Three designers wowed attendees during the Judges Challenge Presentation. They created outstanding designs in a short time with limited materials. Each designer explained their process too. The meeting wrapped up with Raffle winners, more shopping, and a preview of the upcoming 100th Anniversary Spectacular in 2027. Stay tuned for details.



Grant money is available for your club projects!

The GCFM Civic Development and Historic Preservation Grant **deadline is July 1**. Do you have a historic preservation or municipal garden project in the works? Apply today for funding from GCFM. Civic projects include municipal gardens, landscaping of schools or libraries, or nature trails. Historic projects include restoration or landscaping of a historic site. Grants can be for a new planting or for a new phase of an ongoing, planting project. Don't miss this funding opportunity. Further details and an application form may be found here: [Civic and Historic Grants](#)

Upcoming Flower Shows - this week!

June 11, 12, 13 - Arts and Crafts, an NGC Standard Flower Show presented by the Acton Garden Club. Held at Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street, Acton.

June 12 - 21 - A Tiny Nation Blooms, an NGC Petite Design Specialty Show, presented by the Judges' Council of GCFM. Held at Framingham Public Library, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham.

For more details and info on additional upcoming shows, click here: [Area Flower Show Information](#)

100th Anniversary Celebration Planning is Underway. Save the dates - June 9 and 10, 2027.

For questions contact Chair Suzanne McCance at suzannebmccance@gmail.com

GCFM DUES and INSURANCE - if you have not submitted payments yet, your club is PAST DUE

Dues deadline was May 1. Form and payment information are here: [GCFM Dues Notice](#)

Insurance deadline was June 1. Form and payment information are here: [GCFM Insurance Renewal](#)

Send both the form and payment to Linda Thomson-Clem, 1764 West Street, Stoughton, MA 02072

In celebration of the upcoming July 4th holiday and USA 250, we end with fireworks from nature:



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[The GCFM Website](#). Please send story ideas and suggestions to Lisa Murray at

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