



**Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.**  
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It appears summer has arrived - at least for the next few days! Hopefully you can find a quiet, shady spot in your garden to cool off. This week we bring you a few highlights of the spectacular 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

**Last Call for GCFM's Annual meeting on June 4!**

We've had an enthusiastic response with many members registered and looking forward to spending time with friends, learning about clubs' activities, and celebrating our many accomplishments. Don't miss out. Presidents of all GCFM Member Clubs should plan to attend or send a representative.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton, 11 Beaver St., Milford, MA. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the meeting runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is included with your registration. The cost on or before May 21 is \$65 (credit card \$67.25); after May 21 it is \$70 (credit card \$72.25). Does your club offer reimbursement for some or all of the ticket cost? It could be a great club outing.

Register: [Online](#) or [Mail In Form](#)

Questions? contact Linda Thomson-Clem at: [lithomson1@verizon.net](mailto:lithomson1@verizon.net) or call 781-789-7002.

This year GCFM welcomes **National Garden Club President Donna Donnelly**. Members will learn more about the National Garden Club when she describes her theme, "Plant America for the Next 100 Years."

The annual meeting will feature a new "Project Showcase" where clubs will present award-winning programs or models that have successfully energized their members, attracted new members, and increased their club's awareness and contributions in their communities.

During the GCFM Awards program, members will recognize and celebrate the many clubs receiving 2025 State and National Garden Club (NGC) awards for outstanding projects and initiatives in their communities and for their members.

If you're interested in making table arrangements for the meeting, join us on June 3 for a workshop. Contact Joan Marie Driscoll: [joanarie@gmail.com](mailto:joanarie@gmail.com)

**Credentials:** Club Presidents - we have received several credential forms without a registration form. Registration and payment are done separately. Please check that both parts are complete. Thank you. Questions: Contact Marjorie Dienhart at: [marjorie.dienhart@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.dienhart@gmail.com) or call 774-454-1041.

**Is your club planning a garden for your community or working on a garden project with your local historians?** If so, submit your project for consideration for a GCFM Civic Development and Historic Preservation Grant. 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 apply to a new planting project or to a new phase of an ongoing, permanent planting project. Don't miss this funding opportunity. Deadline is July 1. Apply today!

Further details and an application form may be found here: [Civic and Historic Grants](#)

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

For questions contact Chair Suzanne McCance at [suzannebmccance@gmail.com](mailto:suzannebmccance@gmail.com) Take a look at your archives for any photos and memorabilia related to GCFM.



**Check out the Plant a Tree Program on the GCFM website to donate.**

This is the last month to donate for your club to be recognized this year.

Questions? Contact Aparna Kumar at [aparnakum34@gmail.com](mailto:aparnakum34@gmail.com) or go to [Plant A Tree](#)

**\*\*GCFM DUES - if you have not submitted payment yet, your club is PAST DUE\*\***

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

The GCFM liability insurance enrollment deadline is **June 1**.

Use this form to remit payment: [GCFM Insurance Renewal](#)

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

**Is there a Flower Show coming to your area?** To find out click here: [Area Flower Show Information](#)

**It's not too late to participate in FUNDAMENTALS OF FLORAL DESIGN II on June 3.**

Join us on Wednesday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for FUNdamentals of Floral Design II at the Topsfield Fairgrounds by registering here: [FUNdamentals Registration](#) For questions contact Pat Fleming at [fleming.3patricia@gmail.com](mailto:fleming.3patricia@gmail.com)

**GCFM Speakers Program Update:**



**Fill Us In:**

**Your Club's Speaker Highlights!**

Have you enjoyed wonderful speakers through your Garden Club this past year? Tell us more!

We would love to hear from you!

Please share your favorites—including the speakers name, topic and any contact information you may have—with the GCFM Speakers Program at:

**[GCFM.SpeakersProgram@gmail.com](mailto:GCFM.SpeakersProgram@gmail.com)**

Thank you for sharing who inspired you!

“The Village News” is circulated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Check it out via email or on the web: [The GCFM Website](#). Please send story ideas and suggestions to Lisa Murray at [GCFMStateAwards@gmail.com](mailto:GCFMStateAwards@gmail.com)

