



Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
Bi-weekly Communication for
October 6, 2025
GCFM News You Need

PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Kim Edwards:

At this time of year many clubs' Executive Board leadership has transitioned and we thought it best to again bring your attention to upcoming key dates of all important upcoming programs, items and deadlines.

Going forward, plans are to provide communication twice a month with key deadline and dates in the first monthly edition, and in the second monthly edition provide club key activities, celebrations, ideas and news.

Our hope is this will help our individual clubs join in with idea sharing and knowledge exchanges. Please send your thoughts and suggestions, and as always, your input is appreciated and valued.

TIME-SENSITIVE ITEMS:

TODAY Oct 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom: GCFM President & Treasurer Fall Meeting

A Free Webinar via Zoom. [Registration required.](#)

Fall 2025: Who and What is GCFM: Free Webinar for All Garden Club Members. Details coming soon.

October 15 - NGC PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grant Application Deadline

Support for community-based gardening projects that make a visible impact. Let's continue to

PLANT AMERICA for the next 100 years! Link for more information: www.plantamerica.org

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB GRANTS - Year Round rolling grants starts 10/1/25 to 5/31/26 Link for all

NGC grant information: www.gardenclub.org/awards-and-grants Year round rolling grants available to offer support for specific needs - from youth education to recovery after natural disasters. Three categories - Native Plant and Wildflower Grants, Youth Pollinator Garden Grants, Natural Disaster Grants.

Receive Espoma plant foods and potting soils to support your garden club's project.

January 1 - March 1: NGC AMES Tools Grant

Apply for high-quality tools to help your club complete its projects efficiently.

Upcoming GCFM Deadlines:

Oct 25, 2025: Deadline for Member Club 501(c) (3) renewals

Dec 1, 2025: Award Submissions due for State Awards & State Flower Show Awards

Link [GCFM Awards](#)

EDUCATION SCHOOL REMINDERS

Oct 15-18, 2025: GCFM Flower Show School Course 3, Doubletree Hilton Hotel, Milford, MA

- Registration deadline September 23, 2025 and no refund after Oct 1, 2025
 - Don't miss out on this opportunity. Register now while space is available!
 - Registration Link [Flower Show School](#)

Oct 16-17, 2025: New England Garden Club Symposium, Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT

Oct 28-30, 2025: GCFM Landscape Design School, Course 4 via Zoom

- Registration deadline Oct 15, 2025
- Registration Link [Landscape Design School](#)

FUN EVENTS & WORKSHOP REMINDERS

Oct 28, 2025: GCFM Floral Design Basics Workshop with Margo Yie

Saint Susanna's Parish, 262 Needham St, Dedham, MA

- Ruth Evans will amaze you with her knowledge and guide you through this Workshop to create an Amazing Design that you didn't know you could ever do!
- Registration Link [October Design Workshop](#) Register today!

Dec 1, 2025: Museum of Fine Arts Notification - Attention Floral Designers of New England! Art in Bloom 2026 will mark the 50th anniversary of this beloved spring tradition and preparations are already underway! Updates from Linda Chernoff, Director, Special Events & Meg Kasuba, Art in Bloom Floral Design Coordinator Please save the dates:

- Monday, December 1, 2025: Application link opens for participation
- Monday, February 23, 2026: Arranger Orientation Day
- Thursday, April 30, 2026: Art in Bloom Arranging Day
- Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3, 2026: Art in Bloom
- Monday, May 4, 2026: Art in Bloom Breakdown Day
- For questions, email MFA Art in Bloom: ArtInBloom@mfa.org

NEWS RIGHT OUT OF THE GCFM PRESS ROOM

Another GCFM Contest? Yes that is correct - a 2nd Contest for your club?

Hint: it has something to do with **Red**, **White**, and **Blue**.....Stay tuned and think USA250

ON THE GCFM WEBSITE GCFM.org

To better serve our Garden Clubs and Board Members, GCFM is restructuring our Website into 3 areas:

1/ **Main Website** which will continue to stay open to all clubs and the public

2/ **GCFM Board Members** - secured area

(Board Members will receive an email with details to access the GCFM Board Restricted Area)

3/ **GCFM Federated Garden Clubs & Members** - secured area

Garden Club Presidents will receive details as soon