



Brockton Garden Club
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Gardener's News
May 2016

Happy Memorial Day!

President's Message: We have decided to hold the installation of new officers on June 16 at the Brockton Historical Society, 216 North Pearl St. at 7 p.m. All club members are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. We will still hold the annual meeting at Monponsett Inn as long as we have enough people to book the restaurant. Contact Bobbie Lemasa for brunch. The Plant Sale is Saturday, May 14!! At its last meeting the board voted to induct Martha Testa and Florence McNamara as emeritus members. Congratulations!! Peg Kearney is going to order the club benches to be placed in D.W. Field Park. Any club member who wants to purchase a bench with a family name or for another city group may do so. Let Peg K. know if you are interested. See you at the regular meeting, May 23. **Peg Parenteau**

Committee Reports

Civic: The Plant Sale is Saturday, May 14! Here's the info:

Set up for plant sale: Thursday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday--We ask that everyone come between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Do not arrive later than 7:30 a.m. or you cannot park within the gates. We will close the gates at 11 a.m.

Club member plant purchases will happen on Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and after 10 a.m., Saturday. Lorene will be the point person.

Wear your bright green shirts to the sale so members are easily identified to the public. We will break down the sale prior to having lunch. Many hands will make the process go by quickly.

Co-Chairs Birute Silvia and Tim Steadman

Programs: Is someone you know or someone in your family currently serving in the military or perhaps a veteran who once served our country? Have you often thought what

could you do to say thank you to these men and women who are our neighbors, co-workers, the individual who helps you find the correct color paint for your next indoor project, or is he or she in the Veteran's hospital on Route 123--which most of us drive by several times a week. If you would like to do a project to thank these men and women you will have the opportunity at our May meeting. Betty Saccocia, a well-known stamper and crafter, will join us and show us basic stamping and card making skills. Saccocia will use tools and accessories to make our projects "pop." For \$10.00 we can make a "Thank You" card which you may keep or donate to a veteran at the Brockton Veteran's Hospital from the Brockton Garden Club. You will leave this class inspired and knowing our club has helped to make a few of our local hero's smile. **Co-chairs Judy Burnett, Carol Beffert-Banks & Susan Spaulding.**

Membership: We are always looking for new members so ask friends, family, or anyone who may be interested in gardening. We had 4 new members join so far this year. Everyone be sure to welcome them and make yourself known to them. They are Judy Gorman, Eileen Marinelli, Peg MacBarron and Stepheon Holiday. **Chair Pat Emmanuel**

Toolin' Around
The Garden
By John Duggan



I can't believe we are into May and the Plant Sale is this weekend! This will be my last article as my term is ending on the Executive Board and new officers will be sworn in next month – how time flies! I have one last favorite garden tool to share with you – long handle Dutch Garden Hoe. I bought mine at the Smith and Hawken Store in Hingham when they were going out of business. I had no idea what I was buying, but I knew I had to have it as it was half price! It turned out to be my favorite



“go to” tool in the shed. After much research, I learned that it can be ordered on-line at my favorite store – Home Depot and delivered to you or to your local store. Here is the link:

<http://www.homedepot.com/p/Joseph-Bentley-61-in-Stainless-Steel-Wooden-Handled-Dutch-Hoe-JBY0233/204351830>

This garden tool is very versatile. I use it for weeding, edging, scraping dry soil and reseedling. I especially like that it is light weight and has an extra long handle. My

bad back especially likes this tool as it is great for weeding the garden without having to bend over! The end of the tool is stainless steel which is great for maintenance (little or no rust). My Dutch Garden Hoe is made in England and the handle is made of ash – excellent quality!



With all the tools I own, my two favorite are the Spear Head Spade Shovel and this Dutch Garden Hoe. Now I wish I just had the time to utilize them more often!

Thanks everyone and have a great summer!

Summer Garden Walks

Thank you to those who are willing to host a Garden Walk this summer.

The Garden Walks are scheduled in the following order.

Saturday, June 18th

9 a.m. Bobbie Lamasa, 69 Peterson Ave.

9:45 a.m. Birute Silvia, 260 Keith Ave., Ext.

Saturday July 23, 9 a.m. Tim

Steadman, 51 Country Club Dr.

9:45 a.m. Peg Kearney, 200 Country Club Lane

Reminder: May 23 meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Arnone School. Bring your own cup or mug for tea and coffee. Recycle, reduce and reuse.

The hostesses for the May 23 meeting are: Debbie Mullins, Ester Thomas and Marion Kelleher.

Bobbie LeMasa asks everyone to remember to get your money in for the June Brunch at the lovely Monponsett Inn in Halifax. The menu consists of 14+ items including 2 steamship carved roasts. Since some of our current Executive Board members cannot be present for this activity, the brunch will be a social event and elections will take place on another date in June.

If you have any questions about the Brunch, please give Bobbie Lemasa a call at [508 584-2710](tel:5085842710).

Garden Club dues are due on or before the May 23 meeting. Dues are \$30 and payable to Brockton Garden Club.

For new members who are not familiar with Garden Walks they are an informal visit to a garden that belongs to a club member. We stay about 45 minutes, view the garden that our members open up to us and visit with our gardening friends. The short stay allows everyone the rest of their summer days. Rain or Shine. All are welcome. This is a great time to get to know your other club members and enjoy the view.