

**Gardeners' News**  
**Brockton Garden Club**  
**January, 2017**

**January General Meeting**  
**Terrarium Workshop**

General Meeting - January 23, 2017, 7:00 pm @ the Arnone School  
Create Your Own Hanging Terrarium - See the Programs Committee Write-Up.  
Two timely emails were sent by Tim outlining the cost, limited supplies, how to contact him, and where to send payment for the workshop. Hope everyone keeps up with their email.

*Meeting Hostesses:*  
*Lisa Landerholm*

Mary Shevory, Bobbi Lemasa, Gladys Rysman, Lorene DeSimone  
January Theme: Everything is Coming Up Hearts - Happy Valentines Day to everyone

*Executive*

Next Executive Board Meeting - February 1st @ 7:00 pm - Brockton Park Dept Bldg.

**President's Message**  
*Bobbie LeMassa*  
*Jean McLaughlin*

Dear Fellow Gardeners,  
We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday and just when we are finally getting back into the routine-BANG! We get 17" of snow. Beautiful as it is on a calm Sunday morning, it was a lot of shoveling. Now that that chore is done, it is time to settle in by the fireplace and check out all of the seed catalogs and gardening magazines for the upcoming season. As you know, planning ahead is a big part of our gardens and now is a great time for this. While we are on the subject of planning, let's not forget about the Garden and Craft Show which is fast approaching. More details about an upcoming meeting open to everyone in this newsletter. Please, new members, TRY TO ATTEND.  
Regards, Bobbi and Jean

**January General Meeting**  
**Hanging Terrarium Workshop**  
*T. Steadman & J. Brasil*  
*Program Co-Chairs*

January 23rd General Meeting program will be a Hanging Terrarium workshop. Tim has thoughtfully provided two email notifications to the membership in early January outlining the workshop, the limited supplies, cost and how to make payment prior to the meeting. Thank you, Tim.

**Special Projects/**  
**Spring Craft & Garden Show**  
*Meeting*

There will be a Garden Show meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 7:00pm at the Park Department Bldg. 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA

Now that the new year has arrived we must get serious about our planning. The Show is such a fun event. I hope everyone is looking forward to it and will attend the planning meeting. Everyone is welcome to the meeting whether it's just to gain knowledge or to find a job to do, big or small. There is something in need of doing for everyone. See you all there!  
Project Chairs Peg Kearney and Lorene DeSimone

## Event Highlights

**Brockton Holiday Parade**  
November 26, 2016

Members of the Brockton Garden Club rode in decorated antique autos, from the Old Colony Model T Club, to continue a tradition of fostering good will toward, and within the city. Pictures of the event are available for viewing on the club's website thanks to Cindy and Don Myers, club web masters, and Janet Trask, club photographer. Find the photos within the Event Highlights section: <http://www.brocktongc.org>

**Christmas Wreath Decorating**  
**Workshop - November 28, 2016**

Attention to detail was certainly the focus of this workshop. Those participating enjoyed selecting colored balls and other bobbles with which to adorn their wreaths. The creative process was evident within the group. Thanks to June Brasil and Tim Steadman for organizing the event and to Jo Rutkauskas and Peg Kearney for their skill at making

some of the lovely bows accenting the festive wreaths.

**Park Benches Donated  
to D.W. Field Park**

Congratulations to Peg Kearney and Peg Parenteau for their longstanding diligence in the procurement of and arranging for the installation of 8 donated park benches to D.W. Field Park. Two benches are in the name of the Brockton Garden Club. Another of the benches is in memory of a past member and donor, Marion Reynolds. Others have been donated by club members in memory of their loved ones. For the eighth bench one of our members, Jackie Bonarrigo, organized another club, The Sons of Italy, to donate as well. Nice way to start 2017. Pictures of the benches, courtesy of Peg Kearney, are available on the club's website under Event Highlights. Access the BGC website at: <http://www.brocktongc.org>

**Progressive Dinner  
December 3, 2016**

Smashing success. Splendid evening organized and executed by the members of the Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Lorene DeSimone. See committee reports for additional details.

**Holiday Doorway Contest  
Peg Kearney, Chair**

Congratulations to all that participated in the BGC's 2016 Holiday Doorway Contest. Photos of each of the entries will be on display at the January Meeting. Ribbons will be presented to the winners, Peg Kearney (1st-Blue), the team of Claire Lineberry and Bill Clark (2nd-Red) and Birute Silvia (3rd-White). The judges expressed their certainty that all non-winning entries were worthy of Honorable Mention.

**Annual Holiday Party  
December 13, 2016**

Fine food and good company combined to make this evening a success. Many thanks to all in attendance. The Yankee Swap proved comical at times and the Scholarship Opportunity Drawing has been reported a success. Thanks to Claire Lineberry as the master of ceremony for the Yankee Swap and to Susan Nicastro and Peg Parenteau for hosting the Opportunity Drawing.

### Committee Reports

**Yearbook Committee  
Update**

Carol Banks, Committee Chair

Please note that we found an error on page 4 for the Garden Club Federation email address. The correct email address is [gcfm@verizon.net](mailto:gcfm@verizon.net). Please note this discrepancy in your Yearbook. We do apologize for any inconvenience. Happy New Year from the Yearbook Committee!

**Ways & Means Committee  
Lorene DeSimone, Chair**

To all of you who attended the December 3rd Progressive Dinner, the Ways and Means Committee hopes you enjoyed yourself. Thank you for your support. My personal kudos to the Ways and Means Committee and especially to Carol, Jay and Troy for their hospitality and yummy food.

*A shared evening of fun; Priceless.*

**By-Law Committee  
Chair, Birute Silvia**

The BGC's Board, comprised of Club Officers and Committee Chairs, has recently proposed a change to the method through which the club processes its financial transactions. A By-Law Committee, organized under Birute Silvia, Second Vice President, is responsible for authoring the proposed changes. This work is currently underway and scheduled for review at the February Executive Board meeting. A By-law change of any kind requires the participation of the general membership. Further details will be provided either prior to or at the February General meeting. To further acquaint yourselves with the text regarding Amendments to the club's By-Laws see section 11. Amendments on page 11 of the current Yearbook.

**Special Projects/  
Spring Garden Show  
Meeting**

A second mention - it's important this information be visible. There will be a Garden Show meeting on Wednesday, January 25, @ 7:00pm at the Park Department Bldg. 45 Meadow Lane, Brockton, MA

All are welcome. Please support this endeavor, we're counting on you.

### **January Horticulture Spotlight**

*Author, Jay Dembling*

I assume everyone in the group has some house plants. While heating the indoors this winter it's important to water our house plants, especially those in clay pots. The soil in clay pots dries out more quickly. Misting them with a spray bottle a couple of times a week is a good idea too, they love the bath.

Let's talk of the love mealybugs and aphids have for our house plants. If plants are over watered it is easy for mealybugs to form. Their appearance as tiny white balls on the plant causes the plant to yellow. Remedy this by dapping bugs with a Q Tip dipped in rubbing alcohol. This will kill them naturally. Should they redevelop apply the treatment a second time.

Aphids are green and often found on the underside of the plant leaves. My suggestion is to arm yourself with a one quart spray bottle and Dawn dishwashing liquid. Step one is to fill the bottle nearly to the top. To the water add ten drops of dishwashing liquid, cover tightly and shake well. Best time to liberally apply this spray to the underside of the leaves is early morning or evening. The benefit of applying the spray during these times is that the spray remains on the bugs longer before disappearing. If successful, the bugs will turn brown and then black indicating they've been destroyed. Apply the process again a few days later to ensure the babies have been killed off as well.

### **Dates to Remember**

Monday, January 23, 2017

Brockton Garden Club **Monthly Meeting** at the Arnone School 7:00 PM.  
General Meeting Workshop - Hanging Terrarium

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

BGC Board Meeting at 7PM