



Gardeners' News
Brockton Garden Club
February, 2017

February General Meeting
Conservation Based Program

General Meeting - February 27, 2017, 7:00 pm @ the Annone School
Drought Tolerant Plants - Presented by: Kim Cook

Health Imperatives

Health Imperatives (Formerly known as Woman's Place) - A collection will be taken up at the February meeting in support of the important services being provided by the Health Imperatives group to women and children in need.

Meeting Hostesses:

Lisa Landerholm
Hospitality Chair

Deb Mullen, Ester Thomas, Betty Rada, Sue Reichenberg and Jay Dembling

February Theme: "Where is the Leprechaun?" (

Hostesses arrive 30 minutes prior to the meeting start

Executive

Executive Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 1 @ 7:00 pm

President's Message

Bobbie LeMasa
Jean McLaughlin

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

As we started to write this paragraph for the newsletter we were so happy for the Super Bowl win and the 50 degree weather, but Mother Nature is now playing tricks on us with this blizzard and an expected 12" of snow. So what to do after we finish shoveling? It's a good time to clean pots and wash off the dust from the houseplants. And now would be the time to repot any plants that need a larger pot. Just remember to repot only one size larger. Try not to damage the roots and do not plant any deeper than the plant was originally planted. If the plant is very pot bound, clip the roots in several places.

As you know, the Craft and Garden Show is fast approaching on Sunday, April 9th. Decorative plant pots are being prepared for sale at the Ways & Means table at the show. Bobbie is organizing a workshop to be held Saturday, February 25 at her home to embellish and decorate the exterior of each of the pots. Enjoyment is key, and all are welcome. Please contact Bobbi for more detail if you plan to attend. We hope you're getting as excited about the Show as us 'old timers' because it is such a fulfilling experience to be a part of this project.

Stay warm and stay safe.

Bobbie and Jean

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

FYI: The next planning meeting for the **Spring Craft & Garden Show** will be held **Wednesday, February 22, @ 7:00pm**. Location: Park Department Bldg. 45 Meadow Lane

Event Highlights

January Workshop

Co-Presidents and Program Committee Chairs June Brasil and Tim Steadman wish to extend kudos and special thanks to Nancy Cohenno and Peg Kearney for the excellent Terrarium Workshop they presented at the January General Meeting.

Committee Reports

By-laws Committee Birute Silvia, Chair

The By-laws Committee of the Brockton Garden Club completed its presentation to the Board which accepted the final document at the February 1st meeting. The attachment to this month's newsletter describes the purpose and need for the change in language which governs its finances which are currently processed via three check books, Civic Beautification Committee, Scholarship Committee, and the club's General Fund. The desired goal is to have a single General Fund account which will embrace both the Civic Beautification Committee and the Scholarship Committee accounts earmarking each as such. This change would not compromise the finances or activities of either committees but would greatly enhance the accountability, processing, and transparency of the club's finances. Any review, internal or otherwise, would be greatly simplified.

Please review the language changes and be assured that the process for changing the by-laws shall follow exactly the steps as stated in "Section 11. Amendments" on page 22 of the club's handbook.

A review of the proposed by-law changes will occur during the business portion of the February General Meeting accompanied by a question and answer period. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this important matter.

Special Projects/ Spring Garden Show

There's only about 6 weeks until the Garden and Craft Show Sunday, April 9th, 2017. More than half of our vendor spaces are filled and plans are moving along. The next planning meeting is Wednesday, February 22 at the Park Department - 7:00pm.

Peg Parenteau and Jay Dembling will be working on the Program Book. We are selling ad space in our program book as in the past.

Attachments to the newsletter include a **letter of introduction** regarding the show, and a **program donation form** for purchasing an ad. The show's program book is a terrific way for the community to demonstrate its support for the club's good will endeavors. However, this won't happen without your active solicitation. The program donation form contains a complete listing of donation options and costs. Costs for an ad range from a low of \$10.00 to \$200 for a full page ad.

Please print up several of the forms and bring them along with you during visits to local businesses: cleaners, hairdresser and of course your friends and family. Contact Peg Parenteau with any questions regarding the program books.

This year's show offers an Art in Bloom display in the front hall, the raffle which is a drop your ticket in the prize bucket you want to win, a kids area, several speakers and the café/food provided this year by a caterer. Oh what a GREAT day we are trying to provide for the city!

Keep in mind this is the club's major fund raiser in support of our General Fund. We've not had a show in 5 years so we ask EVERYONE to help in making this event a success. The Show and the Plant Sale are the only times we expect every member to participate. The day of the show is really a fun fun day. The lasting benefit is getting to see people in our city come out, join in, and happily enjoy the event.

Please support this endeavor, we're counting on you. We're looking forward to seeing you at the meeting Wednesday, February 22nd at the Park Department

Horticulture Spotlight



Nothing heralds the end of winter quite like a snowdrop. Bursting from the muddy soil they have an almost other-worldly delicacy. Long a symbol of purity and the cleansing of the earth these celebrated pearl-like blooms (galanthus) are an anticipated and splendid sight throughout England and Wales.

I've a few in my yard. Are you a galanthophile (collector of snowdrop)?

Dates to Remember

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| Wednesday, February 22, 2017 | Garden & Craft Show Planning Meeting 7:00 PM @ Park Dept Bldg |
| Monday, February 27th, 2017 | General Meeting at the Arnone School 7:00 PM.
Program - Drought Tolerant Plants |
| Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 | BGC Board Meeting at 7PM - Park Dept Bldg |