



Gardeners' News Brockton Garden Club February, 2018

February General Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2017, 7:00 pm @ the Arnone School
Orchids - Presented by: Tom Gregg from the Cape & Islands Orchid Society

Executive

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

Lisa Landerholm Hospitality Chair Meeting Hostesses:

The weather seems to be warming up a little!
February Theme: "Coming up GREEN" ~ Remember to wear something green
Claire Lineberry, Tim Steadman, Birute Silvia, and Nancy King
Hostesses arrive at 6:30pm prior to the start of the meeting and remain to complete the clean up.

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. For many years now the club has set aside \$300.00 annually from the General Fund in support of this initiative. Proceeds from the collection will be added to the club's annual donation and forwarded to the Health Imperatives group. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

President's Message

As I sit here on this beautiful sunny day in February, I am at a loss for words because this weather is too nice for February. Isn't this suppose to be one of the snowiest month's? Maybe I shouldn't speak too soon because I do remember the big snowstorm on April Fool's Day many years ago. However, it has been nice to get out in the fresh air for a walk or just to do a little light yard clean up.

I did read a very interesting article the other day that said if you are forcing pussy willows, don't throw that water out. It is great for watering seedlings or rooted houseplant cuttings. That is because willow water contains indole butyric acid (IBA), which encourages strong growth. Who knew?

I purchased all my seeds for the vegetable garden today, so I guess this week-end will be a good time to start them, at least the tomatoes and herbs. Don't forget if anyone else starts their own plants and has some extras, the Brockton VA would be very grateful for them. Sharing is what it is all about.

Only 28 more days until we move the clock forward!!! YEH more daylight.
~ Bobbie & Jean

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Pat Emanuel

Membership is always looking for new members; so invite a family member, friend, or someone you know who might be interested in gardening to join us at one of our monthly meetings. Doreen Vieira, who heard from a friend about the garden club attended the January meeting after reading about the club on our website. Also, Obi Cheretakis, a former member, joined us for the evening. Looking forward to the February meeting presentation on Orchids and a better attendance of members to support our programs.

~Pat

Program Committee June Brasill and Tim Steadman Co-Chairs

February's program will be "Orchids" presented by Tom Gregg from the Cape & Islands Orchid Society

~Tim

Ways & Means Committee Lorene DeSimone

Update: We are right on track for a great time at Bunco (dice game)/Game Night to be held on Saturday, March 24 @ 6:30 PM at the Brockton Historical Society, 216 North Pearl Street. The committee began selling tickets at the January 22nd General Meeting and got a good response. We will again sell tickets at the February 26th general meeting.

This is sure to be a night of fun, games and laughs! It will include easy to learn and play games with snacks and prizes. You are welcome to bring the beverage of your choice, alcoholic or not, along with your own glass. Tea and water will be provided. This promises to be fun evening!

Tickets are \$10 each. We encourage you to bring a friend or relative along for the fun in order to introduce them to the Club and it's members. To make this easier we are offering tickets for \$10 each or 2/\$15 when purchased at the February 26th general meeting. Members tickets and tickets purchased at any other times are at the very economical price of \$10. [REDACTED]

Ways and Means next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14th [REDACTED]

~Lorene

Special Reminder

Jay Dembling wishes to remind the membership that the club is a registered charity on Amazon Smile. If you wish to designate the BGC as the recipient of a small percentage of money donated from your purchases, go to: www.amazonsmile.com To do this, scroll to the top left corner of the page and select Brockton Garden Club as your charity.

The Ways and Means Committee appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Jay reports having made similar donations numerous times, and encourages others to do the same. Please contact Jay with any questions.

Dates to Remember

Monday, February 26th

Club's General Meeting - Arnone School @ 7pm

Saturday, March 24th

Game Night - Bunco - Purchase your tickets at the February general meeting. Tickets are two for \$15.00 until February 26th. Thereafter they're \$10.00 each.

March 14-18, 2018

"Savor Spring" at the Boston Flower and Garden Show at the Seaport World Trade Center Boston

April 5 - 8, 2018
FGC Design Specialty
Flower Show

Club members interested in participating Jean has the required paperwork. Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. presents

"Springtime Floral Fusion" - an FGC Design Specialty Flower Show

Thursday & Friday Noon - 9:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Rhode Island Convention Center

1 Sabin Street Providence, Rhode Island

Admission Free with ticket to Rhode Island Home Show

