



**Gardeners' News
Brockton Garden Club
January, 2018**



President's Message

*Bobbie Lemasa
Jean McLaughlin*

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Jean and I wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2018. We hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are taking it easy in front of the fireplace reading the seed catalogs. With this old weather we are having, it is a nice pastime to start planning your garden for the upcoming spring months. I am looking forward to seeing the new variety of irises that I planted in the fall, among other bulbs that I enjoy so much.

Just a reminder that your houseplants rest during the dark winter months, so avoid overwatering, fertilizing or repotting. However, they will benefit from misting (except for violets) and keeping the dust off of the leaves. And if you have any of those beautiful geraniums from our plant sale that you are wintering over, just keep them trimmed and evenly moist, but no fertilizer. You will have early blooms this spring.

Once again, stay warm and be careful of the ice. Spring will be here shortly!

~ Bobbi & Jean

January General Meeting

Monday, January 22nd at 7:00pm - Arnone School
Program: Plants from Grower to Market

**Hospitality
Lisa Landerholm, Chair**

Meeting Hostesses are: Barbara Fox, Pat Emanuel, Jo Rutkauskas, Ki Pok Mun and Lisa Landerholm
Hostesses are expected to arrive at 6:30pm and remain to complete the clean-up.

Committee Reports

Program Committee
June Brasill and
Tim Steadman
Co-Chairs

January's program will be a "Plants - From Growers to Market" presentation by Kim Cook from Briggs Nursery. The presentation describes the evolution of how plants get started, up through when they are ready to sell.

~Tim

Civic Committee
Peg Kearney, Chair

Thank you to the hearty club members that turned out Saturday morning, November 18th for the greens picking party. The downtown bins were filled to overflowing and looked especially nice for the then upcoming parade held on November 25th. Members of the Civic Committee decorated and delivered holiday wreaths around the city. I know it's a busy time of year for everyone, but it was especially nice being a part of this group that worked together so successfully. Visit the club's website for event photos. Nice job Cindy Myers and Janet Trask.

~Peg

Ways & Means Committee
Lorene DeSimone

Lorene and the Ways & Means committee will be holding a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 7pm at her home, [REDACTED]
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The Committee has 2 events planned between now and the end of our tenure in June. We are excited about both of them.

The first is a fun Bunco (dice game)/Game Night to be held on Saturday, March 24 @ 6:30pm at the Brockton Historical Society, 216 North Pearl Street. In the UNLIKELY event of snow you would be notified of an alternative location. This is a very social event that will include easy to learn and play games, snacks and prizes. You are welcome to bring the beverage of your choice, alcoholic or not, along with your own glass. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. This promises to be an evening filled with laughs!

We will start to sell tickets at the January 22nd General Meeting. Tickets are \$10.00 each. We encourage you to bring 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 \$10.00 each or 2/\$15 when purchased at either the January 22nd or February 26th General Meetings. Members tickets and tickets purchased at any other times are at the very economical price of \$10.00

Ways & Means
Continued

A yard sale will be held at the Brockton Historical Society on Saturday, June 16. Details will follow after the Bunco/Game Night. Now though is a good time to start a donation box of useful, clean non-clothing items. Think Spring Cleaning! During last June's yard sale we learned a lot about what we did right and how we could improve. Put the date in your calendar as you will definitely want to take part in this day

Happy Winter and stay warm!

~Lorene

Dates to Remember

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| Monday, January 22nd | Club's General Meeting - Arnone School @ 7pm |
| Tuesday, January 23rd | Master Gardener Lecture - "Pets and Plants" Learn to protect your pets from plant dangers. 6:30-8PM Fee \$25.00.
Location: Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate at 2468 Washington St. Canton.
Email at: HotHort@MassMasterGardeners.org |
| Saturday, January 27th | Boston Flower and Garden Show Exhibitor's Meeting
More specifics found in email to the membership Monday, January 8 |
| Saturday, March 24th | Game Night - Bunco |