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**April
General Meeting**

Monday, April 23, 2017, 7:00 pm @ the Arnone School
"Preparing Soil for the Garden" presentation by Gretel Ansbach,
Master Gardner

Meeting Hostesses:

Theme this month is "Bring on Spring"
Meeting Host & Hostesses are:
Jackie Bonarrigo, Janet Trask, Cindy & Don Myers, and Jay Dembling
Hostesses arrive at 6:30pm prior to the start of the meeting and
remain to complete the clean up.

Executive

Executive Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 2 @ 7:00 pm

Health Imperatives

Health Imperatives (Formerly known as Woman's Place) has sent along a
Thank You note in appreciation of the club's annual donation.
Bobbi and I wish to thank the membership for 14 years of continued support
and generosity

President's Message

Finally the crocuses and daffodils are up, our lawns are turning green and we
are holding our breath to see what plants survived this past winter. Now if
only the sun would stay out for more than one day and the air would warm up
so that we can get started doing what is necessary in the gardens. I have
been carefully watching my asparagus bed, can't wait for that first picking.
It's like fresh corn. From the garden to the pan-what good eating!!

For those of you who don't have much of a year, the "Landless Garden" is the
way to go. A garden is possible on the deck, terrace or balcony by planting in
containers. They may need a bit more care and tending, but the rewards are
worth the bother. You can grow fresh vegetables (including tomatoes), herbs
or flowers as long as you have the right size pot and a good soil. Remember
to add a small amount of the 'soil moist' beads to the potting mix to help
absorb the water and then release it slowly back into the soil. As we get older
and can't knell, this is also a nice way to enjoy working with the dirt.

We have much to look forward to in the Club this spring such as the Plant Sale
on May 19th, the Yard Sale on June 16th at the Historical Society and the
Annual Dinner on June 20th including the installation of new club officers.
More to come regarding these events.

~Bobbi and Jean

Committee Reports

Lisa Landerholm
Hospitality Chair

We only have 3 more meetings, 2 of which we will be having refreshments, before summer break. I would like to Thank all my Host and Hostesses from this past year. There was a great selection of delicious foods brought to each meeting. Thank you for the help before and after each meeting for set up and clean up. A special Thank you to the ladies that have stepped up to be my extras for help and food. Without naming names you know who you are!
THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!!!

As May comes along this means the "Annual Plant Sale & luncheon."
I will need volunteers on Saturday, May 19, 2018 to provide your delicious soups & desserts. Please see me at the April meeting to sign up.

~Lisa

Membership Committee
Pat Emanuel

The Garden Club had 25 faithful members and five guests attend the March monthly meeting. Most of the guests read about the meeting with the program on Vegetable Gardening in the newspaper.
Thank you to Publicity Chair, Cindy Myers, for getting the word out. Also thanks to Tim Steadman and June Brasill, for the great programs they've put together. Many positive comments from members and guests on our great Hospitality. Thank you Lisa Landerholm and committee. With the weather getting warmer, looking forward to a large attendance at the April 23rd meeting on Preparing Soil for Summer Gardening.

~Pat

Civic Committee

Keep Brockton Beautiful Day - Saturday, April 21, 2018
We will meet at Heights Crossing at 8:30 to sign in and then we will go to the different sites we maintain for cleanup. Please bring gloves and any tools you would use. Everyone will need to fill out a release prior to working so if you have not filled one out and given to me already, you will need to do so. I am attaching a copy.

~Tim

Program Committee
June Brasill and
Tim Steadman
Co-Chairs

April's Program is: "Preparing Soil for the Garden." A presentation by Gretel Ansbach, Master Gardener

~Tim & June

Ways & Means Committee
Lorene DeSimone

The Bunco/Game Night, held 3/24/18, was a success. We had a great turnout tons of good food, lots of laughs and lively conversation. Plus, we made \$200 for the Club. It doesn't get better than that. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the night a good time. But most of all, many thanks to Lisa Landerholm for all of her hard work and for go graciously opening her home to us that night.

Ways and Means last event for the Club year is the Yard Sale. To be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from 9-3 at the Brockton Historical Society, 216 Pearl Street, Brockton. So, now is a great time to be collecting clean, usable, non-clothing items, that you no longer need, to donate to the sale. You will gain some space while helping the Club earn some money. A win-win!

There are many details left to be ironed out, so we will be having a meeting on Wednesday, April 25th, 7PM, at my house, 71 Crane Road. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. See you then.

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.amazon.com To do this, scroll to the top left corner of the page and select Brockton Garden Club as your charity. Ways and Means appreciates your thoughtfulness. Please contact Jay with any questions.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, April 21, 2018	Keep Brockton Beautiful Day
Monday, April 23, 2018	Club's General Meeting - Arnone School @ 7pm
April 28/April 30, 2018	Art In Bloom - Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Saturday, May 19, 2018	BGC Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, June 16, 2018	BGC Yard Sale - Brockton Historical Society from 9AM-3PM
Wednesday, June 20, 2018	Club's Annual Dinner (see form attachment) and Installation of New Officers

Thanks to Jo Rutkauskas for the additional Plant Sale information below:

Saturday, May 12	Long Hill Plant Sale - Long Hill, Beverly - 9AM-1PM
Saturday, May 12	City Natives Plant Sale - City Natives, Mattapan - 10AM-2PM
Saturday, May 19	South End Plant Sale - Berkeley Community Garden Boston - 10AM-2PM
Saturday, May 26	Allen Haskell Plant Sale-Allen Haskell Public Gardens, New Bedford 9AM-1PM