



Gardeners' News Brockton Garden Club May, 2018

May General Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 pm @ the Arnone School
"Hydrangeas" Presenter: Heritage Museum

Meeting Hostesses:

Theme this month is "Here Comes Summer" - Melon Party

Meeting Hostesses are:

Pat Gorman, Ester Thomas, Debra Mullen and Sue Reichenberg

Hostesses arrive at 6:15pm prior to the start of the meeting to set up and remain to the end for the clean up. [REDACTED]

Executive

Executive Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 6 @ 7:00 pm

Change to the Slate of Proposed Officers

Peg Parenteau replaces Jean McLaughlin as the proposed candidate for the Director 2 year position.

President's Message

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

What a great week we had weather wise, not too hot, nor too humid-just perfect for working outside. I hope you all had a chance to enjoy at least some of the great weather. Now we are in for some rain this week, but that can only help the flowers and grass, right? We hope everyone has lots of plants for the annual plant sale this week and can spare some time to help out this Thursday and Friday, besides the actual sale on Saturday.

If there is anyone who would be willing to show their garden to other members on a Saturday in with June, July or August, please let Jean or myself know. It has been a while since we did the Garden Walks and we really would like to bring them back. Perfection is not the purpose here, just a get together and a conversation about our gardens as a group.

Also, I would like to mention that I am collecting checks for the annual dinner to be held at the Granite Grill in Braintree (June 20th). Tickets are only \$25.00 because the Club is subsidizing \$5 of the cost for each meal. Please have your check made out to: **Brockton Garden Club**, and mail to **Bobbi Lemasa** [REDACTED] **by June 10th.**
Thank You

See you all at the Plant Sale!!!

~ Bobbi & Jean

Committee Reports

Civic Committee

Remember please, **every** club member is a Civic Committee Member. **The Plant Sale is Saturday the 19th.** Everyone is strongly urged to come and help the days before and the day of the Sale. It's a fun time and a good time to get to know other club members.

Plant drop off and helpers can come Thursday from 12 noon until 5:00PM.
Friday 9:00AM - 7:00PM

Saturday, the day of the sale, everyone is expected to be on site at the Park Dept. **no later than 7:15AM.** I will be there at 6:00. There are tents, tables and several other things to be set up before we open at 8:30. All members are to park in the fenced area (not on the street) at the far end of the site.

There are several people in charge of different jobs. There is something to do for everyone. If you have never attended, a job can be assigned to you when you arrive.

Members can purchase 1 (one) plant on Thursday or Friday. **No purchases and no saving of plants** on Saturday by club members until 10AM.

Thanks for all your help in advance.

~Peg Kearney

Children & Education Chair, Peggy Curtis

On Saturday, May 6, 2018 the Brockton Garden Club Children and Education Chair, Peggy Curtis along with members Cindy and Don Myers, and Jo Rutkauskas, participated in the annual Seed Swap at the Frederick Douglas Park. Seeds donated by the University of Rhode Island were distributed along with whirligigs donated by Lynne Smith, and tomato plants and lilies donated by Cindy and Don Myers. Flyers for the upcoming Plant Sale, and an informational "Who We Are" handout were also distributed.

Planned Events:

May: Brockton High School/Life Skills Class, led by teacher Linda Drew will invite Chairman Peggy Curtis to present a Pollinator presentation to the class. Peggy will give each student their own sunflower plant to care for, soil and pollinator friendly seeds to plant in a previously designated area at BHS.

June: Senior Center, Fr. Kenney Way has invited the Children and Education Committee to plant pollinator friendly plants with the Boys and Girls Club in the two plots behind the Senior Center. Peggy Curtis and Jacky Bonarrigo will design and plan garden the gardens with input from the Center Director.

August: Summerfest-Saturday, August 18, 2018, Children and Ed will have seeds, face painting and plants available to give away to the children in attendance.

~Peggy Curtis

Lisa Landerholm
Hospitality Chair

We have only 2 more meetings at which we'll 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 contact me if you're able to bring a dessert to the luncheon. [REDACTED]

~Lisa

Membership Committee
Pat Emanuel

There were 22 members attending the April meeting for the soil preparation program. We were joined by 2 guests. Anne Louise MacLean who met friends in the club and Ethel Savas who came with a member. Good to see new people who hopefully will return for another visit and possible membership.

~Pat

Program Committee
June Brasill and
Tim Steadman
Co-Chairs

May's Program is: "**Hydrangeas**" A presentation by the Heritage Museum

~Tim & June

Ways & Means Committee
Lorene DeSimone

The Ways and Means Committee is eager for our last event for the club year, the Yard Sale. The details are:

Saturday, June 16, 2018, 9AM-3PM
The Brockton Historical Society
216 Pearl Street, Brockton

Now is the time to be collecting clean, usable, non-clothing items, from your house, garage, and garden shed for donations to the sale. This is your opportunity to do some easy clean-out while helping the club to earn funds to support costs like speaker programs, the year book and special projects to name just a few.

Donation drop off times will be:

Thursday, June 14th, 9AM-11AM and 4PM to 6PM

Friday, June 15th, 9AM to 6PM

A separate e-mail will be sent regarding the location and additional details. Please let me know if you are planning to come to help on either drop off dates or the day of the sale or both. I will have a sign-up sheet at the May general meeting or will be happy to hear from you by e-mail, phone or text.

Thanks!

~ Lorene

Special Reminder

Before completing your summer wardrobe shopping, please consider designating the BGC as your registered charity on Amazon Smile. A small percentage of money donated from your purchases will be provided to the club.

Go to: www.amazonsmile.com

Please contact Jay Dembling with any questions.

The Ways & Means committee appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 19, 2018

BGC Annual Plant Sale

Monday, May 21, 2018

Club's **General Meeting** - Arnone School @ 7pm - **Program/Hydrangeas**

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