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Newsletter

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## President's Monthly Message

Hello to all,

Spring has been slow in coming. As we started this letter it was glorious but now it's cool and gray again with a rainy forecast for several days. It is, however, ideal weather for transplanting. Everyone should be out there in the garden. Let's hope we won't get another rainy, sluggy June.

We had a lovely annual meeting at Kathy' & Ron Yankee's house (thank you both for hosting our meeting on that lovely lavender- scented porch). The food brought by all of our talented cooks was delicious. The same slate of officers has been elected for next year, the budget passed, and we are ready to rock & roll going forward.

In looking back, we had a busy year. In the fall, our September meeting was hosted at the lovely home of Tee and Paul Johnson. At that meeting, members voted to participate in "some capacity" in the Town's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We had a booth at Polyarts. In October, Karen Taylor from Atypical Farm gave a slide presentation on Spring Bulbs and had brought with her pre-packaged bulbs for members to purchase and force in a pot or plant in the ground. Many club members participated in some capacity to help with the Marathon Daffodils Project planting 10,000 bulbs throughout town.

November brought us a wonderful program presented by our own garden club members, Diane Bullock and Henry Schmidt. They delighted us, and the folks of Hopkinton via HCAM, with their talents and fun commentaries on floral arranging.

The snow and cold of December forced us to reschedule our holiday dinner at the Oregon Club until the spring, but that did not keep our members inside. They worked their magic on holiday decorating at the library, the gazebo and they even traveled over to the Wayside Inn in Sudbury to add some cheer there!



In January, Lisa Mattei gave a slide presentation on perennials and in February, Warren Leach from Tranquil Lake Nursery presented slides and had a question and answer session on color and structure in the garden by season.

We went to the Historical Society in March for a character actor program featuring Colleen Plimpton as Beatrix Farrand, America's first female landscape architect. This interesting program was funded with a grant from the Hopkinton Cultural Commission. Also in March, several members put their creative hats on and, under the capable tutelage of Henry, entered division I, class 106, club competition at the Boston Garden and Flower Show. Diane Bullock and Andrea Graveline also entered individually.

Our "Welcome Spring" dinner was held on the first day of spring. Member's horticulture knowledge was challenged with a game of branch and seed identification that was put together by our entertainment director, Betty Wyckoff. A fun evening with great food, great wine and great friends!

In early April members tried their skill at making hypertufa pots under the direction of Debra Pope of Pope's Pots. This month also found us traveling again, this time to the Ashland Public Library for a joint meeting with the Ashland Garden Club. Suzanne Mahler gave a very knowledgeable talk on perennial color, spring through fall. On a rainy Tuesday morning, Tower Hill hosted a meeting for members and a docent-led tour of the gardens and conservatories. Also this month, several creative members took part in the HCA's Arts-in-Bloom juried art show with floral interpretations of the winning entries.

Our annual plant sale was held in May when members welcomed the public and educated them on what plants will grow where in their Hopkinton Gardens. This was our only fundraiser this year and was very successful. At the annual district meeting two weeks ago, The Hopkinton Garden Club was presented with a certificate commemorating our Ninetieth Birthday. Ninety years! Imagine that! Hopkinton gardeners have been beautifying our town for quite a while. Congratulations to us and all the members who have come before. We were one of the first clubs organized in the state. At the Federation's annual meeting this month, Diane Bullock was given an award for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Federation.

Each month, the "vets' committee" made table arrangements for the veterans' breakfast at the senior center, and thanks to the vigilance of the Hospitality Committee we have had refreshments at all of our meetings.

Many thanks to all of our committee chairs, their members and the ladies of our board. Each of you contributes to the success of this club in your own special way. Without You, none of this would have been possible.



We would like to especially thank Diane McCauley for all of her creative, organizational efforts on behalf of the club this year. She was involved in many projects and was a tremendous help in getting the word out about our club activities and keeping your two co-presidents on track. Many Thanks Diane. We appreciate it.

We apologize in advance if we have missed an event in this letter. It has been quite a year to recap!

Don't forget our last meeting of the year next TUESDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Enjoy the summer. It's the season for gardeners and we look forward to seeing each of you in the fall.

Best Regards,  
Jina and Merylyn  
Co-Presidents



## June Meeting – Location Change

Our final meeting of the year will be on Tuesday morning June 17 at 11:00am. A brunch will be held in the garden at 4 Nebraska St.

Please bring the following :

- your challenge plant
- your dues if you have not paid already
- any gardening book that you would like to trade. We will have a gardening book exchange - limit to 3 books
- a brunch item to share
- a single stem to add to the bouquet for the hostess

Take the day off, call in sick, whatever it takes, so you don't miss this fun meeting.

Please rsvp to Merylyn by Monday night @ 6pm  
(merylyn.mezitt@verizon.net)  
so we know how many chairs we need to plan for.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

## Beautification

*Jina, Mary and Merylyn. Co-chairs*

The Beautification Committee was thrilled that the daffodil bulbs that were planted last fall gave such a glorious welcome to our marathon visitors. The show was even better the week after the race, but no one can predict what Mother Nature will bring. We supplemented the daffs with blue and yellow pansies, which have been cheerful all spring and we also added some muscari to the pots as well.

It's been a cold, late spring, but now it is time for summer plantings. We chose a lavender/gray theme this year for the Main St. pots, and all white for the welcome sign. Our amazing members planted all of the pots in record time. Thanks to all who stepped forward to answer the call!

We will need our "pot mothers" to vigilantly water and feed their pots throughout the summer for a good show. Anyone and everyone can and should contribute time to this major committee: cleaning up beds, weeding, watering, deadheading, dividing, planting, etc. There is a task for all members in which to participate and we urge every club member to get involved. We will send out a list of what needs to be done where. You pick the location and do it when it is convenient for you. It worked with the pots- let's see if it can work for the rest of the tasks that need to be done. Our civic plantings are our public face. Got 20 minutes?



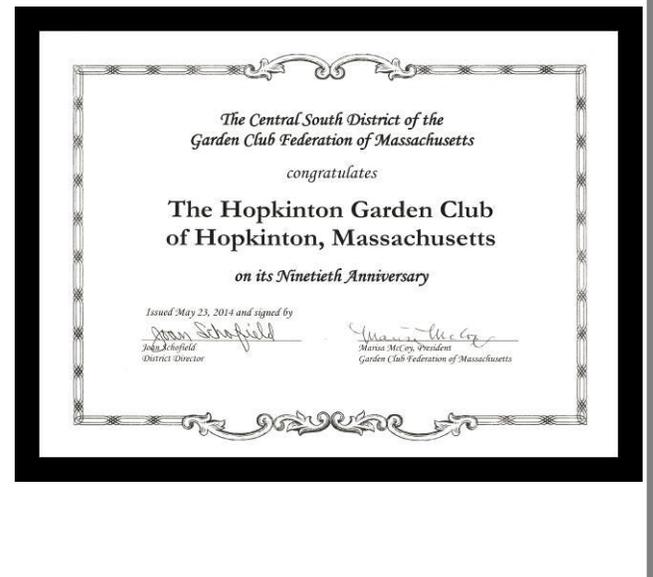
## Scholarship Award

This year a \$1000 scholarship has been awarded to Hopkinton's Isaiah Millay. Isaiah recently graduated from Keefe Technical Regional High School where he majored in Landscaping and Landscape Design. Isaiah has already started his own landscaping business and hopes to build his business acumen by attending Quinsigamond Community College for an Associates Degree in Business. We hope the HGC scholarship will help him build a successful career in the field of landscape and landscape design.



## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for our Club!

Our club was honored to be recognized by the Central South District of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts for our 90 years of service to the Hopkinton community. Merylyn accepted the award for our club at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> joint district meeting. Another reason to be proud of our club and to carry on the legacy of all who came before us. Congratulations to all!



## News Clip- EXTRA EXTRA

At the GCFM Annual Meeting on June 4, 2014, our own Diane Bullock received a top award, the Diane Bullock Award for her design at the Boston Flower show, Class 107. "Happily Ever After". The Award is given for the design best interpreting a class title. This design cannot be a blue ribbon winner and awarded only once during the show. Congratulations Diane!



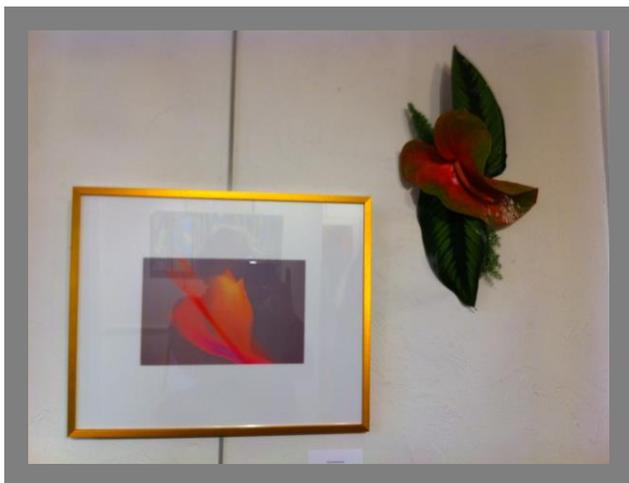
## 300<sup>th</sup> House and Garden Tour

The 300<sup>th</sup> committee would like to celebrate with a house and garden tour, and the membership committed to this at the annual meeting. The tour will be next June, 2015. We are partnering with the Hopkinton Historical Society and ESL and will be looking for many volunteers in the coming months. In the meantime, give some thought to the gardens in Hopkinton you think the public would enjoy visiting. It doesn't need to be a member's garden, although that would certainly be appropriate. Ann Marie and Merylyn will be representing the garden club on the committee and will welcome any suggestions.



## Arts-in-Bloom

Tee's and Henry's interpretation of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the HCA Arts-in-Bloom 2014.



## YOGA FOR GARDENERS AND FRIENDS

Yoga will be held on Tuesday mornings for an hour beginning at 9:30 at 4 Nebraska Street Rain date Weds.

Bring a mat, water and \$7- and a friend

In the event the weather looks questionable, we will cancel by 8:45 check your email before leaving your house. If I can figure out how to do a group text you will get a text as well.

Please let me know if you think you might be attending these beginner to moderate yoga sessions.....

This is a relaxing stress free yoga class and all are welcome

Any questions email Jina or the teacher Sally Stukuls at

[sstukuls@hopkinton.k12.ma.us](mailto:sstukuls@hopkinton.k12.ma.us)



## Plant Sale

Hello fellow Gardeners,

I want to thank everyone who participated in our 2014 plant sale for all their hard work and enthusiasm especially in the pouring rain at 6:30 in the am. Luckily the sun appeared and we had a lovely finish to our sale.

As always Diane did a bang up job with the publicity. I don't know how you do it, you are so efficient and on time.

The diggers led by Ann Marie - Tee, Rhonda, Merylyn, Constance, Mary, Maura, Leslie C, and Debra. A hard job and greatly appreciated getting all those plants dug, potted and labeled, even with the short window it seemed we had for growth.

The donations organized by Debra, Merylyn and Ann Marie proved to be a great success, and the winner of the raffle was so excited. A beautiful job was done on the packaging. Also, hitting up Weston for great selection, Jina getting shrubs from Lowe's which was a pleasant surprise, and Anne Marie asking Angel's for some help.

Next year maybe we can expand some more.

Vendor pick up is always a hard thing to do making decisions of what will sell. Good job and well done to Leslie finding a good deal on herbs and leading the way to A Typical again with Tee, Constance, Ann Marie and Ruth.

Jina did our watering at Constance's - not sure how much was needed thanks to Mother Nature. We were able to price everything this year in about three hours with Ann Hogaboom leading our team of Ruth L, Merylyn, myself, Ann Marie and Debra. The cashiers were Kathy Y, Debra on raffle, Ann Hogaboom and Diane had things running smoothly getting raffle tickets sold, gloves and markers and of course moving out the plants in a timely fashion.

Set and Clean up went fairly well with the addition of getting tents set up. Great big thanks to Merylyn, Constance, Maura, and Kathy for lending us their tents and tables and wagons. Thanks to Maura's husband who brought her tent and table while she was picking up plants at Ann Marie's. Even though Joan was feeling poorly and had to work, she came with tables and changed our times on the big signs. Merylyn's husband Roger and her brother who lugged a tent, tables, plants and signs and picked them up after

I apologize if I missed anyone who was on a committee.

Thanks to the entire club again for all your efforts. We have a big year next year with the 300th so maybe you could start thinking about your donations while working in your gardens. Anything thriving that could be split next May, mark them now or move to a holding area so they will be easier to gather. We have a lot of suggestions which will be brought up at a future meeting.

Thanks again,

Ann Horton and Ann Marie



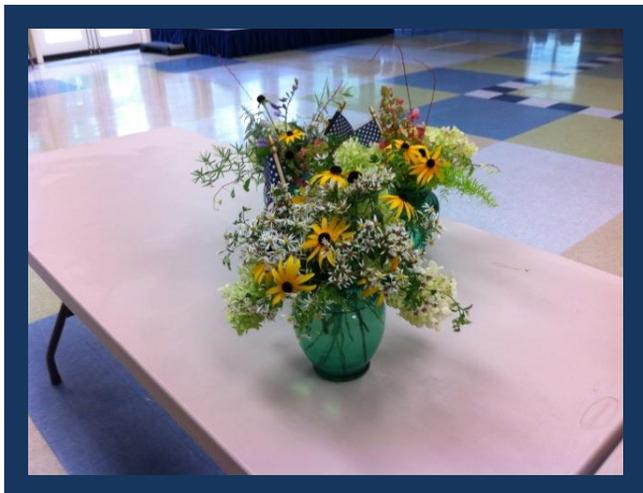
## Vets Breakfast

*Thoughts on the vets's breakfast committee  
by Kathy Yankee*

This has been my first year doing the flower arrangements for the monthly vets's breakfast at the senior center and, as a vet myself, it has been very rewarding and enjoyable, especially the routine of knowing when we meet at the senior center (Thursday morning at 10 AM before the first Friday of the month) and have a good time getting blooms from our gardens, yards and woods and, in the dead of winter, the local florist or grocer. It's fun to work with our fellow committee members and share our "creativity". Always someone at the senior center comments on our creations--they are happy to see us. This month we put our centerpieces together on the eve of the 70th anniversary of D-Day and I'm sure the breakfast on June 6th will be well-attended and our arrangements appreciated.

I must say this activity is one I have thoroughly enjoyed, will definitely do again and would recommend others to try.

Katherine



## Photo Gallery

### Spring Fling



### Plant Sale 2014

