

One of the most delightful things about a garden
is the anticipation it provides.

– W. E. Johns (1893-1968)
“The Passing Show”

Due to the mild winter, green shoots are jumping from the ground – a welcome sign of spring. It’s a reminder to think about our upcoming Plant Sale on May 14th. This is our Club’s major effort to make money which enables us to support various worthwhile endeavors in the community. Some plants which are in demand include: campanula, buttercup, centauria, delphinium, geum, grasses, hollyhocks, mallow, monkshood, peonies, poppies, Russian sage, blue salvia, Jack in the pulpit, ginger, rhubarb, among others. Barbara Richards and Joan Toy have put together a comprehensive list of plants as a reference.

As you know, the Plant Sale is a real Club effort. We need people to pot (Barbara Richards, 443-2869), provide plant transportation (Barbara Richards), and to dig plants (Joan Toy, 653-5726). Do you have plants to contribute? Please call Joan Toy. If you like to bake, Carol Stergio (443-1453) would love to hear from you. Liz Prest (443-2296) is looking for people to label and/or price. Whatever your interests and skills, we need your help! This is a great way to connect with the community, see old friends and make new ones.

The proposed 2016-2017 budget, approved by the Executive Committee and the Board, is included in this newsletter for your review prior to its final vote at our April 19th meeting. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please call Jackie Berry (443-4042), Ad Hoc Budget Chair, or Anne Krebsbach (442-9807), Treasurer, for clarification. Included in the budget are two new proposed projects: (1) the Festival of Greens, and (2) the web site. The operational budget reflects money raised from our dues and is used to pay for meeting expenses, speakers, etc. The nonoperational budget includes money from fundraisers such as the Plant Sale. This money is returned to the community in the form of donations for plants, activities at the Plant Home, Oliver House, youth activities, scholarships, etc.

The Annual Meeting of the Medomak District is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at Point Lookout in Northport. The Camden Garden Club is hosting this year’s event. The speaker is Jacinda Martinez, garden grower, designer, educator and owner of Grounded Local, an edible garden design business. Her topic will be “Garden to Table” gardens, where beauty and production intersect to incorporate vegetables, fruit, herbs and edible flowers. Lunch will include items produced on the farm and end with a tour of the farm. If you wish to participate, please send a check payable to: Bath Garden Club, for \$35 to Anne Krebsbach, who will submit the names of those registering and send one check to cover our Club.

Don’t forget the upcoming GCFM Annual Meeting, “Gardens of Eden” in Bar Harbor June 14-16. This is going to be a fabulous conference in a breathtakingly beautiful setting. If you haven’t done so, I encourage you to make plans to attend. There is a link at the GCFM website (mainegardenclubs.org) to the Registration Form.

I look forward to working with you at our Plant Sale to make this our best plant sale ever while we become better acquainted, appreciate each other and laugh together.