

June 2015 President's Letter

Bath Garden Club

Congratulations to all members and friends who made our annual Plant Sale a success! Despite competition from the Midcoast Hospital Auxiliary Yard Sale and the Bath-Brunswick Animal Shelter plant sale, we made over \$8,500. Kudos to Barbara Richards and Joan Toy for their exemplary leadership and attention to detail. They both took on additional responsibilities: Barbara with the transportation schedule, potting shed schedule and watering; and Joan with the Digging crew. I also want to thank the other hard-working Plant Sale Chairs for their outstanding efforts: Bev Reynolds, raffle; Carol Stergio, Bake Sale; Pat Shaw and Bev Reynolds, Finance; Pat Shaw for Publicity; Liz Prest, labeling; Ruth Kingsbury and Fotini Eberhard, Garden Treasures; Joan Drake, Annuals; Treva Masulaitis for ordering and price sticks; Judy Barrington, site maps; and Pam Allen for printing posters.

Many thanks to the Flower Arrangement Committee for designing the centerpieces for the Annual Meeting luncheon and to Liz Prest for ordering the flowers. 45 members of the Club welcomed Suzanne Bushnell, President of GCFM as we celebrated the success of our plant sale at the Maine Maritime Museum on June 7th.

Judy Stallworth, Beth Brewer, Kathy Dauphin and I attended the 85th annual GCFM convention, "Gardens of Eden" in Bar Harbor June 14-16th. Not only were Beth and Kathy our delegates, but they became State Life members. Judy's husband, Ernie, became an Honorary State Life member. Their contributions to, and support of, this important part of GCFM allow a student to continue their education. It was a fabulous conference with tours of Bar Harbor's public and private gardens, a workshop on "Butterflies in Your Garden", a Container Design Challenge, cocktail parties and dinners, a sunrise walk on Cadillac Mountain and presentations by the renowned garden author, Tovah Martin on Wednesday, June 15th and retired superintendent of Acadia National Park, Sheridan Steele on June 16th.

I was honored to receive, on behalf of our Club, several awards from Suzanne Bushnell and Kathleen Marty, GCFM Awards Chairs. The awards are:

- Club of Distinction Award for Club Accomplishments in all areas of Garden Club Activities (Must attain at least 300 points or more. We came in at 340 points! Congratulations to all of you!!)

- 2015 Yearbook Award - First Place

- Kathleen Marty Civic Development Award for Civic Development Projects which Beautify Public or Civic Sites.

- Certificate of Participation for Outstanding Work with School Gardening Projects during the Year of 2015.

- Certificate of Recognition for Planting Trees in 2015, in support of the Gloria Bryson Burrill Tree Award.

- Certificate of Recognition for Supporting and Contributing to Habitat for Humanity.

Many thanks go to Judy Stallworth and Liz Prest, Bath Garden Club Awards Committee, for their efforts which ensured that our club received these awards!

I hope you've been able to get outside in your gardens during this incredible stretch of beautiful weather. Mark your calendars for a great field trip to Grenier Gardens on July 19th.

Best wishes,
Elizabeth