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The Purple Iris

Atkinson Garden Club

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NHFGC 81st Annual Meeting



Above: Linda Nelson, NGC president, spoke about NGC goals and her project: "Making A World of Difference: Choices Matter"

The NHFGC Annual Meeting was held at Zorvino Vineyard and Winery in Sandown on May 28th. The meeting was hosted by District IV so our club was very involved with the planning and implementation of the meeting. The theme was "Fruit of the Vine" - very fitting for the venue. The Atkinson Garden Club had 21 members attend this meeting for a lovely day out with friends.

Linda Nelson, NGC president, attended the meeting so we had the honor of meeting her. The presenter

in the afternoon was Nancy Walton, who spoke about the vineyard and winery with a tour afterwards.

The NHFGC Awards were presented at this meeting and Atkinson received many excellent awards: 1st place for both our yearbook and scrapbook, Tempe Dalgren Trophy for the TRHS butterfly garden project, NHFGC Community Improvement Vase for Youth Education, and highest percent of members subscribing to the National Gardener. Our district received the President's

District Bowl. Sheri Turell received the Silver Seal Citation and Catherine Persson was given a life membership in NHFGC. Susan Miner received a President's Citation.

AGC also received 1st place in New England Region for the Publicity Pressbook. National Garden club awards included 1st place for our Pressbook, 1st place for our membership brochure, Award of Merit for Community Landscape Design (TRHS project) and a GROW award for membership increase.



Left: Cynthia Buchan, Chris Stacey and Janet Snowdon sold over \$850 of plants and items during the sale on May 17th at the library. This has become a very good fundraiser for us.

Right: Janet Snowdon, Kay Galloway, Donna Robertson and Jane Goodwin walked in front of the AGC "float" in the town Memorial Day Parade. This was a good opportunity to publicize our upcoming flower show.



RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

March 5 — “Woman of the Year”
The new officers for 2014 – 2016 were installed with Kay passing on the president’s gavel to Donna Robertson.



April 2 — “Mojave Desert”
Art Scarpa, certified judge by the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, explored the incredibly diverse world of succulents with many live examples from his traveling cactus and succulent show.



May 7 — “Keukenhof, Holland”
AGC’s annual spring cleanup the town’s planting areas followed by a luncheon.



Boston Flower and Garden Show



Two club members exhibited in the Boston Flower and Garden Show at the Seaport Trade Center on March 12 in the same class! Left is the design by Pat Bennett and on the right is Joanne Krause’ design. Nice job ladies!



Real gardeners have one hammer, one saw, one screwdriver, and seventeen different shovels.

Jane Goodwin (seen below) and Joanne Krause participated in this year’s Petals 2 Paint at East Colony Fine Art in Manchester on April 25 and 26.



Art in Bloom

Cindy Knight and assistant Linda Jette (above) stand proudly by their design depicting an ancient breast plate at the Museum of Fine Art’s Art in Bloom event on April 24 through 27. This Boston show has been a favorite for many years. Cindy has represented our club in this event since the beginning. Interesting and beautiful design—as usual!

May Garden of the Month

Congratulations to Linda and Phillip Sansone, May’s recipients of the *Garden of the Month Award!* For 29 years, the Sansones have resided at their 23 Knightland Rd. home, transforming their property from one overabundant in boulders and stones and overgrown with shrubs and trees, to a delightful parcel brimming with island gardens and flowing pathways featuring flowering trees and bushes, annuals, perennials and kitchen herbs.

