



NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS, INC. STATE REPORT
GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Good morning. GCFM will proudly be celebrating our Centennial in 2027. Preparations for recognizing this achievement have been in the “works” for the past year. A dedicated committee has been planning and coordinating our forward calendar to mark this occasion beginning with our Annual Meeting in June. This will be a two-day event to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Framingham, MA on June 10 and 11. Workshops, speakers and a “Books in Bloom” display will be part of this two-day event. Our goal is to continue to organize programs and presentations on topics of interest to our membership throughout 2027 as part of our recognition of this impressive milestone. Affordability and access to these future events are being carefully assessed in order to minimize any constraints on participation.

Our Federation’s clubs are assigned to one of nine differing districts within our state. Each district has a District Director who works closely with the leadership beginning each fall with an in-person district meeting attended by the club presidents and interested members. This is a two-year commitment. We have just concluded all nine of these meetings. At these meetings, Information regarding Federation procedures, opportunities and other “housekeeping” topics are given and then the “floor” is opened for discussion on topics of concern, share experiences regarding program speakers and promote individual club projects and commitments. It is a source of amazement at the breadth of expertise and creativity that is invested by the clubs’ members into their respective communities and their garden clubs.

We are so fortunate to have two exceedingly talented web masters who keep a careful eye on our Federation website. Essentially, everything you might want to know about what is currently available through GCFM is on that website. As communication is one of our greatest challenges due to our Federation size, the comprehensive posting of timely information is a huge asset for our clubs to find the information they need quickly.

And in conclusion, it would be remiss to not credit GCFM’s incredible Board for all the time that they commit to ensure that our Federation is providing the most that it can for our membership. There is so much talent, expertise and dedication from these Board members, many of whom wear multiple “hats”. And all as volunteers. It is my continuing honor and privilege to be working with all of them.

Thank you.
Respectfully submitted,
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