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Newsletter of the Exeter Area Garden Club
September/October 2013

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Support us at our Spring Yard Sale Fundraiser September 21, 2013

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****Please Note: First meeting for the 2013-2014 Season is Thursday, September 19, 2013****

President's Message

Patti Elwell

Hello Gardeners,

....And in the blink of an eye, summer is gone again! I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer. It is hard to believe that three months have slipped by so quickly. By now that little six pack of tomatoes you bought should be cranking out more tomatoes than you can eat, and those plants that you won at the June auction have begun to fill out and make themselves at home in your garden. The spring sound of peepers that turned into to the summer sound of June bugs is now softly closing evenings with the chirping of crickets. You may be noticing the tops of some older Maple trees already beginning to change color and we have recently had some days with a definite fall-flavored chill in the air. Personally, I am still trying to hold on to summer as long as possible, wearing shorts and flip flops even though it is so cool my toes become rather numb.

This change of season is bittersweet because while it means outdoor gardening is winding down in New England, the start of a new EAGC meeting season is around the corner! We are already beginning with some new changes for the new year. Dianna Thompson will be taking over the position of Vice President from Mel McGrail this year. Mel has been a joy to work with during the last year but is in the process of looking for a part-time job and is very busy with her family. She will continue on as the Chair of the Stratham Veteran's Garden Civic Beautification committee and hopes to find a position that will allow her to continue coming to meetings! Please join me in thanking Mel and welcoming Dianna into her new position. Dianna has very effectively held many positions in the club and will be a perfect addition to the role of VP. She currently heads up the Public Relations and Promise Tree activities for the club, but will be stepping down from PR. If you are interested in taking on this role, but have some questions; please be sure to talk to her.

Also new this year will be our "garden bucks" program that gives all paid members \$10 back in club money. These garden bucks can be used towards any club program or activity that costs money: luncheons, promise tree events, and can even be used towards bringing down the cost of next years' membership. You will find your garden bucks in your name tag so you can have them handy to spend. Just a little way of saying thank you for all that you do to help our club and the community.

The Board has been busy planning for a new year with new programs and activities so there will be something for everyone. We have been spreading information about our club around the local communities looking for gardeners who would like to be part of our amazing group. You may notice that our new logo is sporting a revised inception date for the club. We have decided to go back to using the original date of 1935 since this was the date our club began as the Exeter Garden Club. The 1972 date was the date the name was changed to Exeter Area Garden Club, but is still the same club. It is impressive and humbling to think that we are carrying on an organization that was started 78 years ago with the same goals of beautifying our community and learning about the latest gardening practices. Like a healthy plant, we have grown and blossomed!



Hope to see you at our first general meeting in September!

~ Patti

Design

Connie Gilmore & Linda Broadbent

The Design Committee has three events planned for the club for the coming year..



Wed. Oct. 23, 2013: a fall wreath incorporating herbs

Wed. Dec. 11, 2013: an arrangement of mixed greens with accent flowers

Thurs. April 17, 2014: at the regular garden club meeting, the design group will offer a program of floral vignettes—a mini “Art in Bloom”

The 2013 classes will be held at the Exeter Senior Center from 2-4PM.

Before each meeting we will send those who sign up a materials list. A projected cost list will be on the sign-up sheet which will be circulated at the general meetings before the events.

Connie and Linda

Environment & Conservation

Betsy Vershay & Jill Compton

The Environment and Conservation Committee is looking forward to a year full of learning and laughter. Last year we investigated spiders, wild turkeys, animal tracks, winter pruning, mushrooms and dragonflies. Our April POT SWAP was a success and at the June luncheon two lucky winners received our “Fabulous” and “Not-so-Fabulous” baskets. This year we will try to outdo ourselves, so BRING YOUR COFFEE CUP to the general meetings, have your new coffee cup card (designed by our own fabulous Max) punched, so you can put your card in the drawing next June.



At the September 19th General Meeting, Betsy and I will share the Mini-Grant program success stories. What a great year! Our hard-earned money was well spent by 14 grant recipients, including 4 from EAGC members. And just wait for our “Slugs and Snails in Your Garden” display in October, a slimy, scary treat for the Halloween season. Slugs and snails

are most active at night, eating your leaves and plants and leaving behind telltale shiny trails of silvery mucus. EEEEEK! They're true garden monsters. GREAT COMMITTEE! GREAT GARDEN CLUB!

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Programs

Ann Schieber

September 19, 2013

Potluck Lunch and Member Presentations:

Patti Elwell- Drying Herbs and Becky Mitchell- The Anatomy of a Peony

Hospitality Coordinator: Mary Jo Chadwick

Susan Canada, Becky Mitchell, Linda Van DeCar, Barbara Kenney

October 17, 2013

Bobbi Brooks--All About Daylillies

Hospitality Coordinator: Nance Jordan

Diana Thompson, Florence Whicher, Betsy Vershay, Sue Bowman

Ways & Means

LuAnn Faber

It's Yard Sale time again! Stratham will be having its **Giant Yard Sale** on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 AM to 1 PM at Stratham Hill Park. This is a garden club fundraiser that every member can participate in – we all have a stash of unwanted treasures taking up space that could be better used. Last year we made \$700 at the yard sale and it would be wonderful if we could duplicate that effort this year. So haul out all those household items that need a new home – I'll be in touch with the details.



Our committee (and other talented volunteers) had an interesting and fun time baking and decorating our "Exeter 375th Anniversary Cookies". We sold them at the Seacoast Idol event and at a movie night in Exeter. They seemed to be a great hit – who wouldn't enjoy a quarter pound of butter & sugar on a stick? Plans are underway to bake more cookies for sale at the Exeter Fall Festival on October 5. Ann Schieber has offered to manage the cookie sales that day, as I will be out of town.

We'll be looking for a "few good women" to don their aprons and create some more masterpiece cookies. We'll also need some volunteers to help Ann at the sales table on the 5th. Watch for the sign-up sheets at the September meeting. Those of us who baked & decorated last time can testify that there were a lot of laughs (and a free lunch thanks to Susan C.) involved, so don't miss out on the fun!



PROMISE TREE

The Promise Tree will continue as a very popular and financially successful fundraiser for another year. Through this venture we have

enjoyed fun projects, great food, learned new skills, visited beautiful gardens, shared many laughs and enriched friendships.

To keep this project fresh and on-going, please add your leaf (or leaves) to the tree and share your talents and/or make a request for an item or service. We have established a “pay as you sign up” policy, so bring your checkbook or have your cold cash handy.

To refresh memories or for new ideas here are a few suggestions: baking (anything homemade and yummy), hostess(luncheons, brunch, wine & cheese, etc.), canned garden produce, teach a craft or skill, make scarves, mittens, etc., offer to weed, plant, rake, re-pot, do windows (yikes). You get the idea and can think of so much more. The tree is at every monthly meeting and changes its leaves often. Thanks for the support.

Dianna Thompson

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Website

Maxine Forward



Can you believe it has been a year since the new website was launched? I hope everyone has enjoyed the show. Please let me know what else you would like to see on the site. Send me your pictures and stories. Let’s make next year even better!

A gentle reminder - Please don’t respond to the emails from the webmaster. If you want to send a note about a story or post, send it to Max or other desired member directly. You can find their email addresses in the year book or on the website. Just look at the EAGC Member list in the “Members Only” section.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

<p>September 19, 2013- Thursday 9:30 AM at Stratham Community Church Doors open at 9 AM</p>	<p>Coffee & General Meeting & Potluck Lunch Program: Member Presentations: Patti Elwell- Drying Herbs Becky Mitchell- The Anatomy of a Peony</p>
<p>September 21, 2013 –Saturday 9 AM – 1PM</p>	<p>Yard Sale at Stratham Hill Park Drop off for members starts at 8 AM</p>
<p>October 17, 2013-- Thursday 9:30 AM at Stratham Community Church Doors open at 9 AM</p>	<p>Coffee & General Meeting & Potluck Lunch Program: Bobbie Brooks –“All About Daylillies”</p>
<p>October 23, 2013: Wednesday 2 PM -4 PM at Senior Center in Exeter</p>	<p>The Design Group will help members create fall wreaths incorporating herbs.</p>
<p>Please note: Churchill Gardens, Exeter, Rolling Green Nursery in Greenland and Wentworth Greenhouses, Rollinsford, NH offer various notable events throughout fall. For more information see websites.</p>	<p>www.wentworthgreenhouses.com www.churchillsgardens.com/ see www.rollinggreennursery.com www.seacoastgrowers.org</p>

This newsletter was edited by Hazel Reed-Goldstein. The next DIG THIS will be sent in early November, 2013

Membership Registration
2013 -2014
www.ExeterAreaGardenClub.com

Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____

Mailing/Seasonal Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____

(Most correspondence occurs via email; please let us know if you do not have email access.)

Member Since: _____

Current Office or Committee/s _____

Membership Levels: Single \$25 _____ **Couple \$30** _____ **Associate \$20** _____

Membership Responsibilities: All members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and to assist the Hospitality Committee with refreshments. Members are required to join at least one committee and/or hold an office. Please see complete committee descriptions on the reverse.

There are currently openings in the following Committees: Awards, Herbs, Civic Beautification, Environment & Conservation, Membership and Ways & Means.

Committee Choice/s for 2013-2014: _____

If you have questions, please contact Membership Co-Chairs:

or Mimi Brett (770-3405) or Jann Bova (397-5354)

Please make checks out to Exeter Area Garden Club and mail with your registration form to: Mimi Brett, 16 Parkman Brook Lane, Stratham, NH 03885, or bring to our meeting.