

June 20, 2024

Hello Members,

I hope you are enjoying this great weather and your garden is flourishing. My peonies were fabulous and the hydrangeas are loaded with buds this year. I am hoping the heat wave will spare some of the garden. The annual meeting was held at Mezza Luna's again this year and the officers were installed. Thank you to all of our new slate of officers who stepped up to fill these positions. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

Last year was a very busy year with the *President's tea*, *Patriots Parade* and a *Garden Tour* not to mention the *Holly Fair* and *Plant Sale* so this coming year we will be slowing things down and focusing on our two main events. I know it was a lot to fit in one year and that happens some years but as usual, our club members jumped in and made them all very successful.

There is a garden dedication ceremony taking place at the Tobey Hospital for our newest garden named "The Healing Garden". This garden will be for the patients who need to sit and talk to their health care provider or family members. The bench was donated years ago by our former club members, and we currently brought it back to life with beautiful plantings and a Wind Art sculpture that was donated by Jerry Moles, a former member, and his partners family. A group of Wareham Garden Club members, led by Linda Donaghey, pulled it together and made it into such a welcoming and beautiful garden for people and patients to enjoy. *Please* mark your calendar and join us on **July 11 at 10:00 AM.** out front of the Tobey Hospitals front door, for the dedication of the Wareham Garden Clubs newest garden.

Our garden Tour Committee has been hard at work for one-year planning for this year's tour and this one may prove to be one of the most beautiful yet. Thank you all who have donated your time and items for the silent auction that will take place during the day of the tour. Members are *asked* to purchase **two** tickets as stated in the yearbook under responsibilities of a club member. To get your tickets, please go online and purchase your two tickets. A big thank you to Linda Glennon and her committee and all who have volunteered to help out on the Garden Tour, on July 13th.

Please go on to the GCFM web site (links available on our club website) to find out about the various flower shows taking place this year such as Heritage Flower Show in July, Marshfield Flower Show in August, Topsfield Fair in October and a few others taking place. This is where you can see many of the beautiful designs some of our members have entered into the shows.

I will be hosting in August the Presidents new members luncheon and Barbara Smith is planning a fun day trip for us in August as well. Check the club calendar for details. We will also have the opportunity to visit two gardens of our members for you to stroll through and enjoy. Thank you all for all you do to make this a wonderful club and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Judy Morgan, President

