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# The Garden Bench

January 2010

Chatham Garden Club

*"Winter kept us warm, covering Earth in frightful snow"*

*T.S. Eliot*

## DATE TO REMEMBER

**February 9, 2010:**

Don't forget to register with Bette Hahner - 508-945-9962 for our February program. Working alone or in pairs arrange a fanciful breakfast tray with a small, simple floral arrangement. You can be as creative as you please by using special, fun and imaginative china. Club members will vote for the Most Romantic, Most Unusual and Most Fun.

### Eskimo Award

The Eskimo Award goes to Stephanie Hamilton and Beth Holden for braving the cold, windy, rainy weather on the afternoon of December 5th. They stood by the roadside at the Atwood House collecting the appetizers for the Festival of the Tress gala and then delivering them into the building. Their bravery and good humor are to be commended.

### Festival of the Trees

Chaired by Bette Hahner, Emily Jostrand and Alice Duthie we had another successful Festival of the Trees. To everyone who helped and participated in this yearly event, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Despite the low turn out at the gala we financially held our own. The final tally will be forthcoming as we are still waiting for some monies to be handed in from ticket sales. The commitment on the part of club members is what makes this activity a success.

The one weak area identified this year was poor ticket sales before the event. In the future we ALL need to be responsible for selling tickets ahead of time.

Congratulations and thank you for another job well done!



### Our Program Today

#### *"The Beetles Are Coming"*

Presented by David Simser, entomologist with the Cape Cod Extension Service, we will learn about the problematic black turpentine beetle and how it has munched and marched its way from Long Island to the Cape in 15 short years. We will learn how to identify afflicted trees and how they can be treated.

### A Hearty Thank You...

to our hostess, Pinky Scarlatelli & the team of Judy Buchanan, Judy Cantanella, Carol Knapp, Betty Magnusson, Lillian Walsh and Carol Wister for providing a lovely social and to Norma Wagner for creating the centerpiece.

### News from the Board

The Board has decided to participate in the June 26th Sale sponsored by the COA to be held at the Community Center from 9am to 3pm. We are looking for someone(s) to help pull it together along with members of the Board.

Due to the low attendance at the Festival of Trees, the second Friday viewing will be eliminated for 2010.

A committee was formed to review and update the by-laws. They will be presented & distributed at today's meeting. Voting will be in February.

### Horticulture Identification

Congratulations to Regina McDowell, Carol Knapp, Pam Patton, Barbara Cotnam, Ruth Steeger, Gerry Seem & Linda Smith for identifying "skimmia" correctly in November.

### Horticultural Hint by Barbara Blanchard

It is important to feed the birds throughout the winter, especially when the ground is covered with snow. Cardinals are ground feeders. Give them this special treat. Mix together 2 cups of bread crumbs, 1/4 cup birdseed, 1/2 cup chopped grapes, 1 1/2 cups melted suet. Pour into pan and put in refrigerator. When firm put in outside feeder tray.