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The Garden Bench

January

2011

Chatham Garden Club

*“The poetry of earth is ceasing never:
On a lone winter evening, when the frost
Has wrought a silence...”*

- John Keats



Meeting NOTES from
the January Board
Meeting

The Board voted to have a float in the Tercentennial parade with a theme of “Chatham in Bloom”. It was discussed that this float should be beautiful with flowers and a garden focus. Anyone interested in working on this project, please see Marty or Bette.

The newly created **Ways and Means Committee** is looking for volunteers. The purpose of this group will be to select activities and work with club members on projects that will raise money for the club for beautification and scholarship. Bette Hahner will Chair the Committee for this year. Please see her to become a member of this group.

CHAIR and/or CO-CHAIRS NEEDED

For the Conservation & Preservation House Tour scheduled for May 14th, 2011. This is an annual event that is fun and allows for the garden club to be an active participant in a community activity. Beth Holden, who has held this position for several years is willing to mentor her successor (s) and has materials that will be helpful. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating with Joanne Lowre who will do the publicity
- Scheduling garden club members to be hostesses for the houses on tour
- Coordinating with the home owners as to their specific requests for the tour goers
- Coordinating with garden club members for a flower arrangement for each house
- Notifying police of schedule so they can coordinate parking
- Meeting with the Conservation & Preserva-

tion Committee as needed

Interested persons should see Ali van der Burg, Mary Ann Gray or Bette Hahner. We need to have a person or persons in place for this activity by January 20th.

Our involvement will be terminated if we cannot find someone (s) to chair this activity.



HORTICULTURAL HINT

by Barbara Blanchard

Have a need for some cheery blossoms around the house? Cut some branches to force indoors.

Use shrubs that form their branches on last year's growth. Most branches will bloom in two to six weeks. Add aspirin to the water to hasten results.

Shrubs that can be used are: forsythia, witch hazel, fruit trees, deutzia, flowering quince, mock orange, mountain laurel, redbud, pussy willow and rhododendron. A little bit of patience is needed. Good Luck!



TODAY'S PROGRAM:

C.L. Fornari, Cape Cod gardening expert and NPR commentator, will share information on “*Myths, Lies and all the Latest Dirt*” regarding plants, practices and products.

Do You Know the R-Value of Snow?

For dry, un-compacted snow, with about 10% volume water: Ten inches of fresh snow with a density of 0.07 inches, seven percent water, is approximately equal to a six-inch-layer of fiberglass insulation with an insulation R-value of R-18.

Your plants need snow to survive the winter cold. Snow is a good thing for your garden.



Our Sympathies are extended to:

Jean Dana on the passing of her husband and also to

Tricia Vincent on the loss of her daughter.