

## **Program Report for Perennial Planters from September 2016-June 2017.**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>.** The Opening Meeting was held at the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park. Kevin Klyberg, a park ranger, gave an informative talk and tour. Some of the Newport Garden Club members joined us.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>.** We hosted the 4-club luncheon at the Hope Club. Robin Howe had arranged Anne Raver, renowned journalist, author and gardener to be our guest speaker.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>.** Spring MESP clean up - raking, pruning and weeding.

**November ?** A group of us planted bulbs and hostas on the Benefit end of the park.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Dotsy Davison lead a Thanksgiving Flower Arranging Workshop. It was a big hit and loads of fun.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>.** St. Marys Home for Children Holiday Workshop. This continues to be a favorite program for many members, which was reflected by the large number of attendees this year.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>.** Doug Stills, City Forester and his crew took down trees that were not doing well and pruned branches from trees that were blocking sunlight. A group of us continued pruning after they had left.

**January 17<sup>th</sup>.** Honey themed dinner at Catherine Taylor's home. Jane Dennison gave a talk on beekeeping. It was a spectacular evening.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>.** Conservation program with Sheila Dormody from the Nature Conservancy was cancelled due to lack of participants.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>.** The President's Cocktail party at MaryJo and Stephen Foley's home. A live and silent auction was lots of fun and raised enough money to enable us to continue sending members to important GCA meetings.

**May 5-6<sup>th</sup>** GCA Annual National Meeting in Baltimore. Jane O'Farrell and Dotsy Davison attended.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>.** MESP Spring clean up. A gallant group of us worked hard at clearing the park of debris and pruning, raking and planting.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>.** At Marshall and Pete Lawson's. Propagation workshop from 9-10:30am followed by the Annual Meeting and lunch. Hull Award presented to Sally Schwartz.

**June 21-22<sup>nd</sup>.** GCA Zone 11 meeting hosted by the Washington Garden Club, CT. Kathleen Leddy and Katherine Touafek attended.