April Garden Club Meeting

EXPRESS YOURSELF
Presented by
SHIRLEY MINOTT

DATE: Tuesday, APRIL 8, 2008
LOCATION: Temple Beth Shalom, Simon Hall
TIMES: 7:00 PM Refreshments,
        7:30 PM Meeting, Program to follow
Guests are welcome; $5 donation

With wit and humor and drawing on her own experiences, knowledge and imagination, Shirley Minott, a national flower show judge and award winning floral designer, will be discussing and demonstrating various approaches to finding inspiration. In this case, she will be creating beautiful floral designs.

Shirley is a wonderful speaker and demonstrator. Our club had Shirley Minott two years ago, and the women have been asking for her to come back ever since. This is a brand new program that she has created.

This will surely be a wonderful evening and a great opportunity to invite friends.

On Wednesday, April 9 we will be doing a Garden Therapy project for the Walker School students. We will be making fun ice cream soda flower arrangements. We still need some volunteers for this project. If you are interested in helping please call Lori Rosenblum 781-449-4133 or email at LoriCSR@aol.com
President’s Message

Clear your calendars for our April meeting, “Express Yourself” on Tuesday, April 8th. Our speaker, Shirley Minott is funny, witty, clever, and, oh, so very, very talented; lately, it seems that she has been winning awards and top prizes for every show she has entered. I am sure we will be laughing and enjoying ourselves as she shows us how to find inspiration. Come and bring a friend.

A big thank you goes to all who helped with the Tri-Club Meeting. Miriam Braverman was a wonderful speaker and so gracious to come and prepare a new and very appropriate slide lecture. When we were discussing the topic for her presentation, she said she did not have a lecture “appropriate enough” for three garden clubs in March, and that she would do some research. A few days later Mimi called back with the idea of doing a lecture about Claude Monet and his gardens, since he was an avid gardener all his life. I am deeply thankful to Mimi for coming on such short notice.

Anita Glickman had the tables covered with lovely cloth tablecloths that would have brought a smile to Claude Monet’s face. Marlene Cohen welcomed everyone and took the guest fees very graciously. Carol Gershman introduced our speaker. Celeste Wilson, our State Federation President, was thrilled to be invited to this meeting. Not only is Claude Monet one of her favorite artists, but also Celeste has planted her garden with many of the elements of Monet’s garden in Giverny. It was a lovely evening. Thank you all.

Last month when I thanked the committee and the workers for all they had done for our annual winter workshop and luncheon honoring the memory of Arlyne Fine, the name of Pauline Raemer was omitted by mistake. Pauline helped out in the same manner that Arlyne always did, quietly and exemplary! Thank you, Pauline.

On March 21, Sue Kaplan, with help from Penni Jenkins did an informative “Working Big” demonstration of a mass arrangement using bright floral material. What a lovely arrangement it was! Thank you, Sue and Penni.

It is time to renew your membership in Garden Club. A membership form is a separate attachment in this email. We will be collecting dues at the door of the remaining meetings of the year. Dues are $35 and are due on or before the annual meeting, June 10.
**Spare Change Wanted: Pennies for Pines**  At our March meeting, we asked the three garden clubs in attendance to contribute their spare change to a new initiative, **Pennies for Pines**, spearheaded by Barbara May, National Garden Club President and member of Beth Shalom Garden Club. The money is used to plant trees and replenish forests in areas devastated by wild fires and natural disasters. **It takes $68 to replant one acre of forest.** At this meeting, we collected $81.02, all of it in small change. **We will continue this project each month; those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarter all add up. Thank you for your support.**

**New England Spring Flower Show**
Beth Shalom Garden Club was well represented throughout the **New England Spring Flower Show** at the Bayside Expo from March 8 – 16. In the Floral Design Division, **our club competition table**, entered by Karen Gorton, Lila Kaminski and Myrna Ross, received a second place/90+ score. The table, depicting a tropical rainforest habitat, also received **the Garden Club of America Certificate of Excellence in Flower Arranging** for an arrangement of great distinction in a competitive class in a major flower show. Penny Decker did a beautiful tapestry design for the Invitational Class. Others who entered were Laurie Bogosian (a 1st place floral design entry), Marisa McCoy (a 90+ second place), Lila Kaminski, and Sue Kaplan. Penni Jenkins and Donna Lane, representing the Norwood Evening Garden Club, won a blue ribbon for their window structure in the Amateur Horticulture Division. Penni planted her amaryllis bulb quite late and woke up to discover it in bloom on a flower show hort entry day; she won a 2nd place ribbon. Congratulations to all.

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A gentle reminder ......
When Arlyne Fine passed away in August, her family specified that contributions in her memory might be made to the Beth Shalom Garden Club. A fund was set up to obtain a fitting tribute. Please note on your check that the donation is in memory of Arlyne Fine.
Now, we are beginning to plan this permanent tribute in her memory.

Your donations may be sent to:
Sanctuary Flower Fund
Temple Beth Shalom
670 Highland Avenue,
Needham, MA 02492.
Programs and Workshops: Save the Date
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April 11, 10:00 AM, Design Workshop #3, Espousal Center, Waltham

April 23, 10:00AM, Designing Principles #3, Espousal Center Waltham

April 26 - 29 Art-in-Bloom, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Sue Kaplan will be representing Beth Shalom Garden Club. Marisa McCoy will be representing the Wareham Garden Club.

Tuesday, May 6, District Meeting at Elm Bank. The speaker will be Allyson Hayward, landscape historian and author of Norah Lindsey: The Art and Life of a Garden Designer. Allyson is an engaging speaker on English garden designer, Norah, who designed for British royalty and hobnobbed with American movie stars. Details to follow.

Tuesday, May 13, 7:15PM, Program: Judy Belgrade, “All About Herbs”. Everything you ever wanted to know about herbs but did not know who ask. Guest fee is $5.

Wednesday, May 21st in the morning: Planting of annuals at the Viet Nam Memorial. Call Judy Belgrade ((781) 449-8406) to help.

Wednesday, May 21st 2:00PM - 9:00PM, Thursday, May 22nd 8:00AM -2:30PM Annual Meeting of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts “Gardening for the Future”, Four Points Sheraton, Leominster, MA. The registration and agenda is at the website below: http://gardencentral.org/gcfm/mgotleader/

Tuesday, June 10 Beth Shalom Garden Club Annual Meeting. The time and place to be announced.

Good and Welfare: Please contact Harriet Binder at 781-444-1093 or MNHTBinder@verizon.net to let her know about any member who has had a joyous occasion, is ill, is in the hospital, or has had a death in the family. She will send an appropriate greeting on behalf of the club.