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Deadline for next issue March 15th

Send typed, double spaced , Important Dates and Articles

To - Linda Callahan, Editor

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The overall condition of our association at the present time is excellent. We should be happy in the knowledge that we have accomplished so much in such a short time. Our many accomplishments include classes conducted at the extension system offices, public school system and the adult education program. Members have spoken to people about gardening and composting at fairs, garden clubs, civic organizations, businesses, etc. At the Eastern States Exposition alone we spoke to hundreds of individuals concerning the virtues and value of composting. Among other ongoing endeavors are plant clinics, horticultural therapy and a weekly gardening column.

Many individuals who contribute directly to the CAEMG also contribute indirectly by their involvement in their community. Because of their respect of the land and their desire to protect the environment members of our association belong to various boards and trusts that pertain to and or concern the extension system, conservation, parks, wetlands, recycling, land trusts, education centers, community gardens, childrens gardens and the homeless. (I consider this list significant because it only pertains to those individuals that I know personally.)

When speaking of the positive we must also address the negative. First the foremost is the lack of coordination in the Northern District. Many Outstanding individuals do great things but primarily as individuals. We also have the problem of participation state wide. In every organization a smaller percentage of the members do most of the work. However, if that smaller group of "Doers" in our association were queried I'm sure they would say they are very happy working with their fellow gardeners.

The solutions to the problems above are not difficult. First we need a coordinator in the North and we are working on that. Second, we must get more people involved so they can experience the joy and camaraderie of working together to help people and their environment.

by Paul Brown
President C.A.E.M.G.

MASTER GARDENER HONORED

Terry Keller, a Master Gardener, from Ridgefield, Connecticut was honored recently by the New York City Parks Council. She was the recipient of their Community Service Award for her dedication and achievements in making New York City a greener and more beautiful place.

Terry was born in East Palestine, Ohio. Upon graduation from Duquesna University she taught school in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida and Connecticut.

In 1972 while living in Connecticut, she took the 2 year course in Landscape Design and the New York Botanical School of Education. She subsequently worked at the Newtown Lexington Gardens as a Landscape Designer for two years before operating her own business in Ridgefield.

After moving to New York City in 1984 she became Director of the Green Gorillas. Simultaneously with her return to Connecticut in 1987 the New York Botanical Gardens asked her to become the Director of Bronx Green-Up, their outreach program.

Terry graduated from the first Master Gardener class held at Bethel. She is looking forward to retirement in about three years and the opportunity to work with other Master Gardeners. Terry and her husband Traugott have 3 grown sons.

NATIVE SHRUBS IN THE HOME LANDSCAPE

Norwich, CT: The CAEMG membership meeting began with an information-packed talk on native shrubs. Sally Taylor, emeritus professor of botany at the CT Arboretum in New London showed slides and brought in branches of native shrubs. Within the array, from azaleas to viburnums are shrubs of all heights -- from 10 feet down to 10 inches and a fascinating variety of leaf shape, flower and fruit. Many had glorious autumn color.

Here is just a sampling of the many shrubs Dr. Taylor described: Azaleas Pinxter Flower Rhododendron nudiflorum, fragrant pink flowers come out before the leaves in spring, a mist of pink, 6 to 6 feet tall. Swamp azalea R. viscosum. White, sweet scented flowers in mid-summer, shiny green leaves, likes moist shade.

Highbush blueberry V. corymbosum has it all-brilliant fall foliage, red winter twigs, white bell flowers and edible blue fruits. Can get to be 10' tall. Nice pruned as a specimen to show the interesting twists and bends of its branches. Lowbush blueberry Vaccinium angustifolium is a great groundcover, 6" to 3' - needs acid, non-fertile soil, delicious fruits in late summer.

Fothergilla monticola Fothergillas are native to areas south of us, but are hardy in most of CT.; white flowers like little brushes in spring, striking reddish orange foliage in fall. Monticola grows to 6 to 8 feet; others only to three feet.

Leucothoe low growing broad leaved evergreens, nice to use in front of taller, leggy shrubs. Good with rhody's and azaleas. The cultivar 'Girards Rainbow' has foliage in shades of red, pink, yellow, and cream. All have white flower racemes in May, and like partial shade.

Mountain Laurel. Of course we know about the wonderful Kalmia cultivars that Richard Jaynes has developed. He was our last December's speaker. These come in many shades of red and pink, some with interesting spots. Jaynes' own nursery, Broken Arrow, in Hamden has these for sale.

The Viburnums attract birds; white flat clusters of flowers in spring, blue berries in August. Arrowwood Viburnum dentatum is tall, tolerant of dry soils, good for screen planting. Wild Raisin V. acassinoides, attracts grouse and pheasant. 8' tall, dark gray winter stems. European cranberrybush V. Opulus is a favorite of my mother. Three-lobed leaves, showy clusters of red berries which hang on all fall. Good for jams and jellies. At my mother's house the birds do not seem to like these so she gets to enjoy the red fruits all fall from her kitchen window.

Two little gems are: Paxistima canbyi and Potentilla tridentata. P. canbyi, only about 10" tall, spreads out over 4 to 5' to make an evergreen groundcover; turns bronzy in winter. P. tridentata, cinquefoil, is a creeping groundcover with glossy three-part 1½" leaves that turn brilliant orange in fall; clusters of tiny strawberry-like flowers in June. Drought tolerant, evergreen, 6" tall. There is also a cultivar 'Minima' which is only 4" tall.

There are, of course, the splendid native Rhododendrons such as R. maximum which blooms in early July. 12' to 15' tall, some shade, acid soil. All these native shrubs are remarkable carefree once established. They create a naturalistic landscape, non-formal, as if the plants have just always been in your yard. They will reward you with a lifetime of beauty and will not need the pampering of other plants since they are almost pest and disease-free. A bit of judicious pruning now and then will be all that's required. Then sit back and enjoy.

by Jeanne R. Chesnow Master Gardener

1991 MASTER GARDENER CLASS

The Eastern District 1991 Master Gardener Class is in full swing each Tuesday at the Norwich Extension Center. There are 69 registrants (42 Women, 27 men) from the following counties: Middlesex 14; New London 36, and Windham 19. Although 69 students, plus the Master Gardener Association volunteer aides, result in a full, full house, it was difficult to restrict enrollment, as we had more than 100 applicants! With this great an interest in the program, we are all proud of the solid reputation that our Master Gardener program has developed.

At the present we do not have a permanent replacement for Dr. Lighari, and Paul Stake continues to be the Interim District Coordinator. Discussions are underway in an attempt to secure a qualified coordinator to be available in the spring to supervise the in-service component of the training. The tentative plan is to hold on-site plant clinics at each county center, but in the absence of a permanent coordinator CES may not be able to provide this opportunity. This issue should be resolved within the next month.

by Paul E. Stake
Cooperative Extension Administrator
Eastern District

LOVE AT FIRST BITE

Disease resistant apples offered for tasting by Rutgers (New Jersey) at the regional conference in Delaware last October. The letter I received from Rutgers advises that the apples they offered were the result of a joint breeding program between three Universities and not commercially available. They recommend three named varieties that are readily available. Resistance to apple scab and powdery mildew is proven in Liberty, Freedom (plus fireblight resistance) and Redfree (plus cedar apple rust and quince resistance - but shows some cold stress in Vermont). The first two varieties are available in standard or dwarf varieties through Stark Bros., Miller Nurseries, Gurney's and Henry Fields. Redfree through Raintree Nursery in Washington or Rocky Meadow in Indiana.

Cultivars which have good cross resistance to apple scab, powdery mildew, cedar apple rust and fireblight need no fungicides for these early season problems. From mid-June through August be sure to pick and discard any rotting fruit to prevent cankers from entering your tree. Insect control still has to be considered. A minimum of two sprays is needed, one at petal fall and another around Memorial day. Then to control apple maggots use sticky traps or another spray mid to late July.

There is a marvelous article in the January '91 issue of organic Gardening that deals with the disease resistant apples and the most effective organic controls for pest management. Dorment oil at the dormant-green tip stage is critical to control pest mites and aphids. B.T. is important at the tight cluster-pink stage to control green fruitworm and leafminers. The Organic Gardening article lists more organic solutions plus a comprehensive list of more varieties and sources. A midwestern apple called Williams Pride which boasts good resistance and an early August harvest caught my attention. (source same as Redfree)

Your apple a day has never been simpler. by Jan Robertson
Master Gardener

IMPORTANT DATES

1991

Eastern District Meeting Schedule
Meeting held at Norwich Office

General Meetings

Executive Board Meetings

March 16 - 10 a.m. Lecture / Film
 April 20 - " Lecture
 May 18 - " Plant Swap
 June 15 - 9 to 12 Plant Clinic
 July 20 - 9 to 12 Plant Clinic
 Aug 17 - 9 to 12 Plant Clinic
 Sept 21 - 9 to 12 Plant Clinic
 Oct M.G. Conference in Detroit
 Nov 16-10 a.m. Meeting
 Dec 7 - Annual Meeting

Jan 16 - 7:30 p.m. Haddam Office
 April 17 - same as above
 June 21 - Friday Summer Solstice
 Elizabeth Park
 July 17 -7:30 p.m. Haddam Office
 Oct M.G. Conference
 Dec 7 - Sat. Annual Meeting
 Pot Luck ?

Note March General Meeting
 Bring Seeds for Seed Exchange*
 Thanks to Vicky Wetherell for
 this great idea.

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Lectures at East Lyme Library 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Mar 20 - How to grow, dry and arrange flowers by Bob McNeil
Apr 23 - Herbs by Lynn Rinek
May 15 - Propagation by Arlene Hartmann

Lions Flower Show

March 9 and 10th Port and Starboard Room Ocean Beach New London

MASTER GARDENER CLASS SCHEDULE

MARCH 1991

NORWICH

WEST HARTFORD

BETHEL

5 LAWNS/KARPOWICH

6 VEGETABLES/IN HOUSE*

7 ONAMENTALS/MARROTTE

12 VEGETABLES/MARROTTE

13 LAWNS/KARPOWICH

14 SMALL FRUITS/GAUTHIER

19 ORNAMENTALS/MARROTE

20 ORNAMENTALS/*

21 TREE FRUITS/MARROTTE

IMPORTANT NOTES

BUYING NATIVE SHRUBS

All of the shrubs Dr. Taylor talked about can be seen at the Connecticut Arboretum. Nursery sources for the shrubs can be hard to find. Among mail order sources are: Eastern Plant Specialties, Box 40 Colonia, N.J.; catalog \$1.00. Carroll Gardens, 444 E. Main St., P.O. Box 310, Westminster, MD 21157. Toll-free Telephone #1-800-638-6334. Catalog \$2.00

TABLECLOTHS

The tablecloths with our logo looked great at the Dec. meeting. If other districts would like to have tablecloths imprinted, perhaps it would be a good idea to have them done all in one batch. That way we pay for only one set-up of the silk-screen. The cloths should be mostly cotton.

For the Delaware Conference we had two cloths printed -- the 52X52 we use catty-corner; the long one 60X104 we use on a typical long folding table, such as found in all extension officer. Contact Jeanne R. Chesnow, 214 Cornwall Ave. Cheshire, Ct 06410

WANTED *Cornus alternifolia*

A source for Pagoda Dogwood, the VARIEGATED form. Cultivars are called 'Argenta', 'Arguta', or 'Variegata.' Contact J. Chesnow

SUNDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES

February 24: The 18th Century English Landscape Garden Literary, Artistic and Architectural Connections. Alan Bradford, Professor of English at the College.

March 3: Mountains and Deserts of the Silk Road from China to Hunza along the Karakoram Highway. Sally Taylor, Professor emeritus of botany at the College.

All lectures held at 2 to 4p.m. Room 210, Blaustein Humanities Center.

Individual lectures \$5 members, \$6 non-members Phone 439-2140

DEP ANNOUNCES NEW NOTIFICATION
REGULATIONS FOR PESTICIDE USE

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection announced that starting in early 1991 pesticide-treated areas must be posted along property lines.

The regulations (under PA 88-247) have several components. First, anyone making an outdoor application of a pesticide to a non-agricultural area closer than 100 yards from the property line must post a sign indicating that the area was treated.

This requirement applies to commercial applicators and homeowners alike. This requirement for homeowner posting is unique in the nation. These signs, which are yellow with black print, must be posted at points of entry onto the property, and at every 150 feet of road frontage. Signs will be available to homeowners at retail sources of pesticides.

The new regulations also provide that persons who have enrolled in a notification registry be given 24 hour advance notice by any pesticide application business. The DEP will maintain this registry and will mail out copies to all commercial pesticide application businesses every year.

If a person misses the deadline for inclusion on the DEP registry, he or she may request notification directly from the commercial applicator. The company will notify those persons independently of the registry and will forward the names to the DEP for inclusion on the next year's registry.

Persons wishing forms for the notification registry should contact the Pesticide Management Division of DEP at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Ct 06106; phone 566 5148

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ALTERNATIVES IN INSECT MANAGEMENT

The University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service recently released four coordinated circulars of interest to gardeners looking for "Alternatives to conventional chemical Management" and includes C1297 Insect Attractants and Traps, and C1298 Beneficial Insects and Mites. C1295 costs \$1.00 each, the others cost \$2.00 each.

Although some of the methods described are for commercial growers, there is a wealth of information interesting and useful to Master Gardeners: e.g., what some predatory insects look like, how BT works, what pheromones do, and the potential dangers of some botanical insecticides.

The ordering address is: University of Illinois, Office of Agricultural Communications and Education, 1301 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL. 61801. Checks can be made payable to this office. by Don Wetherell
Master Gardener

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MORE IMPORTANT NOTES

March 9th NOFA are holding a Organic Landscaping Conference at the First Church of Christ. 250 Main Street, Wethersfield, Ct. If interested contact Marie Adams phone 464-7128.

Historian, Marie Adams would like anyone who has any Historic information pertaining to the CAEMG Association to please send it to her or contact her in regards to having it included in the Historic Archives. Phone 464-7128

March 10th - 17th. The East Lyme Garden Club has a bus going to the Boston Flower Show on March 13th. Contact Betty Snow phone 739-8853

LILIES FOR THE GARDEN

Peonies, delphinium and roses have long been thought of as the backbone of the New England garden but the modern lily should be added to the list. For ease of culture and a bloom season which, with care in selection of varieties, will stretch from June through September, lilies are ahead of the competition.

The day-lily or Hemerocallis derives from the familiar orange tiger lily which is often seen as a roadside weed. From this parent, hybridizers have developed almost a rainbow of colors - everything but blue. We are all familiar with the lemon lily which makes a handsome June border, but this color is now only one of many. There are the Aurelian hybrids, offering Martagon for mid-June, regale, a gorgeous white in July, A. rubrum with its shades of rose for August, and A. speciosum which blooms from late summer through early fall. The Asiatic lilies have also been developed into varieties of white, pink, pale to deep yellow and lavender to deep red. All of these are good year after year. They can be propagated by cutting off tubers from the Hemerocallis or by carefully removing scales from the other kinds, which start from bulbs.

While the three types of lilies are rated as heavy feeders, all they need for a start is a carefully prepared planting hole. Make it two feet deep, 18 inches across, fill it with good loam, compost and add a handful of bone meal. Plant bulbs or tubers so that tops are 4 to 6 inches deep. There is one exception on planting depth - plant Madonna lilies so that the bulb top is only an inch below the surface of the soil. Use mulch, in all cases, to discourage weeds and provide winter protection.

American grown bulbs and tubers come with roots intact - plant them this way and do it as soon as you get them, even in late Fall or early Spring. Water them when dry and use a 5-10-5 fertilizer at the rate of two pounds to 100 square feet. Order from reliable sources, and look forward, once they get started, to years of enjoyment.

by Teresa C. Leary
Master Gardener

WEEKLY GARDEN COLUMNS

Master Gardeners in the Eastern District will write a weekly garden column again this year in the New London Day. Articles are 300-400 words in length on topics appropriate for the season. You do not need to be an expert writer. We expect to start in March and continue through November.

A number of members have already volunteered but we are looking for more. If you are interested, call or write to Bob McNeil, 16 Damon Heights Road, Niantic, Ct. 06357 (739-5134). More specific information and a list of topics will be provided after which you can decide if you would like to participate. If members in the other districts are interested in a similar project in their area, call or write to Bob for details.

Some Media Sources of Gardening Information

Ralph Snodsmith - Questions and answer program. Radio Station WOR (New York)
710 AM Saturdays (4-6p.m.) Sundays (8-10 a.m.)

Erwin Goldstein - Garden Column, The Hartford Courant on Saturdays. (May also be in Meriden Journal)

Victory Garden - Half hour weekly T.V. program.
Public Television - Ch.2 (Boston) Saturdays 4:30 p.m.
Sundays 7:30 p.m.

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I AM A NEW MEMBER ()

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EXTENSION OFFICE _____

INTERESTS

Circle 10 or less items, for the 1991 Directory listing.

- Birds * Beekeeping * Compost * Drying flowers * Education programs * Flower arranging * Children's gardens * Historic gardens * Community projects *
- Handicapped gardens * Herbs * Landscaping * Fundraising * Seed-saving *
- Organic gardening * I have slides to share * Therapy (plant) *
- Vegetable growing * Writing about gardening * Other (please list)

Also, please list any affiliations you would like listed in the Directory (for example, NOFA, Garden Clubs, Arboretum member.

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The CAEMG wishes to express sympathy to family and friends of Dr. Edwin (Pat) Carpenter who passed away Wednesday, February 20. Dr. Carpenter was Professor of Horticulture at the University of Connecticut at Storrs. He will be sorely missed. There will be a memorial service at 10AM on March 9 at the Storrs Community Church.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE C.A.E.M.G. ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 1991

SATURDAY AT NOON

UCONN GREATER HARTFORD CAMPUS (OLD LAW SCHOOL)

1800 ASYLUM AVENUE, WEST HARTFORD

POT LUCK DINNER PLEASE BRING A DISH TO FEED SIX

ALL MASTER GARDENERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

THE SPEAKER WILL BE RON PARKER WORLD FAMOUS PLANT BREEDER

SUBJECT: PLANT BREEDING IN THE 20th CENTURY

A BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD TO ELECT OFFICERS

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

FROM I-84 TURN NORTH AT EXIT 44 ONTO PROSPECT AVENUE GO ABOUT 2 MILES.

TURN RIGHT (NORTH) ONTO TROUT BROOK DRIVE. THE CAMPUS IS ON THE LEFT.

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FROM #44 TURN SOUTH ONTO TROUT BROOK DR. CAMPUS IS ON THE RIGHT.

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THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CENTER BUILDING MEETING ROOM

Please fill out and mail to: Paul Brown
154 Broad Street
Plainville, CT 06062

How many will be attending Annual Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner _____

Type of dish you will bring _____

TEAR OFF AND MAIL

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SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 1992 ELECTION

PRESIDENT	PAUL B. BROWN
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AND ALL NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

NOTE THAT COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED FOR EASTERN AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS

1992 POSTERS
BY Marie Dube

Posters will replace the Backyard Gardener Calendar for 1992. The 16 X 22" poster will list the months and gardening hints printed in forest green and brick red. The poster will be perfect for Holiday Gift Giving. Poster-Calendars are available for \$1.00 plus postage from your local extension office. If you own a business, consider buying them, stamping them with your name, address and phone and give them to your favorite customers.

Master Gardeners who would like to help with this fund raising project are asked to please call their local Extension Office. If you have a favorite Garden Center that would post a sample - please let us know.

Through Rose Colored Glasses
by Jan Robertson

What better way to celebrate the Summer Solstice than to be with CAEMG friends at Elizabeth Park Rose Garden. About 40 members and spouses came and brought their picnic baskets to share before a short business meeting.

The highlight, of course, was the tour of the Rose Garden which began at the large vine covered summer house. We were privileged to have Donna Fuss, Rosarian, to guide and instruct us. The vines and the climbing roses on the arches that radiate from the summer house are among the many plants that have been there for over 90 years. The Park was first constructed after the bequest to the City of Hartford by Charles H. Pond and named after his wife, Elizabeth. Now there are over 15,000 Rose bushes and over 1,100 varieties on 2 acres of land. We couldn't see them all but we tried.

A favorite section was the National Evaluation of recently introduced Roses. This began in 1912 with the cooperation of the American Rose Society and culminates in the All American Rose Selections. This year 43 new varieties were evaluated. In the late 70's the Park was disqualified from the selections due to years of fiscal neglect. After a decade of support from "Friends of Elizabeth Park", the Park has regained its prominence as the most outstanding Public Rose Garden in the U.S.. The sun was setting as we finished with a tour of the Annual Beds, Perennial Garden and the Heritage Rose Garden. Dessert was served in the near dark - tailgate fashion. The longest day was not long enough but enjoyed by all!

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1992 Master Gardener Class Dates
by Marie Dube

Tuesday, January 7, 1992	Norwich Office
Wednesday, January 8, 1992	West Hartford Office
Thursday, January 9, 1992	Bethel Office

Master Gardener Tour of the Agronomy Farm in Storrs will be next August 12, 1992.

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Master Composter Class
by Marie Dube

There will be a Master Composter class November 20th in Bethel. Only Master Gardeners who have completed their 60 hours of in-service-training are eligible for this class. Please call 797-4176 for an application. There will be a \$5.00 fee to cover materials.

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Editors Note
by Linda Callahan

I want to thank everyone who served on the Publications Committee and helped put the Master Gardener Newsletter out this year. We all learned a lot about duplication, collation, and the U.S. Post Office. Thanks ladies I couldn't have done it without you.

C.A.E.M.G. Eastern CT News
by Robert McNeil

Following our successful series of four garden programs last spring at the East Lyme Public Library, we scheduled three more this fall. On September 17 Roy Jeffery, Extension Educator at the Norwich Office, presented a video lecture on "Establishing and Maintaining a Lawn." Arlene Hartmann gave a slide lecture on "Pruning the Home Landscape" on October 15. The final program is scheduled for November 12 on the topic "Organic Gardening: An Option to using Chemicals," by Bob McNeil.

An increased interest in alternatives to chemicals has resulted in a request for a program at the Pequot Nature Center in Mystic on October 23 to be given by Marie Adams and Bob McNeil. Two area garden clubs have also asked for a similar program in February and June.

Dominic Dipollina and Dave De Noia presented programs on gardens and lawns respectively for the New London Adult Education in September. They may do other programs in the spring semester.

The Norwich office has received a request from the Norwich Adult Education to present a series of garden programs next semester starting in January. Plans were being made in October to set up a schedule of topics and speakers.

The second year of Master Gardeners writing a weekly column in The Day, a New London daily paper, will end in November. Articles have been written on a variety of topics ranging from slugs to perennials. Originally started last year as a project for Eastern district gardeners, it has included writers from other parts of the State this year. As coordinator I would like to thank the following Master Gardeners for their contributions:

Linda Callahan, Dominic Dipollina, Ting Gough, Teresa Leary, Frank Lipski, Florence Marrone, Sandy Mills, Nancy Patenaude, Lynn Rineh, Jan Robertson, Agnes Summers, Nancy Waterman, Don Wetherell, and Carmen Whitehead.

We expect to start a third year next March. In order to make plans I invite all Master Gardeners who would like to participate to send me their name, address and telephone number before the end of December. (16 Damon Heights Rd. Niantic, CT 06357 - 739-5134) I will send you information about the program and suggested topics. Winter is a good time to write columns before the busy gardening season begins. We have had very positive response from the public about the columns and have provided good exposure for the Cooperative Extension System. If you have questions, I expect to be at the annual meeting on December 7.

If Master Gardeners in other districts would like to start a garden column with a newspaper in their area, I'll be glad to explain our procedure.

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A GUIDE TO GARDENING IN CONNECTICUT
by Jeanne' R. Chesanow

All gardeners in Connecticut will be interested in this wonderful new book. This 60 page soft cover book is printed in brown ink on recycled paper. Articles have been written by well know gardeners such as Gale Collins, Frank Lipski and Ron Parker who introduced the Vinca "Pretty in Pink". The book covers Connecticut with informative articles on Gardening, People, Places to Go, Festivals, Organic Farms, Rainfall, Temperatures, Soil, it has it all.

The books will be available at the December Annual Meeting and from Extension Offices. The cost is \$5.00 and \$6.00 through Mail Order. Make check out to C.A.E.M.G. and mail to Jeanne' R. Chesanow, P.O. Box 907, Cheshire, CT 06410

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