

# THE BOTANICAL THYMES

COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2012



## A Season Full of *More*

▲ The Gardens was alive with activity on the days of the Maine Fairy House Festival.

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**D**uring recent visits to the Gardens, you might have sensed a swirl of intense activity amid the tranquility and beauty you always find here. And you were right! Our summer season brought more of everything: more people, more memberships, more programs and events, more sales in the café and shop, and more fun. Even the plants

seemed to draw energy from our visitors' enthusiasm—striving to please with larger, more-vibrant blooms and lush growth. It's been a great year from every point of view, and autumn promises to be spectacular. Please check out the calendar within these pages to see what we've planned for you. There's plenty of news in this issue, too—news of opportunities, people, challenges, and accomplishments. Read on.... ♡BHF



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from the  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*William Cullina*

## PLANNING

We've been officially open five years, but long before the excavators ever broke ground on our central campus, we undertook five years of planning and design. The distillation of all the ideas that emerged from that process was the 2004 central gardens master plan, a sixty-page document of drawings, narrative, analysis and cost estimation that has served as our guide for the creation of most of what you see today. With the construction of the Bibby and Harold Alfond Children's Garden and the Bosarge Family Education Center, this plan is now complete, and we are turning our attention to the future.

Beginning last autumn, board and staff began work on our second master plan that will guide future development here. Our goal is to create a plan that will redress issues like circulation and parking that have arisen from larger-than-anticipated attendance, while also developing new gardens, facilities, infrastructure and programming. Throughout the process, relevance to our mission, long-term financial sustainability and meeting the needs of our membership and guests will provide the lens with which we will analyze ideas and synthesize the whole. A well-thought-out, comprehensive master plan will ensure that any future growth will be coordinated, necessary, supportable and done to the high standard of excellence we have set for ourselves. Our hope is to lay the groundwork for this plan though the winter and hire professionals to help us complete it in 2014, so stay tuned.

Of course, our 2004 master plan would be nothing more than a paper document without the substantial capital investment we have received from donors large and small. We have raised \$23 million to date, and are very close to finishing the nine-year capital campaign that has allowed us to be. While the last \$1.5 million may seem small in relation to what we've raised so far, it is critical to fund our endowment and building reserves and to completely meet our obligations. It has been a long road these past nine years. As we near the end, we need your support more than ever so we can finish this incredible journey before embarking on the next.

Thank you,  
*Bill*

The mission of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is to protect, preserve and enhance the botanical heritage and natural landscapes of coastal Maine for people of all ages through horticulture, education and research.

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The new book *Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens: A People's Garden* goes back to the beginnings, not only of the organization, but also of the land itself.

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## We're in Print—and in Time for Gift Giving

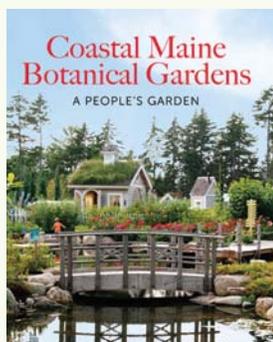
We hope that by now you've had a chance to see our stunning new book, *Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens: A People's Garden*. It's "a good read" and the photos are gorgeous; all in all it's the perfect gift, for your own collection and for your friends and family.

How will you like it? Let us count the ways: Do you or someone on your shopping list care about the Gardens?

Delight in sumptuous photos of exceptional gardens? Enjoy learning the history of exciting projects? Find inspiration in success stories? Want to learn more about gardening?

You'll find all of the above and more in this large, hard-cover volume published by Down East Books. It's available in the Gardens Gift Shop, and we hope you'll stop by soon to purchase your copies—and anything else that strikes your fancy—using your members' discount. Every book sale in the shop benefits the Gardens.

Once you've read it, we'd love to hear what you think of *Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens: A People's Garden*. ☺BHF



## GARDENS STAFF

Administrative, education, and marketing staff offices are in the Bosarge Family Education Center. Horticulture staff are in the Kulp Horticulture Building. All others are in the Visitor Center. To e-mail gardens staff, use their first initial and last name followed by @mainegardens.org (exception: Valerie@mainegardens.org). Or call us at 207-633-4333 and use the extensions below.

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### SEASONAL STAFF AND INTERNS

We couldn't do without our seasonal staff, who help everything run smoothly. The following will be with us into the fall.

#### Administration: Wendy Palmer

Education: **Irene Barber**, Horticultural Therapy Coordinator (ext. 117)

Gardens Gift Shop: **Beth Dudley, Laura Russell, Mercer Bonney, Erin Garey**

Horticulture: **Diane Walden**, horticulturist (ext. 134); **Pat Robbins**, assistant groundskeeper; **Lynn Goodwin**, seasonal groundskeeper

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Membership Assistant & Marketing Intern: **Ashley Ferrucci**

Staff Support: **Linda Richardson**

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Visitor Services Assistants: **Margo Glunt, Ann Springhorn, Prudence Bean**

Visitor Services Supervisor Subs: **Elaine Harlow, Cindy Farnham**

2012 Volunteer Coordinator Interns: **Elizabeth Glunt** (winter); **Amanda Lavigueur** (summer)



Scarecrow Sunday is a great event to attend, and you can volunteer, too!



Throughout the summer, volunteer Mary Chase has come to the Gardens each week to create flower arrangements for every area of the Visitor Center.

PHOTOS BY BARBARA FREEMAN

# We Need You

## *There's Still Time to Volunteer*

BY AMANDA RUSSELL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The busy summer season for volunteering has waned, but the busy fall and early-winter season is about to kick into high gear. If you can, please help us with the following:

- **CIDER SUNDAYS**—*Saturdays and Sundays, September 15-October 14 (1-3 p.m.)* The cider press will be set up in the Children's Garden so kids can press apples. Volunteering here involves preparing the press and apples; washing pitchers; setting a table with tablecloth, cups, and signage; helping visitors make cider; serving cider; and cleaning the press and storing materials at the end. All the prep work is worth the outcome—fresh, homemade cider!
- **SCARECROW SUNDAY**—*Sunday, September 30 (1-3 p.m.)* Families and visitors will build their own scarecrows on the Event Lawn (Education Center if it rains), out of materials that the Gardens supplies. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down; press apple cider; and help families paint, fasten, and stuff scarecrows. It will surely be a fun way to spend an autumn afternoon. Last year, families made around 50 scarecrows, and that was on a rainy day! The time commitment is from 12:45-3:15 p.m.
- **Family Fright Night**—*Saturday, October 27 (4-7 p.m.)* During our annual scary (but not too scary) Halloween event, Children's Garden activities will begin at 4:30 p.m. after a costume parade at 4:15 on the Great Lawn, so volunteers will have plenty of time to prepare. There are all sorts of fun jobs, and throwing this Halloween party for the children is the most fun of all.
- **Frozen Turkey Hunt**—*Saturday, November 17 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)* This amazing event tops off our fall season. Help hide the apples and serve hotdogs and drinks and tend the obstacle course and games area.
- **Christmas Market at the Gardens**—*Saturday, December 8 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)* This event offers Gardens visitors a chance to purchase gifts that are top quality and not mass-produced, and it offers you another chance to volunteer!
- **Here Comes the Sun Party**—*January 1 (noon-2 p.m.)* What a great way to begin the new year—volunteer at the Gardens!



Contact me at [arussell@mainegardens.org](mailto:arussell@mainegardens.org) or 633-4333, ext. 107. Remember that starting in September, my hours are a bit reduced, but I will definitely get back to you!

# GROW!

AT COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS

## Calendar of Events & Programs

SEPTEMBER, 2012–NEW YEAR'S DAY, 2013

Because numbers are limited and/or we have to know in advance how many will be attending a program, we almost always ask you to pre-register. To help us plan—and to avoid disappointment—please sign up as soon as possible for anything you'd like to attend. To register, please visit [www.MaineGardens.org](http://www.MaineGardens.org); call 207-633-4333, ext. 101; or stop by. Thank you.

### Useful Information for Fall Visitors:

- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens hours are 9-5 daily, year-round (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas).
- The Gardens Gift Shop is open daily until October 30 and again for the Frozen Turkey Hunt on November 17 and the Christmas Market on December 8.
- The Kitchen Garden Café is open daily through Monday, October 8.
- The free Courtesy Shuttle Service runs 9-5 daily through October 8.
- Docent-led Accessible Cart Tours, by reservation only, are at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. every weekday through October 8.
- Free Guided Walking Tours on Thursdays and Saturdays continue through Saturday, October 6.
- For additional information about the Gardens and our services for visitors, please visit our website.

We've teamed up with Maine Audubon and other organizations to develop and present a wide variety of events, programs, exhibits, and educational experiences for all ages that underscore our Feathers and Foliage theme.



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

### Annual Membership Meeting and Reception

🕒 2 p.m. 📍 Education Center

On this fifth anniversary of the Gardens' grand opening year, we'll celebrate past success and look to the future. Join us for what promises to be a lively program and informative meeting. Refreshments will be served.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

*Please note that events especially for children and families are listed in the Sprouts! Section, but many of our other events are fun and interesting for children, too.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

### Rachel Carson Exhibit Opening Reception and PBS Documentary

- 🕒 3-5 p.m. 📍 Free for everyone
- 📍 Visitor Center & Education Center
- 📍 Exhibit opening co-sponsored by the Southport Island Association

View fascinating interpretive panels, art, and artifacts in the Visitor Center while enjoying refreshments; then, in the Education Center, enjoy the hour-long PBS "American Experience" documentary, "Rachel Carson's Silent Spring."



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

### Summer's End Tea

- 🕒 4 p.m. 📍 Kitchen Garden Café & Kerr Hall
- 📍 \$21 members, \$28 non-members

Celebrate the end of another season with a delightful afternoon tea amid beautiful surroundings. Enjoy scones with Devonshire cream and jam and an array of tea sandwiches, along with unending individual pots of tea.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

### DaPonte String Quartet "Leaf Peeper" Concert

- 🕒 2:30 p.m. 📍 Education Center
- 📍 \$25; free for 21 & under (reservations required for all)

For the grand finale of this season of concerts, the celebrated Quartet will perform Franz Joseph Haydn's Quartet in D Major, op. 64, no. 3, "The Lark"; Fanny Mendelssohn's String Quartet No. 1 in E flat Major Op. 12; and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Quartet in D Minor, K. 428.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

### Christmas Market

- 🕒 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 📍 Visitor Center
- 📍 Free admission

New England vendors will present unique items of genuine high quality, and our wonderful Gardens Gift Shop will be open too! While shopping, enjoy complimentary beverages and tasty treats, lively holiday music, delightful decorations as only the Gardens can do them, and a blazing fire in the Saxon Fireplace. This event will warm your spirits!

Would you like to volunteer for this event? If so, please contact Amanda Russell at [arussell@mainegardens.org](mailto:arussell@mainegardens.org) or 633-4333, ext. 107.

Throughout this calendar, we've abbreviated the Bibby and Harold Alfond Children's Garden and Bosarge Family Education Center to Children's Garden and Education Center.

JANUARY 1, 2013

### Here Comes the Sun Party

- 🕒 Noon 📍 Visitor Center and Terrace
- 💰 Free (no reservations necessary)

Celebrate lengthening days and New Year's at this party that's a long-standing Gardens tradition. Toast marshmallows for s'mores; grill hot dogs over an open fire; and quaff hot and cold beverages. Then, warm up by the fireplace in the Visitor Center. We encourage everyone to bring non-perishable food items and/or a monetary donation for the Boothbay Region Food Pantry. If the weather is questionable, call 207-633-4333, ext. 101.

Would you like to volunteer for this event? Contact Amanda Russell at arussell@mainegardens.org or 633-4333, ext. 107.

## SPROUTS! Events and educational programs especially for children and families

Whenever you visit, check at the admissions desk to learn about any activities that may be happening in the Children's Garden.

### MONDAYS

#### Storytime at the Gardens

- 🕒 10-11 a.m. 📍 Children's Garden until October 8; then in the Education Center
- 💰 Free with Gardens admission (no admission charge beginning November 1)

Our own Miss Rumphius, Pat Jeremiah, will be at the Gardens on Mondays throughout the fall and winter to read selections from the Story Barn collection of 300 books for children. There's time for conversation, too. Storytime with Pat is always wonderful! No need to register; just stop by and stay as long as you like.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### Maine's Favorite Birds

- 🕒 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- 📍 Education Center and Grounds
- 💰 \$8 member adults, \$12 nonmember adults; \$4 member children, \$6 nonmember children

Jeff and Allison Wells, authors of *Maine's Favorite Birds*, will lead a program and walk for families to see and observe our resident feathered friends.

### SUNDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 14

#### Cider Sundays

- 🕒 1-3 p.m. 📍 Children's Garden
- 💰 Free with Gardens admission (registration is not required; just drop in)

Learn about the tasty fall tradition of apple-cider pressing, and enjoy the fruits of your labors—a cup of cider!

Would you like to volunteer for this activity? Contact Amanda Russell at arussell@mainegardens.org or 633-4333, ext. 107.



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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

#### Scarecrow Sunday

- 🕒 1-3 p.m. 📍 Great Lawn
- 💰 \$10 per scarecrow, plus Gardens admission

Build your very own scarecrow for home at this popular event! We'll provide all the materials, and you may also bring some favorites. We'll also get you started and press cider during the festivities. Registration guarantees you a scarecrow; and come early for the best selection of materials.

Would you like to volunteer for this event? Contact Amanda Russell at arussell@mainegardens.org or 633-4333, ext. 107.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

#### Family Fright Night

- 🕒 4-7 p.m. 📍 Visitor Center & Grounds
- 💰 \$10 members, \$7 member children; \$15 non-members, \$12 non-member children

We become the "Boo-tanical" Gardens for Halloween! Kids can join in the costume parade, win prizes; make crafts, trick-or-treat, and find some "frightful" surprises in the Children's Garden; and savor fun "finger" foods, all with a ghoulish twist. The spooky decorations are amazing, and it's all scary (but not too scary) fun.

Would you like to volunteer? Contact Amanda Russell at arussell@mainegardens.org or 633-4333, ext. 107.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

#### Frozen Turkey Hunt

- 🕒 11 a.m.; the "hunt" begins at 11:15
- 📍 Central Gardens & Visitor Center
- 💰 Free

Search the grounds for hidden apples, which can be worth prizes (including lots of frozen turkeys!) for your Thanksgiving table. It's an annual favorite at the Gardens! Sponsored by Bath Savings, Dead River Company, and Cap'n Fish's.

Would you like to volunteer? Contact Amanda Russell at arussell@mainegardens.org or 633-4333, ext. 107.

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## EXHIBITS

Our art shows and educational exhibits are on view from 9-5 daily and are open to all Gardens visitors.

### EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 8

#### "On the Wing" Sculpture for the Home and Garden, Curated by June LaCombe

Free Walking Tour of the Show with June LaCombe: Wednesday, September 19 (4 p.m.)

Fifty works by New England's finest sculptors represent birds, feathers, and nests in stone, steel, wood and bronze. Among the artists whose work is on view and for sale are Lise Becu, Ray Carbone, Jim Sardonis, Andreas von Huene, Cabot Lyford, Hank Tyler, Jean Noon, and George Sherwood. In addition, interior work and garden-scale pieces are on view at Maine Audubon in Falmouth.

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7

#### Susan Newbold: "The Illuminated Journal"

Susan Newbold of East Boothbay, Maine, and Fairfield, Connecticut, specializes in creating and teaching the art of nature journaling. Her nature-related paintings and prints are on view in the Education Center.



The boo-tanical gardens is the place for not-too-scary fun on Family Fright Night!

PHOTO BY BARBARA FREEMAN



Rachel Carson at Hawk Mountain in Pennsylvania

**SEPTEMBER 7–OCTOBER 23**

**“Rachel Carson: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *Silent Spring*”**

**Opening Reception & PBS Documentary:**  
*Wednesday, September 12 (3–5 p.m.)*

Learn about the life and works of biologist and author Rachel Carson as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Silent Spring*. This exhibit, part of our year-long focus on bird life, is the collaborative effort of Boothbay Region Land Trust, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Hendricks Hill Museum, Dr. John Juriga, Dr. Linda Lear, Maine Audubon, Rachel Carson Council, Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, Southport Island Association, and Southport Memorial Library. See the *Special Events* section for details of the reception.

**A NOTE TO EDUCATORS:**

Bring your school groups grades K-6 to experience their “Sense of Wonder” and learn about Rachel Carson—Tuesdays through October 12. Call 207-633-4333, ext. 120, or visit our website for more information.

**OCTOBER 2-16**

**Photography Club Exhibit**

Capturing the Gardens’ Landscapes is the theme for the inaugural show by members of the Gardens’ Photography Club. Stop by the Education Center gallery to see what the talented photographers have come up with during this first season. You’ll see the Gardens in a whole new light!

**WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & 6**

**Introduction to Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes with Melissa Cullina**

**🕒 10 a.m.-4 p.m.   📍 Education Center**  
**💰 \$100 members, \$120 non-members**

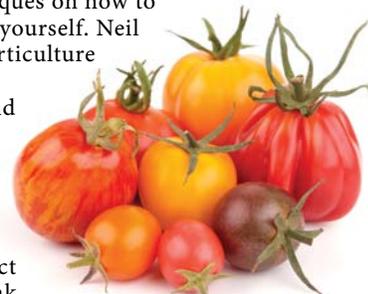
The diverse and fascinating “graminoids,” or grass-like plants, are all around us, and yet these monocots are little known to most people. Learn to identify the most common species in coastal Maine, and gain a new appreciation for these intriguing plants. Melissa is Director of Education & Staff Botanist for the Gardens.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**Selecting Heirloom Varieties and Saving Seeds with Neil Lash**

**🕒 9 a.m.-noon   📍 Education Center**  
**💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members**

Learn about culturally significant varieties of heirloom vegetables, how to get them, and which are appropriate for our climate. See examples from right here in Maine and hear about the importance and benefits of seed saving, with tips and techniques on how to save seeds yourself. Neil teaches horticulture and is the director and cofounder of the award-winning Heirloom Seed Project at Medomak Valley High School in Waldoboro.



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**Cooking with Herbs and Spices with Kathy Savoie**

**🕒 6-8 p.m.   📍 Kitchen Garden Café**  
**💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members**

Learn how to liven up meals with flavorful herbs and spices (and reduce salt intake) and make the most of your culinary herb garden. Participants will make and take home delicious samples. Kathy is the Food Preservation Specialist of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County and directs the Master Food Preserver program.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**Walking Tour of the “On the Wing” Exhibit with Curator June LaCombe**

**🕒 4 p.m.   📍 Meet in the Visitor Center**  
**💰 Free with Gardens admission**

See the Exhibits section for details of this fabulous, 50-piece outdoor sculpture show.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 & 22**

**Sustainable Horticultural Practices with Irene Brady Barber**

**🕒 9 a.m.-4 p.m.   📍 Education Center**  
**💰 \$100 members, \$120 non-members**

Our landscape practices affect the balance of our ecosystem above and below the soil surface and the quality of our waters. Irene, a landscape designer and horticultural educator, will explain how to apply ecologically safe gardening practices to existing landscapes and garden beds. Topics include composting and other eco-friendly soil amendment techniques, alternatives to pesticides and herbicides, responsible acquisition of native plant materials, and other techniques that follow low-impact practices.

## THE KITCHEN GARDEN DINNER SERIES

Maine's finest chefs enjoy the honor and challenge of creating multi-course dinners for a discerning audience in our elegant Kitchen Garden Café. Dinners begin at 6 p.m. The price, which includes wine and gratuities, is \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members. To register, call 207-633-4333, ext. 101.



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
**Chef Aaron Park of**  
**Henry & Marty in Brunswick**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**Chef David Turin of**  
**David's Restaurant in Portland**



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
**Chef Jonathan McCormack of Admiral**  
**Steakhouse in Bath**



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
**Chef Shannon Bard**  
**of Zapoteca in Portland**

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 **Horticultural Ecology: Biological interactions of Gardens Plants and Environment with Bill Cullina**

🕒 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 📍 Education Center  
 💰 \$120 members, \$150 non-members (pre-registration required)

Executive Director Bill Cullina, a celebrated horticulturist, author, and speaker, will address how plants interact with their garden environment. Topics include specific adaptations to environmental condition and interrelationships between garden plants and their surrounding biotic and abiotic influences. Bill will cover concepts such as competition, symbiosis, parasitism, pollination, and dispersal.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 **Fall and Winter in the Garden with Irene Brady Barber**

🕒 9 a.m.-noon. 📍 Education Center  
 💰 \$35 members, \$42 non-members

The timing is perfect! Irene, a landscape designer and horticultural educator, will explain the tasks that need doing now to button up your garden for the winter and what should wait until spring. You'll learn how to combat weather damage, order and plant bulbs, and assess your garden's needs for the coming spring.

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 & 13 **"Invasive Plants: Issues, Identification, and Ecology" with Ted Elliman**

🕒 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 📍 Education Center  
 💰 \$100 members, \$120 non-members  
 🌱 Co-sponsored with the New England Wild Flower Society

Ecologist Ted Elliman, the vegetation management coordinator for the New England Wild Flower Society, will show some of New England's most common invasive species, and participants will find some during visits to nearby fields. Learn about the problems these plants cause and political issues involved. Bring lunch, a hand lens, water, and warm, sturdy clothes for short forays afield.

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18-20 **Selecting Native Plants for the Maine Garden: Woody Plants with Justin Nichols**

🕒 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 📍 Education Center and local field sites  
 💰 \$100 members, \$120 non-members

Native woody plants can serve us well in our home landscapes. Justin, a talented staff horticulturist and educator, will introduce participants to native trees and shrubs and their habitat preferences and make recommendations. The class will go outdoors at the Gardens and to nearby sites to see examples of these plants in natural and landscaped settings.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 **Making Festive Holiday Greens with Diane Walden**

🕒 1-4 p.m. 📍 Education Center  
 💰 \$35 members, \$42 non-members

Back by popular demand! Add a beautifully naturalistic touch to your holiday decorations. Diane, a horticulturist at the Gardens and exceptional floral arranger, will demonstrate and guide you through the process of creating your own swag, centerpiece, or mantelpiece/garland of holiday greens. All while enjoying holiday refreshments and music! Then you can use your new skills year after year.

## FIELD TRIPS BY BOAT

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 **Bald Eagles of Merrymeeting Bay Boat Trip**

🕒 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 📍 On the Island  
 Lady from Pier 1, Boothbay Harbor  
 💰 \$50 Gardens or Maine Audubon members, \$75 non-members (pre-register through Maine Audubon at 207-781-2330)  
 🌱 Co-sponsored with Maine Audubon

The sheltered tidal waters of midcoast Maine offer some of the most pleasant and scenic cruising to be found anywhere—plus excellent wildlife watching. In recent years, as many as 38 eagles have been spotted! You may see many other creatures of air and water, too.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 **Boothbay Region Land Trust's Annual Damariscove Island Field Trip**

🕒 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 📍 Pier 8, Balmy Days Cruises, Boothbay Harbor  
 💰 \$50 members and non-members (pre-registration required through BRLT at 207-633-4818 or brlt@bbrlt.org.)  
 🌧️ Rain date is Sunday, September 16

BRLT has invited us to join them on this year's annual boat trip to the Damariscove Island Preserve. The island, first settled in 1604, is prime habitat for a large diversity of plants and birds. Enjoy the rustic island museum and hiking trails on your own or join a guided hike. Director of Education & Staff Botanist Melissa Cullina will be exploring the island's flora; an expert ornithologist will be on hand, too. Bring a lunch, water, sturdy shoes, and sun protection.



Please check our website often for new and returning programs and events for 2013. We'll add them as soon as the details are in place.

# Our Best Gift for Your Best Gift

BY DOROTHY FREEMAN, DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

Beginning in 2012, we started something new for friends who make annual gifts to the Gardens for current operating expenses: screensavers featuring photographs by Bill Cullina. And the response continues to be overwhelming!

In the winter appeal, donors received the “Director’s Collection” of three spectacular floral images for their computer desktop. In the spring appeal, it was the “2012 Tulip Time” screensaver that featured three real-time images of tulips photographed in May. And in the upcoming autumn appeal, we have an extra-special series of screensavers that showcase fall colors at the Gardens.

Bill’s spectacular photography in these images for your computer desktop are our way of saying THANKS to everyone who provides those essential annual donations that enable us to “pay the bills” that keep Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens a world-class living museum. Did you know people from the esteemed New York Botanical Garden refer to us as “the Miracle in Maine”? Indeed, they do. Thanks to faithful friends like you, we celebrated our fifth anniversary in 2012. And the best is yet to be!

Be on the lookout for the fall appeal in October and the secret surprise of Bill’s hand-selected screensavers—our best gift for your best gift!

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## Kudos for Bill Cullina!

Here at the Gardens, we are all extremely proud of Executive Director Bill Cullina’s talents and accomplishments. Judging by the numerous awards he has won, those that recognize outstanding achievements in the fields of horticulture and garden writing agree. In our Spring newsletter, we announced that he had recently accepted the coveted Scott Medal and Award from the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College. We’re delighted to announce that this past July he received the Award of Merit from the Perennial Plant Association. This prestigious award, the highest honor the Association bestows, recognizes an individual or individuals for significant contributions to the herbaceous perennial plant industry. Congratulations, Bill!



Pastels or brights, early or late, short or tall—we have spring-flowering bulb collections for all preferences. PHOTO BY WILLIAM CULLINA

## Order Now for a Bevy of Beautiful Bulbs



We offer an array of spring-flowering bulbs in fabulous combinations, and the bulbs are of the highest quality. When spring arrives, you’ll be rewarded with an abundance of color and beauty! We’ve extended our order deadline to mid-September. Please take a look at the order form, which you can download as a pdf from our website or pick up at the Gardens, and place your order as soon as possible before the 15th. You’ll welcome the vibrant floral display in your garden next spring, and you’ll be helping the Gardens right now!

# Welcome Our New Director of Horticulture

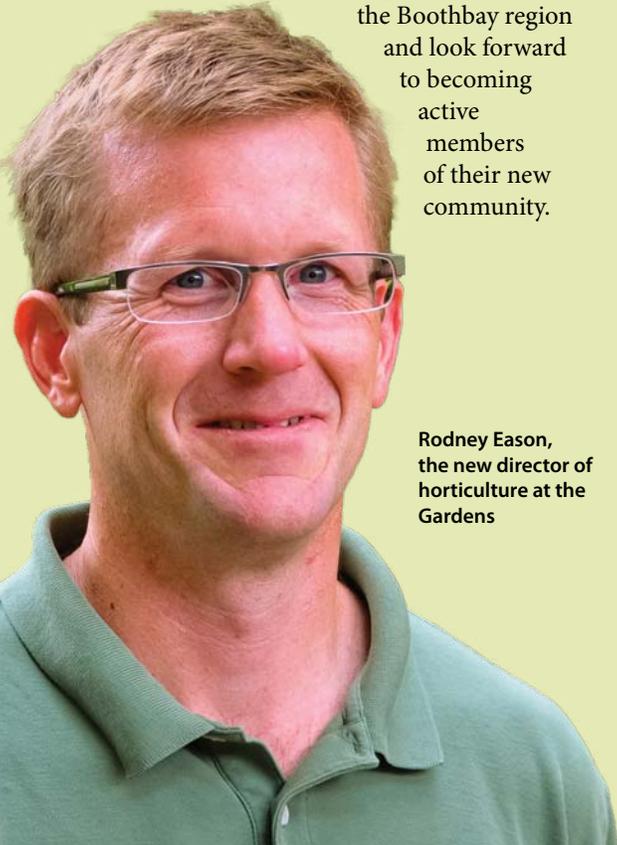
On October 1, Rodney Eason will join our staff as director of horticulture, filling the position previously held by Bill Cullina, who became the Gardens' executive director a year ago. We hope you'll get a chance to meet Rodney soon and welcome him to the Gardens, and to Maine.

Our new director of horticulture comes to us from eight years on the staff of the famed Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Among his tasks there, he ensured that 300 acres of horticultural display gardens were at their best, year-round; managed more than 35 horticulturists, as well as volunteers; was part of the design team for major projects; and served as curator of the native Magnolia collection.

"Grooming horticultural leaders who strive to make a difference in our field is at the core of what we do at Longwood Gardens," stated Sharon Loving, Longwood's head of horticulture. "Although we'll miss Rodney Eason's professionalism, creativity, and passion for his work, we are thrilled that he'll be joining a wonderful team, caring for beautiful gardens at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens."

Rodney followed up a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture at North Carolina State University with an MS in public horticulture from the University of Delaware & Longwood Graduate Program. Before joining the Longwood Gardens staff in 2004, he was the gardens curator at Airlie Gardens in Wilmington, N.C.

Rodney and his wife, Carrie, who is also a landscape architect, and their four young children are taking up residence in the Boothbay region and look forward to becoming active members of their new community.



**Rodney Eason,**  
the new director of  
horticulture at the  
Gardens

# Check the Expiration on Your Membership Card

BY JEN MCKANE, MEMBERSHIP AND DATABASE SERVICES MANAGER

There's always something new at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, so please be sure your membership is current so you won't miss a moment of the fun—you'll want to visit over and over, and you just never know what we have planned next! (Hint, wink, lots in store for 2013!)

This year we introduced Member Express Check-In! If you haven't already done so, please stop by the Membership Office at the entry to the Visitor Center and experience the VIP member entrance for yourself.

Have you received your gleaming, smart new membership card yet? Isn't it wonderful? Wondering what we're talking about? Renew today to find out...

As a member, you can now log on to the Gardens' Online Community, where you can update your address, send us a message, see your membership history, or renew with just the click of a button. To sign up, follow the link at the top of any page on [www.MaineGardens.org](http://www.MaineGardens.org).

Remember, your membership is your passport to more than 270 other botanical gardens and arboreta. Check out the new American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Program list via a link on the membership page of our website.

Apart from the fantastic membership benefits they enjoy, our members are part of the family. As members, you are the heart of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and we are continuously grateful for your support.

To renew, call us at 207-633-4333, ext. 109; stop in the membership office, or visit us online.



PHOTO BY B. FREEMAN

## TRAVELING? TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR SAVINGS!

When you travel, or as you spend the winter "away," remember to take along your Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens membership card and the list of more than 200 other gardens across the continent that offer free admission, gift shop discounts, or other savings through

our participation in the American Horticulture Society's reciprocal program. Simply show your Gardens membership card to reap these benefits. You can find the list on the membership page of our website or at [www.ahs.com](http://www.ahs.com).





## Rentals at the Gardens? Perfect All Year!

**A**re you looking for the perfect spot for a wedding, rehearsal dinner, or reception? Or perhaps you want to host a memorable holiday, birthday, or anniversary party. Or maybe your company or organization would like to hold a meeting or conference in attractive surroundings. We've got just the place!

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens offers rental spaces both indoors and out. The setting is stunningly beautiful in all seasons, and the facilities are well equipped. We also offer children's birthday parties that are not only great fun but educational, too.

Our experienced staff can help you explore all your options and assist you with the rental arrangements. For details, contact the rental department at 207-633-4333, option 6, or [rentals@mainegardens.org](mailto:rentals@mainegardens.org). You can also find a wealth of information on our website under Events & Programs / Gardens Rental. We look forward to celebrating with you!

*Above: The Bosarge Family Education Center makes an elegant setting for a dinner or party, no matter what the time of year.* PHOTO BY RILEY PHOTOGRAPHIC

*Right: The Gardens is an ideal choice for a picture-perfect wedding in any season.*

PHOTO BY BARBARA FREEMAN





PHOTO BY B. FREEMAN



▲ This owl swooping over the Great Lawn is by Andreas von Huene. It is part of our “On the Wing” sculpture exhibit, which has been extended through October 8. See details on page 6.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

# Double Your Dollars

BY **SUSAN REID RUSSELL**, PRESIDENT

An important deadline is approaching and we need your help! The Kresge Foundation has issued a challenge to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens that could mean one million dollars for your Gardens!

The challenge is that we must raise the final \$300,000 by December 31, 2012. Pledges for up to three years may be made, to allow each donor

to aspire to as large a gift as possible. Every dollar directed to the Kresge challenge is worth two dollars to the Gardens!

The funds raised through the Kresge challenge will be available in the future for facility and garden maintenance. We all have a very high standard for quality throughout our gardens, and I suspect you, like me, are very proud of the national and even international renown we have earned—so we need the funds to keep everything tip-top. Meeting the Kresge challenge, and finishing our “Planting a Living Legacy” capital campaign by year-end, are critical to securing Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens’ future.

So may I count on you? We have tried to make it easy for you to make a pledge and to contribute to the Kresge challenge:

- 1) Use the enclosed envelope to let us know of your pledge, and/or to send a check.
- 2) Go online to [www.MaineGardens.org](http://www.MaineGardens.org) and select the Philanthropy page in the main menu. Then click on the “Make a Gift Now” button in the “Capital Campaign and Kresge Challenge” section of the page.
- 3) Give me a call at 207-586-6788, or call Dorothy Freeman, our director of philanthropy, at 633-4333, ext. 149, and let us help you through the process.

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Susan  
Reid  
Russell

I feel that you and I are very lucky to be in on the ground floor of creating, and securing the future of, an institution that will inspire countless generations to come. Think about all the great gardens of the world—they are centuries old! As young as we are, we’re approaching that level of recognition, made possible by your membership, interest, and yes, dollars. Thank you for considering my request.

Together we will meet the Kresge challenge and secure \$1,000,000 for the Gardens because the value of your gift is doubled!



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