

Waiting for 30,000 tulips to bloom will make winter
feel just a little shorter...



Generous Gardeners will plant 30,000 tulips again this fall on Stacy Boulevard. Four of the beds most vulnerable to salt water damage from winter storms will be covered in protective tarps and will not be planted. Instead, the beds near the Merchant Mariners anchor monument will have 1,500 tulips in each of the beds. 5,000 new red tulips will be planted in the Elizabeth Gordon Smith Garden providing a beacon of color.

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Audrey Hepburn

We had a wonderful Classic Chrome and Dazzling Dahlia event in September at Frank McCracken's converted fire barn full of classic cars. Thank you to the wonderful attendees, patrons, and business donors who helped to "fund the flowers" for Gloucester's public garden spaces.

Classic Chrome
AND
Dazzling Dahlias



Spotlight on Our Volunteers

Generous Gardeners is a community of civic-minded people who love public gardens



"I found my volunteering niche with Generous Gardeners when Gloucester became our new home almost three years ago. I like to be useful and involved wherever I live, and this community of gardeners provides me with all this and more. I have made great new friends, and watering Main Street every other day with Susan Kelly was my summer vocation. Seeing people's enjoyment of the beauty we create is satisfying, and being appreciated is nice too!"

Maggie Debbie

2022 Stars of the Boulevard—Hundreds of Monarch Butterflies



Hundreds of people came to see the butterfly release. The Boston Globe and the Gloucester Times covered this "feel good" event.



Gloucester resident, Jayne Danicus bred and raised hundreds of monarch butterflies at her home. Generous Gardeners helped release them on September 2nd on Stacy Boulevard. Jayne Danicus is below center with Generous Gardeners Susan Kelly and Antonietta Calabrese.



The butterflies loved the Verbena bonariensis.

Photo:

William Searcy



Stacy Boulevard “wowed” this year despite the drought conditions. Volunteers were allowed to hand water so residents and visitors could enjoy another year of dazzling flowers. The new beds at the Fishermen’s Memorial shone bright with white dahlias.

A donation to Generous Gardeners makes a great holiday gift. Custom dahlia tags are made for a donation of \$100 and hang from the dahlia cages and identify the variety of dahlia with a QR code for more information about the flower. Tags can be “in honor of,” “dedicated to,” or “sponsored by,” and hang for at least two seasons.

Save the Dates

Boulevard Cut Dahlia Sale
October 29, 2022—noon
until sold out

The most beautiful event ever will be when we cut down all of the dahlias on Stacy Boulevard and make bouquets for the public to buy. This year we will be cutting and arranging onsite, so the flowers will stay fresher.

Plant Sale, May 20, 2023
9:00 am—noon

We will have hundreds of great locally grown plants donated from volunteers’ gardens. A share of the proceeds will go to the Gloucester Education Foundation to support plant related curriculum in our public schools. The sale will include extra dahlia tubers from Stacy Boulevard.

Garden Tour July 8, 2023

For the 400th Gloucester celebration, Generous Gardeners will have a greater downtown garden tour with over 20 private gardens. Some are attached to historic homes, two have amazing hilltop harbor views, and another is a botanical delight. All of the gardens are the work of their owners and they are certain to inspire you with their originality.



Our Gardened Spaces

Although the Stacy Boulevard gardens are our flagship, we care for over 45 other spaces in Gloucester. Please see our website for more information and a map of locations at GenerousGardeners.org



Stacy Boulevard in bloom. Photo by David Cox

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS

We currently have over 80 volunteers associated with our organization and welcome new volunteers who are interested in our mission. Susan Kelly maintains an email list of all volunteers to keep them updated all year.

Caring for our gardens takes the majority of our volunteer time. We plant, weed, rake, water, and deadhead. Some garden volunteers like to be assigned to work as part of a team at a designated space for an ongoing commitment, and others work on a more intermittent basis when a specific task needs a group effort (such as tulip planting, spring clean-up, etc.).

Volunteering at one of our fundraising events is another way to participate. We also have a volunteer board of directors that keeps the organization focused on its mission and works with sponsors, grants, garden designers, website review, and finances.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please email Susan Kelly at susan@generousgardeners.org and let her know of your interests!

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