

DAHLIAS DELIGHTED DROVES



The display of dahlias, daylilies and annuals on Stacy Boulevard did not disappoint with thousands of flowers that will bloom until the first hard frost. If you want these beautiful flowers in your own garden, dahlia tubers and daylilies will be available at our spring plant sale on May 21, 2022.

Photo by David Cox

“Consider the flowers. Consider their forms and textures as well as their color.... As for having a garden without roses, what high treason inhabits the land today? “

Elizabeth Gordon Smith, founder of the former Gloucester Civic and Garden Council in House Beautiful March, 1960. The rededication of her namesake garden on page 2.

AMAZING HANGING FLOWER BASKETS ON MAIN STREET

Funded by a donation from the 100 Women Who Care of Cape Ann organization, Generous Gardeners beautified Main Street with truly fabulous baskets that hung from 28 light poles. Visitors took photos and offered to buy them, invigorating our downtown as planned.



Photo by Chuck Kelly

Spotlight on Our Volunteers

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



“We joined Generous Gardeners this spring and have really enjoyed meeting the wonderful volunteers while working outdoors and helping the community. Even though we don't live on Cape Ann we've always enjoyed the beautiful gardens that Generous Gardeners maintains. We knew it must be an organized, hard-working, fun group, and we're so happy to now be part of it!

Volunteers can help out whenever they're available and you'll learn lots about plants if you're not already a gardener.”

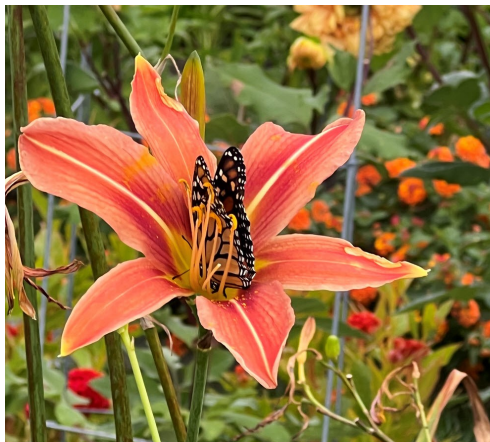
Jen and Jack O'Neil of Beverly

2021 Stars of the Boulevard

Alyssum 'Snow Princess' is a long time fragrant favorite, shown here with pink knock out roses.



Dahlia 'Ketchup and Mustard' was Antonietta's favorite. This bright red and yellow decorative dinnerplate variety was a clear showstopper.



Hemerocallis 'Richard' is a very tall, very late blooming daylily that complemented the dahlias long after most of the other daylilies had gone by.

Photos by Antonietta Calabrese



From left, Adah Marker GCGC, Martin Ray GCGC, Frank Todd, original landscape designer, Susan Kelly, Ann Johnson current landscape designer, Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken

Rededication of the Elizabeth Gordon Smith Garden

Generous Gardeners, the former Gloucester Civic and Garden Council, and the City of Gloucester celebrated the renovation of the Elizabeth Gordon Smith Garden with a rededication ceremony on October 5, 2021. Remarks acknowledged the contributions to Gloucester made by the garden's namesake, generally known as "Betty," who was a gardener, environment advocate and founder of the Gloucester Civic and Garden Council. The original garden had been dedicated with the unveiling of the *Triton* sculpture by Gloucester artist Walker Hancock in 1990. The rededication unveiled a newly installed bronze plaque recognizing both organizations.

Plant Tag Sponsorship

For a \$100 tax deductible donation, a small plant tag will adorn a dahlia cage or stake to label a dahlia in your name or in the name of another of your choice.

We will try to have the tag used for at least two seasons, but this is dependent on what is planted and what blooms. There is only room for the designation of *sponsored by*, *in honor of*, or *in memory of*. Slightly larger tags for annuals and daylilies may be available for a donation over \$250.

Photos by Donna Ardizzoni



Volunteers at the dedication of the Elizabeth Gordon Smith Garden

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

VOLUNTEER WITH GENEROUS GARDENERS

We currently have over 60 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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