

2016 Stonington Garden Club Flower Booth at the Como Fair

Como Flower Booth at the Como Fair in August

Nina Stimson is the homeowner of the house across the street from the library. We use her back yard as a staging area for the floral designers to make creations which in turn are taken across the street to the flower sales booth.

She prefers email contact: Nina.conollystimson@gmail.com 860-535-3954 home 212-431-8027 cell

Timeline:

April

1. Get copy in the newsletter asking people to drop off vases at someone's home. They could bring vases to the Annual luncheon. Find a place to store them.

May at the Annual Luncheon have a sign-up sheet for shifts:

1. Work at booth
2. Make arrangements
3. Friday 8-11 pick flowers at home owners' gardens
4. Set up tents/tables on Friday 1-3

June

1. Collect vases

July

1. Create online sign-up sheet for both booth shifts and floral design shifts- Use Signupgenius.com
2. Send email out to entire membership and have link in the email
3. Go to attic above the Como Thrift Shop (get key from President) code for door is 2666.
 - a. Get these items out of the attic:
 - i. Vases
 - ii. canvas bag (has tent spikes)
 - iii. tents
 - iv. oasis for arrangements
 - v. 2 large black trash cans
 - b. Make sure tents have the right tent top with the right base- need 4 people to set up a tent.

August

1. Check sign up genius to see where you need more help- send another email with link
2. Friday pick flowers, condition and leave in the back yard at the Stimson's
3. Saturday Fair – sell!!!
4. Send thank you notes to all families that donated flowers
5. Send thank you email to all volunteers
6. Send tax donation letters to people/companies that request it: Stone Acres, Pequot Plant Farm

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Houses we clipped flowers from in 2016:

1. David Rathbun	860-536-0377	211 Cove Road	
2. Jennie Stevenson	862-227-8126	151 Wamphassuc	
3. Bunny	860-595-1134	40 Salt Acres	
4. Debbie Bigelow	860-625-6275	186 Water Street	
1. Stone Acres/Jane Meiser	Jane.a.simmons@gmail.com	381 North Main Street	
2. Judy Keegan		12 Denison	
3. Vivi	203-561-3271	59 Cove Road	
4. Alexjandra Welch	860-5359892	357 Al Harvey Road	
5. Joyce Pandolfi	860-535-8105	168 Water Street	
6. Pequot Plant	<u>(860) 535-1785</u>	591 Wheeler Road	will drop flowers off at booth
7. Ruth Saunders	860-287-2000	435 North Main Street	greens

These people drop off flowers the morning of:

1. Frances Ashley	917-861-7144	
2. Jan Chamberlain	860-514-8560	
3. Liz Wood	860-535-3303	
4. Anna Bell	401-741-5039	- Green Hill Narragansett & Gold street

Donation:

Pequot Plant Farm

Kitsie Cooke 860-535-1063 – loaned us some great orange crates we used for display purposes.

Use the next page for Friday morning flower picking- assign people a couple of homes to pick from

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| 7. Shirley Beal | | 39 Main Street (she died the night before) |
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| 12. Pequot Plant
Saturday morning | <u>(860) 535-1785</u> | 591 Wheeler Road will drop flowers off at booth |

Each car takes 4-5 white buckets, - fill with water at your first house.

1. Please knock on the door to let home owners know you are there. Sometimes other family members were not told we were coming!
2. Clip flowers at the homes circled above. Please do NOT cut ALL the flowers at the home you are assigned to. Cut as if it was your own garden, leaving some beauty behind!
3. After you have clipped at the houses you were assigned- please bring your buckets back to 15 High Street. The Stimson family has generously offered, yet again, to allow us to set up shop in their back yard.
 - a. Their home is next door to the new coffee shop, Indulgence- the former Hobby store. This home is directly across from the library entrance door.
 - b. If you could spend 20-30 minutes stripping the flowers of their lower leaves such that no leaves are in the water- fill up the buckets about 8 inches.
 - c. Please separate the flowers by type so it is easier for the designers to see and select flowers.

Thank you so much for volunteering to help!

We simply cannot do what we do without your help!