

CLIPPINGS



Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

April 2021

President's Corner

Remember deadlines for the March and April design challenges are fast approaching. Please send snapshots of your grass and your Easter/celebration table decoration by Tuesday, April 6th to me.

We have many opportunities coming up. I hope you take advantage of them.

Enjoy spring; try not to throw your back out!
Barb

Civic Beautification

We are looking forward to another season of helping to beautify Wareham. We received a lot of compliments from the public last year and we'd like to keep up the good work! Please let us know what site or sites you are willing to help plant and maintain this year. (Remember, the list of sites is in our yearbook on page 11.) We will be starting to contact people, but it would be helpful for those members who know where they would like to work to let us know. Also, if anyone is willing to serve as a team leader, we can use you at several of the sites.

Being a part of civic beautification is a fun way to get involved and get to know other members of the Club, while making a real difference in the community.

In addition, Connie will again organize some weeding Wednesdays this summer. Please note that this is separate from civic duties. A regular group of members had fun last summer helping to clean up the historical sites, the police station, the library and other spots around town, even though we were masked and socially distanced! Let's hope we can move closer together this year!

Looking forward to working with all of you this year!!

Connie and Jerry
Civic beautification Co-Chairs

April Program

Hi All and Happy Spring!- Florida Dogwood APRIL PROGRAM has been changed due to the continuation of Covid restrictions, but I think it has culminated into two terrific offerings. First, We will have our general meeting and then we will enjoy an inspiring video presentation by Vermonter, Ellen Ecker Ogden, entitled "The New Heirloom Garden". Ellen is a talented landscape designer who will teach us about her Six Steps to Garden Design. Most of her beautiful slides include New England gardens, but some are from European gardens that you will probably recognize. What I like best is that her purpose is to inspire all "cooks who love to garden" which sounds like many of us! Her book that came out in February is, The New Heirloom Garden.

Second, you are invited to an opportunity to tour Bay End Farm in Buzzard's Bay with Justin Cifello, the farm's manager. There is a limited number of participants-two groups of 10, on April 15- the first group at 10am promptly and the second group at 11am with a rain date of April 16th. I hope you will email me with your request to participate. I will sign you up for your timed visit and further instructions needed. Remember your mucking gummy boots!

Earth Day Opportunity?

I have three Clean-Up kits from Neil Rhein, our January presenter who founded "Keep Massachusetts Beautiful". These kits include tee shirts, Litter grab tool, hats, gloves and bags. If you form a team of three, you can select your spot and your time that is convenient to you. I know many of you do this already so this is an opportunity to do it with some friends and advertise keeping our state beautiful! Please let me know if interested. Otherwise, I may be cleaning up Marion!

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April Program (con't)

Last item is a thank you to Sue Scipione for helping to listen to a virtual presentation from GCFM of next year's speaker possibilities. At the last minute she was able to fill in for Judy Morgan. Thanks, Sue! Judy, Sue and I will be selecting some great programs for next fall, winter and spring when we can meet IN PERSON!!!! If anyone has a suggestion for programs, please let me know.

So, off to the garden like all of you. I'm looking for plants to divide or remove for our upcoming garden sale in May. Just love the sound of birds singing, the wind in the trees (it's time to be gentle wind), and green popping out all over the yard. The snowdrops, anemones, crocus, daffodils, and hellebores are out already. Keep it coming! I LOVE spring!

Diane

April Hort Hint

Ready. Set. GO! In between rainy days, April sees gardeners in full gear, planting, transplanting cool weather veggies. Trees and shrubs, as well as herbaceous perennials. And potting on those tender seedlings indoors—tomatoes, peppers and such.

When the forsythia blooms is the time to prune the roses, if they need pruning. (Note: not the "old" roses that bloom on last year's wood.

Busy, Busy, Busy!

Kathleen Coyle

Pots! Pots! Pots

If you need pots when you divide your perennials to share for the plant sale, contact Sandy Slavin. She has a shed devoted to pots of many sizes.



Spring Into Bloom

Time to get ready for our spring plant sale. It's our major spring fundraiser.



As you work in your garden, look for perennials that are begging to be divided. Hostas and day lilies are common plants to divide. Do you have others that might attract a bigger buying audience or different varieties of old favorites?

Our May meeting is May 13th—just 2 days before our sale.

Please bring all your potted cuttings and any yard sale items on Friday May 14th so we can price them. At 11 am we're gathering to begin set up. PLEASE mark your plants with botanical &/or common names .

On Saturday May 15, at set up begins at 7:30 am: Judy, Peter, John, Barb, Kathleen, Lesley, Diane, Connie, Carole L. Sue, Mike

Workers:

Perennials Sue Scipione, Lesley Reid, Andria Savery

Herb Table Jen Gady, Chris Damiano

Cookbook Table. Carole La Freniere

Craft Table. Diane Cook

Tools. Peter LaBouliere

Annuals. Barbara Van. Connie W.

Veggie Table. Jessica Parr, & Mom

Cashier: Sandy Slavin

Yard Sale Table. *needs a volunteer*

Clean Up: Elissa, and all who can stay.

Don't see your name? There are lots of places to help. Give me a call.

Thanks everyone.

Judy Morgan

Recycling

Jenn Gady is very active in the recycling program in Wareham. She recently attended a meeting with Zero Waste where Wareham's recycling goes. I asked her a few questions: beforehand. Here are her answers: "I asked about plastic grocery bags which I despise. His answers were strictly from a recycling point of view and not really to do with all of the other concerns like how they end up in a whale's stomach! Anyway he said they are 100% recyclable but we cannot put them into the mainstream recycling as they are also wrapable(sp?) which means they wrap themselves around the sorting machinery and clog it up. The "pickers" pull them out as things go down the line. He said if you return them to the grocery store they are supposed to be recycling them properly. We at the Wareham Recycling Center were told, as I mentioned, a couple of years ago that Shaws for one does not recycle them anymore. He seemed surprised at that.

About any **black** containers with the triangle - they are **not** recyclable. He also mentioned that those clamshell food containers are their nightmare!" Jenn

I called Stop & Shop in Fairhaven and spoke with a manager, Carlos. He made some calls and got back to me. He said they do send the plastic bags that are put in the bag barrel to their warehouse in Freetown. From there they are compacted and shipped overseas (probably China) and recycled into, among other objects, the small carry baskets we use at the store when we only need a few items.

Ask at your grocery store and see what they tell you.
Barb

Check out: <https://recyclesmartma.org/>
For good information on what can be recycled and how.

There's also a quiz you can take. Here's one question:

True or False -

Any plastic item that has a number in a triangle can be recycled.

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Recycling (con't)

Any plastic item that has a number in a triangle can be recycled.

True incorrect **Oops!**

The number in the triangle doesn't mean it's recyclable. A better indicator is the shape of the item. If it's a **bottle, jar, jug or tub**, put it in your household recycling bin. If in doubt, check the Recyclopeda.

Recycling facilities are designed to sort **hard plastic containers**. They cannot handle odd-shaped plastics (like toys or plastic furniture), very small items (less than two inches), or plastics that are flexible – like bags and wrap.

False **Correct!**

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Check out the website for answers to these and other questions:

Should lids and caps be removed before recycling?

!Are plastic bottles, jugs, jars and tubs from kitchen, laundry, bathroom recyclable?

Are wire clothes hangers recycling?

How about hoses?

Also, remember to check with your town recycling authority

Remembering Back Then

The Wareham Garden Club, Wareham Historical Society and Wareham Free Library are holding a "Walk Back in Time—Wareham History depicted in Floral Designs, pictures, novels" on June 11th and 12th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Library, 59 Marion Road.

Stay tuned for more info! Can't wait to find out? Call Judy M to find out how you can help.

Scholarships

We've gotten some great publicity for scholarships. Here's a recent article from Courier-Sentinel Wicked Local

Wareham Garden Club announces scholarship availability

WAREHAM - The Wareham Garden Club has announced that \$1,000 scholarships are available for award during the spring of 2021.

Scholarships are available to qualifying high school seniors and college students. Applicants must have maintained a legal residence in Wareham for at least a year, be a current student with a minimum "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), and have good character.

Scholarships are available for students with a focus of study in one or more of the following areas: horticulture; environmental studies; floriculture; land management; botany; biology; conservation; landscape design or architecture; forestry; agronomy; city planning; or allied subjects.

Eligible high school student applicants must: be graduating in the spring of 2021 from any high school or technical school; have been accepted to an accredited college or school of higher education and submit an application postmarked on or before March 31, 2021.

Norma

Conservation

Wareham Garden Club has joined the Wareham land trust for their school vacation week-long activities, 'Wild for Wareham'. On Friday, April 23 we will be giving out seedling native white dogwood (*Cornus Florida*) trees to families. You can sign up for a tree on the Wareham Land Trust web site. This will be a grab and go event at the Wareham Free Library between 10 and noon. Please note, you have to sign up at the land trust site.

Journey North has all the early bird, bug, and critter maps to follow arrivals in Massachusetts. Get your feeders ready.

Ticks have arrived. Actually, they never left. Every day temperature is over 32 degrees the ticks are active. They hang out on branches waiting to grab on to you or your child or pet. Use permethrin 5% on clothing and shoes. Wear light colored, long sleeve shirts and pants. Tuck pants into socks or boots. Wear a hat. Check for ticks when you come in. Throw clothes into a hot dryer for 10 minutes. Don't let a tick bite ruin your life.

Joyce

Precious!



More to come....

Time

Article from internet, courtesy of Joyce.

"By Ray Atkinson @RayAtkinson

On Sunday, March 14, at 2 a.m., we all set our clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time, the annual springtime ritual that gives us an extra hour of sunlight in the evening. First enacted by Congress in 1918, Daylight Saving Time has been with us for almost a century, but through the years there have been a lot of misconceptions about why it was adopted and who's responsible.

One of the leading authorities on Daylight Saving Time was Tufts University professor Michael Dowling. He literally wrote the book on Daylight Saving Time and was widely cited by national media including The Washington Post, National Geographic and The History Channel.

In his book Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Saving Time, Dowling said that DST was first proposed as a way to save energy, but since then many people have mistakenly attributed it to farmers. Time

"... I asked a lot of people if they understood exactly what we'd done to our clocks, or why," Dowling wrote. "No one did, but a lot of them blamed the farmers. None of us actually knew any farmers. And if we talked about it for any length of time, most of us realized we didn't know why farmers would want to delay the time of sunrise from April through October, when everyone in the Northern Hemisphere enjoys later sunsets than, say, in January. 'Because they don't need more sun in January. Farmers don't farm in the snow,' explained one friend. Which made sense until he added, 'Of course, it doesn't snow much in Texas or Florida.'"

In a 2005 op-ed in The Boston Globe, Dowling recounted how a group of farmers in Massachusetts took their opposition to Daylight Saving Time all the way to the Supreme Court.

"In 1921, [Massachusetts] lawmakers passed a statewide daylight saving law - the only one in the nation for more than a decade. This distinction did not please Bay State farmers. They sued the state, demanding a return to Standard Time and compensation for financial losses. The case was ultimately settled by the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1926, the farmers lost on both counts."

In a Tufts University video titled "Why do we have daylight saving time?" Dowling concluded:

"Since 1966, every 20 years Congress gives us another month extending the period of Daylight Saving. We're now up to eight months. So Standard Time we only have for four months a year, which tells us that literally speaking Daylight Saving has become our standard time. I don't think it's ever going away."

Daylight Saving Time may indeed never go away. But maybe one day the sun will set on the idea that it started with farmers.

Ray Atkinson is director of communications at the American Farm Bureau Federation. AFBF does not have an official policy position on Daylight Saving Time."