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Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

May 2021

President's Corner

I expect everyone is passionate about something. I am passionate about plants., visiting garden centers, plant sales and horticulture conferences.

I'm also passionate about adding more native plants and pollinator-friendly plants to my yard. I've got a few different milkweed plants and last year I saw a number of caterpillars and butterflies.

This past winter I experimented with growing native perennials from seed in milk jugs outside. I'm happy to report that I have lots of seedlings to transplant. They're too small to bring to our plant sale, but I hope to have them ready for gardens by mid-June.

Next Saturday, rain or shine, we'll hold our spring plant sale. I hope you've been digging and dividing perennials to share. A few plants I have are red husker penstemon, columbine, and comfrey.

After our plant sale we have one more general meeting. This year we will finally be able to hold an in-person meeting.—outside. Our end of year annual meeting will be on June 3rd at Tihonet Marketplace starting at 10:30. Details are on p. 3. Be prepared for fun and a challenge or two. We will definitely have a hat contest since we'll be outside.

Whether you're passionate about plants, flower design, conservation, weeding or just socializing, I hope you're also looking forward to getting back to in-person gatherings to share ideas and catch up. Diane is planning our programs for next year. If you have ideas for a program, please let her know.

See you at the plant sale,
Barb

Programs

Spring is in the Air! Who doesn't love the burst of colors and textures? Please take a look around your yard. What do you love, what do you want to add, and consider what you might like to thin or remove. We have our upcoming garden sale that certainly can use plants you may have to share. For sure, the club sale will have lots to purchase for fulfilling your garden desires.

I have four items to report to you. First, Sue Scipione won the Easter table design challenge and received a lovely hellebore to add to her garden. Congratulations!

Second, Justin Cifello—farm manager of Bay End Farm, led two fully enlisted tours of the property. It was a beautiful day despite the threat of rain and everyone learned lots about the inside operations at the farm where many of us have CSA shares.

Next, the three clean-up kits we received from "Keep Massachusetts Beautiful" are being used to clean up parts of Wareham with Linda Donaghey and Brenda Mercier. Thanks ladies!

Last, we have a most exciting program coming up on May 13th.

Our Zoom presenter is the popular Saturday radio personality, C. L. Fornari. Her humor, garden experience and "plant know how" has earned her the title, "The Plant Lady". Her program is entitled "The Party Crashers". You will be entertained as you learn about self-seeding annuals—how to decipher which ones to keep and which "to escort off your premises—preferably by the roots!"

So I invite you all to join other members at our meeting.

Diane

Spring Into Bloom

Our plant sale is almost here!

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, 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: Brenda & Elissa

Yard Sale Table: Pam and Bunny
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

Garden Therapy

Garden therapy will hand out kits to make an Ikebana arrangement on May 14th from 10 to 11 am. Kathleen Coyle is the designer and Sheryl Facchetti will assist.

This ends our GT program for this year. Hopefully, we will be back to the WSC in the fall.

I want to thank all the leaders and assistants for a wonderful program this year. A big thank you to Donna Greenwood for her support and helping me to keep the GT going during COVID.

Pam

Recycling

Let's recycle some of those questionable household items.

Here in Wareham we do not and cannot recycle wax coated boxes like those for juice, broth, milk, etc. In Western Massachusetts they do have the facilities to recycle these items, but again we do not.

What about those pizza boxes? I have recycled in other towns as well as in Wareham and been told "no pizza boxes" because of the greasy residue. We even give that same information at our center. However I learned at a recent tour of the Total Waste facility that as long as there is no food or greasy paper in the box, those pizza boxes are recyclable with cardboard.

Those nightmare plastic bags are, according to a VERY reliable source, 100% recyclable. The problem is that when they enter the "stream" they become "wrappable" and clog the machinery that sorts. In our area you must return these bags to a vendor who recycles them properly. Shaws used to be such a location but they seem to have bowed out. I am looking for another location.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Jenn Gady

May Hort Hint

Along with April, May is the busiest planting time. In our climate zone (6a), tender plants can go in the ground when night temps are in the 50s...and earlier with some protection.

In my cold back yard, it was fruitless to try early planting with "protection" - as the earlier awakening, and starving, slugs and cutworms did a number on the poor plants. Now I wait till the end of the month when most of these critters are out of the soil (not the slugs...but that's another story. They like beer).

Kathleen Coyle

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Our annual meeting will be at Tihonet Market/Box Mill Hall in the grassy area on Thursday, June 3rd. We will order box lunches from Tihonet Market. There will be picnic tables available or you are also welcome to bring your own chair. This is a rain or shine event.

Please **send your lunch request to Sue Scipione** : Susanne.scipione@gmail.com by **May 27**. Please **send your check made out to WGC to Brenda Mercier**: **Lookout Lane, Wareham 02571** by **May 28th**.

Lunch includes a sandwich/wrap or salad, bag of chips, dessert and beverage for \$15.00 including tax. Here are your choices:

Options 1, 2 & 3 are available as a sandwich or wrap with a choice of white or wheat.

Option 6 is available only as a wrap in white or wheat.

1. THANKSGIVING - Our own oven roasted turkey, whole berry cranberry sauce, stuffing and mayo
2. CRANBERRY WALNUT CHICKEN SALAD - Our own roasted chicken breast mixed with sweetened dried cranberries, walnuts, mayo and seasoning with lettuce on a white tortilla wrap.
3. OVEN ROASTED TURKEY - Our oven roasted turkey breast, American cheese, lettuce and tomato with cranberry mustard on a white tortilla wrap.
4. HARVEST SALAD - Mixed greens topped with our roasted chicken breast, fresh sliced apples, sweetened dried cranberries, croutons and honey dijon dressing.
5. CRAN-MANGO SALAD - Mixed greens topped with our roasted chicken breast, sweetened dried cranberries, crumbled feta cheese, croutons and mango dressing.

VEGGIE WRAP - mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, red onions & red wine vinaigrette.

Dessert Choice - CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE or CRANBERRY CREAM CHEESE BAR

BEVERAGE SELECTION: CRANBERRY JUICE, ICED TEA, UNSWEETENED ICED TEA,

BOTTLED WATER, COKE, DIET COKE

Remembering Back Then

Please support The Wareham Garden Club, Wareham Historical Society and Wareham Free Library's "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.

Come by and learn a bit of local history while admiring the floral displays.

Name this plant

First person to contact me will win a honeywort at the plant sale.

Barb

