

CLIPPINGS



Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

June 2021

President's Corner

We haven't had many in-person events this past year but Joyce has devised a great way for us to stay connected this summer. Informal garden strolling is one of my favorite things to do.

In June there are three local garden tours inviting us to take a peek: Marion—Friday, June 25th, Mattapoisett—Saturday, June 26th, and Westport—Wednesday, June 30th.

Check out their posters at our meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone next week.

Barb

Here's the Dirt

There's always something new to try to get healthier plants, bigger flowers, more delicious veggies. Magnesium sulfate may be the answer if your plants aren't looking the way you imagined they would.

Diane has found an interesting article about using Epsom Salts in your garden. I have used a sprinkling of it around my pepper plants, but there's a whole lot more we can use it for. Check out this website:

<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/epsom-salts-in-the-garden/>

Hats, Hats, Hats

Dramatic? Sophisticated? Funny?

What will your hat look like?



Annual Meeting Reminder

ON June 3rd we're trying something different this year—board and annual meeting on the same day and all outside. Bring an umbrella!

Please wear a hat. We will have a "Vote for Your Favorite Hat" contest. The gentlemen of the club will tabulate the results and announce the winner.

Please bring a folding chair. There are picnic tables, but chairs with backs are more comfortable for the meeting.

Annual meeting starts at 10:30 with lunch at 11:30.

Carpool if you can to Makepeace Farms, 146 Tihonet Road.

Ways and Means

A big thank you to everyone who helped put on a very successful plant and yard sale this year. The weather couldn't have been any better. We put out donation cans at the cashiers' tables and that really worked out well - thanks Elissa great idea!

Our cookbooks are still going well and a big thanks to Carol for baking some goodies to push up the sales. It was good to see a few of our new members helping out as well as returning members joining in on the day's fun. Great job everyone.

We are now moving on to our next big event: a beautiful floral design display on June 11 - 12th at the library. We are partnering with the Historical Society and the Library to show designers' interpretation of four events in Wareham's history. Designs by many of our members will be placed throughout the library; we will have a scavenger hunt along with "Where is Recycled Rita?".

Bring your friends. If you would like to help, we need volunteers to man our information desk in the big hall during the show. Two volunteers are needed from 12 - 2 and 2 - 4. Please contact me if you can help out. Thanks everyone.

Judy Morgan

Simple Rooting Workshop

We will be using a rooting hormone to develop roots on shrubs. This is one way to identically replicate a plant. Bring your own 4" pot. Just make sure it is washed in bleach solution and rinsed very well. I have potting mix and rooting hormone. Bring your own if you prefer.

I have a variety of shrubs that can be cut or you can bring a cutting from your yard. Cut a 5-6 inch piece off of your shrub that day. Wrap it in very damp paper towels, then put in a plastic bag. Bring it along.

The shrubs that root this way include boxwood, forsythia, skimmia, bay, leucothoe, kowalski and hydrangeas.

There is room in my driveway for about 6 cars. You can park on Great Neck Road if you pull in a bit. Please don't drive on the daylilies.

I have a second, non paved "driveway" at the other end of my front yard. I will pull my car in there with room for another. You can carpool to both Jessica Parr's house and mine if you park in one of the businesses at Great Neck, Depot, and Minot.

Please do not park in #63 driveway, next to mine.

Joyce

Spring Cleaning: Recycle Smart Style

Overwhelmed by your spring decluttering project? You are not alone.

American homes are filled with more than 300,000 items—and this only includes visible objects. It doesn't include everything tucked into dresser drawers and cabinets or stored away in boxes! House sizes have doubled since the 1950s, most garages are now used as extra storage space instead of sheltering a car, and the self-storage rental industry is booming.

The good news? The Recycle Smart MA team can help you sort through the clutter. Check out their website:

RecycleSmartMA@mass.gov .

Summer Garden Walks

Everyone knows about the members only summer garden walk at Andria Savery's and Jessica Parr's on June 1st. We already have one garden signed up for July 1. We need another volunteer for July and 2 for August 2, and September 1.

Here is the deal for the new Summer Garden Walks program. The goal is to have members strolling through gardens at the same time.

People will chat, renew friendships and make new ones. The second goal is to see gardens through a gardener's eyes.

Weeds are allowed. New gardens are great. Small gardens are fabulous. Designer gardens terrific. It will be fun. It won't take the whole day. Easy peasy. No refreshments. No bathrooms. Short trips.

If gardens are not far apart, one will open at 9:30 the other at 10:10. This allows only thirty minutes at each one. It is a way to keep in touch.

Who will offer their gardens? Please let me know.

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June Hort Hint

IT'S SUMMER! I plant a lot of herbs, both perennial and annual. They are my favorite plants, mainly because they are so useful, and not difficult to grow. And they're pretty. And mostly they grow fast - I'm already eyeing the basil - counting down the days to a batch of pesto for dinner!

Our gardens are planted, the days are getting longer and warmer..and even though weeding and mulching and harvesting, and more planting for the hard-core set, keep us busy, let's also make time to sit, and smell the roses, and the peonies, and Iris..and..

Kathleen