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Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

September 2021

President's Corner

It's so hard to find something positive to say when Jerry Moles' passing is so recent and unexpected. He was such a kind, caring person who loved being creative and sharing his talents; he will be missed very much. Page 3 has more reflections from members. As of this writing no final arrangements have been made by his partner Bill.

Barb

Hospitality

We really look forward to being able to have in-person meetings again. We will go ahead with planning although we can't predict how Covid may change our plans.

We are serving breakfast foods. We will offer an assortment which will include fruit, egg dishes such as frittatas or deviled eggs, and breakfast sweets. Foods should be cut ahead so minimal handling is needed. We will not be able to use the kitchen including the refrigerator or the microwave. Please place the food on the serving table when you come in.

One server can bring two bottles of juice. In the spirit of being environmentally friendly we will not distribute plastic water bottles. We can provide water in a pitcher. Also, everyone is invited to bring their own mugs to meetings. The coffee and tea set-up will already be done. Each tea chair can plan the table set up (like flower arrangements and have a theme if wanted.) We will provide plates, napkins, cups, tea bags, sugars, and utensils. We have plastic tablecloths if needed.

Thank you very much to everyone who has volunteered to help with hospitality!

Sue Scipione



Please wear a mask inside St. Patrick's Hall except when eating or drinking.

Thank you.

Program

WGC-Welcome, Gather, and Communicate

These are the key words for September. It is time to Welcome all members back to Gather and Communicate. It is time to:

1. Gather your best horticulture from your gardens according to Kathleen Coyle's guidelines that was recently sent through email. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the best features of the plants growing in your gardens. Please participate. It's easy!

Communicate-Bring your new Yearbooks to our meeting place and review the members listed in the back of the book. How many people do you NOT know or are unable to match a face to the name? At your tables, you will be asked to write the names of three members you do NOT know. Our challenge, at our "September Welcome Back" meeting is to learn more about one another. We have so many talented members who surely wish to share their enthusiasm for gardening, nature, floral design and enjoyment of our community spaces.

It's going to be a fabulous year ahead with an exciting list of interesting speakers and hands on activity. I encourage you to dip your foot into the waters. Jump in to work on the varied workshops and activities our club offers. Many hands make light work. You may just realize new talents and friendships. As my eight year old granddaughter said to me on her visit this summer, "Graham, I learn something new every day."

And...we do indeed. ☐

Diane

Timely Tip:

After coastal storms with a lot of wind, it's a good idea to hose off all the plants you can reach. The salt spray travels with high wind. It will brown and dry out all the foliage it stays on.

Joyce

Conservation

August was a great time to reflect on what worked and what didn't in the garden. The very best thing I did was allow native, roadside milkweed to grow in a patch.

Admittedly, I can't see it from the deck. It is now about 6' by 15'. I have thrilled at watching my monarchs.



About a month ago I began seeing them fluttering around. I had a huge flush of butterflies all around my yard that I noticed yesterday.

I saw one just sitting on a tall metal hook plant hanger in the yard. Very still, staying for minutes. Then it dropped so it looked like it was hanging from the hook. Another monarch came to the hook and I stood to see better. Suddenly one monarch flew away with the other monarch just hanging, seemingly attached. Monarch sex. Yup. The milkweed patch worked.



I have a beautiful all black wasp, about an inch long with a slender waist, trying to nest in a chair on my deck. I tried to dissuade

her by spraying neem on the chair when she was gone. It didn't work. She was fascinating to watch and I sacrificed my chair to her yesterday. She worked for 2 hours building her egg-laying chamber. She carried a thin piece of grass about 1-2" long into a small hole on the bottom of my chair. Imagine holding something in your mouth twice as big as you are. Then flying to a hole about 1/4" diameter, holding the piece and flying to turn the grass around and back into the hole, pulling the grass into the hole.

She did this while I sat 2' away totally ignoring me, except when I moved around. She flew in a different direction to keep a small distance.

Please read about solitary wasps in the University extension article, attached.

<https://extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden-insects/solitary-wasps>

Joyce

Horticulture

We will have a horticultural exhibit at our general meeting next week, September 9th. If you are new to this kind of exhibit, please come to St. Patrick's Hall tomorrow, Set 2 at 11 am and talk to Kathleen or Joyce who will show you the basics and how easy it is to enter.

Ways and Means

THE CHRISTMAS "HOLLY FAIRE" IS ONLY A FEW MONTHS AWAY! Can you believe we are talking Christmas Faire already! It's not too soon to start doing some craft workshops for the faire. I will post the sign-up sheets on the back table starting at our September meeting. Please sign-up to lead one of the workshops or attend as many as you like. We will still have our regular holiday workshops including, wreath making with bows, outdoor containers, table designs and our decorated boxwood trees and we are always open to any new ideas. Helpers will also be needed to put on our faire this year, so please sign-up and bring on the holiday cheer.

A reminder to let you and all your friends and neighbors know that we still have the Wareham Garden Clubs first cookbook available at \$14. each. Just give me a call and I will see that you get one; remember they are great gifts for any occasion.

Judy Morgan

Design

We are planning *three* design workshops this year. They will take place right after our November, January and March general meetings at the church hall. So please mark your calendars and stay after those meetings for a little fun with flowers. Sign-ups will be on the back table at our meetings.

In September I will let you know more of what we will be doing and items you might need at these workshops. Also look for information in Clippings. Please check out some of the pictures of a few designs done this summer by members of our club on page 4.

Judy Morgan

In Memoriam

Jerry enjoyed creating wonderful designs for our pop-up contests and for flower shows. He was a very kind, gentle soul. Here's what he shared when I asked him for 5 things we might not know about him: "I was a peace corps volunteer in Papua New Guinea; have a degree in Marine biology; worked at Blithewold; love to cook; make botanical jewelry"

Judy Morgan brought Jerry into the club. Here are some reflections from her:

Many years ago, I met Jerry Moles at his first and as he put it last yard sale. Jerry had all kinds of clay pots that caught my eye as I drove by on my way home. I stopped and bought them all and that's when he showed me his beautiful yard and I told him all about the Wareham Garden Club and that I would love to have him on our garden tour. He said he always wanted to join but was hesitant because it was mostly women. After attending as my guest, he joined our club. He was always there for every project and event. He worked with me and Tom at the Depot Crossing for many years and recently joined the civic group around town. He also decided to go into Flower Show School, not to become a judge but to learn more about how to exhibit in a flower show and improve his skills of designing. He joined our flower show committee in Boston and exhibited in many of the local flower shows. He was retired and worked part-time with a Florist. He was working on a floral design when he passed and was doing what he loved. He will be greatly missed by us all.



From other members:

Sue Scipione: What a shock! I'm so sorry to hear this! He was a wonderful person!

Maria: I can't believe this. He looked so energetic and healthy! Such a nice man.

Donna: , I am truly saddened by Jerry's passing. He did so much for us in a quiet yet unassuming way. He helped me several times especially with the Civic Holiday Decorations. He ordered all the wreaths and poinsettias. He hung all the wreaths. When he delivered the poinsettias to Tobey, even though our contact at Tobey Hospital, Donna Kinsman, approved 20 poinsettias, they would only accept 10. They had accepted 10 from another source. This meant Jerry had to talk to Nessralla's about taking them back. They were nice enough to do so without a restock fee. I could go on, but I'm sure so many will say the same.

Lesley: , I am shocked and very saddened. His partner Bill must be devastated. I got to know him over time and found him to be a very kind soul. So very sorry .

Sue Melrose: How very sad. He was a wonderful addition to the club.

Brenda: , I can't believe this. I saw Jerry yesterday morning at the bank and we were having a great conversation.

Pam: I am so sad to hear this. Jerry was a good kind, man, always willing to help. We are going to miss him.

Do you have days when you just can't get your happy on?



Try creating something from recyclable objects. This picture is of a creation by Judy Morgan from our recycled design challenge last year.

Now's the time to gather some useful objects. There'll be another contest soon.....



Remember to lug your mug to all our meetings.

What other suggestions do you have for recycling or avoiding single-use plastics?

Recent Designs from Flower Shows

These are designs created by Pam, Judy (2), Diane, Kathleen and Joyce. Can you guess who designed which?

