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Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

October 2021

President's Corner

I love this cooler weather, but down to the 40's at night already? I still have a few tomatoes and peppers clinging to the vine. I've set up a little covered area on a raised bed and hope to encourage the plants to grow for another month.



I've gotten notices that my bulb orders are on the way. Let's see, where did I plant the bulbs from last year's order? And how many and what kind are in the mail? Fortunately I have an auger so planting should go a bit quicker. Hopefully I'll be done by Thanksgiving!

I hope you're participating in our pop-up pumpkin decorating craft at 12:30 this Thursday. Instructions are on page 4.

See you in the garden,
Barb


Seed Sharing

In November we will have the opportunity to share seeds of our favorite plants.

But first, now is the time to harvest and dry your seeds. Detailed instructions can be found at this website: <https://www.hobbyfarms.com/how-to-dry-seeds-3-techniques/>

To share your flower or fruit seeds:

1. Read the instructions for drying your seeds.
2. Properly dry them.
3. Bring dried seeds of each variety in a separate paper bag with name of plant &/or picture on bag.

We will have coin envelopes  for members to take some seeds to grow.

Save your small paper bags (like DD) to dry your seeds in.



October Program

All year long but especially in the fall, wreaths remind us of many good things. Wreaths symbolize the harvest, the coming of the Holidays, and the yearly gatherings of family and loved ones.

The Program at the October meeting will be a demonstration by Mary Ziino of how to fashion a medium sized (12-15 inch) wreath from locally foraged branch and vine clippings. These wreaths are then dried and can be displayed indoors or on your front door depending on which materials you use.

If members are interested, they can gather their foraged materials ahead of time. Following the meeting on October 14th, at 1PM at Mary Ziino's house (7 Plymouth Ave), she will offer a class to 5 individuals. Unfortunately the size of the class is limited, but if more members want to attend the class, an additional one can be scheduled for the following week.

Extra vines and accent materials will be available at the class, (herbs, rosehips, hydrangea), but bring your own if you like, along with a glue gun, floral snippers and gloves; they'll be handy. Dress to be outside and to do a little work!

Diane

Garden Therapy

The Wareham Senior Center is excited to begin Garden Therapy! It begins on October 15, 2021 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and will be held downstairs in the gym. All precautions will be enforced, participants will wear masks and hand sanitize prior to doing their project.

The leaders for October 15th are: Kathy Messenger and Pam Parsons.

Helpers are: Barbara Smith, Sheila Deagle, Elaine Botelho, and Mary Todesco. Any questions or concerns: call Pam Parsons at 508-314-2445.

Pam

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Weeding Wednesdays

When Covid struck last Spring, we banded together and started a weekly session called Weeding Wednesdays to keep members connected and the town looking tidier. Each Wednesday morning, available members meet at a pre-selected site to weed, prune, pick up litter, rake, bag up debris and pile up brush and branches for Municipal Maintenance crews to remove.

It is always amazing, in approximately 2 hours' time each week, to see the difference our efforts make. Plus, we always seem to have fun trying out each other's tools, tackling bigger jobs by working together, brainstorming about how to deal with a problem, and learning from each other about pruning, controlling weeds, plant identification, etc., while exchanging gardening tips.

We rotate sites such as the main Library (outside and in the courtyard), the Veteran's Memorial, the train platform, along Main Street, Fearing Tavern, Captain Kendrick Maritime Museum, along with our civic sites. We will continue these efforts as long as enough members are interested and physically able to participate. Our plan is to continue into the Fall with pruning and transplanting efforts.

Please consider joining us on an upcoming Wednesday. Just let either of us (Connie or Sheila D) know and we will put you on the email list to receive the weekly reminder with the location. There is no ongoing obligation; participants just come when they can. And you can always have your name removed from the list if you decide this is not your area of interest. Hope to see you some Wednesday morning!

Connie

St. Patrick's Food Pantry

Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to St. Patrick's Food Pantry.

Look for the basket just inside the door in St. Pat's Hall to drop off your donation.. Please check labels to be sure your items have not expired. Thanks!



New Members

In September we welcomed 4 new members to the club.

Please add their information to your year-books:

Diane Allen, 7 Cromesett Rd, Wareham, 02571
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Carole L, Membership Chair

Penny Pines

Penny Pines is a way to donate pennies, change or dollars to help reforest areas devastated by fire and other disasters. The National Garden Club, of which we are a part, in the last 2 years has donated over \$18,000 for plantings by the U.S. Forest Service National Forests. We can also designate where we'd like trees planted if we have a more local need.

When we've collected \$70, Joyce sends a check to GCFM (Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts).

It only takes \$68 to plant an acre of trees. In September we collected \$38.

Please look for the Penny Pines container each month.

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Ways & Means

The Holly Faire is fast approaching and we hope all our members will help out, so please look for the sign-up sheets at our October meeting and sign-up for one or more of the workshops.

We also need members who are willing to host a workshop at their convenience. If you were a workshop leader last year, please let me know if you are willing to organize another one this year. Once we have the leaders of these workshops you will be contacted with the time and place.

I also have added a craft workshop sign-up sheet. If you have an idea in mind and would like to host a one day workshop in your home, please let me know. We know how busy we get the closer we get to the holidays, so the more workshops we can hold soon, the better.

Judy Morgan

Design

Just a reminder that Kathleen will be holding a design workshop after the November meeting. Look for the sign-up sheet for her workshop. She has a wealth of knowledge on floral designing and we are lucky to have her in our club. I took one of her workshops years ago and got so inspired I went on to flower show school and became a judge with Kathleen as my mentor.

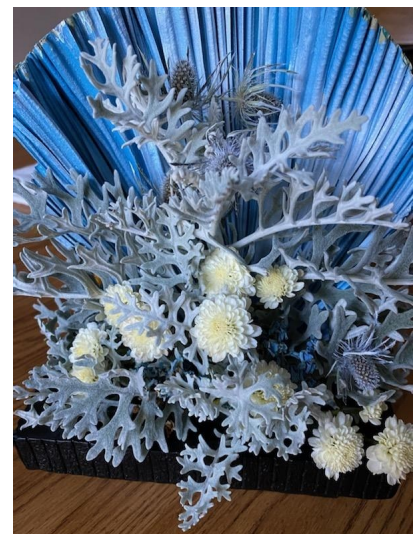
Kathleen and I are also taking entries for anyone who would like to enter the Heritage Flower Show this coming summer on 7/28. This show is for all levels of experience and is one of the most beautiful shows in Massachusetts. Our club has participated every year and we have won many awards.

Please join us this year.

Judy Morgan

Designs

These designs were created by Judy Morgan and Kathleen Coyle during a study group session held at Heritage Gardens. Interested in learning more about floral design? Talk to Judy M or Kathleen.



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Well, it is almost fall and now that summer is fading slowly we have more time to think about RECYCLING. Recycle the leaves, recycle the grass clippings.... There are so many conflicting thoughts and bits of information about recycling. A lot of it is dependent on where we live and what facilities are available BUT just keep in mind that we should all be doing everything we can do to save our planet.

Here are a few thoughts about recycling to bring us to the change of seasons.

1. Keep up the compost. Even if it freezes over the winter it will eventually thaw out and be ready.
2. Aluminum is 100% recyclable and the most valuable recyclable product. SO recycle all aluminum and either return your deposit cans to a return center or bring them to us at the Wareham (John Dixon) Recycle Center and we will count them and return them and use your 5 cents per can to keep us up and running!
3. PET plastic is an important recyclable product. All of those plastic drink bottles belong here. Please recycle them.
Also please visit <https://plasticoceans.org> for lots of information.
4. If you are like me and still love to hold the newspaper- PLEASE RECYCLE.
5. I have lately ventured into a store or two and find that I am not certain how to navigate the whole experience. I also find that often what I want is no longer there so I am forced to look online. When you do order online remember not only to recycle those oversized shipping cartons but also to try to reuse them
6. Finally, for all of our bird lovers out there...I recently read that we should leave our birdhouses out as a winter refuge for our feathered friends. This idea tops that however, recycle those old shoes and boots and nail them to a tree to house those poor little creatures during the harsh winter months. They take solace there.

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Oh yes...a recent recycler at our Wareham center was going through our glass recycling dumpster collecting glass jars and I asked what she would be doing with those. She said , "I use these instead of those horrible plastic zipper bags!" to store leftovers and small amounts of anything I have left from a package.

Something to think about.

Jenn

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What can you do with a small white pumpkin?

Below are some images of ceramic pumpkins from MacKenzie Childs' website, pumpkins/gourds from Pinterest, and one decorated by Donna.



pumpkin in progress Donna's finished pumpkin
to paint bottom, turn upside down on cup

Can you create an adorable decorative pumpkin? We offer 2 ways to enter our contest that will take place at our meeting on October 14th:

- A. Read the instructions below and work at home at your leisure
- B. Or come to a pop-up workshop on October 7th (day of board meeting) at 12:30 at St. Patrick's Hall. Supplies listed below.
 1. Buy a small (6" or so) white pumpkin (or gourd).
 2. Condition: add 1 tablespoon bleach, squirt of Dawn per each gallon of warm water; soak 30 minutes, dry thoroughly.
 3. Gather supplies:
 - a. Paint brushes
 - b. Fine Sharpie
 - c. Jelly jar sized container with lid half-filled with water to clean brushes
 - d. Paper plate to squirt small amounts of craft paint on
 - e. Newspaper to work on
 - f. Paper towels to rub off excess paint from brushes
 - g. Donna used Folk art or Deco art craft paint - black in black squares, and metallic gold shimmer on stem
 - h. Krylon or similar brand clear sealer to finish. The sealer should be sprayed on at home after project is dry.

You can accessorize - only fresh or dried plant material, but baubles, doodads, etc. can be any material.

Get your creative juices flowing!!