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Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

February 2022

President's Corner

We're done with January but it's still cold, rainy, snowy, icy. The other day I was outside wandering in the backyard and saw this adorable snowdrop. That should have been my clue—the next day the blizzard hit!



Here's my challenge to you for February:

Next week's meeting is on Zoom (hopefully for the last time ever.) I challenge everyone to wear **red** or **pink** (even the guys!) and to show a very small arrangement or plant in a teacup. You can use fresh or dried materials, but NO silk or plastic.



I am hoping for 100% participation!

Here's a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson that sums up how I feel:

"This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it." Trying to stay positive isn't easy!

See you on the 10th.

Barb

Arbor Day

Please save your cleaned, half gallon milk containers, 2 liter soda containers, or similar sized containers for our tree seedling planting for Arbor Day.

Feel free to drop them at Joyce's house at 61 Great Neck Rd, East Wareham, MA 02538 if you don't want to hang on to them. Screw tops not needed.

Joyce

Program

Our program on the 10th will be a program from Grow Native Massachusetts.: Managing an Urban Landscape for Biodiversity. The speaker is Rebecca McMackin, Director of Horticulture, Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Recycling

Just a few things from the recycle corner.

I was excited the other day when I was making chocolate chip cookies (with Nestles allergen free chips) and saw a good size recycle symbol on the package. I was happy to see that until I looked closer and saw that next to it was "USA" with a line through it (/ - **can't do it**). In the fine print it said no multi layer packaging- it was plastic-ish on the outside and foil like on the inside. Another one of those "what can I do with this?" type things.

An update on shredded paper. Members of the Recycling Committee are researching disposal possibilities for shredded paper so please hold on a bit longer.

Many of you probably already do this but now that seed catalogs are coming in and planting seedlings is on our minds, here is a good recycling tip. I always reuse those clear plastic vegetable and fruit containers to plant my seeds. It is like a mini-greenhouse of sorts, especially when you use a clear egg carton as there are 12 individual "pots". When that phase is over I use the dirty containers to stuff in the bottom of large deck planters and window boxes in which I will plant decorative stuff.

Happy February and Remember- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Jenn Gady

Garden Therapy

Garden therapy will be held on February 11, 2021 at 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Leaders: Judy Morgan and Mimi Parr and the helpers are: Brenda Mercier, Debbie Bush, Yvonne Capella. A fun project is being planned for the enthusiastic group!

A big thank you to leaders: Kathleen Coyle and Barbara Smith for the lovely floral design with greens and a single rose. Also, I want to thank Chris Heywosz and Chris Michaud for assisting the participants. Everyone was so pleased with their beautiful arrangements!

Here are a few pics from January:



Pam



Word for the month

Courtesy of Mike and the internet:

Marcescence— the retention of dead .. (leaves)...that normally are shed. Leaf marcescence is most often seen on juvenile plants and may disappear as the tree matures. It also may not affect the entire tree; sometimes leaves persist only on scattered branches.

Marcescence is most obvious in deciduous trees that retain leaves through the winter. Several trees normally have marcescent leaves such as oak (*Quercus*), beech (*Fagus*) and hornbeam (*Carpinus*), or marcescent stipules as in some but not all species of willows (*Salix*). All oak trees may display foliage marcescence, even species that are known to fully drop leaves when the tree is mature.

Can You Name These Native Trees?

