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Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

June 2022

President's Corner

It was so cold until last week! Now it's hot one day and cool for 3. My garden is happy, though. Cloudy weather suits the plants. Peonies are blooming, dahlias are budding and the longer days are wonderful.

In May after our meeting we had a gathering at our Memorial Garden. On page 2 is a reflection by Christine Decas about it.

Summer promises to be filled with garden chores and family visits, walks around town and maybe a trip to Coastal Maine Botanic Garden.

One quiz question this month:

Name this dreaded, invasive plant and win a native plant seedling of Golden Alexander.



Email or text me!

Happy planting,

Barb

Tools

Mary Ziino applied for Ames Tools through a grant to help with our civic beautification projects and it came through! It's 5 tools.

Here's a picture of the first one unpacked. I think the Weeding Wednesday crew has already put them to good use.

Thanks, Mary!



Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 9th, 11:30, at Mezza Luna we will have our last formal gathering until September.

Please bring a stem of your favorite flower to display in a clear small bottle.



Don't forget your hat! Prizes will be awarded for silliest and prettiest creation.

We will be sitting at tables of 6-8. Mezza Lunas Restaurant staff will not be wearing masks and the windows will not be open, but their air circulation will be on. So safety precautions will be our club's responsibility.

If you have concerns, we recommend wearing a mask when not eating and drinking. Also, if you are not feeling well in the morning and choose not to attend, we are able to box up your meal and deliver it to your home.

Please call or text Sue Scipione if you have any questions. 508-740-5630.

Conservation and Education

Try experimenting this summer. Put cuttings in water. If they start to root, put in potting mix. Pick up some rooting hormone for stubborn specimens.

Take pictures of your flowers. That way you will be able to pot up irises in August and label them with the color. Daylilies can be potted up anytime, even when blooming. Take a pic and label with the color.

Learn a weed or two for identification. One that just went by is hairy bittercress. It has exploding seed capsules. Poke-weed is coming up now. Google pictures of them both to see what they look like.



Joyce

Ways & Means

I would like to thank all of our dedicated members and their families who worked on our very successful Plant Sale this year. It took many hands to make this year's sale such a huge success. Our members are so talented and very giving of their time and energy as well as their donations and it showed in our sales numbers. Even with inflation and Covid hitting us in every direction we were still able to count on our generous club members to make this event possible.

I also want to thank you for helping me over the past two years as your Ways & Means chairman. We had many challenges and still had four very successful events. I look forward to helping out and working with our event committees next year. Thanks to you all.

Judy Morgan

Note from Joyce

You never know what you'll discover in your back yard.

This is a picture of *Rhododendron calendulacea*.

Joyce looked at nurseries for this plant for 2 years.

This year it bloomed and she discovered she had it already!



Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee met on May 12, 2022 to review the applications we received. In attendance were Sheryl Facchetti, Peter and Jocelyn LaBouliere, Barbara Van Inwegen, Mary Beth Cormier, and Norma White. Sheryl brought a check for \$1000 to be issued to Olivia Gowell (scholarship awardee for 2021) who had submitted proof of enrollment and satisfactory GPA.

Next on the agenda was discussion of our applications for the year 2022. We only had three applications, but noted that other local scholarship groups were also seeing a decrease in the number of applicants this year. The group unanimously voted to recommend awarding two scholarships at \$1000 each to Haley Anne Peltier, a student at Upper Cape Regional Technical High School and Charles Richards, a student at Old Regional High School. They are both residents of Wareham. Congratulations to both awardees!

In addition to choosing recipients for the scholarships, the committee discussed a plan to update the application design - hoping to improve efficacy and to provide a better picture of the applicant. The meeting was adjourned at 5.

Norma

Hiking

I would like to hike at Great Neck Seminary/ Audubon's trails on June 14 at 9 am. It is at the end of Great Neck Rd in East Wareham with a large parking lot on the left side. Signs will direct hikers. Have boots or sturdy shoes and bring water and bug spray. All are welcome. There is a .36-mile hike to the bay with 2 benches and then back to car or a longer hike I will be taking.

Give me a call or email if you have questions:

Barbara Smith 410 952-9644, or

barbara_smith01@hotmail.com .

Wareham Garden Club Memorial Garden

Connie took this picture of our Memorial Garden. Thanks to Judy Weatherby and her team, it always looks lovely.

Here is a bit of recent history of our Memorial Garden, courtesy of Christine Decas:

"I remember the Memorial Garden area as an empty area with a large stone in the center. The copper sign was added to the stone and a few plantings were added. The Civic Committee added a round rock border to protect the plants from the lawn mowers and added a few more plants. The memorial bricks were scattered in front of the large rock.

I think it was 2014 when Cheri Ikasalo was President of the Garden Club, I saw a picture in the newspaper of a mosaic design inlay in cement—it was titled "River of Tears". With that as inspiration, Cheri, her husband Paul and I collected rocks at the Marion dump (construction debris site) and used them to form a teardrop outline from the base of the rock outward. We then purchased bags of stones at Home Depot filling in the teardrop and then added the memorial bricks within the teardrop.

While working on the site one day, a gentleman stopped by and said he had a slab of stone that he had not used and asked if we wanted a bench added to the site. A day later, the bench was put in place. I am sorry but I do not recall his name but he said he drives by daily and lives at Burgess Point.

It really "takes a village" and in this case it takes a garden club to create a peaceful site of beauty. Many members have helped create the memorial garden, but no one has been more dedicated to it's maintenance than Judy Weatherby who has weeded, watered and planted seasonally for many years."

Christine Decas



Rhodys in Joyce's Backyard

