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Wareham Garden Club Newsletter

March 2023

President's Corner



It's a lovely late winter morning and as I gaze out my window, there is a swirl of evidence that spring is soon to arrive. Cardinals, juncos, titmouse, black capped chickadees, blue Jay and others are all occupied together in sipping water from the pond and perching at the feeders for sustenance.

And alas, we are nearing our return to pursue our garden club endeavors. We have a busy spring schedule ahead.

First-Arbor Day plans are fully underway. Chairperson, Mary Ziino has been masterminding some pretty exciting activities for children and adults alike. She needs lots of you to make it an event to remember. Please sign up at the information table.

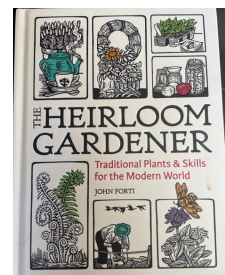
Next, this month we are calling for full support from all to make this year's plant sale the BEST EVER!

Christine Michaud and Joyce Holster are co-chairs of our annual event. I am hoping that all of last year's table chairs will step up to lead again with our newest members to assist. You know you love what you do. Please look for the sign-up sheets at the information table. Of course, everyone is encouraged to divide garden plants to donate to our perennial offerings. It's almost time.

Also, what are your exciting plans for workshops to create items to sell at our 2023 plant sale? What items have you noticed this winter that you can make with other members? It's fun to host a workshop and you will be fully supported.

There will be floral design opportunities, "A Who's Who?" game challenge at each table at our March meeting, an opportunity drawing, a great speaker for all your garden aspirations, and an offering to participate in a garden book club after each meeting.

This is the first book for April's meeting. Great writer! Look for the sign-up.



There's more!!! I look forward to welcoming you all back as we migrate back for spring.

Best,
Diane

Know the author of this poem? DON'T use online help! Look in a book, if you have to...Be first to send me the right answer and win a tomato plant in May: barbvani11@gmail.com

"The rose is a rose, And was always a rose. But the theory now goes That the apple's a rose, And the pear is, and so's The plum, I suppose. The dear only know What will next prove a rose. You, of course, are a rose— But were always a rose."

March Program

What a fun time we all had at the Valentine Chocolate Buffet with a huge turnout of friends and members. Thank you all who made all those fabulous chocolate desserts and for helping with all the hall set up and decorating. It was so nice to have a social event in the middle of the winter and, lucky for us, the weather has been really wonderful considering it is February. I thank you also, for all the cards and kind words of thanks.

Our March speaker is Rebecca Warner who will lead us on a journey toward an environmentally friendly garden while we reduce pollution and energy use, conserve water, and replace lawn with attractive alternatives.

We are now planning for the many upcoming events in our spring calendar. Mary Ziino is hard at work with her committee planning the Arbor Day Event. The Plant Sale is coming up soon and many other Committees are starting to form so please look for the signup sheets as this is a great way to get involved and meet many of the club members.

I also will be forming a committee for the September Presidents Day Celebration Tea and the 2024 Garden Tour, so if you would like to help, look for the signup sheet or let me know.

The committee we formed to look into accepting debit and credit cards for our club, made up of Sheryl Facchetti, Carole LaFreniere, Andria Savery and myself, met via Zoom on February 2nd with Christopher Brown, our Eastern Bank Merchant Advisor. He explained, how, with minimal cost per transaction, easy access, without renting a terminal and also with fulltime personal banking assistance with him we can transition into the digital credit world. I am very happy to report that it was unanimously accepted by the committee and will be brought before the membership in March. For many years it has been an issue for our customers and members, and let's face it who carries a lot of cash or checks these days. We are hoping to have it up and running for the *May Plant Sale*. Looking forward to seeing everyone in March.

Thanks,

Judy Morgan, VP

Spring

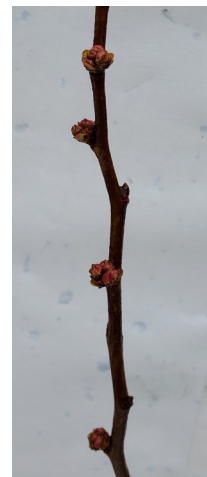
Here are a few pictures to brighten your winter day:

Can you name each plant?

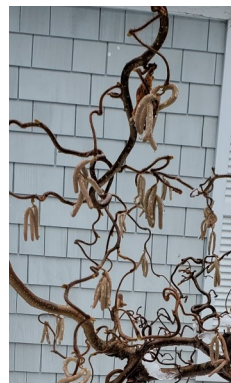
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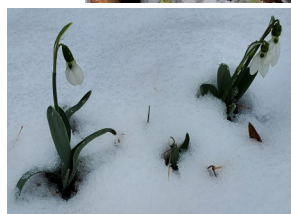
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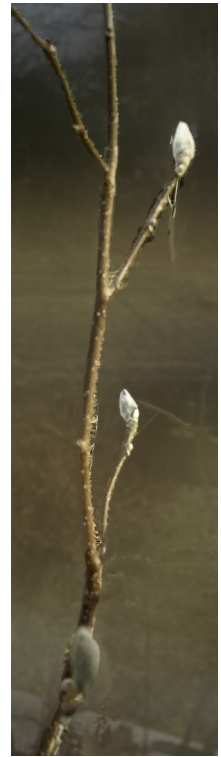


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Growing

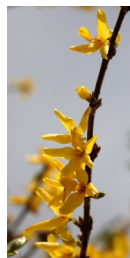
This past fall I stuck branches of plants into pots around the yard. This is the first one. I can see it's rooted from the large soft buds at each branch end. Magnolia virginiana otherwise known as southern magnolia- the one with fuzzy brown on the back of the leaves.

Some of you took home small, newly divided Sansevieria in the fall. Those plants are now sending up new shoots. Each one will become a new plant if you cut it and repot. It is time to begin feeding 1/4 strength houseplant fertilizer when you water. Continue to allow drying between waterings.



An important change: Now that everyone is finally calling them San sevier ia, the botanical name has been changed. Introducing Dracaena! It seems that they keep the cultivar name. A sport is a brand new plant with DNA different from the mother plant, yet coming from the mother plant. Finding sports in the plant world leads to brand new types of plants. Many of the weeping trees are sports of an upright tree. You will see one branch weeping on an upright tree and cultivate it. I think of it as nature's genetic engineering.

To force your forsythia, water and change water weeks.



cut a 16" branch and strip the bottom 4". Put it in water regularly. Avoid full sun. It should bloom in a few

Joyce

"in Just-
Spring when the world is mud-
luscious the little
lame balloonman
Whistles far and wee..."

This excerpt is part of a poem. Know the author? DON'T use online help! Look in a book, if you have to...Be first to send me the right answer and win a tomato plant in May. Barb V barbvani11@gmail.com

Design Workshop

There will be a design workshop on March 8th at 10:00 am at the Wareham Library. If you would like to participate please bring a piece of weathered wood not larger than 12" in diameter. Also, if you have any dried mushrooms, gourds, spathes or interesting woody dried plant materials, bring them along. We will be making a creative line design. Some plant material will be provided. We will be bringing our designs to display at the general meeting on March 9th.

All members are invited. For more information, give us a call.

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Scholarships

Wareham Garden Club Scholarships 2023

The Wareham Garden Club has announced that \$1,000 scholarships are available for award during the spring of 2023. Scholarships are available to qualifying high school seniors AND college students. If you know of anyone who qualifies, please share as we would appreciate the opportunity to support these individuals. The deadline is March 31, 2023. Scholarship applications and information are available from The Wareham Garden Club, attn: Norma White, PO Box 3276, Wareham, MA 02571 or norma.white@comcast.net.



Norma

Arbor Day

For the Arbor Day Festival, Mary Ziino is looking for 2 liter plastic soda bottles. These will be used to plant trees! Also, 50 eastern Redbud trees will need potting up around March 15, any helpers would be appreciated.

We can meet at my house for this fun outdoor task! Also looking for someone to head up a recycling table at the Arbor Day event. The Arbor Day Festival will be held **April 18, 2023**. SAVE THE DATE!

Mary Ziino
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Answers to plant pictures on p.2

A. witch hazel, B. flowering quince, C. corkscrew hazel (also called Harry Lauder's Walking Stick), D. hellebore, E. snowdrops

Valentine's Day Celebration

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Valentine's Day celebration organized by Judy Morgan with some set up assistance from Carole LaFreniere and Bob Powlaitis and raffle ticket sales from Andria Savary.. Here are a few pics:

