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## President's Corner from Judy Morgan

As we head into summer, I look back at all the wonderful times and accomplishments we have done this year. This club is truly amazing and I look forward to working with you all as we go into the next year.

I was recently able to attend the Garden Club Federation of MASS with Marsha Ledbury and we came away with many ideas from other clubs. One thing stuck out to us was that we need to get back to receiving awards from the local and national federation. I know many of the awards given out weren't half as good as we have done. But to win you must enter, so I am looking for an awards chairman that can help us apply for some of these awards. We are one of the larger garden club groups and as in the past need to apply for recognition for all we do.

Many of you have volunteered for so many programs and projects and I couldn't be more thankful and I would encourage you to ask a new member to join in on some of these projects with you. It is so nice to see them get as excited as we are when we are all working as a team.

As we go into our annual meeting on Thursday I want to thank my officers and committee Chairman for all their help this past year. There were many challenges and I was so grateful for all the support. A couple of updates:

No regular or Board of Directors meeting in July. We are having a <u>field trip.</u> on July  $13^{th}$ . Please look for the final signups at the Annual Meeting. For meeting place and any questions see Barbara Smith.

Committee Chairman please bring your yellow folders with a copy of your annual report included. Update the folder as needed.

We will be visiting a member's garden each week in August. Please look for signup sheet at annual meeting if you would like to show off your garden or want to go and see your fellow member's gardens. See Joyce Holster for times and meeting place.

Fearing Tavern Floral Display will be on June 10-11. We will be doing our designs at home and bringing them into the Tavern at 10:am on Friday June  $9^{th}$ . If you would like to help out see Pam Parsons for any questions.

Judy Morgan, President



Judy Morgan, outgoing President of the GCFM, and Marsha Ledbury at the GCFA Annual Meeting.

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## **Garden Therapy**

On May 12, 2023, the Garden Therapy program ended for the year with a project lead by Chris Michaud and assisted by Peter LaBouliere. There were 14 participants and they were excited to begin another fun arrangement. Arrangements were done in round glasses with a gold lead pattern on the outside. They consisted of green dogwood, white daisies, purple chrysanthemums and a yellow carnation. The flowers were artistically arranged to look like a cupcake. So cute! Everyone was so happy to make an arrangement for Mother's Day! Also a big thank you to Mimi Parr, Maureen Bean, and Sue Barnes for helping! This is the last program of GT for this year and we will resume in October.

— Submitted by Pam Parsons







## Annual Luncheon June 8th@11:30 Mezza Luna

- Bring cut stems from your garden for others to enjoy!
- Prizes will be given for the two favorite hats!

A big **THANK YOU** to the luncheon committee!

Thank you to **Lois Crapo, Chris Damiano, Sheila Pierce, Andria Savery, and Mimi Parr** who coordinated making the gifts for the members.

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#### June Hikes for the Wareham Garden Club

- We will meet at 9am at Hynes Field in Onset to carpool.
- If it's raining, there will be no hike.
- Bring water, bug spray, and wear light-colored clothes.
- Call me, Barbara Smith at 410 952 9644 with any questions.



HIKING

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 6, SPOHR GARDENS**

This Garden is located at 45 Fells Rd, Falmouth.

It is a 6 acre garden on Oyster Rd with woodlands and winding paths along Oyster Pond with azaleas, rhodies, daylilies, hollies, 4 types of Beech trees, redwoods and umbrella pines. Vistas of Nantucket Sound along with small anchor garden and butterfly garden. Short hike.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 13, ASHUMET HOLLY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

This is located at Ashumet Rd, east, Falmouth It is off Nathan's Ellis It has a coastal plain pond with 30 kinds of dragonflies and rare pond shore flowers. Ashumet is known for 1000 holly trees of 65 varieties. It has many migratory birds and 5 vernal pools for the threatened Eastern Spade foot Toad. It has beautiful flowering bushes. We will hike 1 1\2 miles.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20, LOWELL HOLLY RESERVATION

On S Sandwich Rd, Mashpee/Sandwich

It is 135 acres with 250 native American holly trees and many rhododendrons and mountain laurels and rosebay. It has a 2.4 mile loop with some steep parts—and roots but great views. Hike around Mashpee Wakeby Pond with some rare birds to view.

#### **TUESDAY JUNE 27, MASHPEE RIVER RESERVATION**

This area has a beautiful shoreline with rare sea-run brook trout. It has restored pine gardens and trails around the Mashpee River with herons and hawks, ospreys, cranes and some waterfowls, flying overhead. We can also enjoy visiting the Old Indian Meeting House at 410 Meeting house Rd, Mashpee. This is 2 miles of trails with parking off Quinaquesset Ave in Mashpee River Woodlands entrance or Meeting house Rd parking on left of Meetinghouse.

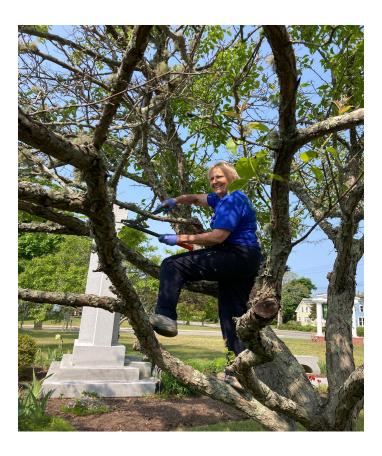
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## **WOW**

Weeding On Wednesday







Garden Club members cleaning up and planting at the Veterans Memorial at Wareham Town Hall.

### **New England Botanical Center Trip**

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club is sponsoring a trip to the NE Botanical Center in Boyleston on June 13th.(<a href="https://Nebg.org">https://Nebg.org</a>).

Bus cost - \$25

Admission to Tower Hill - \$14.40

Bus will depart from Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford (park and ride) at 8 am. Board bus for return at 3:15 pm. ETA at New Bedford is 4:45 pm

A preordered boxed lunch is \$22+tip. Alternatively, bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at their indoor cafe. Please respond to Sharon Doyon if you are interested ASAP, as we have opened the trip to other clubs and groups. A check can be made payable to the GNBGC for bus. **Call or text Sharon at 508-274-7112**.

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## How about that plant sale?

What a truly amazing group of people in the Wareham Garden Club! What happened on the morning of May 20th and before was incredible.

Trucks showed up at Nessralla's and loaded up. The perennials with labels rolled in until we had hundreds of plants. Yard sale and bake table items filled the hall. We must have had the best participation ever with gorgeous plants and so many smiles. Very few items were left and so clean up was a breeze. It's astonishing what can happen when everyone pulls together. Christine and I were thrilled with how it all went.

Now, what colors are your peonies and irises for next year?

- Submitted by Joyce Holster





