

Wareham Garden Club Newsletter April 2024

President's Corner from Judy Morgan

Hello Members.

Spring has finally sprung and we have a lot coming up on our club calendar to look forward to. The order for our spring plant sale for May 11th has been completed and sent in. We are now looking forward to the many workshops to make this a successful plant sale. Please look for the signup sheets at the April meeting as we will need all hands-on deck for this sale.

Members are busy planning a very special President's Tea at this April meeting. We are looking forward to the many guests from other South East District Garden Clubs and we will also be honoring the many Past Presidents of our own Wareham Garden Club. For our program, we will have a top designer in the flower show world, Maureen Christmas, making fabulous designs that we will be raffling off. Please call Bunny Hayes or Carole LaFreniere if you would like to help out.

Lesley Reid has been busy planning our Arbor Day festivities which will be at the Wareham Library this year; it is promising to be a fun time for everyone. Please let Lesley know if you are able to help this year by manning a table, helping with set up or clean up, or maybe making cookies to sell.

I would like to mention how I am concerned at the way our club may be headed if the members are not willing to step into a leadership role. We continually have the same people who are doing more than their fair share - sometimes serving as a chairman of two committees. Our club is over 85 strong so I would encourage you to please, if you have been a member over two years, help us fill some of these positions. Most all of these positions can be served as *Co-Chairman* with some computer skills. This is what a lot of other clubs do to solve the problem of committing to a position that might tie them down and everyone can enjoy their retirement.

These positions are coming up for a <u>one-year</u> term starting in June 2024 -2025. (This will help us get through Judy's Presidency and get us back on a two-year term schedule a year from this June). They are:

Vice President
 Recording Secretary
 Assistant Treasurer

So please let Sue Scipione, our nominating chairperson, know if you will be able to help out our club. I am hoping with a club of over 85 members, three people can help us fill these important offices to get us through until next year. I will be glad to help if you have any questions on any of these positions.

Judy Morgan, WGC President



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March Design Workshop

Held Wednesday, March 13th at the Wareham Library. Participants learned how to make a petit floral design.

Special guest **Marjorie Dienhart**, **GCFM President**, joined in the fun with garden club members.











April 23rd Full Pink Moon

April 26th National Arbor Day

"Joy for the sturdy trees! Fanned by each fragrant breeze" Samuel Francis Sm,ith, American writer (1808-95)

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April General Meeting

Please join us at our April 11th general meeting where we will be hosting the **President's Tea**

for other Garden Club Presidents.

Unfortunately, members will not be allowed to bring a guest to the April meeting.



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Happy St Patrick's Day W.G.C.!

Barbara Smith served as Tea Chair at the March Regular Meeting. The Tea Servers were: Diane Cook, Marsha Ledbury, Linda MacKenzie, Mimi Parr and Elaine Johnson.

Everything was delicious. Thanks, L







Garden Therapy

Eighteen seniors celebrated St Patrick's day by filling mugs with butterscotch candies and mini white carnations for the foam. Slainte!!

submitted by Carole LaFreniere

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Connect with UMass Extension: A Horticultural Newsletter

for Home Gardeners

For many years, Garden Clippings provided timely, research-based information to home gardeners on the latest control strategies for insects and diseases of turf, ornamentals, vegetables, and fruit, as well as tips for monthly gardening activities and alerts about current pest outbreaks. Garden Clippings has now been combined with our Hort Notes newsletter to provide one-stop shopping for all of your educational needs! Hort Notes: Clippings from the Garden is written for landscapers, grounds managers, arborists, and other green industry professionals with the understanding that home gardeners may also look to this publication for information as well. This newsletter includes monthly email alerts to emerging landscape insect and disease problems while providing timely Integrated Pest Management strategies and emphasizes timely plant health care practices and problem-solving information.

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April Hikes

Please join us for fun, exercise, and to learn more about our environment.



HIKING

- We will meet at 9am at Hines Field in Onset to carpool..
- Hiking will start around 10 am depending on miles to destination.
- We will be having a super lunch/brunch at interesting cafes
- No hike if it is raining. .
- Call Barbara Smith at 410 952 9644 with any questions.

Friday, April 5, The Knob, Woods Hole, Falmouth

The Knob was a gift of Cornelia Carey for conservation. Little Sandy is a beach on the left as we enter. We may observe shells, hermit crabs, horseshoe crabs and periwinkles. The main trail we will use is on the right side. The left side is Harbor Cliff Trail. Inner harbor overlook is the first lookout on this left side. On a clear day from the Knob outlook, you see New Bedford in the west, the canal entrance to the north, and the Elizabeth Islands to the south. Stand back from the edge to protect the rim of boulders. Let's take good care of all this.

Tuesday, April 30, Parsons Reserve, Daffodil Fields, 50 Horseneck Road, Dartmouth

The Parsons Reserve is a lovely and economically significant property. The Reserve's Southern trail to Horseneck Road is dotted with mature rhododendrons planted by Mr. Parsons in the 1960's. Destruction Brook meanders through the property on its way to the river. There is a vernal pool home to common and rare species. Salamanders, wood frogs, turkeys, and deer wander this area. At the daffodils field, DNRT will request a \$5 donation. Stay on a short trail to the fields of flowers. Do not step on daffodils or pick them.

Parking is limited off Horseneck Road, just south of Russell's Mills Village.



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