

# The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings



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## Upcoming Events

### **Nov 21, 22, 23 Garden Club of Hyannis Triennial Showcase, Cape Cod Cultural Ctr.**

Nov 22 GCFM Design Workshop, Constructing A Creative Design. See details inside

Dec 7, GCH Volunteer Appreciation Event at Cape Cod Cultural Ctr. 3 to 5 pm

Dec 17, GCH Annual Holiday Luncheon, details to be announced.

*“In November the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers.” - Cynthia Rylant*

Trees are my favorite, and to see them bare with only their branch structures is always amazing to me, especially those older trees that are town landmarks. It reminds me to pull back a bit and look at the basics we have in our lives and appreciate them all that much more. Reflecting on what we truly value is very important, especially as we head into this busy holiday season and the culmination of three years of effort leading to our Showcase Event. I know I cannot wait to see the creativity and talent of all our club members as our Showcase unfolds next week. I want to thank all the club members in advance for all their time and effort (and blood and sweat!) you all have put in to make this event a success. Please reach out if you need assistance with anything or have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

Linda

## **HOSPITALITY – Angela Lipinski**

First of all, I would like to thank the following people for a phenomenal October luncheon. These women outdid themselves again. Thank you to: Joyce Keller, Debbie Faulconer, Sandy Evangelous, Paula Raczkowski, Elaine Carter, Linda Lord, Dottie Palko, Mary O'Brien, Helen Mc Veigh, Donna Garrabrant, Brigitte Casey, Ann Marie Carlson and Kathie Schatz. Dottie Palko was the creator of the beautiful floral arrangement.

On another note, The Volunteer Appreciation Event is being held at the Cultural Center on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 3-5. I will be sending out an email soon, so members can rsvp for this event.

Also, the Holiday Luncheon will be held at The Old Yarmouth Inn December 17, 2025. A flyer will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

Please save the dates. Thank you.

## **OUTINGS – Nancy Bailey**

The Outings Committee members would like to thank the intrepid Club members who joined us on October 23 for a Tour of Oyster Beds in Brewster. It was a picture-perfect day to be at the beach. Many of us rolled up our pants and waded into Cape Cod Bay to view the oysters and the oyster beds up close. Can you imagine, we were actually in the ocean on October 23. We giggled like school kids as we waded around. The water was warmer than we expected, and our Tour Leader, Bud Johnson, was very informative regarding all things relevant to the life of an oyster. Thank you to everyone who participated.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

## CONSERVATION - Nancy Beless

### Hazardous Waste Collections on Cape Cod

We hear a lot about hazardous waste but what is it? On Cape Cod Barnstable County collects household hazardous waste through town collections and the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension. Collections are held from April through October. Many Cape residents begin collecting waste and take it to their town collection yearly. But what should we collect? Paints, polished and stains except latex and acrylic paints (which can be dried in the sun and disposed of in the regular trash) are examples as well as wood preservatives, auto paint, marine paint, alkyd-based paint and solvent-based wood finish. Yard chemicals such as fertilizers with weed killers, driveway sealers, weed killers, insecticides, and bug sprays are all hazardous. Many cleaners such as photo and hobby chemicals, toilet cleaners, disinfectants, pool cleaners, chemical solvents, oven cleaners, drain cleaners, spot removers, and degreasers no longer in use are considered hazardous waste. Auto and boat fluids such as gasoline, tar removers, camp fuel, radiator flush and car cleaners. We all use many of these chemicals at times but when no longer needed and stored at home they should be brought to the collection site. Why should we dispose of hazardous waste at collection sites? It is so important to keep hazardous waste out of our fragile water supply on Cape Cod. Improper waste disposal contributes to extra gases entering our water and air. Methane gas is released from improper waste disposal which contributes to global climate change. So, if you have not participated in a Cape Cod Hazardous waste collection make it an EVENT in 2025, information can be found at [www.loveyourlocalwater.org](http://www.loveyourlocalwater.org).



**October Garden Therapy Creations – Kathy and Jacquie Clay**

# NOVEMBER DESIGN WORKSHOP



GCFM and Designing Workshop Present  
National Garden Clubs Flower Show Master Judge

**KAYE VOSBURGH**

**CONSTRUCTING A  
CREATIVE DESIGN**

Friday, November 22, 2024  
10:00 – 11:30 AM

Saint Susanna Parish  
262 Needham Street, Dedham MA



Kaye combines her expertise and experience with both Eastern and Western styles of floral arranging to inform her creative designs. Class includes a lecture, demonstration, and the opportunity to apply what you've learned as you create an arrangement to take home.

- All levels of experience in floral arranging are welcome
- Bring your floral snips or scissors
- Attendees do not have to belong to a GCFM garden club
- Bring a friend with you for a most enjoyable morning

To register for this class please send your check, made out for \$55 by November 8 to GCFM, Inc. (Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts) to:

Margo Yie  
6 Dancer Farm Drive  
Dover, MA 02030

*(Please include your email address so  
your payment may be acknowledged)*

After November 8, please email [margo.yie@verizon.net](mailto:margo.yie@verizon.net) directly to be sure there is sufficient room and supplies.

Future Design Workshop – April 24, 2025

*Dolores Ahern will be teaching at Saint Patrick's Church,  
82 High Street, Wareham, MA.*

Save  
The  
Date

***Welcome back Catherine!***

*We are delighted that Catherine Ashur has rejoined the club!*

*Please add her contact information to the New Member page (p.30)  
in your Yearbook:*

*Catherine Ashur  
38A Hancock Street  
Somerville, MA 02144  
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Cell: 617-697-7308*

## *Santa's Elves Tree Decorating Teams at Cape Cod Hospital*

This is a huge thank you to the Members of the Garden Club who did an amazing job decorating 7 trees at Cape Cod Hospital. You were all so well organized that all Teams were finished in record time. Each tree was unique and showed the talents of our Club's dedicated members. In our opinion, you are all on Santa's "Nice" List always, but especially because of your efforts in helping to bring cheer to Nurses, Doctors, Patients and the Public who visit Cape Cod Hospital for their needs. We are sure that you helped to put smiles on many faces.

**Thank you. Nancy Bailey and Simone Perrier**







**And finally, last but not least, the Emergency Room Team.**





## **MEET... Lynette Helms**

Lynette Helms is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and a retired real estate executive. She grew up in Sudbury, Massachusetts, and in 1970 moved to Cape Cod with her new husband Rob, when he had gotten a low draft number and a placement with the Air Force Reserve, as a surgery technician on Otis Air Force base. Then, they stayed. Together they raised three kids on the Cape and now enjoy the exploits of a scattered pack of seven grandchildren.

Lynette joined The Garden Club of Hyannis at the suggestion of her gym mate, Laura Doherty. She immediately took Dolores Ahern's Design Classes, finding a new interest in the art form of floral design, and in recent floral shows has received two blue ribbons and a red for her designs.

Lynette helps maintain the Hyannis Library Gardens, decorate Christmas trees at Cape Cod Hospital, and partakes in the Garden Therapy for seniors. She is glad that club outings offer her the chance to participate in activities she might not undertake on her own, and she loves the club's luncheons, because she is always ready to eat! Given time, Lynette would like to encourage more community awareness of environmental concerns as well as general knowledge of horticulture.

By Terry Mallett

