

The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings



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Upcoming Events

Dec 17, Tues, GCH Holiday Luncheon at The Olde Yarmouth Inn, Yarmouth Port MA

Jan 14, Tues, Wine, Chocolate and Cheese Event at Kappy's Liquors in Hyannis details inside

Jan 20, Mon, Floral Design with Nancy Costa at W. Barn. Comm. Ctr

NGC and GCFM classes this spring. Details inside

Snowflakes are one of nature 's most fragile things, but just look what they do when they stick together"

~~By Verna M Kelly, (American writer). ~~

When I read this quote, it made me think about all the things we do by sticking together. Our triennial Showcase event was a fabulous success because of the cooperative efforts of all our club members - bravo for a fabulous job! Guests at our event were very impressed and it couldn't have been done without each and every one of you! As everyone worked putting the Showcase together, I witnessed people stepping up and outside their comfort zone in order to help fellow members complete tasks. It was wonderful to witness as members made new friends and learned new talents. This doesn't just happen during Showcase, but it continually happens as we step through all we do as a club. It is truly a gift to be able to know all you ladies and witness all that you do. During this busy and hectic holiday season, try to slow down and remember to take a moment to appreciate the acts of kindness and helpfulness that you share with others in your lives every day - even to the littlest ones!! I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to meeting again in the new year.

With unending gratitude...to Showcase nonmember volunteers

As a club facing our biggest event, we were blessed with the assistance of 34 (!) nonmembers who volunteered their time and expertise to make the Showcase sparkle. From carpentry to lugging stuff to running cash registers at the Marketplace and parking (both in the pouring rain and in the wind), we would not have had the success we had without them. At the Volunteer Appreciation event on December 7, the managing chairs honored each with a new award – The Garden of Gratitude award. We offered a card with our thanks, and a gift card for a cup of coffee. We owe them much more than that, so if you see the following people, please share your own appreciation.

Sally Cameron, Diane Cochran, and Linda Kiley, managing chairs.

Jim Baer

Samantha Baer

Clay Beless

Michael Barr

Andrew Benassi

Katherine Blake-Parker

Jim Carter

Gary Cecil

Bob Clay

Kevin Clay

Fred Churchill

Paul Cook

Bob Cox

Steve Crum

Phil Evangelous

Bob Faulconer

Jane Gould

Bob Grimes

Mia Grimes

Bobby Hallstein

Stephen Hathaway

Bob Helms

Walt Henry

Charles Holmes

Larry Hurwitz

Brendan Kiley

Jim Logan

Larry Morency

JJ Nickinello

Jack Raczkowski

Tom Rehkamp

John Robb

Skip Walsh

Also – Showcase wrap up

Please share any input you have about the Showcase asap – no later than January 2, please. Each of us who participated have a unique view – here is your chance to share what worked, what didn't, and any other ideas or suggestions you might have. The club will discuss whether to do this again in 2027, and your input is helpful. Please send your thoughts to Sally Cameron, Diane Cochran, and Linda Kiley. Thanks so much.

WONDERS OF CAPE COD

A poem by Mary Lou Ashur MD 12/1/24

In the heart of the cape where hydrangeas bloom,
Hyannis Garden Club opens doors to rooms
Where crafts and flowers and joy intertwine,
And the wonders of Cape Cod's colors align.

Butterfly's soar in a seaside breeze,
Wings and flowers dance with ease.
Imagine a carousel spin to delight,
Heritage Museum's summertime bright.

The fish shanty leans against a wall,
At shoreline floats a tree-laden haul.
If beneath the tides secrets still hide
Then glistening shell shells prove our harbors alive.

Floral jewelry sparkles, amarylli array.
Sticks and botanicals are vivid display.
Blooming creations float on the air.

Modern design has a vigorous flair.

The Wonders of Cape Cod is our group's feat,
A showcase where art and nature could meet.
Florals and crafts in Yarmouth's showplace
Hyannis Garden Club fosters memories to trace.

Your feedback on the Showcase is important

Please share any and all comments you have about the 3 years of preparation for the Holiday Showcase with the managing chairs. As a club, we are required by our bylaws to take a membership vote about staging another Showcase in 2027. Your input is important to share as we make this corporate decision. Please send your comments to Sally (sallycc@comcast.net), Linda (lkiley1436@gmail.com) and/or Diane Cochran (cochranfam@comcast.net) by January 8. We will share a report in the January meeting and in Clippings. Thanks for your input.

Sally Cameron

Information notice from Conservation – Marsha Rehkamp

**CAPE COD
HOLIDAY LIGHTS
RECYCLING COLLECTION**

**All 15 towns are accepting broken holiday
strand lights to be recycled!**

Holiday lights that can be accepted:

- Rope lights
- Garland lights
- C7 and C9 bulbs
- Mini lights
- LED holiday lights

  

Thank you for the two wreaths – Anne Yount

The Cape Regency in Centerville wants me to send the Hyannis Garden Club their thanks for the donations of two wreaths from the showcase.

My daughter is the activities coordinator for Cape Regency, and her boss will be writing the Garden Club a thank you note for the generous donation of the wreaths for the residents, staff, and visitors' enjoyment this holiday season.



FLORAL DESIGN – Nancy Costa

Beginner Floral Design Workshop – Session 1 was held October 21. Three sessions are for beginners, including those who want to refresh their skills or to repeat classes previously taken, AKA “begin again.” **Remaining sessions: January 20 & February 17.**

Session 1 – we made a basic centerpiece, a circular design in a bowl/container.

Instruction and materials were supplied by the Club. We surely had FUN with new flower friends!



**Upcoming: Session 2 Monday January 20 “Beginner Design Workshop”
9:00 arrival & setup/ 11:30 end. Location: Club Meeting Room**

Session 2 - Basic Centerpiece, a Circular Design in a bowl/container

☑ Participants personally select and bring container, flowers and greens to the workshop

☑ Make designs at workshop

☑ Program for Tuesday’s Club Meeting is “Tips for Growing **Roses on Cape Cod.**” Suggestion: purchase standard size roses and spray roses, and a third form other than the circular, compact rose.

“Forms are the strongest visual symbols in a design. Forms are either closed (solids, compact or mass) or open (spreading with space within).”

☑ Shop with a partner; share the cost of a dozen roses and other materials! (One centerpiece - a maximum of 6 standard size roses)

☑ Club will provide extra greens/foilage in case we need more

☑ At conclusion of Session:

- discuss and gently critique designs
- **talk about table design materials for Session 3, February 17**

☑ **Please email or message Nancy Costa to join the Beginner’s Group - 3 sessions.**

ncosta71@hotmail.com If you are already registered -no need to email again.

Workshop times: 9:00 arrive/ setup - Club Meeting Room

9:30 begin demonstration

10:30 discussion/critiques

11:30 cleanup/ end

**Thank you to members who volunteered to create a table centerpiece for the
December 17 Holiday Luncheon: Catherine Crum, Peggy McNamara, Sally
Cameron, Cheryl Baer, Sharon Cornelius, Elena Ahlin and Nancy Costa**

Save the Date - Design 201 Workshops will resume in spring:

- March 17 “Table for Two” A Table Design
- April 14
- May 19

Upcoming NGC, GCFM Workshops and Flower Shows

Local opportunities to participate in Horticulture, Design, Botanical Arts and Youth exhibiting.

APRIL 9, 10, 11 NGC GARDENING SCHOOL, **Course 3**

Gardening School courses, primarily intended for garden club members, are open to the public. Organizers charge a nominal fee for attending each course. Member clubs, groups of clubs, Districts and State Garden Clubs may sponsor courses. Garden club members completing the series of four courses and passing exams gain the designation of NGC Gardening Consultant. Other attendees may attain Consultant status by joining a garden club during the school series or shortly after completion.

CONTACT: Linda Jean Smith, lindajean.smith@comcast.net

Course 3 – Factors that influence Plant Growth, New Plant Development and Evaluation, Container Gardening – Outdoor, Houseplant Basics, Native Trees and Shrubs, Teaching Tour of a Botanical Garden

APRIL 10 - 13 "DANCE THROUGH DESIGN" an NGC Design Specialty Flower Show Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs Presents, "DANCE THROUGH DESIGN" at The Rhode Island Home Show

- RI Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence RI

See www.gcfm.org for Show Schedule

APRIL 12, 15, 16, 17 NGC FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Course 2 – Milford, MA Presents photography in the Botanical Arts division, Petite designs and horticulture, and Table designs. Examples provided and critiqued using the Principles and Elements of Design. Two horticulture types are studied and point scored as well as a review of judging vocabulary. Types of innovative staging for horticulture are reviewed. The Elfin Award in Petite Horticulture and Table Design Awards are explained in detail. The duties of the Flower show committees are reviewed along with Standard and Specialty Flower Show requirements.

CONTACT: Ruth Gorman, ruth.gorman3@gmail.com (FS classes are in-person)

Flower Show School is a comprehensive program that teaches all you need to know about judging, entering, competing, and chairing an NGC flower show. There are 4 courses each generally scheduled over a 2-3 day period, and each with a specific curriculum that includes horticulture, design, and flower show procedure (FSP). If you are considering becoming a flower show judge, planning to chair a flower show, or simply want to learn more, your first step is to attend Course I. Subjects are taught by qualified instructors and outlines will be provided.

APRIL 24 APRIL DESIGN WORKSHOP

GCFM and Designing Workshop - NGC Flower Show Judge, Dolores Ahern

- St. Patrick's Church, Wareham

For registration info: www.gcfm.org "Events"

April 30 (Save the Date FUNDRAISER)

GCFM Inc. presents "A Prelude to GCFM's 100th Anniversary" 10 AM to 12 Noon

Coffee 9:30 AM - Program promptly at 10:00

- DoubleTree by Hilton, 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA (Exit 48, off 495)

Presenting: Michael Derouin, AAF, AIFD, PFCI. A second generation floral designer and floral educator. Donation \$45 “The perfect special gift for your gardening Mother, sister, friend, and YOU to celebrate the holiday season, Christmas, Hanukkah, Valentine Day, etc....”

Please send check payable to GCFM to: Penni Jenkins, Registrar

241 Elm Street, Walpole, MA 02081 Deadline: April 22, 2025 Tickets are Non-Refundable

PICTURES AND MORE PICTURES -

Beautiful reminders of our successful Showcase 2025.

















Volunteer Appreciation Party

The Outings Committee invites you
to come in from the cold and enjoy a fun program in January!



**A Celebration of all things Irish!
At any time of the year**

WINE * CHOCOLATE * CHEESE

Presented by Kim Larkin—Licensed Commercial Chocolatier

Date: **Tuesday, January 14, 2025**
Time: **2:00 – 3:30** (Program starts at 2:00)
Where: Kappy's Liquors, 333 Iyanough Road, Hyannis, MA
Cost: \$25 per person

A fun program celebrating Ireland, Irish chocolate pioneers, Celtic lore, Irish poetry, The Book of Kell's artistry, famous Irish authors and the history of the Claddagh. Samplings of Irish Claddagh Chocolates, Aged Blarney Cheese and Irish wine pairings!

RSVP needed by December 27th: We are limited to a maximum of 35 participants. If you plan to attend, please respond to ncwong243@gmail.com. Checks should be made payable to Garden Club of Hyannis and mailed to Nancy Wong, 243 Mystic Drive, Marstons Mills, MA 02648.

Kappy's is offering a discount to those attending. Discount policy for wine (750ml) only: Purchase 1-5 bottles and receive 10% off. Purchase 6 bottles or more and receive 15% off.

MEET . . . Sue Robb



Sue Robb joined the Garden Club of Hyannis at the urgings of her friends from Bass River in 2021. Sue was looking for connection to more year-round residents in the cape community and she loves the camaraderie she found among garden club members, as much as all the new material she has learned about gardening and landscaping.

Sue grew up in Buffalo, New York (Go Bills!). When she graduated from SUNY Buffalo, she was prepared for a career as an accountant, and she continues to work part-time for Kelly McGuile Home. Sue's sharp business sense was clearly demonstrated when she organized the raffle for the recent GCH's Winter Showcase, gathering over \$2500 in prizes and generating over \$8000 for the club.

Sue and her husband, John, raised their 2 sons Brendan and David in Massachusetts. This year, they were delighted to add their new daughter-in-law Morgan to the family, when David got married in San Francisco.

A voracious reader, one of Sue's favorite reads is "The Personal Librarian" by Maria Benedict. Also, she highly recommends "The Book of Awakenings" by Mark Nepo which provides reflections that inspire her daily. Sue practices yoga, and spends as much time outside as possible, with a keen interest in conservation. In recent years, Sue has also become an intrepid sailor. She's certainly a great addition to our membership.