

The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings



January 2024

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Upcoming Events

January 15, Monday = Floral Design 201 Workshop *Abstracting* 9:30 am to 11:30 am

February 1, Thursday = Wine, Chocolate and Cheese Pairing, Kappy's 2pm to 3:30 pm

"A garden is half-made when it is well planned. The best gardener is the best one who does the most gardening by the winter fire." — Liberty Hyde Bailey

January is the time when we start to dream of the garden to come - perusing through garden catalogs and planning in our notepads. Be sure to make a list of your "wants" and "shares" for exchanges among our garden club members! Our attention also turns to indoors as we rely more on our houseplants to bring us happiness. This month, C.L. Fornari, Cape Cod gardening guru, will join us to discuss "House Plant Happiness" with tips on how to care for our house plants and keep them healthy. This is sure to be a presentation not to be missed! Our outings committee is also planning a fun outing to Kappy's in Hyannis for a chocolate and wine pairing event - be sure to contact the committee to see if there are any spots still available. Remember to bring your spare change (or even dollars) for our **Penny Pines** reforestation project!

Linda Kiley

Showcase update - Kitty, Diane, and Sally

First, some great news!

The Town of Yarmouth has awarded the Holiday Showcase and Winter Marketplace \$6,500 to support our programming! Thanks to Treasurer Candi Hurwitz for her collecting all the info we needed to prove who we are, and to VP Betty Logan for alerting us to the opportunity. The grant is designed to support special events that will encourage people to visit Yarmouth. Our grant proposal said we would promote the Showcase on the Southcoast to generate more attendance from off Cape as well as support general programming. Please stay tuned for details once we negotiate our contract with the Town.

Showcase committee meeting

We will meet at the Cultural Center on **Monday, January 22, from 1-3 pm in the Owl Room**. Please have at least one member of each room team at the meeting. All chairs of administrative committees are also kindly asked to attend, or to send a report to one of the managing chairs.

Committee members, watch your email for details, including a request for agenda items.

BTW, any GCH member is welcome to attend as well, especially if you are still looking for a spot to serve.

Help wanted -- we're looking for someone or two to take charge of signage, Skills needed -- ability to use a design software, accuracy, proofreading, and ability to work with the printer for production. Contact Kitty Lorenz for details.

And finally, there is great buzz about as the various teams work on items for the Winter Marketplace, imagining the vignettes for the various space, and all other activities that will knit together to produce our triannual extravaganza. Thanks to all of you who are contributing so much. Teamwork makes the dream work. And we are grateful to you all.

Gardening Education — Gail Hubacher

For those interested in continuing education in various areas related to garden club goals and objectives.

UPCOMING SCHOOLS:

- Gardening School, Course 2, Apr 25-27, Hybrid, Chelmsford
- Landscape Design School, Course 1, March 26-27 Zoom
- Landscape Design School, Course 2, Jan 18-19, Zoom
- Flower Show School, Oct 16-18 in MA. in person.
- Environmental School, Course 1, Mar 18-21, Zoom

As you know, there is **tuition reimbursement** available for those attending through our *Members' Education Grant*.

For more details please see Education, Schools at GCFM.ORG and NGC.ORG, also contact Gail Hubacker.

Conservation Tip for January – Nancy Beless

Disposal of textiles - What to do with textiles no longer useful? MA residents throw 250,000 tons of textiles into trash each year. Much of these can be recycled into other products. So, what is considered a textile? In November 2022 MA banned textiles from disposal in landfill trash. Textiles are considered clothing, footwear, bedding, small rugs, bags, backpacks, curtains, fabric, stuffed animals etc. that are clean and dry. They can be worn, ripped, stained, and still be donated. Where to recycle textiles? Textiles can be donated to thrift shops, nonprofit collection bins at local landfills, such as Goodwill and Salvation Army or at for profit recycle collection bins. What happens to textiles? Many are sold for reuse or recycled into other products. For example, cotton is one of the easiest fabrics to make into recycled garments. Patagonia is one company using recycled polyester rather than virgin polyester to make many products. Look at labeling to see if made from recycled textiles. If textiles are thrown in trash, it can take 20 to 200 years for the materials to decompose and it generates greenhouse methane gas and dyes can leach into groundwater (aquifers on Cape Cod) and soil. Polyester, spandex and nylon are 3 fabrics that take a long time to decompose. Where to find recycling bins in Barnstable and Yarmouth? Bay State Textiles partners with towns to place bins in sites across MA. This is a for profit company which provides jobs and recycles textiles for various products. Barnstable: Collection bins are found at all Barnstable Schools Yarmouth: Collection bins are found at 210 Station Ave (High School), S.Y : 276 Station Ave (Station Ave School), S.Y. : 606 Forest Road, W.Y : and 400 Higgins Crowell, W.Y.

For more info: mass.gov MassDEP>Recycling and Reuse
www.baystatetextiles.com



Winter Marketplace - Dolores Ahern

Please bring any finished projects to the membership meeting on Tuesday.
(Shell projects, Jewelry art, etc.)

We are trying to keep track of what we have or will have, so it is much appreciated if you would let us know.

Also, if you are creating something for the Marketplace, please let us know what it is and how many you will be making.

If you would like to make something we haven't thought of, please let us know!

If you need ideas, also let us know!!!

Thank you!

HOSPITALITY – Angela Lipinski, Linda Zarif, Hospitality Chairs

I want to thank all members who attended the Holiday Luncheon. It was a smashing success.

Alberto's did a wonderful job. The room was artfully decorated, the food delicious and the waitstaff was very attentive to our needs, but what really made this event successful is each and every one of you. It is always a pleasure for me and Linda Zarif to host an event where all of you come together to enjoy a social event. The camaraderie was evident.

Also, thank you to all who donated to The Baby Center.

Get yourself ready to taste a little bit of Poland. Nancy Bailey, myself and our wonderful group of women will be serving Polish delicacies at our January meeting. Hope to see you there.



DESIGN - Nancy Costa

Monday, January 15 9:00 - 11:30 AM Floral Design 201 Workshop

W. Barnstable Comm. Center. **All are welcome!** Geared toward intermediate/advanced

“Abstracting - Floral Design Technique” Change the natural appearance of plant material by pruning, painting, cutting, weaving, plating (metal coating), shaping or other manipulation.

- ❖ Designers bring a piece or two of **dried foliage** to abstract
- ❖ **Committee will supply fresh aspidistra, sago palm, tepee palm & lily grass**
- ❖ Will not make completed designs/arrangements, but will practice several techniques for future designs
- ❖ Regarding **Showcase rooms** - this workshop will provide ideas for giving your floral designs the ‘pop’ to make them outstanding!

Please bring:

- couple pieces of dried foliage to paint (ex. Sago palm, magnolia leaves)
- small bottle of a bright color, craft paint & brush
- tool bag: scissors, wire, wire cutters, bind wire, few paper towels & bag for discards
- few clear bottles to stage/display finished pieces (same bottles used for staging hort)

On a snow day, take some time to watch the YouTube videos, below, before Workshop.

(Control & Click link or Copy & Paste link into your browser).

Aspidistra leaf manipulation (good place to start) “Leaf Manipulation in Floral Design”

Mark Frye youtube.com <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cor9WldKkzo> (15 min)

“How to Bend, Braid and Manipulate Foliage in a Flower Arrangement,” Angelyn Tipton

youtube.com <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvZcMMgaUPg> (21 min)

“Aspidistra Artistry” Hitomi Gilliam Hitomi is a recognized rock star of creativity!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUN-mYURMUc>



Abstracting foliage

Members' designs from **December 18, Design Workshop 101**

Practiced & discussed line design shape, **HORIZONTAL DESIGN** in monochromatic colors: all white or red, used as holiday centerpieces on a coffee or dining table.

Thank you, Ann Marie Carlson, for assisting.



Judy Bell



Sharon Cornelius



Elena Ahlin



Nancy Costa



Terry Mallett



Ann Marie Carlson



Overhead shot shows **balance & symmetry**



rich texture

Interest in learning how to make the Horizontal Design? Watch a 25 minute instructional video by Sharon Dower: click the underlined words in box below: **Back to Basics - Horizontal Design** or copy link into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaotURg29W0>

Members designed centerpieces for the December 15, 2023 Luncheon at Alberto's Ristorante. Designers, inspired by woodland theme, utilized wood disks and/or nutcrackers, provided by the Club. These freestyle designs are unique and represent your style and talent!



Thank you:

Sally Cameron, Margot Churchill, Gail Hubacker, Joyce Kelleher, Betty Logan, Dottie Palco, Nancy Costa





Upcoming Flower Shows and Events

NGC Flowers Shows. Challenge yourself - participate or visit the Shows to experience the beauty of Horticulture and Design.

- ❖ **Connecticut - Feb. 22-25, 2024** “Bursting into Spring” @ CT Convention Center, Hartford. This will be the 42nd Annual CT Flower & Garden Show. Info at www.ctgardenclubs.org
- ❖ **Rhode Island - April 4-7, 2024** “Rhode Island in Bloom” @ RI Convention Center, Providence. Will occur during the 74th Annual RI Home Show. Info at www.rigardenclubs.org

Garden Clubs of MA

- ❖ “**Environmental Studies School**” National Garden Clubs on **ZOOM**, March 18-21, 2024 afternoons, Info at www.gcfm.org
- ❖ “**Gardening School**,” National Garden Clubs on **ZOOM**, **April 25-27, 2024**, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Info at www.gcfm.org
- ❖ “**FUNDamentals of Floral Design**” **April 17, 2024**, Plymouth Library, Plymouth MA, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Info at www.gcfm.org

“**Art in Bloom**” (MFA) Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, April 28 - 30, 2024, during Museum hours, Info at www.mfa.org



Here are two photos of the team who took down the trees at the hospital. Thank you!





THE GARDEN CLUB OF HYANNIS OUTINGS COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO COME FOR A FUN PROGRAM!

**A PERFECT PAIRING
WINE * CHOCOLATE * CHEESE**

Presented by Kim Larkin—Licensed Commercial Chocolatier

A fun, educational program highlighting the history and health benefits of dark chocolate and wines with insights from my commercial chocolate background. Chocolates, cheese and wine pairings!

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 (Program starts at 2:00)

Where: Kappy's Liquors, 333 Iyanough Road, Hyannis, MA

Cost: \$25 per person

RSVP needed by January 19: 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.

