



Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



*'Caring for and sharing the joys and beauty of the Earth'
Education-Service-Conservation*

May 2014



**APRIL AUCTION ~ A GOOD TIME
WAS HAD BY ALL**

Congratulations to our Ways and Means Dynamic Duo: Bobbie Dwyer and Sally Baer for putting on another outstanding fundraising event.

Thanks to ALL who helped make the April 25th Auction Fundraiser such a HUGE success. Special thanks to Sally for her Herculean efforts the day before the auction and the night of. Great Job!



CLUB NEWS OF SPECIAL NOTE

June 1st Membership Due are due. Please send your check and completed membership form to Joan O'Brien, P.O. Box 844, Pocasset, MA 02559.

June 11th Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers at the Pocasset Golf Club, Club House Dr., Pocasset 5:30 Cocktails (Cash Bar); 6:30 Dinner (\$30) Complete the Invitation Form and mail with your check to Kit Nelson, P.O. Box 418, Pocasset, MA 02559 by June 1st please.

***Our President's 2013-2014 Club Theme:
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Upcoming Events

(Check your yearbook for more details)

May 12 **Board Meeting** -10:30 am
Day Meeting at the church
Tea at Noon, meeting 12:30pm
**Program: Floral Designs
Inspired by Fabulous Gardens**
Presented by: Thelma Shoneman

May 14 **Evening Meeting** at the Library
Social at 6:30 with Derby themed
goodies and beverage.
Meeting 7:00 pm
Program: Kentucky Derby
Presented by: Bobbie Dwyer
WEAR YOUR STEPPING-OUT HAT!

May **Garden Therapy**
13th Cape Cod Sr. Resid. ~ 21st Bourne Manor

MAY 15 **PLANT DROP OFF BY 5PM**
Pocasset Community Bldg. **AND**
**Committee Chair's Yearly
Report are due - please send to
Sandy Cortese.**

May 17 **PLANT & BAKE SALE**
Pocasset Community Bldg.
Barlow's Landing Rd.



OTHER EVENTS*

May 16- 18 **HERB FESTIVAL AND PLANT
SALE ~ 10 - 4**
Green Briar Nature Center

(*See the current issue of the Mayflower for State as well as Local Club events and news.)

Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne is a member of the Southeastern District of Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, New England Region Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

AROUND TOWN

The following has been gleaned from various sources read over the last month or two:

- ◆ The Town of Bourne is offering discounted Rain Barrels (\$99). **THEY MUST BE ORDERED by MAY 27 AT 5PM.** Visit <https://greatamericanrainbarrel.com/c-99-bourne.aspx> for details. Call 800-251-2351 or email: info@tgarb.com to order. Pickup is May 31, 9-11am at the Recycling Center, MacArthur Blvd., Bourne.
- ◆ Free emergency 911 cell phones are available at the Bourne Senior Center. For more information or to pick up a 911 cell phone contact the Senior Center office at 508-759-0653. **NOTE:** donations of unwanted & used cell phones can be made at the Sr. Center Office.
- ◆ Recycling medicinal containers:
Some pharmacies and stores do accept for recycling. (Whole Foods encourages consumers to bring all No.5 plastics to their store, which generally includes medicine bottles.) A helpful resource for finding recycling outlets for specific materials is www.Earth911.com.

Bourne Police Station has a drug drop-off bin (empty med contains are accepted in this bin too) located in the entrance of the Main Street Station and is available throughout the year.
- ◆ Barnstable County is 1 of 4 counties with a state-funded program to test ticks for the pathogens that cause Lyme disease as well as Babesiosis and Anaplasmosis. Each town on the Cape (and Nantucket) was allocated 100 ticks to be tested free of charge...this is normally a \$140 test. People will be able to see what they were exposed to if bitten, or potentially exposed to if they find an unattached tick. For more information contact Larry Dapsis at 508-375-6642 or call Cape Cod Cooperative Extension at 508-375-6690.



THIS AND THAT GREEN IDEA

- ◆ A gift idea: Fire Extinguisher as every home should have one.
- ◆ Turn off water while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- ◆ Print on both sides of the paper, when possible.
- ◆ Don't air condition an empty room
- ◆ Collect rain water to water your houseplants and gardens.

PRUNING HORT TIP ~ DO THIS NOW! THINK IT'S SAFE DUE TO THE VERY COLD APRIL WE'RE JUST COMING OUT OF!

The following is not a comprehensive list, but some of the commonly found shrubs that flower on new growth and can be trimmed in early spring without impacting flower display (but it might push the flower time to later in the season):

Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)
Caryopteris (Blue Mist Shrub)
Clethra (Summersweet)
Cotinus (Smoke Bush)
Hibiscus (Rose of Sharon)
Itea (Sweetspire)
Kolkwitzia (Beauty Bush)
Hypericum (St. Johnswort)
Potentilla (Cinquefoil)
Rosa (Rose)

Yearbook Correction/Changes

New Email Joan O'Brien - PLEASE see the newsletter cover email for this as we will no longer be publishing this information in the newsletter since it's posted on the Internet.

If your contact information changes please notify the Editor and the membership will be notified. Thanks!