



Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



"Learning, Growing and Sharing Together."

November 2016

MESSAGES

A Message From Our President

To all members,

I am very excited about our club's Small Standard Flower Show that will be held on May 10th. I want to share some thoughts with you so that you will feel that excitement too. The show gives us an opportunity to focus on horticulture (the plants that we grow) and design (the way we put plant material together.)

Over the next several months, we will learn how everyone can enter a plant specimen, grown inside or outside, in the show. In line with that, our meetings will teach us how to force spring flowering branches and how to prepare house plants for showing.

All the types of designs included in our show will be demonstrated by club members at meetings before May. Mentors will be available to all designers as desired. There will be many opportunities for members to help with set-up and the details that go along with putting on this event.

I think, come May, we will all be pleased with another Aptucxet Garden Club accomplishment.

Yours in friendship,
Judy

Our President's 2016-2017 Club Theme
"Learning, Growing and Sharing Together"

Upcoming Events and Workshops (Check Your Yearbook for more details)

- Nov 4-6 **Annual Mass. Orchid Society's Orchid Show "World of Orchids"**
Mahoney's Garden Center in Winchester, MA. Exotic displays of blooming orchids from around the world will fill their 10,000 square foot greenhouse to showcase the "World of Orchids" theme.
- Nov 5 **"Ikenoba Ikebana Society of Boston"** free exhibition.
- Nov 14 **Board Meeting** 10:45 am
Day Meeting Tea 12:00 pm
Meeting 12:30 pm
Bourne Methodist Church
Program: "Having Fun With Design"
Horticulture: How to exhibit horticulture in a Standard Flower Show.
- Nov 16 **Garden Therapy** 10:00 am
Cape Cod Nursing Home
- Nov 26 **Boxwood Workshop**, 9:00-12:00, 25 Michael Road, Pocasset
- Nov 29 **Wreath Making & Mug Decorating**
9:00 – 3:00 pm, Pocasset Community Building, Barlows Landing, Pocasset
- Nov 30 **Evening Meeting Social** 6:30 pm
Bourne United Methodist Church
"Holiday Centerpiece Workshop"
- Dec 2-3 **Greens Sale** 5:00 pm – till closing
Briggs McDermott Forge
- Dec 13 **Garden Therapy** 3:00 pm
Cape Cod Senior Residences
- Dec 14 **Garden Therapy** 10:00 am
Bourne Manor

A Big "Thank You" for the successful October 1, 2016 Plant and Bake Sale



Thanks to all who participated in the Hypertufa Workshop. We had fun playing in the sand, and at the same time made containers for ourselves and the club. A special Thanks goes to Bobbie Dwyer and Sally Baer for planning and running a very "Concrete" workshop.

The Plant and Bake Sale was a very soggy event but we pulled it off well, despite the rain.

To all who worked so hard-- setting up on Friday-- baking, digging plants, selling, buying and cleaning up at the end. It took the effort of many!



Total profit \$950

Thank you so very much!

Ways and Means Co-Chairs
Alda Barron and Laura Bergeron



Last Call From Ways and Means

There is plenty of time left to plant bulbs. We have some nice varieties from our plant sale that will be available for purchase at the evening and day meetings in November. Take a look!

Alda and Laura

Bourne Food Pantry

The Friends of the Bourne Food Pantry are preparing for the Holidays and are in need of the following list of food items. We ask you to bring one or more of these items to either the day or evening November Meetings. Kathy Sargent-O'Neill will once again deliver the items to the food pantry. Thank you to all the folks who brought in donations for the Bourne Food Pantry last month. When Kathy dropped them off they were thrilled and thanked us for our generosity!



Jars of Turkey Gravy, Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Veggies, Stuffing Mix, Cake Mixes and/or Quick Bread Mixes

Message from Our Horticulture Chair



As members of the Aptucxet Garden Club, we all look forward to expanding our knowledge in horticulture. This year we have a perfect event to learn more by participating in our May Flower Show (which is an expectation of the National Garden Club.)

To conform to this club expectation, we ask that for the day and evening November meetings, every member bring in a horticulture specimen from your garden labeled for genus and species. Help will be available from garden club members, the library and your computers. My phone number is 508 833-2828.

Sylvia Wahl

What's New on AGCB's Project Front

The Club is undertaking many projects this year in addition to our wonderful Jr. Gardeners and Garden Therapy Programs. We thought you'd like to know about two initiatives that involve Children's and School Gardens in town. The 'report' below was submitted at the request of GCFM's President, Betty Sanders, to be shared with the six New England State Garden Clubs at their Regional Annual Meeting which was held in October.

The Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne is very fortunate to have enthusiastic partners in the Bournedale Elementary School's principal, teachers, and PTO.



Apple Tree

Over the last three years we've held Arbor Day tree plantings at the school. The teachers have given pre-event poetry, art and writing assignments to the students to help them realize the importance of trees and nature.



Kousa Dogwood Tree



Liatris

This past fall we worked with a group of parents/teachers to develop a pollinator garden plan to complement an outdoor classroom that was constructed over the summer. We're happy to report that the pollinator garden will be installed this fall with many of the plants (and some labor) donated by the Aptucxet Garden Club.



Achillea "Moonshine"



Ilex glabra

In addition to Bournedale Elementary we have a collaborative relationship with the Bourne High School Environmental Club, again donating pollinator-friendly plants to beautify the school's entry area. We hope to attend some of their Club's meetings this year to work with them on a plan to renovate a weed-infested center courtyard. The space will not only benefit birds, bees, and butterflies but the students themselves. Some of space is to be used to study nature and some will be dedicated to growing vegetables that will be used in healthy meal choices served in the school cafeteria.



Asclepias tuberosa

These two initiatives will help educate the next generations about humans' impact on and connection to the earth in addition to how nature works.



Meredith Chase says to keep those Flip-Tops coming!

Yearbook Additions, Corrections or Changes

Please welcome our new member Lisa Bindal! Her contact information is already in our yearbook.

If your contact information changes, please notify the Editor (Aptucxeteditor@gmail.com) and the membership will be notified via the email cover sheet of the newsletter.

October Joint Day and Evening Meeting

Gardening with Native Plants
Why It Matters!



Claudia G. Thompson



Claudia Thompson, Founder and President of "Grow Native Massachusetts" shared with us her passion for using native plants in her garden and explained the importance in doing so. She transformed her backyard in Cambridge, MA into a native garden which by her own count attracted 77 different kinds of birds!

Artistic Design in October



In keeping with our learning to make arrangements for our flower show in the spring, Sally Zeghibe, who was mentored by Bobbie Lingard, created a mass design staged in a space 30"high by 20"wide by 20" deep.

She quizzed us on what was wrong with her design. She intentionally made the design too big for the space to see if anybody in the audience would see her error. Congratulations to Bobbie Dwyer who saw the design error!



Hospitality

A big **Thank You** to the October 12TH Joint Meeting Hospitality Committee. Jean Davock, Amy Fenton, Ginny Flynn, Cheryl Keown and Ann Palm brought many delicious, creative and healthy goodies besides being marvelous hostesses. Very talented Ann Palm and Isabel Melo made three gorgeous centerpieces. Great job ladies!



Designs by Ann Palm



Design by Isabel Melo