



# Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



*Great Garden Clubs aren't born they're grown~ come grow with us!*

March 2016



## Candidates for the proposed Slate of Officers for the Aptucxet Garden Club for 2016-2018

President: Judy Sheehy  
First Vice-President: Jan Browne  
Co-Second Vice-Presidents: Alda Barron  
and Laura Bergeron  
Third Vice-President(s): *Vacant at this time*  
Recording Sec: Sally Curtin  
Corresponding Sec: Carolyn Nelson  
Treasurer: Bobbie Dwyer

We will abide by the by-laws for voting in this new slate at a later date.

While we do not have anyone to fill in the administrative portion of Third Vice-President, we did receive an offer from a member who agreed to help conduct the evening meetings. After much discussion of some alternate proposals many of which seemed not very practical, we decided to again appeal to ALL member(s) including newer member(s) of the club who may be willing to take on the responsibilities of the evening meetings including participating with the committee to plan programs for the year. This is an opportunity to learn the skills for choosing, securing, and introducing speakers. Please contact Sylvia Wahl if you have any questions or to let her know that you're ready, willing, and able to assume the position of Third Vice-President.

It should be noted at this time that the AGC Board feels that this is only a temporary problem, as we have had an influx of many new enthusiastic members who will be the future of our club.

If there is no response to this request, the club would then offer this plan for the evening group:  
In addition to the option of attending the day meetings, the Evening meetings for next year would be: October, joint meeting, December, the greens workshop, February, an evening meeting with speaker and April, joint meeting.

Sylvia Wahl, Chair of Nominating Committee

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

- March 9 **Evening Meeting**  
Social 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm  
Bourne Methodist Church  
Program: "Container Gardening" Deborah Trickett will give a presentation on "How we can make "jaw-dropping" container gardens." Horticulture: Herbs - Annuals vs. Perennials.
- March 14 **Board Meeting** 10:45 am  
**Day Meeting** Tea 12:00 pm  
Meeting 12:30 pm  
Bourne Methodist Church  
Program: "Tools for the Aging and Smart Gardener" Mary Arnberg will give us "smart tips" about how to do gardening tasks to help prevent injury and keep us gardening.
- March 16 **Garden Therapy** 10:00 am  
Bourne Manor
- March 16-20 **Boston Flower & Garden Show**
- March 24 **GCFM Civic Development**  
Workshop "Great Gardens of New England" 10:30 am till 2:00 pm The Espousal Center
- April 7 & 8 **Gardening Study School**  
Course III, Tower Hill, Boylston
- April 12 **Garden Therapy** 3:00 pm  
Cape Cod Senior Residences

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.

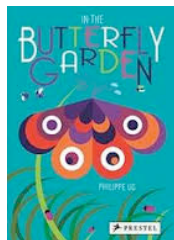
## Junior Gardeners At Bournedale Elementary School



**Gardens Kids Can Grow**  
(Members of Gardeners)  
Visit: [AmoldForAll.net/VATN/Cleaning.com](http://AmoldForAll.net/VATN/Cleaning.com)

We are looking for two volunteers to help run one of the Jr. Gardener's meetings at the Bournedale Elementary School on either Wednesday May 25th or June 1st. There will be 12 third graders in the class and the

meeting runs from 3-4 pm and you must be CORI'd to help in the school. Laura Bergeron will be graciously running the program the three prior weeks and she is available to help plan and guide you. You could have the meeting be about working in the butterfly garden and how important pollinators are. She does admit that the hardest part is keeping the kids occupied for the entire time so she does plan for something else for them to do. If you are willing to help out please e-mail Bobbie Dwyer with your availability.



Thanks everyone.

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

- April 13 **Board Meeting 5:30 pm**  
**Joint Evening Meeting**  
6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm meeting  
Bourne Methodist Church  
"Surprise Program!"  
Speaker: Suzanne Mahler  
Artistic Design: "Students" from February's Workshop
- April 20 **Garden Therapy 10:00 am**  
Cape Cod Nursing Home
- April 21 **Southeast District Annual Meeting and Luncheon**  
Plymouth Country Club,  
Plymouth 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
- April 25 **GCFM Horticulture Morning**  
"Naturescape Your Yard"  
with Karen Bussolini  
10:00 am-12:00 noon Tower Hill  
Botanical Gardens, Boylston, MA  
(Check Mayflower for details)
- April 26 **GCFM The Ruth A. Wallack Fund** presents "Fun with Flowers" with Jay Schwanke  
Regis College Fine Arts Center,  
Weston, MA 10:00 am  
Tickets \$15.00, \$20 after March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
(Check Mayflower for details)

### Yearbook Additions, Corrections or Changes

*We would like to welcome our newest member  
of the Garden Club.*

**Karen Cronburg**

*To be inducted in March*

*You will find her contact information on the email  
coversheet of this Newsletter.*

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

***Our Presidents' 2015-2016 Club Theme: Great  
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**More on Soils and Composting**  
**From Sylvia Wahl**

As you know soils are made up of minerals, clay, sand and silt, together with organisms, water and air filling in the pores. Walking on garden soils at this time of year squeezes out the air stifling it and leaving the soil waterlogged/compacted. Better to use your garden paths when visiting your garden at this time of year.

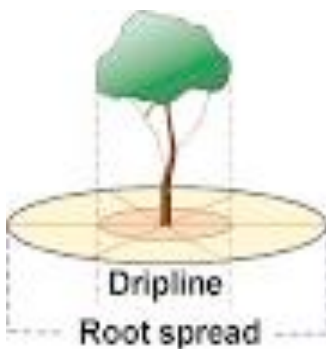


Soil is workable when you can pick up a handful, make a ball and toss from one hand to the other and it falls apart.

Otherwise leave it be to dry out.

If you know your soil ph, you can scratch in your 10-10-10 fertilizer at this time at the drip line of plants or spread it into the soil in vegetable garden. We will aim to do soil testing at the spring plant sale.

Are you thinking about composting? While doing the research on what and where you want to do your composting, collect your coffee grounds and scratch them into the ground around the drip line of your acid loving plants, rhoddys, azaleas, magnolias and evergreens.



Sylvia Wahl

**Single Stream Recycling passed at the recent Special Town Meeting**



Now it is time for Bourne residents to pay attention to the information that will be given out so there will be a smooth transition for the members of the community using wheeled carts and being more diligent in recycling. Neighborhood meetings, newspaper, cable TV and the recycling committee will be available to answer any questions about this new concept.

**Donate Pull Tabs for Recycling**

Meredith Chase has also asked us to continue to bring pull tabs to the meetings. Pull tabs from beverage cans can be saved to be sold to a recycling company and the money collected is used to fund transportation for needy children under 18 years old. The can itself is not worth as much money as the pull tab which is pure aluminum.



Thank you! Meredith Chase

**To all GCFM club members;**

There is still time to sign up for the **Civic Development Workshop** "Great Gardens of New England". Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM The Espousal Center, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham. MA . See here a link to the notice and registration form.

[Civic Development Workshop](#)

**Gardening Study School, Course III is scheduled for April 7 & 8, at** Tower Hill Botanic Gardens in Boylston. This is a good way to continue learning about gardening with knowledgeable speakers talking on a variety of subjects. It is possible to register for a single day as well as the course itself, and we hope you will take the exams, but it is not required. Please click here [Gardening Study School 2016](#) For the registration form and information.

Linda Jean Smith

**SE District Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**

*Plymouth Country Club*

221 Warren Avenue

Plymouth, MA

(for directions) [www.plymouthcc.net](http://www.plymouthcc.net)

8:30- 9:15 AM Continental breakfast

9:15 AM Meeting begins

Program: Awards  
Opportunity to Raise Funds (Raffle)

*Thelma Shoneman, Floral Designer*

*Floral designs inspired by spring garden of U.S. gardens visited across the country*

Luncheon Choice of:

Mixed green salad with lobster and lump crab salad or  
Layered Caprese Salad with Grilled Chicken and Balsamic Glaze  
Vegetarian Option available

To register please send payment of \$40 by Friday, April 1, 2016.

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Attendee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee's Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ Salad w/lobster and lump crab salad  
\_\_\_\_\_ Caprese salad w/grilled chicken and balsamic glaze  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Please note food allergies

Check made payable to GCFM (Deadline April 1, 2016)

Mail registration to:

**Marjorie Dienhart, 7 Elliot Lane, Plymouth, MA 02360 (508) 224-9631**