



Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



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

January - February 2014

HAPPY  & HEALTHY NEW YEAR

A FEW THINGS:



Bobbie Dwyer and Sally Baer send out a huge "THANKS" to all who helped with the Green Sale. The old adage "many hands make light work" held true and this year it also made for a very nice profit. We netted about \$1300, an all-time high for a greens sale.

January meeting (day only this month) is a Project meeting. Judy Sheehy has asked that you bring your pruners and some clipping from your gardens of small-leaf evergreens of various shapes and colors (euonymus, vinca, etc.) to use in the tray arrangements.

February meeting's (night only this month) presentation is all about Trees and should be very interesting.

The March 12th evening meeting is a Q & A panel discussion "Everything You Want to Know About Your Garden" so start thinking about gardening questions for our panelists while you're sipping a nice warm cup of tea or cocoa and dreaming of the Spring.

Brighten up Betty May's day and say "hey" via a note or card as she recuperates at the Life Care Center, 94 Obery St., Plymouth, MA 02360.

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

(Check your yearbook for more details)

- Jan. 13 **Board Meeting** at 10:30 am
Day Meeting at the church
 Noon Tea
JANUARY MEETING PROJECT
 Create "Tray Favors" for Meals on Wheels
- Feb. 12 **Evening Meeting** at the Library
 Social at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 pm
Program: For the Love of Trees
- Feb. 11 **Garden Therapy**
 Cape Cod Senior Residence
- Feb. 19 **Garden Therapy**
 Cape Cod Nursing Home

OTHER EVENTS

- Jan. 25-26 **Orchid Show 9am-5pm**
 Cape & Islands Orchid Society
 at the Resort and Conference
 Center in Hyannis. For details visit
 them at www.caios.org
- Mar. 12-16 **Boston Flower Show**
 Visit: www.bostonflowershow.com

(*See the current issue of the Mayflower for State as well as Local events)

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NEED A NATURE FIX THIS WINTER?

When cabin fever sets in and you just have to get outdoors think about trekking to one of these places:

Heritage Museum and Gardens - Sandwich, MA

Get the best of both worlds - you can walk the grounds or go inside the car "barn" or exhibit buildings to view the many interesting offerings they have.

Details at: www.heritagemuseumandgardens.org

Garden in the Woods - Framingham, MA

This lovely native plant garden has open trails during the winter for members only (might be worth joining) and many lectures and classes.

Details at: www.newfs.org

Arnold Arboretum - Jamaica Plain, MA

A beautiful place to walk around with lots of interesting plants. Find some new favorites as you see what they look like in their winter 'garb' or lack thereof. Details at: www.aboretum.harvard.edu

Mt. Auburn Cemetery - Cambridge, MA

Another beautiful place to walk about with lots of birds, interesting plants, and lovely headstones from the 1800's. Details at: www.mountauburn.org

Tower Hill Botanic Garden - Boylston, MA

An yet another beautiful display garden (gardens really) to walk and explore. They also have some wonderful exhibits and class offerings. Details at: www.towerhillbg.org

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST IF YOU'D PREFER AN INDOOR ADVENTURE

The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston has some wonderful exhibitions planned for this winter and if you hurry you can catch the Sargent Watercolor Show there until January 20th.

Or closer to home: The Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton is a little gem with wonderful items on display.



THIS AND THAT GREEN IDEAS

1. Keep your fireplace clean by hiring a chimney sweep to inspect your chimney once a year. This will keep ash and soot from collecting in the fireplace and significantly improve overall efficiency and cut down the possibility of a fire hazard.
2. Use grates made of C-shaped metal tubes to draw cool room air into the fireplace and circulate warm air back into the room.
3. Thinking of replacing your old fireplace? Consider a gas fireplace. These provide the enjoyment of looking at flames but can be 70% more efficient than regular fireplaces.
4. Choose wisely when picking a salt for your driveway this winter. Many salts contain harmful chemicals that can leech into the surrounding environment. Look around for environmentally friendly options. Also: Cat litter and bird seed are great for traction when you need to get out of your driveway!

Yearbook Correction/Changes

Email Address changes/Member additions:

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If your contact information changes please notify the Editor (ksoland@verizon.net) and the membership will be notified via this newsletter panel. Thanks!