



# Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne

*As the Garden grows, so shall the Gardener*

## Monthly Newsletter December 2018

### November Day Meeting

The Tea Committee set a beautiful table! Amy Fenton and Linda Wagner display their beautiful cornucopias!



Laura Murphy did a fun presentation on making a vegetable oasis wreath! And Karen Cronberg gave an informative presentation on gourds grown in her own garden.



Rachael Jakuba spoke on **Striving for a Healthy Buzzards Bay**. Some of her tips included:

- Conserve water,
- Reduce use of fertilizers,
- Don't pour toxic household cleaners down the drain,
- Pump out septic tanks every 2 to 3 years,
- Keep storm drains clear,
- Plant indigenous water tolerant plants, &
- Pull weeds by hand.

Her last tip is (of course) a favorite for all gardeners!

Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace. – May Barton



### Our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Ladies our beautiful sun catchers are here to commemorate our club's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Made by Pairpoint Glass, they are amethyst for the school colors of the Town of Bourne. They come gift boxed and will be available for sale at our December meeting for \$15. Support your club and buy one.

### Many Thanks! - Aptucxet Trading Post Gardens Clean Up



*From left; Nancy Selchan, Marcia Willmott, Donna Pascarella, Joan O'Brien, Harriet Place, Dorothy Haney. Not pictured: Jan Casiello, Judy Sheehy*

## November Evening Meeting



Anna Holmes showed us **5 Fun Gifts to Make in Less Than 10 Minutes**. She made table decorations, a hanging basket, a terrarium, a lantern (shown above) and a bulb starter gift basket (shown below).



Sally Baer led the auction. Not only did we have fun; but we also made a little money. It was a lovely introduction to the gift giving season that connects our love of gardening with our love of family and friends!

## Thank You!

The **Picks Workshop** was a great success! With great creativity and enthusiasm, much was accomplished. Thank you to all participants!

**BE SAFE** .....



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Our meeting space can be very busy with other groups and visitors. Please remember to keep your valuables close and lock your cars.

## Holiday Workshops – Ho, Ho, Ho!



Please give of your time and your talent and sign up to participate in the Holiday Workshops.

### Boxwood Tree & Swag Workshop – December 3

Boxwood Trees at 9:00 & Swags at 11:00  
25 Michael Road, Pocasset

### Holiday Centerpiece Workshop – December 5

Please bring lots of greens with you for this event. An oasis will be provided for your Take Home Centerpiece; but only to those that have signed up. If you did not sign up in November and still wish to participate, please e-mail Alda Barron.

### Green & Bake Sale – December 7 & 8

This is our largest fund raiser, so please sign up and participate. People love your baked goods!

**NOTE: Remember the oasis wreaths are on sale for only \$7! If you need them before the next meeting, contact Alda Barron.**



## Books for Lending

Members may borrow the following books from the Club. They are available to be signed out at the day and evening meetings.

- Designing by Types
- Table Settings for All Seasons, in the Home & in the Flower Show
- Creative Flower Arranging
- Handbook for Flower Shows 2017

# Looking Ahead

December Calendar	
3	<p><b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Boxwood Tree &amp; Swag Workshop</b> 25 Michael Road, Pocasset</p>
5	<p><b>6:30 PM Social</b> <b>6:45 PM Evening Meeting</b> <b>Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ <b>Annual Holiday Centerpiece Workshop</b> Create a holiday centerpiece for your home and make one for the Greens Sale. There will be a few quick demonstrations to spark your creativity. <b>Bring greens, a container for your personal centerpiece, gloves, clippers and your holiday spirit! All other materials will be provided.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Hospitality:</b> Cathy Leone, Isabel Melo and Kathy Sargent O’Neil</p>
10	<p><b>10:45 AM Board Meeting</b> <b>12:00 PM Tea</b> <b>12:30 PM Day Meeting</b> <b>Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ <b>Artistic Design:</b> <b>Bring</b> your holiday décor that you have on your front door for <b>Show &amp; Tell.</b></li> <li>✚ <b>Horticulture:</b> <b>Gardening Books for gifts</b> by Karen Cronberg</li> <li>✚ <b>Pot Luck Lunch and Holiday Memories</b> <b>Bring</b> a dish for the <b>Pot Luck.</b> Punch and coffee will be provided. <b>Garden Ornament Swap.</b> If you wish to participate in the Swap, bring an unwrapped and inexpensive garden themed ornament.</li> </ul> <p>Tea Chair: Irene Johnson &amp; Isabel Melo Committee: Kit Nelson &amp; Laverne Newman Décor Theme: White Christmas</p>
11	<p><b>1:00 – 2:00 PM Holiday Arrangement Demonstration</b> Bourne Senior Center <b>3:00 PM Garden Therapy</b> Cape Cod Senior Residences</p>
19	<p><b>10:00 AM Garden Therapy</b> Bourne Manor</p>



#### 4 Fun Christmas Tree Facts



1. Long before Christianity, evergreen plants and trees had a special meaning for people in the winter months. They would decorate their homes with boughs of evergreen to keep away illness, witches, evil spirits and even ghosts!
2. Germany is credited with beginning the Christmas tree tradition in the 16th Century. It is believed that Martin Luther was the first to add lighted candles to the holiday tree.
3. The first record of Christmas trees in America was in the 1830s when German settlers brought the tradition to Pennsylvania.
4. When Queen Victoria's German husband, Prince Albert, put up a Christmas tree at Windsor Castle in 1848, the tradition was born in England, the United States and Canada.

Source: History Channel



#### Bourne Library Charity Fund Raiser

Marilyn Crane, Chris Crane and Janet Clay made a "Charming Tree", decorated with wine glass charms, as their contribution to the Library Fund Raiser. Their donation will benefit the Library Childrens Program. Well done ladies!



#### Message from the President

*Let's try to take a breath and enjoy the holidays! We have such a wonderful community of garden club ladies who willingly share garden tips, floral designs, recipes, laughter and tears.... Always taking the time to try their best to inspire others! It's not surprising that our garden club has been around and growing since 1937! I wish you all the very best of the holiday season!*

- Laura Bergeron



Happy Holidays!

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# Garden Club Sharing

## What We Can Do to Reduce Ticks This Coming Spring

The following is an excerpt from an e-mail from the Andover Garden Club. Thank you to Isabel Melo for sharing this information. *Excerpt text is shown in blue.*



**Excess Acorns + White Footed Mouse = More Ticks**

*The risk of Lyme disease increases 2 years after we have a heavy “mast” year production of acorns. Oak trees produce lots of acorns every 2-5 years. During a fall with tons of acorns (like last fall, for example), the white-footed mice eat, get fat, and reproduce wildly. And, because the white-footed mouse is a very good reservoir for the ticks that carry Lyme disease, tick populations explode. However, based on the tick life cycle, they eat blood from the mice, fall off, molt, and do not go looking for a human until the spring of the following year. Based on this, we can expect an increase in ticks biting us next spring. Ticks are most active in the spring. This is also when they are small and the hardest to see.*

One take away from this is how important it will be to manage mice populations this winter. One way to do this is to use Permethrin to kill the ticks on the mice. Here is how to do that. Stuff cardboard toilet rolls with cotton balls soaked with Permethrin and distributing them in areas where mice might seek shelter from winter, like: stone walls, wood piles, open under porch areas. *The mice take the cotton balls to make their nests and the permethrin kills the ticks on the mice. It does not kill the mice.*

*Start saving your toilet roll cardboards now if you plan to do this. Setting them around now is the best time. You can also use the permethrin to spray gardening shoes/boots.*

*Permethrin is used mostly to repel ticks. It is a man-made version of a material found in chrysanthemums. It works by attacking the nervous system of insects. It is NOT an organic pesticide. It attacks the nervous system of all insects, including bees. However, studies have shown if used on clothing/shoes to repel ticks and in limited uses such as recommended herein, the harm to the environment is mostly contained. As usual when weighing the use of pesticides, you should do a risk assessment when deciding how to keep yourself safe from Lyme disease and choose the least environmentally toxic method with the best efficacy.*

Link Source: <https://soundcloud.com/isgps-the-forum/episode-80>