



Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne

As the Garden grows, so shall the Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

January 2019

December Happenings

Wow! What a month of work and community giving for the club. Over forty members of the club participated in the wreath, boxwood, swag and centerpiece workshops and meeting. With a sense of true holiday spirit, the ladies created beautiful wreaths for the Bourne public buildings and dozens and dozens of wreaths, boxwood trees and centerpieces for sale. And then on top of that, they baked wonderful goodies for the Green and Bake Sale.

If you count up all the events, all the hours and all the ladies, you get more than 400 hours of community service work. Amazing! And this really underestimates the effort. Since it does not include all the other private hours that the members invested in their homes baking, gathering greens, and preparing for these events.

It goes without saying that the AGC is a hard working club, full of very creative ladies! Three cheers to everyone who participated!



I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, "Go to sleep darlings, till the summer comes again."

- *Lewis Carroll*



The BEST Green & Bake Sale EVER!!!

It took many hands with lots of creativity to make this Green and Bake Sale the best ever.

Green Sales	\$2,933
Bake Sales	\$342
Total	\$3,275

Thank you all!
Ways & Means Co-Chairs
Alda Barron / Jayne Hiron

Many Thanks! To honor the efforts of the club members, the next two pages are a photo collage from the December events.







Christmas Potluck Lunch Committee

Well done everyone, for a very successful Christmas Potluck. We had a wonderful medley of scrumptious food and treats. Special thanks to:

- ★ Kit Nelson for letting us borrow your gorgeous Father Christmas,
- ★ Julie Saunders for the lovely centerpiece, and
- ★ Laverne Newman, Kathy Sargent O’Neil, Paula O’Neil and Donna Pascarella for making it possible.



This year’s AGC Wreaths for the public buildings in Bourne

Recycling News

1. Why Plastic Bags Don’t Belong in Your Recycling Bin

Check out this short video at and you will never put a plastic bag in your recycling bin:

<https://recyclesmartma.org>

2. The Plastic Waste Industry in China

China is the largest importer of plastic waste. Over thirty towns are involved in this industry. Plastic China, Documentary is a 82 minute film about this industry and its impact on some of the poorest people in the world. The full video is available free on Amazon Prime and at:

WWWplasticchina.net

Recycle / Reuse Free Offer

Five blue plastic 50 gal barrels are offered. They can be used as rain barrels. Chris Crane has 4 and Sally Baer has 1. Barrels have to be picked up. If interested contact:

[\(crcrane03@comcast.net\)](mailto:crcrane03@comcast.net)

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A Reminder

Meeting information (time, dates and topics) can be found in three places:

- 📖 Yearbook,
- 📧 Newsletter, and
- 🌐 Our Website

www.aptuexetgardenclub.com

Member contact emails and phone numbers, as well as the bylaws, are available in the yearbook. This is a valuable resource for all things Garden Club.

Looking Ahead

January Calendar	
14	<p>NO Board Meeting JOINT DAY Meeting 12:00 PM Tea 12:30 PM Day Meeting Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Artistic Design: Gloria Gammons will demonstrate a Functional Tray for One✚ Horticulture: Birds In Your Winter Garden, by Karen Cronburg✚ Panel Discussion from the Members of the Aptuxet Garden Club <p>Tea Chair: Bobbie Dwyer Committee: Jan Browne, Joan O'Brien, Jan Rogers, Mary Reid & Claudina Quinn Décor Theme: Winter Blues</p>



Good News!

Our AGC Cookbook "Sharing Our Best" is back in stock! Copies of the book will be on sale at the January evening meeting for \$20.

This book is a treasure chest of recipes and tips on cooking, floral design and gardening! It's all about our tried and true recipes for wonderful meals here on the Cape.



Happy New Year
2019!

Interesting Plant Facts



White Pine

Pine is one of the most common building woods in New England. Homes from the days of the colonists were built from this lumber. President George Washington used pine for his floors at Mount Vernon.

Before the American Revolution, white pine was in high demand in Britain. King George III claimed ownership of all large American white pines. This infuriated the colonists, as they needed these trees for their own building projects. In fact, the tree was so important to them that the first colonial flag featured a white pine in the upper left corner. During that time rebellious colonists planked the floors of their homes with white pine in defiance of the British King.



Source: Cattail Moonshine & Milkweed Medicine



Message from the President

Greetings!

"Many hands make light work." So very true!

Last Wednesday when I arrived early to the evening meeting, many ladies were already busy making arrangements. I was very impressed and proud! Not to mention the work ladies put in making the picks, wreaths, swags, and boxwood trees for our greens sale. And when the Buzzards Bay Community Center wanted some arrangements for the seniors, Alda Barron and Lavern Newman immediately volunteered to help make them. That's the wonderful spirit of our club!

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

- **Laura Bergeron**



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