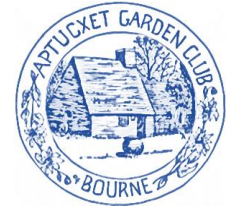


Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



As the Garden grows, so shall the Gardener

Monthly Newsletter March 2019

February Meeting



Cindy Williams

An "L" shaped flower design was presented.



Ellen Hammond

One of our best organized gardeners discussed her steps to get ready for garden work in the Spring.




Grace Rowe, BCT Trustee

Our key program speaker gave a very enlightening presentation on the Bourne Conservative Trust. In the last 40 years the BCT has acquired 300 acres for open space preservation throughout the Town of Bourne. They have established trails and installed benches. And the trails are all dog friendly!

Betsy Woodley's husband John is one of the hard working Trail Meisters. The presentation was inspiring. Many thanks to all the generous members of our community who have helped make the BCT such a success!


In the depth of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.
- Albert Camus

Boston Flower Show – The Beauty of Balance



March 13-17, Seaport World Trade Center

The Boston Flower Show is about inspiring, educating and motivating the region's gardeners. Whether for curb appeal, backyard, kitchen, indoor, rooftop or community gardening, this is where New England's green lovers go. Tickets are on sale on line @ bostonflowershow.com








Bay State Textiles Recycling

Do you have old linens or clothes that are too shabby to give to charity for reuse? Don't throw them away. They can still be recycled.

There are three containers located at the three schools: James F. Peebles Elementary, Bourne Middle and Bourne High. This is run by the local PTA's who have benefited by this project.

Favorite Herbs & Gardening Tips

<p>LAVENDER</p> 	<p>Plant around fruit trees to deter moths. Place around onions to deter maggots.</p> <p>Lavender has a long and ancient history of recorded uses. Egyptians made perfume from it. Early Romans bathed in lavender infused water. Queen Elizabeth drank lavender tea to ease her migraines. The flowers also look good and taste good in a glass of champagne.</p>
<p>ROSEMARY</p> 	<p>Plant near carrots and beans to deter flies and beetles. Sprigs placed with clothing will deter moths.</p> <p>Sprigs can be used to flavor roast chicken. (Try stuffing the cavity with rosemary, chunks of orange and onions. Yum!)</p>
<p>SAGE</p> 	<p>Plant near doorways to keep ants away. Plant in the vegetable garden to keep mice away.</p> <p>Sage is a beloved spice for many meat and poultry dishes. It is also good in bean dishes and tomato sauces.</p>
<p>FENNEL</p> 	<p>Plant near doorways and windows to repel flies and mosquitoes. Place fresh leaves in your pet's bedding and rub through its coat to deter fleas.</p> <p>Fennel is a member of the carrot family; and is the primary ingredient in absinthe.</p>
<p>BASIL</p> 	<p>Plant around tomatoes, cabbages and beans to protect them from insects.</p> <p>Basil, also known as St. Joseph's Wort, is a member of the mint family. It's leaves are added fresh to salads and soups. It is the main ingredient in pesto. (Try enhancing tomato soup with sautéed onions and fresh chopped basil leaves. Delicious!)</p>

Monarch Butterflies in the News



Monarch Butterfly in Massachusetts



Migratory Routes to Winter Nesting

Good News! This year's count of monarch butterflies wintering in Mexico shows an increase for the first time since 2006. The count of 15 acres of occupied forest is up from 6 acres last winter. The increase is attributable to favorable weather during the spring and summer breeding seasons and during the fall migration. Scientists estimate that 15 acres is the threshold to be out of the immediate danger zone of migratory collapse.

North American monarchs migrate each winter to Oyamel fir forests on 12 mountaintops in central Mexico. Scientists estimate the population size by measuring the area of trees turned orange by the clustering butterflies.

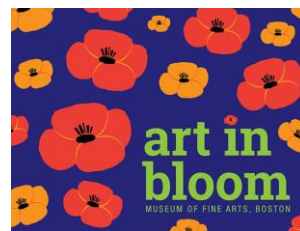
Monarchs have lost 165 million acres of breeding habitat in the U.S. The caterpillars only eat milkweed, but the plant has been devastated by increased herbicide spraying in conjunction with corn and soybean crops that have been genetically engineered to tolerate direct spraying with herbicides.

"This news is a thank-you from the butterflies to all the people who planted native milkweeds and switched to organic corn and soy products," said Tierra Curry, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity.

AGC Board News --- GUESTS

The Board has approved the following changes to our policies regarding Guests.

- *Members may bring guests at no charge twice a year.*
- *Other non-members shall be subject to a \$5.00 Admission Fee.*
- *A revised sign-in sheet will be prepared to identify the Public, Members and Members' Guests.*
- *Public announcements will be made at the Day Meeting at 1:00 PM, and at the evening meeting at 7:00 PM.*
- *Newspaper announcements of speakers and events will continue as part of our community outreach.*



Saturday April 27 – Monday April 29

Enjoy art from across the MFA's collection paired with magnificent floral interpretations. Daily events include tours of arrangements throughout the galleries; flower-arranging demonstrations; informal dining among European paintings at the Art in Bloom Café; and outdoor walking tours.

Looking Ahead

March Calendar	
11	<p>10:45 AM Board Meeting 12:00 PM Tea 12:30 PM Day Meeting Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Artistic Design: <i>Parallel Design</i> by Isabel Mello ✚ Horticulture: <i>Is it Spring yet? Getting Ready for the Growing Season</i> by Karen Cronburg ✚ Program: <i>Your Body in the Garden</i> Susan Guest is a club member and a Movement Instructor. She will present tips and tools for keeping healthy, while enjoying your time in the garden. <p>Tea: Chair: Alda Barron Committee: Barbara Daniels, Judy Loomis, Helen Barrington, Grechen Woodruff & Laurie York Décor Theme: Green Affair</p>
13	<p>6:30 PM Social 6:45 PM Evening Meeting Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Horticulture: <i>Elegantly "Fern-ished" Shade</i> by Ellen Hammond ✚ Program: <i>How to Make a Better Photo</i> Kristen Torkelson of KTIImages will share tips to taking pictures that tell the story you wanted to tell. She will give guidance for taking better photos of your home and garden. <p>Hospitality: Chris Crane & Irene Johnson</p>
20	<p>10:00 AM Garden Therapy Bourne Manor</p>



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Interesting Plant Facts



The Burren in Ireland

One of the most unique parts of Ireland lies in the northern part of its west coast. The Burren is a limestone swath of land that looks like the surface of the moon. In between tiny fissures in the rock, rests small channels of dirt and wild flower seed. In the spring, the land is transformed. It breaks into bloom with over 600 types of flora, encompassing Arctic, Alpine, Mediterranean and Irish species.



Gardening Quiz

How many native plant types are found on Cape Cod?

- a. 200
- b. 450
- c. 750
- d. 1,000



Answer: 450. Source: Cape Cod National Seashore



Message from the President

Gardeners are eternal optimists! Every winter all the glorious catalogs arrive by mail. I dream of being in the garden and thinking these new plants will be a great addition.

However, I need to remind myself that these plants arrive as bare roots and look nothing like the pictured flowers. And they arrive in April, when it's too early to plant; and I'll have to keep an eye on them from drying out or worse—freezing. Of course the plants are guaranteed and even though I've lost many plants, I've never taking advantage of a refund. But knowing all this—does it prevent me from ordering more plants? Well, I think you know the answer to that.



Happy Daydreaming!

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