

Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne

As the Garden grows, so shall the Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

June 2019

May Day Meeting

The Floral Design program was presented by Alda Barron, Gloria Gammons, Judy Sheehy and guest speaker Yvonne Capella.

Karen Cronberg gave an excellent talk on Peonies and also discussed how to get rid of some of our native invasive weed plants.



Peonies

Garlic Mustard & Swallow Wart Weeds

May Evening Meeting



Neal Saunders gave a delightful presentation on gardening. Neal has 13 mystery novels, about "strong women and gardening".

Special Event Reminder - 80th Anniversary Celebration w/ Wareham Garden Club

May 29th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Sacred Hearts Retreat Center
226 Great Neck Road, Wareham
Please come and celebrate our 80 years of gardening and civic service!

Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas. – Elizabeth Murray

AGC Awards from the GCFM

Two of our AGC members won special awards at the annual Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts meeting.

Bobbie Lingard won the Molly-Lou Traggis Award for Design, and Alda Barron won the Floribunda Award! Congratulations Ladies! We are so blessed to have both of you in our Club!



The Artistry in Design Award

The Floribunda Award

To quote her nomination, Alda Barron won this prestigious award for being *"kind and humble ... a highly creative floral designer ... an innovative gardener ... and a tireless worker."*



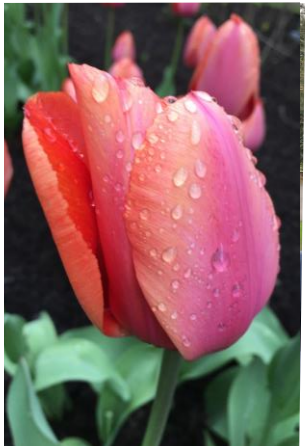
Alda Barron with President Laura Bergeron

Sherborn Garden Visit

AGC members visited the home of Susan and John Frieling in Sherborn, where 23,000 bulbs were planted last year! Landscape Architect Wes Wirth joined the group and provided wonderful insights on what was planted in each area of the garden.



Susan & John Frieling



Sally & Wes Wirth



This garden visit was an amazing celebration of Spring! The Frielings' and their Landscape Architect's vision for the garden created a wonderful, peaceful place to connect with Mother Nature. "Many Thanks" to Sally Zeghibe for organizing the trip!

AGC Members Pitch In to Make a Great Plant & Bake Sale



Once again the annual Plant and Bake Sale was a huge success! Thank you to all the members who donated plants and baked goodies! Together we made over \$2,500 for the Club!

AGC Welcomes the New Members of 2019

In May, the Board hosted a tea to welcome new members! And of course, the tea is also *"a call for service to the community"*. AGC members use their gardening skills to improve the Town of Bourne in many ways.

After Board members explained the duties of the different Committees, new members signed up to help out with:

- ✚ Aptucxet Trading Post gardens,
- ✚ Briggs McDermott house gardens,
- ✚ Planters on Main St in Buzzards Bay, and
- ✚ Hospitality duties.

Everyone had a wonderful time!



Carol Doherty, Fran Minichiello, Susan Barlow, Lorraine Young, Linda Wagner & Marcia Willmott. Other new members not shown in photo: Barbara Fallon, Elizabeth Ferris, Louise Fraher, Emilie Martin, Deanna Waldron & Denise Wright

AGC Celebrates Arbor Day

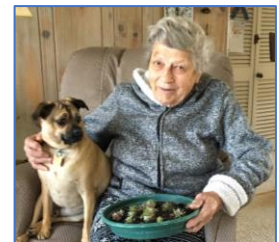
Judy Sheehy helped create an AGC contribution to the Arbor Day festivities at the Bournedale Elementary School. The Club cleared a courtyard area and planted a golden mop head spruce. Sixty-eight Second Graders were given the gift of a blue spruce seedling to take home and plant.



And that is how we build the next generation of gardeners! Thank you Judy for all your work!

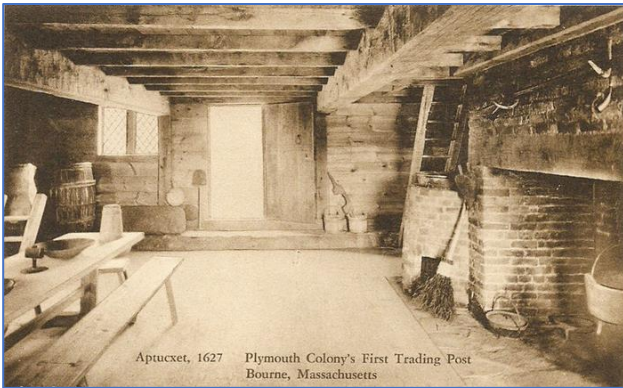
Succulent Gifts

"Special Thanks" to Renee Ziegner who donated many succulent plants for the Junior Gardeners program. Renee grew these plants in her greenhouse.



Looking Ahead

June Calendar					
1	Membership Dues, \$35.00 (Active & Provisional Members) See Yearbook for details. Make checks payable to AGC & send to Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne, PO Box 844, Pocasset, MA 02559				
2-8	National Garden Week				
5	GCFM Annual Meeting – “Plant America, Start with a Seed” The Hilton Boston Dedham See GCFM website for registration details				
15	Craft & Treasure Fair at the Aptucxet Trading Post’s Annual Strawberry Festival 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM 24 Aptucxet Road, Bourne				
19	Annual Potluck Picnic, 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Hosts: Sally Zeghibe & Gloria Gammons Hospitality Co-Chairs: Irene Johnson & Isabel Melo Food Assignments are based on your last name: <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">A to D = Appetizers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">E to L = Salads</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">M to R = Main Dishes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">S to Z = Desserts</td> </tr> </table> Location: Sally Zeghibe’s home, 206 Scraggy Neck Road, Cataumet RSVP to Isabel Melo if you plan to attend zalinha22@gmail.com	A to D = Appetizers	E to L = Salads	M to R = Main Dishes	S to Z = Desserts
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Aptucxet, 1627 Plymouth Colony's First Trading Post
Bourne, Massachusetts

Aptucxet Trading Post, 1627

“Aptucxet” is a Wampanoag word that means “*little trap in the river*”, or fishing weir. The name of the Trading Post was like an invitation to the Wampanoag to come and trade with the Pilgrims.

AGC Craft & Treasures Fair at the Aptucxet Strawberry Festival

Come help, shop and enjoy the Craft & Treasures Fair! There will be so many fun things to buy from: plants, garden tools, books, resin art, jewelry, baked goods, and of course ...



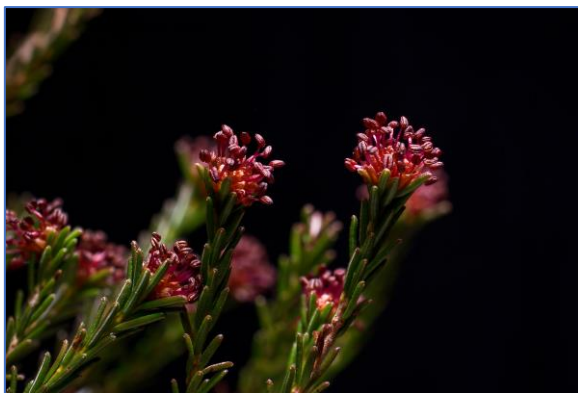
Please contact Sally Baer if you can give of your time.

Interesting Plant Facts Cape Cod Coastal Heathlands

Heathlands are areas where low growing shrub species dominate the vegetation cover. They represent about 4% of the Cape Cod National Seashore. The Heathlands are home to the Broom Crowberry which is a globally rare species. Cape Cod has long harbored some of the largest and best known populations of Broom Crowberry, with descriptions by early settlers depicting “carpets” of the plant.



Broom Crowberry's woody consistency and short stature make it a dwarf shrub.



The plant is a fire-adapted species. It grows on very sandy soils, in openings in the forest which are created by fire burning away the canopy.



Message from the President

I'm at the halfway mark of being your President. As part of the job, I've enjoyed going to the district meetings, meeting members of other garden clubs, and sharing stories about programs. Another fun part has been going to the other clubs' Presidents Tea. I've gone to about six of these events. They introduce all the Presidents, provide a nice lunch, have an interesting program, and give out small gifts! Wow - who knew?

I also like meeting with my Board each month. They are such a dedicated group of ladies! I enjoy going over the agenda items with them; and keeping the discussion on time so that we don't miss the scheduled program!

But for me, the nicest part is hearing from all of you, either at the meeting, by phone or online. Many thanks to those who have told me that I'm doing a good job as your President. I really appreciate hearing that; and I'm looking forward to next year! I wish you all a very happy and healthy summer!

With Gratitude! Laura

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