

# Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne

*As the Garden grows, so shall the Gardener*

**Monthly Newsletter** **September 2019**

### Aptucxet Craft & Treasure Fair

The day was warm, the gardens at the Aptucxet Trading Post looked beautiful and AGC members turned out in force to host their first Craft and Treasure Fair at the annual Strawberry Festival.

Many thanks to all the members who made all the beautiful items offered for sale. We had wreaths, nautical décor, books, resin art, jewelry, baked goods, plants and flower displays! It was a busy and productive day!



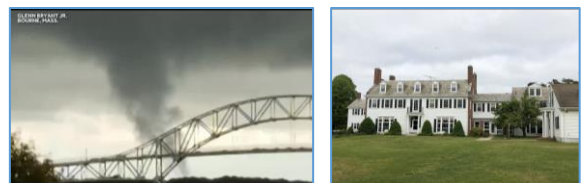
The club made \$3,468. Wow! Well done ladies!



*Why try to explain miracles to your children, when you can just have them plant a garden. – Robert Brault*

### 80th Anniversary Celebration with the Wareham Garden Club

At the end of May, the AGC met the Wareham Garden Club (WGC) at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Buzzards Bay. The clubs met for a joint celebration of their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Although much of the history of our club remains in the shadow of the past, we do know that both clubs formed after a huge hurricane hit the Cape in 1938.



### Annual Potluck Picnic

The day started out with rain drops. But Mother Nature was on our side; and we had clear skies by the time that the club members gathered at Sally Zeghibe's for the Annual Potluck. Isabel Melo and Alda Barron handled the set up; and all the members brought wonderful dishes from their favorite recipes.

My goodness, we had a feast!



Everyone had a great time. It was a wonderful last gathering before the official start of the summer season!

We have such a great group! All the ladies enjoy the comradery of the club, the sharing of gardening and floral design tips, friendship and good food!

*Thank you again Sally for hosting the event!* We all enjoyed seeing your beautiful home. The arbor entry to your yard provides such a special doorway into your lovely garden.



**Heritage Museum & Gardens - National Garden Club Flower Show - *Celebrating Heritage***

In July, Cape Cod and South Shore Garden Clubs arrived at Heritage Gardens to display their talents in floral arrangements, photography and horticulture. Our Club made an amazing showing! Please see the next page for photos of many of the entries.

<b>Major Categories &amp; AGC Club Members</b>		
<b>Blue Ribbon Winners, William Clark Award **, Jane Kennedy Award **, Grower's Choice Winner **</b>		
<b>Floral Design:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meredith Chase</li> <li>• Gloria Gammons</li> <li>• Isabel Melo **</li> <li>• Carolee Packard</li> <li>• Kathy Sargent O'Neil</li> <li>• Judy Sheehy **</li> <li>• Sally Zeghibe</li> </ul>	<b>Photography:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally Baer</li> <li>• Laura Bergeron</li> <li>• Betsy Woodley</li> <li>• Julie Saunders</li> </ul>	<b>Horticulture:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally Baer</li> <li>• Alda Barron **</li> <li>• Laura Bergeron</li> <li>• Bobbie Dwyer</li> <li>• Isabel Melo</li> <li>• Jan Rogers</li> </ul>

**Special Recognition of Alda Barron**

Alda was the Chair of this year's Staging Committee. She put weeks of work into preparing for the staging for the show. She designed the layout for the displays. When she knew she would have to set displays up against the walls of the room, she came up with a design for backdrops of hung fabric panels. Then she cut and sewed 20 panels, 3 feet wide and 8 feet tall.

The day before the event, she and her crew worked to make sure that every panel, display column and tablecloth were perfectly in place. Alda is a wonderful pit-crew director. She made our Club "shine" for its team work and organization. Thank you Alda!



***Special Thanks goes to:***

- Our members who served as docents for the Hydrangea Festival at the Aptucxet Trading Post. Linda Wagner, her driver Amy Fenton and Pam Matheson showed visitors the colonial and herb gardens.
- All the ladies who have planted and watered all the containers along Main Street in Buzzards Bay. They look beautiful!
- Our members who made the gardens at the Briggs House shine! We have received many compliments on how nice they look this summer!

***Celebrating Heritage***

Entries from Our Club



**Sally Zeghibe**



**Gloria Gammons**



**Judy Sheehy  
Blue Ribbon  
William Clark Award**



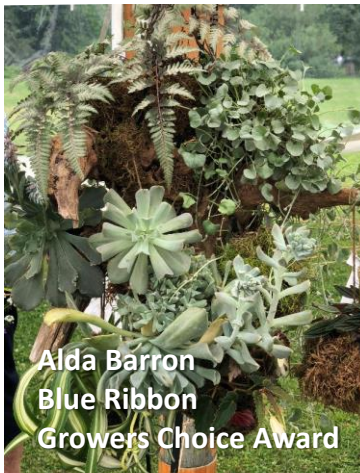
**Betsy Woodley**



**Julie Saunders**



**Kathy Sargent O'Neil**



**Aida Barron  
Blue Ribbon  
Growers Choice Award**



**Isabel Mello  
Blue Ribbon  
Jane Kennedy Award**



**Sally Baer**

# Looking Ahead

September Calendar	
18	<p><b>10:00 AM Garden Therapy</b> Cape Cod Senior Residences</p>
23	<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> Sally Zeghibe &amp; Judy Sheehy will demonstrate two different design types, with ideas of how you can use them in your home</li> <li>+ <b>Horticulture: "My Favorite Things"</b> by Karen Cronburg</li> <li>+ <b>Program:</b> Committee Chairs will provide an overview of their committee duties to encourage member participation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tea Chair:</b> Paula O'Neil <b>Committee:</b> Emilie Martin, Donna Pascarella, Harriet Place, Nancy Selchan &amp; Diane Diane Svensen <b>Décor Theme:</b> Weddings</p>
25	<p><b>6:30 PM Social</b> <b>6:45 Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ <b>Pot-Luck: Bring a dish to share with something Grown from your Garden!</b></li> <li>+ <b>Horticulture: Well Behaved Perennials are Exciting</b> by Ellen Hammond</li> <li>+ <b>Program:</b> Committee Chairs will provide an overview of their committee duties to encourage member participation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hospitality Chair:</b> Janet Clay <b>Committee:</b> Helen Farrington, Denise Long &amp; Joan Smith</p>



Marjorie Dienhart is the new Southeastern District Director of the Garden Club Federation of MA. For District business you can reach her at [Marjorie.Dienhart@gmail.com](mailto:Marjorie.Dienhart@gmail.com)  
Congratulations Marjorie!

## More Blue Ribbons!



Judy Sheehy's lovely floral design won a Blue Ribbon at the Massachusetts Judges Council Flower Show.



Laura Bergeron's photo of lupines in New Hampshire, won a Blue Ribbon at the Heritage Gardens Flower Show.

## Interesting Plant Facts

Don't you just love it when a plant is more than just a pretty face? The scent from these perennials naturally repels mosquitoes.



Scented Geranium



Bee Balm



Lavender



Pyrethrum Daisy

These last two also repel ticks and fleas.

This annual repels mosquitoes and other bugs.



Marigold

These favorite herbs also repel mosquitoes as well as being great for cooking.



Rosemary



Basil



## Message from the President

*After a wonderfully warm and sunny summer, I'm happy to report that my gardens are doing very well! Every day I cut flowers to decorate my house; and, I also give them away to friends and family. I have quite a few containers that are now producing fresh tomatoes, as well as a variety of herbs.*

*Several years ago I bought a fig plant at one of our plant sales. It was small; but I loved the shape of the leaves and thought that having figs would be great. I was concerned that the plant might die during the cold winter months. I asked one of our member gurus, and was told to plant it near masonry. So I planted it near my fireplace. The plant has thrived; however, it has never produced any figs. However, this year I can see little figs sprouting! I'm so thrilled! Here they are!*



- Laura Bergeron

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