

Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne

As the Garden grows, so shall the Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

December 2019

**November Day Meeting
Climate Change and Cape Cod**

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." This quote from Charles Dickens opens our discussion on Climate Change.

The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of autumn.
– John Muir

Climate has changed dramatically throughout history. Only 12,000 years ago (a blink of an eye geologically) Cape Cod was covered in a sheet of ice thousands of feet thick. Today scientists carefully monitor climate changes to help us prepare wisely for the future.

Jo Ann Muramoto, from the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC), gave a very informative presentation on this very serious topic. She reviewed the forecast for the impact of climate change on Massachusetts and Cape Cod.







Ms. Muramoto



2019 Erosion at Eastham

Forecast of Massachusetts Climate Change by 2100

<p>Temperature</p> 	<p>Temperature will rise by 10.8 degrees</p>	<p>Growing Season</p> 	<p>Days with temperature > 90 degrees will increase by 64 days</p>
<p>Precipitation</p> 	<p>Days with rain > 1 inch will increase by 57%</p>	<p>Sea Level Rise</p> 	<p>Sea Level will rise 4 to 10.5 feet</p>

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Ms. Muramoto spoke about how each of us can help mitigate climate change. She urged us to follow the maxim of **"Think Globally and Act Locally."** Mitigation ideas include: reduce the use of fossil fuels, plant trees to increase storage of carbon dioxide, harness renewable energies, shop locally and support climate change policies at the local, state and federal levels.

November Day Meeting

Many compliments to the Hospitality Committee! It was a lovely lunch; and the table centerpieces were a perfect tribute to autumn!



Sally Curtin, Elizabeth Ferris, Isabel Melo, Kathy Sargent-O'Neill, Cyndy Hurley, Jan Browne and Sally Baer



Centerpieces by Kathy Sargent O'Neil and Sally Baer

AGC Donates to Caring & Sharing

Linda Wagner out did herself with her decorations of these two table top trees for the Library's charity auction. Beautiful!



Ornaments donated by Laura Bergeron



Sea Glass ornaments and tree top made by Linda

Holiday Giving Begins



Laura Bergeron and Alda Baron volunteered at the Bourne Community Building on 11/5 to make holiday arrangements for their Senior Raffle.

Calling All Hands! Green and Bake Sale! December 6 & 7



If you haven't signed up, there is still time to help. Please contact Alda Barron to sign up. aldabarron@gmail.com

Boxwood Tress, Mugs & Swags

Saturday November 30th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
25 Michael Road, Pocasset

Wreath Workshop

Tuesday, December 3, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Pocasset Community Building

Centerpiece Workshop

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 PM
Bourne Methodist Church

Baked Goods

Bring to your cakes and cookies to the Briggs-McDermott House, Blacksmith's Workroom
December 6, 4:00 PM
Sale ends December 7, 12:00 PM

November Evening Meeting - Amaryllis Workshop

Betsy Woodley led members through a delightful evening of making an amaryllis planter. Betsy worked for weeks in advance to organize this event. She was helped immensely by Kathy Sargent O’Neil who was able to order the Fire Dancer Amaryllis bulbs and obtain the small indoor plants. And Laura Bergeron donated a number of succulents.



Oh Boy! Amaryllis!



Over two dozen members had fun making their planters! Starting with a charcoal layer, each member added dirt, their amaryllis bulb and three small side plants. And we all learned that the bulb wants to sit head and shoulders above the top of the soil. It will be such a delight to see each of our red Fire Dancer bulbs send up their flowers for the Holidays!

Lily-Belle’s Florist
140 Main Street,
Bourne



Rustic Red Christmas

For many years Lily-Belle’s Florist has supported our Club. She supplied the small plants used at the Amaryllis workshop.

As a thank you, please consider this florist when buying your holiday flowers. You will be pleased with the quality of the flowers. Many thanks to Kathy Sargent-O’Neill for this referral.

North Falmouth Cheese Shop
402 N. Falmouth Hwy.







Dill Havarti, Denmark, Goat Gouda, Holland, Sage Derby, England

Oh my gosh! This was some of the best cheese ever! Members at the evening meeting were treated to a wonderful array of special cheeses.

If you are entertaining during the Holidays, you need to visit this store. They have fresh breads, over 50 types of cheese, charcuterie, pates and more! Many thanks to Marilyn Crane and Janet Clay for this great find.

Looking Ahead

 December Calendar	
3	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Wreath Workshop Pocasset Community Building
5 <i>Note:</i> <i>This is a Thursday</i>	6:30 PM Social 6:45 PM Evening Meeting  Program: <i>Annual Holiday Centerpiece Workshop.</i> Create a take-home holiday centerpiece and make some for our Greens Sale too! PLEASE BRING greens, a container for your personal centerpiece, gloves and clippers. Hospitality Chair: Janet Clay Committee: Lisa Binda, Irene Johnson and Deanna Waldron
6-7	Green & Bake Sale at the Briggs House On Friday the 6 th 4:00 PM – Closing , On Saturday the 7 th 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
10	3:00 PM Garden Therapy Cape Cod Senior Residences
16	10:45 AM Board Meeting 12:00 PM Luncheon  Horticulture: <i>My Favorite Things</i> by Karen Cronburg  Program: <i>Pot Luck Luncheon and Holiday Memories.</i> Bring a dish to share and an ornament to swap. We will have a special reading of “The Night before Christmas”. <i>If you wish to participate in the ornament swap, bring an inexpensive garden themed ornament. And don’t forget to wear that Holiday sweater! The winner of the sweater contest wins the Ways & Means prize!</i> Tea Chair: Isabel Mello Committee: Sue Barlow, Paula O’Neil and Donna Pascarella
18	10:00 AM Garden Therapy Bourne Manor



Happy Holidays!

Welcome to new members
Julie Arnold and Kristen Muir!

Interesting Facts – A Tree and A Painter

In 1942, Massachusetts adopted the American Elm as its state tree. It was chosen because it was the type of tree that George Washington stood beneath when he assumed command of the Continental Army in 1775. American Elm trees are large, stately, deciduous trees found throughout the eastern two-thirds of North America.

A rapid growing tree species, American Elms may be 50 feet tall in only 20 years. At maturity, they can reach heights of 150 feet. The leaves are thick, glossy, double-toothed, and change from yellowish when young to dark green when mature. The bark is grey and deeply furrowed. Often forked, thick branches arch upward and create a wide open canopy.

George Inness is one of America's finest nineteenth century landscape painters. He sought through his work to convey a spiritual message that he described as the "reality of the unseen." He found his style while living in Medfield, MA (1860-64). He stated that, "The true use of art is, first, to cultivate the artist's own spiritual nature." *(P.S. That sounds like a gardener to me.)*



*Old Elm at Medfield
By George Inness*



Message from the President

It's true what they say. The older you get, the quicker the holidays seem to arrive! Even though Thanksgiving is later this year, we still wonder if we will be ready. Yet, we will be!

Preparations for our Greens Sale begin right after Thanksgiving, like clockwork. Our loyal members will be putting their creative talents together to make the most beautiful wreaths, boxwood trees, centerpieces ... and to be our best customers, too!

The holidays are about treasuring the people you love, and remembering all the people we have loved and lost. I hope that you will take the time to enjoy the holiday season. Remember, Love is all around us!



Love you All!

- *Laura Bergeron*

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