

Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne

As the Garden grows, so shall the Gardener

Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

January Meeting

Floral Design



Linda Wagner did a lovely eclectic floral design that combined flowers, fruits and vegetables. The rythmn of the red (roses and peppers) embraced the rythmn of the orange (tangerines and peppers). Her design was truly lovely!

Horticulture

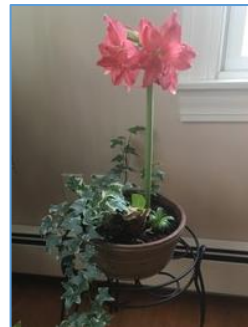
Karen Cronburg gave a presentation on how to water your house plants when you are on vacation. Her talk included: watering globes, using glass bottles with holes punched in a cap or cork, and a phone controlled watering device.



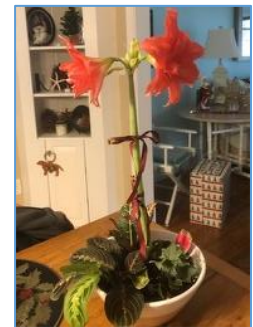
With freedom, books, flowers and the moon, who could not be happy?

- *Oscar Wilde*

Amaryllis on Parade – What fun!



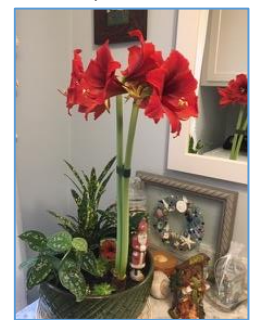
Betsy Woodley's



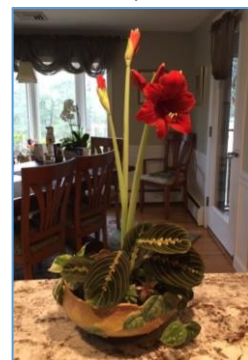
Jayne Urso's



Connie Spilhaus's



Laura Bergeron's



Kathy Sargent-O'Neill's



Claudina Quinn's
The Winner with 3 Stalks!

Bourne's Waste Management Facility & Tips on Recycling

The program for January's meeting was a very informative presentation on the Town of Bourne's solid waste management program. Over sixty members of the club turned out to hear Heather Di Paolo and Phil Goddard. Heather is the Chair the Recycling Committee and Phil is the Manager of Compliance.

Heather Di Paolo presented tips on recycling. Our recycled waste helps pay for the operation of the facility; and, by reducing what is buried trash, we extend the life of the dump site. The recycled waste goes to an automated sorting plant, where cardboard is separated from plastic and glass. The plant is the starting point to understanding the economics of recycling.

- First, your plastic bottles and containers represent about 50% of the profit to the recycler. To sort them easily from the cardboard, they should not be bagged. Secondly, the larger the container, the easier it is to remove from the other material. For example a small individual sized yogurt container is trash, because it is hard to sort from the other materials. But a large yogurt container can be recycled.
- Second, small cardboard boxes should not be broken down small. This again makes it hard for sorting on the conveyor belt.
- Third, always make sure that what you put in the recycled bin has been washed out. An unwashed item, or an item with food debris, belongs in the trash can.

Phil Goddard gave a very informative presentation on our current waste disposal site. For most of man's history, trash of all kinds has just been dumped in the dirt and buried over. These historic practices have produced contaminated sites, ground water problems and uncontrolled releases of methane gas. Our "double lined" site, with controlled leachate drains and methane flared wells, is truly "state of the art".

The site takes trash from Bourne and from Falmouth. It has enough capacity to last another 25 years until 2045. The management of the site, includes reserves for site closure. As each part of the site reaches capacity, it is properly capped and covered with vegetation. The end result will be a green hill.

More than once, Mr. Goddard reminded us that when communities run out of trash disposal capacity, their solution is often to increase trash disposal fees so that the trash can be hauled to another area. For example, a number of east coast communities are actually paying to have their trash hauled to Ohio. It is far better to manage our waste locally. The old adage of "**Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**" is as relevant today, as when it was first coined back in the seventies. We all need to do what we can, to be good stewards of Mother Earth.



Looking Ahead

 February Calendar	
11	3:00 PM Garden Therapy Cape Cod Senior Residences
12	6:30 PM Social 6:45 PM Evening Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Artistic Design: Designer's Choice based on the 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows  Horticulture: Become a Rhodes Scholar Tonight, by Ellen Hammond  Program: Dancing with the Birds by Doug Lowry from the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Mr. Lowry will explore the secret life of birds, the rhythm of migration, complexity of bird song and the unusual courtship that has evolved for some of our New England birds.
	Hospitality Chair: Cindy Williams Committee: Louise Fraher, Ellen Hammond, Sylvia Wahl & Marcia Willmott Décor Theme: Romances
19	10:00 AM Garden Therapy Bourne Manor



Happy Valentine's Day!

Boston Flower & Garden Show



March 11-15

Seaport World Trade Center

This year's theme for the show is **Garden Party: Celebrating Family and Friends**. The show celebrates outdoor living and indoor plantscapes that inspire us to spend time with those that we love. Once again, spring begins with the Boston Flower & Garden Show!

Interesting Plant Facts



My Amaryllis

Do you love your Amaryllis bulb and want to see it bloom again? I loved mine; so I headed to the internet for a few tips. Here is what I found.

<p>Winter</p> <p>Remove flowers as they fade. Cut leaves back to 2" above the bulb. Keep in a sunny location. Continue to water as you winter the plant indoors and fertilize.</p>	<p>Spring</p> <p>Move your pot outdoors to an area that gets morning sun. Fertilize and water frequently. They like damp soil.</p>
<p>Summer</p> <p>Leaves will come and some may fade. In August, move your plant indoors to a cool location and stop watering. You can leave the bulb in the pot, or remove it and store it dry. This is the beginning of the bulb's dormant season.</p>	<p>Fall</p> <p>About 3 weeks before Christmas, repot your bulb in fresh soil. Remember to leave the shoulders of the bulb above the soil line. Place pot in a sunny location and begin to water. Your bulb should grace you with blooms again at Christmas.</p>

All this sounds simple. We shall see. Good luck gardeners! - Pat Nemeth



Message from the President

Hi All,

On a recent trip to Florida, I was happy to see all the beautiful tropical flowers! The colors were so bright and cheerful! I saw these orchids growing on the bark of a palm tree. I thought they naturally grew together - well they don't in Florida. The secret I was told is that they use gorilla glue to hold them in place then their roots will take hold. I'm wondering if we can do that on Cape Cod in the summer?

- Laura Bergeron



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