

Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne

Stewards of the Earth

Monthly Newsletter October 2020

September Plant Sale

Months before the plant sale, the Board and the Ways and Means Committee began to plan the event. Members were encouraged to dig up plants in their yard for the sale. Advertising was posted around the community. A safety logistics plan was developed.

A day before the sale club members brought their plants to the backyard of the Pocasset Community Building. Some brought a trunk full, some filled the back bed of their trucks. We had perennials galor and many native plants!

Dozens of club members turned out on the day of the sale to help and to buy! This was our first plant sale since the virus shut the world down last spring. Mother Nature gave us a beautiful day and it was a wonderful opportunity to see fellow members.

People lined up a half an hour in advance. One couple said, "We look forward all year to your plant sale." Another man said, "You guys do good, and its important to do a little good everyday." We had wonderful plant sale. Many thanks to all the members who participated!



If there were no plants, we would not be here. We breathe in what they breathe out. That is how we learn from them.
- Keetoowah, Cherokee teacher

Plant Sale Memories



A special thanks to the Ways and Means Committee: Jan Rogers, Chair, Kathy Sargent-O'Neill, Advisor and members Julie Arnold, Nancy Buckley, Betsy Ferris, Emilie Martin, Bobby Dwyer and Cindy Williams.

Annual Meeting

Over forty club members showed up for the Annual Meeting. Everyone came carrying a chair, food and drink, and wearing a mask. We met outside at the Aptucket Trading Post, for the installation of officers and a great program.

Our New Board



President: Sally Baer
First Vice President: Susan Dmochowski
Second Vice President: Jan Rogers
Third Vice President: Nancy Selchan
Recording Secretary: Harriet Place
Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Sargent-O'Neill
Treasurer: Laverne Newman

We had our own “Art in Bloom” flora design show. Three of the arrangements were inspired by Sally Baer’s beautiful needlepoint paintings.

Alda Barron did two designs: “Citrus” and “In the Forest”.



Isabel Melo did “Sally’s Garden”. Isabel was honored at the meeting with winning the prestigious Floribunda Award for 2020!



Judy Sheehy was inspired by a puzzle painting called “Calistoga Bridge”.





Hazardous Household Waste Collection

If you need to dispose of any household hazardous waste, you will want to mark your calendar for October 17th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the Bourne Landfill, 201 MacArthur Boulevard. They will be collecting the following types of waste:

- paints, polishes, stains (no latex or acrylics), auto and boat fluids,
- pool chemicals, pesticides, lawn chemicals, cleaners, disinfectants, and
- art and craft hobby supplies.

Daffodil Days



In honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the **Bourne Historical Society**, 5,000 daffodil bulbs will be planted at Aptucxet and Bourne Village. **Our friends have asked for our help.**

They are looking for volunteers to help plant the bulbs in October. The bulbs will not be planted anywhere near the colonial areas, in order to keep the areas historically correct.

This is such a fun beautification project. In order to sign up see Dorothy Haney or Jan Casiello.

An Amaryllis Tale

Last November, our First Vice President, Betsy Woodley arranged for us to have a fun amaryllis workshop. We created a dish garden, with the amaryllis as the main attraction. Some of us were even lucky enough to even get more than one stalk!



Here is Claudia Quinn's winning red amaryllis with three stalks!

My amaryllis was pink. I was so delighted with it that I decided to save that bulb!

A recent article from Country Gardens in Hyannis, reminded me of what I needed to do to help my plant bloom again this year. I knew other club members might want these tips.

Amaryllis Tips:

- *Begin with a plant that has been outside, fed and watered through the summer.*
- *Now as the nights get colder, move it into a garage.*

- *Transplant it into a wider container with fresh soil and a little fertilizer.*
- *Cool temperatures are what is needed for 6 weeks. Do not water the pot during this period.*
- *Then bring your plant indoors into a sunny location and begin watering.*

Hopefully, your amaryllis will delight you with fresh blooms for the holidays!

- Jayne Urso, Horticulture

Aptucxet Garden Committee

A special thanks to all of the many club members who helped with the care of the gardens this summer. The Trading Post was closed; but you were still there!



Co-Chairs: Jan Casiello & Dorothy Haney

Grandma look what I found!



Compliments of Susan Dmochowski's, eight-year-old Grandson, Myles.

Blueberry Bushes in the Fall



Looking for some great red in the fall? Look no further than the blueberry bush. It is a great alternative to the invasive burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*).

Great Web Site Reference

Check out the **Grow Native Massachusetts** web site for great information about native plants, educational courses, books and more. This month read about the black wasp and Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias Incarnata*).



<https://grownativemass.org>

UMASS Garden Calendar

Looking for a great Christmas present? The 2021 UMASS garden calendar is now available. This calendar has gardening tips for our region and loads of practical information. Calendars are available for \$14. Order by November 1 to ensure delivery before the holidays at:

<https://ag.umass/landscaping/publications>



EDF Monarch Campaign

The Environmental Defense Fund has launched a campaign to have farmers along the monarch's superhighways plant milkweed. Your donation of \$35 (for an acre) will be matched by the Wilson Trust. For more information see

www.edf.org/Milkweed4Monarchs

Looking Ahead

October

14

Day Meeting

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Aptuxet Trading Post

Rain
date is
15



Program:

🌱 Panel Discussion: Ask Your Gardener

Got a problem in your yard and need an answer? The Panel will tackle your questions. Please send questions by October 9 to Nancy Selchan at nselchan@msn.com or Susan Dmochowski at smdmoch@gmail.com

Please bring your own chair, drink, food and mask.

Art in Bloom – Plymouth Center for the Arts

October 22-25 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

During the 53rd Annual Juried Art Show

Floral designs by:

- 🌹 Plymouth Garden Club
- 🌹 Plymouth Evening Garden Club
- 🌹 Aptuxet Garden Club
- 🌹 Kingston Garden Club
- 🌹 Great Island Garden Club

Come see a great show. Admission is free. Wear a mask.

Plymouth Center for the Arts
11 North Street, Plymouth



Happy Fall!



Interesting Plant Facts



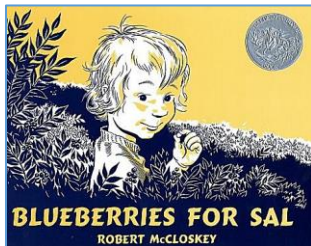
Blueberries

Blueberries are a perennial flowering plant that is a native to North America. The United States grows about 40% of the world's production.

The Wampanoags introduced the dried berries to the Pilgrims, which helped them to survive their first harsh winter. In time the settlers added milk, butter and sugar to the Indian's cracked corn and blueberry pudding, which was called *sautauthing*.

The rich blue color of the berries is a sign of their high level of anthocyanins: powerful antioxidants that are important for vascular health, especially in the eyes. Extracts from blueberry leaves and stems are used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes. Dried blueberries can also be brewed into a great tea.

Blueberries grow on high brush shrubs and on low brush shrubs. The highbush varieties are the kind grown commercially. The lowbush blueberries are what Sal picked in the classic children book, *Blueberries for Sal*.



Message from the President

My Fellow Gardeners,

What a great turnout for our plant sale and meeting. Many thanks to all of you, especially to our flora designers who made such fabulous arrangements! And a special thanks to Marjorie Dienhart (District Director) for the induction ceremony.

Cooler weather is with us. Time for our lawns and perennials to start to sleep. But newer plants and evergreens may still need to be watered. Due to the cooler weather, our October meeting will be our last outdoor meeting for the year.

More information will follow on workshops to prepare for our sale of wreaths and other greens in December. The Briggs House Board would like us to do our sale there. We will keep you posted on how you can help.

I look forward to seeing you at our October meeting. Until then, stay safe, stay distant and breath in the cool air.

- Sally Baer

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