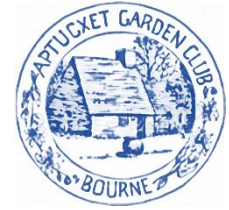


Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



Flowers and Friends

Monthly Newsletter

Summer 2023



May your life be like a wildflower, growing freely in the beauty and joy of each day.

- Native American Proverb



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This Newsletter announces the start of our new year of activities and has many fun photos of our June Potluck and the Eureka Flower Show!

Check out the calendar on the next page for September. Our first meeting is at the Pocasset Community Building on September 11th. Yearbooks will be handed out at this meeting.

The following weekend, on Saturday September 16th we will hold a Wine and Cheese Social. You are invited to bring guests. This is a fun way to introduce your family and friends to your garden club friends. See the pre-registration information on page 3.

The Wine and Cheese Social will be held at the Aptucxet Trading Post. Should it rain, we will move the event to the Pocasset Community Building. There will be a silent auction of gift baskets and crafts.

You are invited to donate a gift basket or a craft item for the Silent Auction. Contact Jayne Urso at jjurso52@gmail.com for details.

Please plan to come, bring friends, and money for the Auction. This is a fund raiser for the club. Profits help support our many community projects.

AGC September Calendar

11 DAY Meeting Pocasset Community Building	11:00 am	Board Meeting
	12:00 pm	Tea Social
	12:30 pm	Open Meeting & Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Budget for 2023-2024
	12:40 pm	Floral Design: We are having a flower show! Find out all about it!
	1:00 pm	Program: Floral Design Anna Holmes , floral designer extraordinaire, will review the Elements and Principles of Design while creating an arrangement for us.
	2:00 pm	Ways & Means Raffle - TBD by program donations
	2:15 pm	Adjourn
	Tea Chair: Dorothy Haney CMTE: Jan Browne, Mary Doo, Judy Sheehy, Laverne Newman Décor Theme: <i>Play in the Garden</i>	
16 Club Social Aptucxet Trading Post Members Only with their Guests Come prepared to stroll the grounds and/or bring a chair.	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Club Wine & Cheese Social Kick-Off the Club year with this fun fund raiser! Members are invited to bring guests. Admission is \$15 per person. Wine tickets are \$10. There will be a silent auction of gift baskets! Jazz music will be provided by <i>Salty Kisses</i> .
	2:00 pm	Introduce and Welcome Guests Special Guest: GCFM President Marjorie Dienhart
	3:30 pm	Silent Auction Winners announced
	4:00 pm	Adjourn
	Social Co-Chairs: Amy Fenton, Laverne Newman & Linda Wagner & Silent Auction Chair: Jayne Urso CMTE: Laura Bergeron, Donna Coye, Pat Nemeth, Leslie O'Brien, Patty Rubidoux, Nancy Selchan Décor Theme: <i>Wine Country</i> <i>Note: If it rains, an email blast will announce the move of the event to the Pocasset Community Building.</i>	
20	10:30 am	Garden Therapy - Bourne Manor
26	10:00 am	Bow Workshop - Jan Roger's home

A GALA EVENT!

WINE AND HORS D'OEUVRE MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS ONLY SOCIAL

When: September 16, 2023

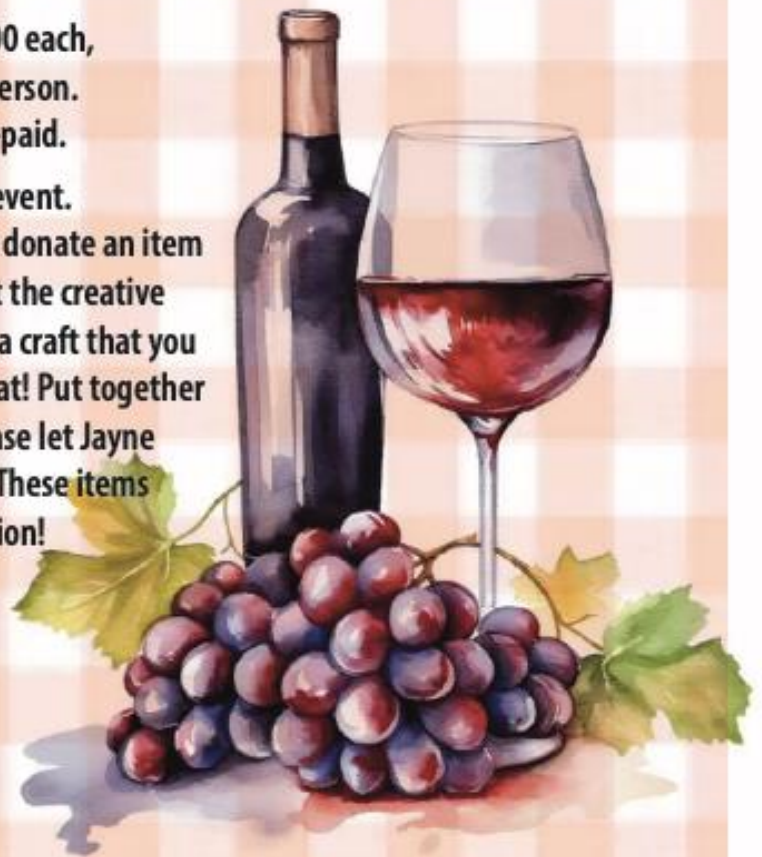
Time: 2–4 PM

Where: Aptucket Trading Post

Cost: \$15.00 pre-paid to treasurer before September 1st,
or pay \$20.00 at the door

**Wine tickets are \$10.00 each,
limit of 2 tickets per person.
These can also be pre-paid.**

**This is a fund-raising event.
We ask that members donate an item
or make a basket – let the creative
juices flow! If there is a craft that you
like to do – donate that! Put together
a themed basket. Please let Jayne
Urso know the value. These items
will be the silent auction!**



June Meeting Report

The weather was perfect. The food was fantastic. It was a time of good cheer and wonderful friends! Over thirty club members gathered at the Aptuxet Trading Post for our end of the year potluck.

President Pat Nemeth presented the **2023 Floribunda Awards to Jan Rogers and Paula O'Neil**. Jan received the award for her tireless work as Chair of Ways and Means. Jan brought her gifted teaching skills to each of her duties; but is especially recognized for bringing natural plant materials to the decorations of our Holiday wreaths and centerpieces. Paula received the award for her long-standing work in Garden Therapy and for her support of both the Aptuxet Trading Post Gardens and the Buzzards Bay Planters. Paula is known for her humble and graceful approach to her work.



Pat Nemeth presents the award to Jan Rogers



Paula O'Neil received the award in absentia

Sally Baer and Alda Barron gave a great demonstration on how to present a branch of a plant for a Horticulture show. One of Sally's examples was a branch from a Carolina All Spice bush.

Kit Nelson was awarded the honor of Emeritus status. Sue Barlow was honored for her work that enabled the club to win the prestigious Patricia Denning Grant.

AGC received the **GCFM Patricia Dennett Grant Award for Community Outreach in Education**. The award was given for the presentation on gardening that Pat Nemeth and Kathy Sargent-O'Neill did at Jonathan Bourne Public Library to describe the Victorian era gardens at the Briggs-McDermott House. The talks were filmed by Sue Barlow and run on Bourne Community TV. The award included a grant of \$500.



Kathy Sargent-O'Neill, Pat Nemeth & GCFM President Jill Malcolm



June
Potluck







Aptucxet Garden Club receives prestigious awards at National Garden Club's "Eureka" Flower Show at Heritage Museums and Gardens

Press Release, by Bobbie Lingard

At the close of the National Garden Club's "Eureka!" Flower Show on July 21 at Heritage Museums and Gardens in Sandwich, prestigious awards were announced. Members of Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne received many important awards.

Alda Barron of Pocasset was awarded a first-place blue ribbon in the Class "Barbie" as well as the Botanical Arts Award for the finest Botanical Arts exhibit in the Show. She creatively "dressed" a 12" high Barbie mannequin in an evening gown and jewels made from plant material including andromeda flowers, baby's breath, carnation, chia seeds, maiden grass, papaya seed and rose petals. Alda also received a blue-ribbon level award for her "Piano" design and the Horticulture Collector's Showcase Award for her pristine group of varied hosta leaves.

Isabel Melo received a blue-ribbon level award for her artistic hair comb decorated with straw flowers, cypress and lily-of-the-valley shrub.

Karen Cronburg of Cataumet received first place and the Horticulture Award of Merit for her Zinnia. Additional awards in Design and Horticulture were received by Darlene Chickosky, Paula O'Neil of Bourne, Julie Arnold, Bobbie Dwyer of Gray Gables and Sally Baer, Laura Bergeron, Mary Doo and Judy Sheehy of Sagamore Beach.

In the Youth Division, Alda Barron's granddaughter Everly age 3 exhibited a decorated butterfly made of plant material and Marcia Willmott of Bourne's granddaughter Aubrey age 5 entered a decorated butterfly and a teacup design that received the Junior Achievement Award!

The flower show was presented by the Garden Club Federation of MA Southeastern District Clubs. The "Eureka!" titles such as Rubber, Corkscrew, Piano, and Disco Ball inspired 44 creative floral designs, horticulture by adults and designs by children aged from under 7 and 7-12.

The next two pages capture many of the entries from the show and their awards.
Photos by: Judy Sheehy, Alda Barron, Pat Nemeth, Marcia Willmott, and Mary Doo.



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



Honorable Mention



**Merit
Horticulture**



**TOP Award
Collector's
Showcase**



**Top Award
Botanical Art**



**Top Award
Junior Achievement**



Alda Barron



Alda Barron



Sally Baer

Eureka
National Garden Club
Flower Show
Heritage Museum & Gardens
July



Isabel Melo



Paula O'Neil



Alda Barron



**Marcia Willmott's
five-year-old
granddaughter Aubrey**



Paula O'Neil



Isabel Melo



**Alda Barron's
three-year-old
granddaughter Everly**



Alda Barron



Darlene Chickosky



Judy Sheehy

AGC IN THE NEWS!



*Village Beautification team with Town staff, launches new planters at Buzzards Bay Park.
- Photo by Sue Barlow*

Excerpt News CapeCod.com – June 14,2023

The Town of Bourne is partnering with the Aptucxet Garden Club and the Cape Cod Canal Chamber of Commerce to beautify and install planters along Main Street and Town Hall.

Members of Aptucxet Garden Club have donated plants and volunteer services to the Town’s Facilities and Public Works teams to make cosmetic improvements to ten existing planters along Main Street in Buzzards Bay.

Additionally, the Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber of Commerce aided in the purchase of flowers for four new self-watering, double walled sub-irrigation planters as part of a new pilot program, to be installed at the Main Street entrance of Buzzards Bay Park and the entrance to Town Hall.





A Few Words About Hospitality

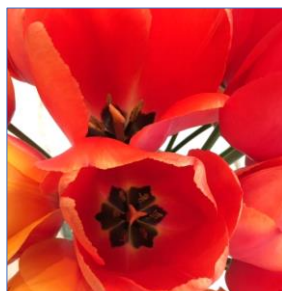
Being a member of AGC brings many benefits. We learn together, work together, and we are connected by our love of gardening. The club sets the stage to bring out the best in each of us. We create a place where creativity and kindness are basic attributes in who we are.

This is true when it is time for each member to fulfill their duty to provide Hospitality service. I want to emphasize the word gracious. If it is your turn to be on a Hospitality Committee, please keep that word in mind. You have an opportunity to be a gracious host. Whether you bring food, drinks, paper products, or flowers, this is your opportunity to shine as a hostess.

Every now and then the schedule may be an inconvenience for someone. If that is the case, it is your duty to find a club member you can switch days with. Please do not put that burden on the Hospitality Chairs. Be gracious, be kind, and make your contribution a special offering.

**Aptucket Garden Club
of Bourne**

2023-2024 Yearbook



"Flowers and Friends"

2023 – 2024 Yearbooks

The 2023-2024 Yearbooks will be distributed at the September meetings.

Many individuals helped shape this Yearbook. Special recognition is due for the following contributions:

- *Membership Directory: Isabel Melo*
- *Programs: Susan Dmochowski, Nancy Selchan, and Sue Barlow,*
- *Artistic Design: Judy Sheehy and Alda Barron,*
- *Ways & Means Events: Nancy Buckley and Jan Rogers, and*
- *Horticulture: Anna Holmes.*

*Many Thanks,
Pat Nemeth, President*

Interesting Plant Facts:



Carolina All Spice, calycanthus floridus

Calycanthus floridus is commonly known as **Carolina all spice, eastern sweet shrub** or **spicebush**. It is identifiable by its dark red flowers and fragrant scent.

The shrub grows to be around 6 to 9 ft tall. Its leaves are a dark green with a pale underside. The flowers are solitary, featuring a reddish brown to reddish purple color when they bloom in spring. They are aromatic and so are the leaves when bruised.

The shrub is native to the eastern United States. It prefers sunny habitats but can tolerate moderate amounts of shade. It grows well in environments that feature moist substrate. It is very resistive to disease and insects. The bark of the plant is edible and is reportedly used as a substitute for cinnamon.



*Dear Fellow Gardeners,
The joys of summer are all too sweet. I hope your summer gardening is bringing you moments of quiet and feeling connecting to the circle of life.*

Our June Potluck was such a joyful gathering. Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee and everyone who brought their home-made dishes. Everything was wonderful!

I am so pleased to see the awards and recognition that our club has received. None of us do the work for recognition, but when it comes it is nice.

Looking ahead we have a Wine and Cheese Social in September. It has been a while since the club had a "Social Fund Raiser." I am delighted that we are renewing this practice.

Next year we have also been asked to support two new projects. The Aptucket Trading Post will begin planning for their 400th Anniversary. And the Pocasset Water Quality Coalition will be working on rain gardens to improve the water quality in Hen's Cove.

*Happy Gardening,
Pat Nemeth*

The Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne is a member of the Southeastern District of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, the New England Garden Clubs and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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