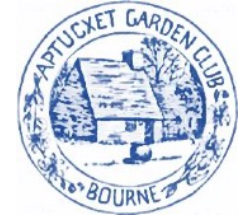


# Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne

We love all things flowers: native gardening, floral design and community education, come and learn with us.



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## Upcoming Happenings

From the editor:

I want to thank all those who previously created the wonderful newsletters that the club has had and now I will do my best to keep up their fabulous work. First, do let me know if there is something you would like me to include. Next, if you are visiting another state, country, area and visits gardens please take some photos and write up something for me to share. And lastly send me notices of lectures, art happenings that are on your radar that might be of interest.

Your editor, Sally Baer

## Upcoming meetings

Nov 13 - joint meeting noon  
Bourne Methodist Church  
'Cranberries 101'

Nov 18 - Bourne Library's  
Thanksgiving Centerpiece  
workshop - \$15

Nov 26 - Boxwood workshop  
Pocasset Community Center

Nov 27 - Wreath workshop  
Bourne Methodist Church

Nov 29 - Centerpiece workshop  
Bourne Methodist Church

Always check handbook or  
eblasts for specifics



## Brilliant Fall Color

Want that brilliant fall color and you don't want those invasive 'economy' (burning bush), then plant our native sumac. Sumac is a shrub or small tree with the ability to survive in our soils and climate. It's a great stabilizer and a great haven for birds. It does spread and colonize through an underground root system but it is a crowd pleaser in the fall.

## Weston Nurseries goes native

Grow Native recently had a workshop at Weston Nurseries in Hopkington, MA, introducing attendees to their new 'Weston Rewinding' program. As they celebrate their 100th anniversary they are launching their Sustainability Program. This is 1) looking at their Ecosystem carbon footprint; 2) Operations, and how to reduce the amount of water and how they water all their plants, where their plants come from including regarding distant and transportation, and 3) potting soil, using peat free option and composted peanut hulls.



## Garden visit of the Month

by guest writer Karen Cronburg

Several weeks ago, I took a day trip to the most spectacular dahlia garden! Located on Long Island Sound just off the coast of Mystic CT, Ender's Island is home to the St. Edmund's Retreat Center.

This 11 acre sanctuary is open to the public 7 days a week, free of charge, accessible by a causeway and has plenty of parking. The drive took under 2 hours and was well worth the trip!

There are 24 plots with over 2000 dahlias of 400 varieties. All of the plants are beautifully staked and labeled. There were also lots of butterflies in the gardens. Peak bloom is mid August through mid September though many of the varieties continue to bloom until the first frost. It was the most amazing display of colors!

The property also has a lovely rose garden, many fruit trees and a natural rock amphitheater with many plantings nestled in the rocks. The stone buildings, walkways and walls further enhance the beauty of the sweeping ocean views.



### Tips for what to do in the Garden

Drill holes in tree stumps and fill with dirt to hasten rotting

Drain hoses and scrub tools and treat surfaces to prevent rusting

Leave ornamental grasses intact for winter interest and wildlife cover

Sink pots of unplanted perennials into vegetable garden or shelter under piles of leaves

Most lawns do not require additional nitrogen feeding

Move houseplants that are dropping leaves into more sun

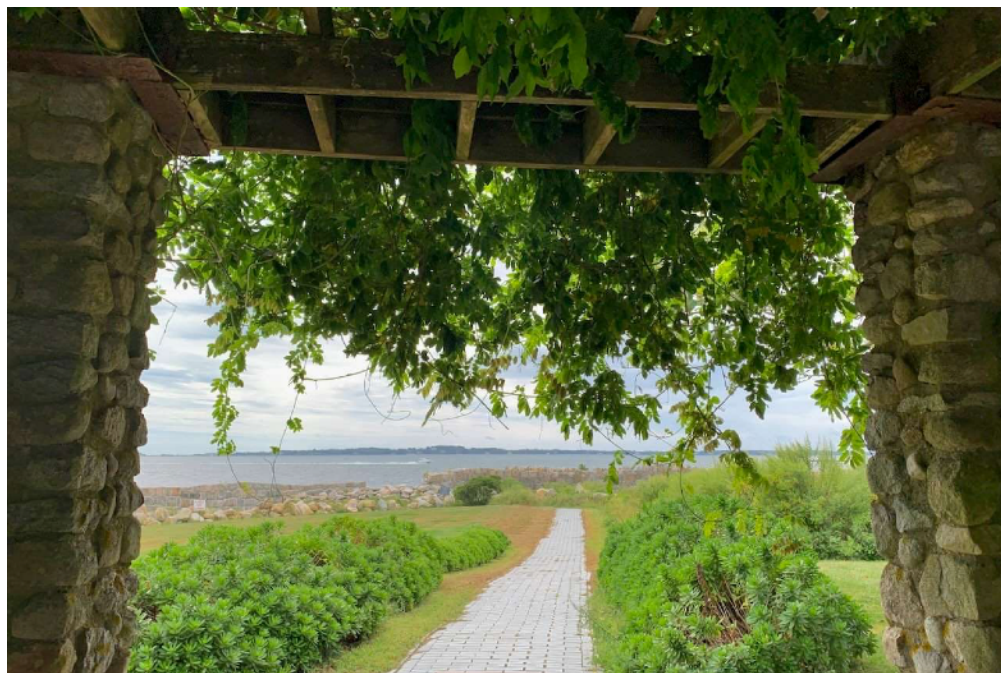
Mulch garlic before ground freezes

Wait to prune shrubs and trees until after leaves drop

LEAVE THE LEAVES, in your gardens for all the winter critters and only rake from the lawns.

Remember those sprays for ticks and mosquitos also kill beneficial insects so please don't spray the environment, spray yourselves with cedercide or other herbal remedies.

St Edmond's Retreat ..... pictures continued





## Tips for the Floral Design

The seven principles of Floral Design:

- Proportion
- Balance
- Dominance
- Rhythm
- Contrast
- Unity

Secondary principles of Design :

- Scale
- Focal point/area
- Repetition
- Accent
- Depth
- Transition
- Variation
- Opposition
- Tension

## Happenings around the Club

- October 18th speaker was Warren Leach, owner of Tranquil Lake Nursery in Rehoboth MA. His presentations focused on the late fall/winter garden. While his slides of perennials and shrubs were great and provide much late fall interest, their speciality is their extensive collections of daylilies. Daylilies for all times, color and texture. Their on-line catalog is extensive and informative. They are open only for special events in the summer otherwise ordering on line and then picking up is the best way to proceed.
- Congratulations go to Marilyn Crane for securing a \$500 grant for planting a pollinator garden at the Bourne Public Library in the Spring 2024. Volunteers will be most welcome. Design will be completed by club member Sally Baer. Location is noted below.



## Happenings around the Club continued



The lovely table at Octobers meeting above and Connie, Marilyn, Jan and Dorothy cleaning up the Trading Post in upper right

The Art in Bloom in Plymouth with Paula O'Neil, Alda Baron and Judy Sheehy



And our fabulous team, visiting one of our nursing homes for a little floral arranging.

