

Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne

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



DECEMBER 2023

Upcoming Happenings

meetings

Dec 1 & 2 - Holiday Greens and Bake sale - Volunteers needed

Dec 11 - Holiday Potluck - signup with Amy Fenton

Dec 20 - Garden Therapy - Royal Cape Cod, Lewis Point

Always check handbook or eblasts for specifics

events in the area

Visit the following websites:

www.gcfm.org/upcoming-events

www.grownativemass.org

www.nebg.org New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

Virtual programs

12/1 Around the World in 80 plants www.ahsgardening.org

12/6 Holidays at the White House www.ahsgardening.org

12/7 Site prep for landscape transformation. AHS again register on their website



Fabulous Fall and Winter Fruit

It's time to feed the birds. If you want to attract these wonderful creatures then a few shrubs to plant are the key. The insects from all of your fabulous oaks, maples, and other native trees are gone and birds need to fatten themselves up for the winter. A few shrubs to plant would be *Viburnum dentatum*, *V. nudum* and *V. opulus* for those fabulous red berries. *Ilex verticillata* (winterberry) is another amazing native. Not only does it provide those fabulous berries for your greens arrangements, but are great for the birds. A favorite of our feathered friends is *Callicarpa* (beauty berry), whose berries are on the next page, is a favorite of mine, too. And of course one can't forget our native *Myrica pensylvanica* (bayberry) and Juniper Virginian (picture above).



Tips for what to do in the Garden

Want to attract Bats? Bat eat and love one of our dreaded insects - mosquitos. And did you know that Bats are instrumental to night pollination in agriculture? To entice bats at dusk, as they start to pollinate, it is recommended to utilize sweet smelling perennials to guide them into the garden as night falls. Try to plant for a year-round blend of perennials. Examples are herbs: lavender or rosemary. Some perennials are yarrow, marsh marigold, purple coneflower, Joe Pye weed, blue flag iris, bee balm along with garden sage and goldenrod.



Get your sign for your lawn at www.xerces.org to help educate your neighbors.

Garden visit of the Month

SPOHR GARDEN, Woods Hole, MA

I had the opportunity to once again volunteer at Spohr Garden in Woods Hole. Located on Oyster Pond offering vistas of Nantucket Sound, its 6 acre woodland is a great place for a walk with nature. (Note, unfortunately dogs are not welcome).

The members of Spohr have recently installed new signage, undertaken major pruning of their fabulous collection of rhododendrons, opened vistas and relocated the vast collection of 75 mill stones to be better admired. The other major collection is their antique anchors, though those are a so big that they pretty much stay put.

The latest project was to bring back the thousands of spring daffodils that were originally planted by Charles and Margaret Spohr.

So take a drive or walk up from the Shining Sea bike trail and still on through to admire. Also visit the website and read the history at www.spohrgardens.org



Spohr Gardens pictures continued



Spring at the garden with all the azaleas overlooking Oyster Pond.



Just a few of the many anchors along with a few swans. Last count I had while biking by was over 20.

Tips for the Floral Design

In the future months, we will be looking at different styles of designs, generously provided by our design team - Alda Baron, Judy Sheehy, and Paula O'Neil. These designs may be designated in our Flower show so take a look and ask questions. [Schedules available at all events.](#)

1) A traditional mass design



2) versus a group mass design. Think of the use of materials in each design and the arrangement



Happenings around the Club

- November was a joint meeting that had three very informative women from Cape Cod Cranberry Grower's Association sharing their knowledge and history. Some facts were:
 - Very high production costs
 - Average age of workers is 55
 - Work is extremely physical
 - Very tough to attract workers
 - Climate change is negatively effecting the business
 - Wisconsin took over as primary producer in 1996, and then Massachusetts, Quebec is quickly catching up due to lower wages, taxes and their plants are newer and therefore produce more.
 - India is using a lot of berries and creating new spices.
 - Medicinal uses are growing, touching on UTI's, gut health, gums, and ulcers.
 - AND cranberries are naturally low in sugar, but watch out for those "added sugars".
 - Tours are available at many bogs, and Makepeace in Wareham has many cranberry gifts.



Happenings around the Club continued

November 22, brought our design team of Judy Sheehy and Alda Baron, together with the Friends of the Bourne Public Library to create a Thanksgiving design. Club members participating were Laverne Newman, Sue Barlow, Nancy Buckley and Julie Arnold



Buzzards Bay Beautification group along with club members: Sue Barlow, Jan Sudol, Connie Spillhaus and Nancy Buckley, filled 12 of the new planters along with Marilyn Crane, Paula O'Neil, and Marcia Willmot, on Main Street and in Buzzards Bay Park on November 24.



Happenings around the Club continued



Continuing with our Holiday celebrations club members gathered at the Community Building to make Boxwood trees for our Greens Sale on December 2nd.

Shown at left is Ways & Means Co-Chair Jan Rogers.

And below, our wonderful instructor, Carolee Packard.



And after the Boxwood workshop we moved into our wreath workshop, finishing 15 wreaths for many of the town buildings, and another 51 for our greens sale.

Paula O'Neil

Happenings around the Club continued

Photos continued from the wreath workshop.

Top: Bob Nelson, Alda Baron, Cathy Glynn

Middle: Laura Bergeron, Dot Haney, Nancy Selchan, and Sue Dmochowski

Bottom: Some of the fabulous finished wreaths



And then we had the Sale

Set up crew included, not in order: Sue D., Isabel M., Cathy G., Nancy S., Jan R., Alda B., Cyndy H., Sally B., Nancy B., Cheryl Keown, and KSO. Others dropped in and out later in the night.



Happenings around the Club continued

