

# Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne

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



January 2024

## Upcoming Happenings

### meetings

JAN 8 Joint Day Meeting  
Speaker - Marie Chieppo "Plants in design that enhance sustainability on our properties"

There will be a styrofoam collection at the JAN 8 mtg.

JAN 17 - Garden Therapy - Bourne Manor & Cape Cod senior residences.

Always check handbook or eblasts for times & specifics

### events in the area

visit the following websites:

[www.gcfm.org/upcoming-events](http://www.gcfm.org/upcoming-events)

[www.grownativemass.org](http://www.grownativemass.org)

[www.extlandscape@umass.edu](mailto:www.extlandscape@umass.edu)

- POLLINATOR TOPICS  
1/30/24 - 9:30 am to 1:30 pm  
pre-registration is required

[www.nebg.org](http://www.nebg.org) New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

- An Orchid exhibit  
February 10 to March 17



## The In's and Out's of the New Year

Happy New Year. Now's the time to start thinking about what to do in the garden, so watch this month as the catalogs start rolling in. There will be plenty of what's in and what's out so let's start with the color : the new color of the year is Peach Fuzz, and what's out is magenta.



What's in is a new USDA hardiness zone map which now puts us in a zone 7. That brings in a whole new host of eligible plants that we can entertain planting, but sadly also we say good bye to favorites. (see last page for new map.)

What's in Cape Cod Lawns. Lawns that don't look like a golf course, but host many bees and other insects due to their clover and mosses that are natural because no chemicals have been added. AND they require less watering, if any, and much less mowing.



## Tips for what to do in the Garden

As winter is setting in with its prevailing winds, make sure your broadleaf evergreens are protected. Erect wind breaks from the direction of the prevailing winds. Especially those new trees and shrubs and those that are zone 6b or 7.

Reduce watering and fertilizing houseplants as new growth is minimal this time of year.

Recycle your Xmas tree. Cut all the branches and cover perennials until spring and put trunk in an unused area of the garden for insects and small creatures.

Take note of inventory for seed starting materials.

Cut amaryllis flower stalks after blooming, water and fertilize remaining leaves.

Immerse yourself in gardening books to beat winter blues.

Join APCC and put your garden on the Pollinator Pathway. Celebrate your hard work of going native.

Get your sign for your lawn at [www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org)



## Garden visit of the Month

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, VA

Guest writer, Barbara Tomorowitz

A flurry of red, vibrant blue, black and green wings greeted visitors this year at the Annual Butterflies Live exhibit at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, VA. The exhibit is open to the public from mid-April to mid-October. Some 100 species of butterflies were exhibited during the six months the exhibit was open. Species typically come from Central and South America, Africa and Southeast Asia and native North America. At the end of the season, the butterflies are corralled and shipped via FedEx back to the Tucson Botanical Garden for the winter.

The butterflies on exhibit had a life span of several weeks although some species live for months.

On my visit, I saw Monarchs, Black Swallowtail, Common Morpho, Giant Owl. Butterflies are attracted to bright colors so it was not a surprise to see one or two perching on a hot pink tee shirt or bright floral dress. However, there was one Giant Owl variety who was attracted to a pair of drab khaki shorts.

About 250 butterflies in the pupa stage of their life cycle are delivered each week. Butterflies emerge from their chrysalides in the Emergence Room of the exhibit and are then released into the conservatory. The emerging butterflies are re-housed in a net cage and will start flapping their wings to dry before flying out into the room. Available in the exhibit are an emergent box with chrysalides, rotating display of caterpillars and other insects, nectar/fruit food trays for butterflies.

Butterflies are important to our environment. They pollinate our plants. We need to encourage butterfly growth by growing host plants for the caterpillars, such as dill and parsley and nectar plants such as lantana and brightly colored floral plants. The monarch migration is in jeopardy as monarch numbers are at their lowest level ever recorded. Monarchs need native milkweed; it is their only host plant.

So get planting and encourage these insects to multiply.

Ginter Gardens continued ..... pictures



On the left are the hatched, not yet released butterflies.

Below right is a swallowtail released in the Butterfly House.

Below left are two of the four monarch caterpillars that Sally Baer captured last summer

And bottom picture is three of the four just hatched and drying off before they were released about 3 hours later.





## Tips for the Floral Design

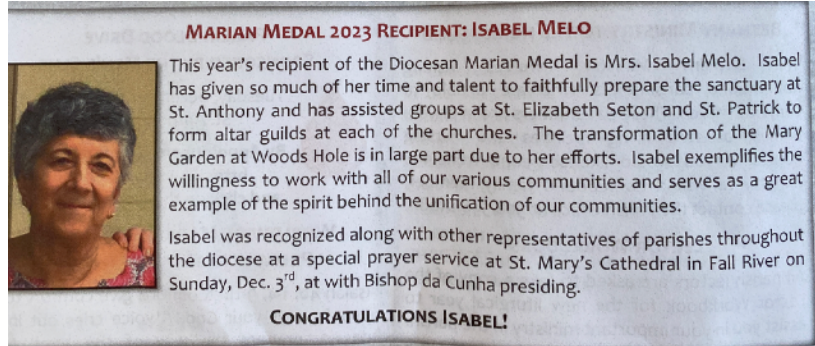
Last month we saw the different Mass Designs. This month the Floral Design Ladies are showing us examples of a Cascade Design. If you have any questions please contact, Judy or Alda.

*Schedules available at all events.*



## Happenings around the Club

Congratulations go out Isabel Melo who was honored recently by the Bishop of Fall River. Awesome job Isabel!!



December brought our holiday traditions of a wonderful pot luck luncheon and then our ornament swap with Betsy Woodley reading "twas the night before Christmas".

From the following pictures you will see a good time was had by all AND the food was amazing. Thank you to all for such a great time.



Happenings around the Club continued





# 2023 USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map

