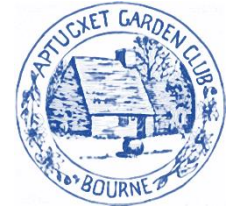


# Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



## "Go Green - Plant Bourne"

August – September 2024



*To plant a garden is to dream of tomorrow.*

*Audrey Hepburn*

### **Bourne Library's new Pollinator Garden**

Our Club strives to fulfill its mission to provide educational information for the public on all things gardens both in print and in practice. To that end, we joined with the Pollinator Pathway Cape Cod and designed, installed, and are maintaining our first pollinator garden located in front of the Jonathan Bourne Library.

The installation took place this past spring. We were lucky that the area, 350 square feet, was somewhat ready for planting but we did have to deal with about 50% of it covered in weeds. Six club members completed the weeding, layout, installation, and mulching in about 3 hours.

We'll continue to water this new garden very well the first year, but once it's established less watering will be required.

The finishing touch will be signage identifying the plants and the Club for our efforts. It will be created this winter and placed in the garden in the spring. The Library's website will include a listing of the plants in the garden as well.

Approximately 100 plants, both native and non-native loved by pollinators, were installed. They include at least 20 species and many varieties. A partial plant list is provided below:

Agastache (Anise Hyssop); Amsonia (Blue Star Flower); Asclepius (Milkweed); Aster  
Baptisia (False Indigo); Coreopsis (Tickseed); Crocosmia (Fire Lily); Dicentra (Bleeding Heart);  
Echinacea (Coneflower); Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed); Iris Cristata; Liatris (Gayfeather); Lobelia  
(Cardinal Flower); Monarda (Bee Balm); Nepeta (Catmint); Solidago (Goldenrod); Rudbeckia  
(Black-eyed Susan); Cornus (red twig dogwood); Hypericum (St. John's wort)

**Please visit the garden, particularly when it's in flower and buzzing with bees and butterflies. It looks amazing.**

**Article by Sally Baer**



Planting is done – Let the growing begin!



Planting day work crew: Marcia Willmott, Cheryl Hafela, Marilyn Crane, Bobbie Dwyer, Debbie Webster, Ellen Migliaccio, and Laura Bergeron. Sally Baer was the designer and installer. Thanks to all!

## Looking Ahead - AGC Month Events

- September 9, 2024 Day Meeting – 12:00 -Pocasset Community Building  
The Fragrant Garden - Speaker will be Donelle Demery, a Master Gardener who specializes in garden design
- September 18. 2024 Evening Meeting – 5:30 – The Bourne United Methodist Church  
How to Build Your Own Homegrown National Park - Speaker will be Neil Sanders, accomplished author, Native plant garden
- Garden Therapy at Royal Cape Cod – Wednesday, September 18th at 10:30 am
- Garden Therapy at Cape Cod Senior Residences – Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm
- Bow Workshop – TBD. Sign up at our September meetings soon.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will open our 2024-2025 meeting at Pocasset Community Center, but due to circumstances beyond our control, the October and November monthly meetings will take place on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) WEDNESDAY of the month. Our second Monday of the month meeting will resume January 6<sup>th</sup> of most months Watch for the changes when you pick up your yearbook on September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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## PULL TAB PROJECT

**Our Club has been participating in this program for many years. For those of you new to the Pull-Tab Project, here is some background. Shriners Hospitals for Children, located throughout North America, have been serving children with complex and specialized healthcare needs since 1922. These include orthopedic and neuromuscular conditions and burn injuries to name just a few.**

**As part of that commitment, all care and services are provided regardless of a family's ability to pay or insurance status. We are indeed fortunate to have a Shriners Hospital in Springfield, MA.**

**Individual MA Clubs bring their tabs to the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' (GCFM) meetings or to the Waltham office. Those collected are then delivered to GCFM's Tab Coordinator to be delivered to the Shriners in Springfield.**

**The Shriner's accept these aluminum pull-tabs donations to provide care and the research to accomplish its mission. The tabs from our garden clubs are collected with other tab donations at the Shriners Hospital in Springfield. Periodically a metal recycling company collects them and converts the weight collected to the prevailing value for aluminum and converts that into dollars for pediatric equipment, child life programs, or whatever are the current needs.**

**SO APTUCXET MEMBERS PLEASE START/KEEP POPPING THOSE BEVERAGE CAN TABS (no soup, tuna, food or can tabs they are not aluminum) AND BRING THEM TO MEETINGS WHERE THEY'LL BE COLLECTED AND DELIVERED TO GCFM.**

**THANK YOU! This is also a great recycling opportunity to keep a very recyclable material out of landfills**

**Recycle information contributed by Kathy Sargent- O'Neill**

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## Educational Opportunities:

### OCTOBER DESIGN WORKSHOP

Given by National Garden Clubs Flower Show Judge Marcia Connors

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Saint Susanna Parish

262 Needham Street, Dedham MA

Marcia will teach about the principle of balance in floral design. Class includes a lecture, demonstration, and the opportunity to apply what you've learned as you create an arrangement of fall flowers to bring home.

- All levels of experience in floral arranging are welcome
- Bring your floral snips or scissors
- Attendees do not have to belong to a GCFM garden club
- Bring a friend with you for a most enjoyable morning

To register for this class please send your check, made out for \$55 by September 30 to GCFM, Inc. (Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts) to

Margo Yie

6 Dancer Farm Drive

Dover, MA 02030

Also anyone interested in becoming a master gardener

Master Gardeners course offer by Cape Cod Cooperative Extension deadline to apply is October 1 for more info go to

<https://mastergardenerscc.org/>

Information contributed by Cyndy Hurley

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## The Heritage Museum and Gardens National Garden Club Standard Flower Show

The show was held ON JULY 17, 18, 19, 2024. The Theme was "Game On!". Aptucxet Garden Club Members award winning entries pictured below. Congratulations to all!



Alda Barron – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Blue Ribbon and District Directors Award in the Labrynth Class



Isabel Melo –2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Red Ribbon, in the Baseball Class – titled Bourne Braves



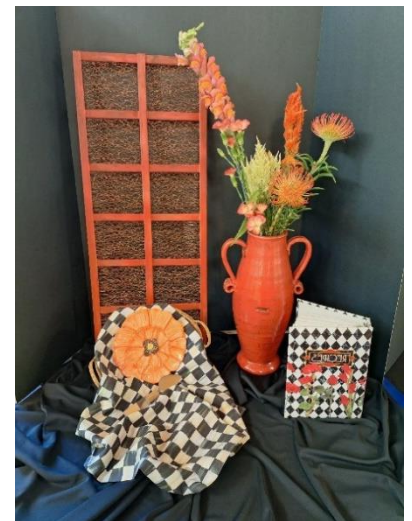
Judy Sheehy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Red Ribbon in the Labrynth Class



Darlene Chickosky, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Blue Ribbon, in the Angry Birds Class



Carolee Packard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Red Ribbon, in the Angry Birds Class

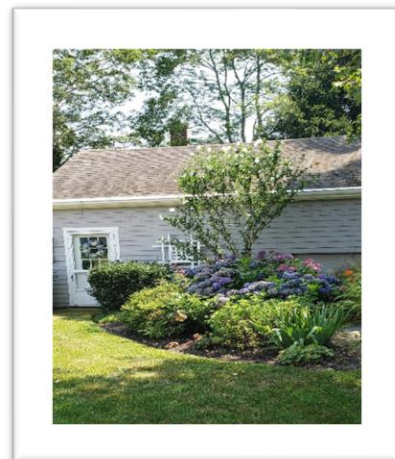
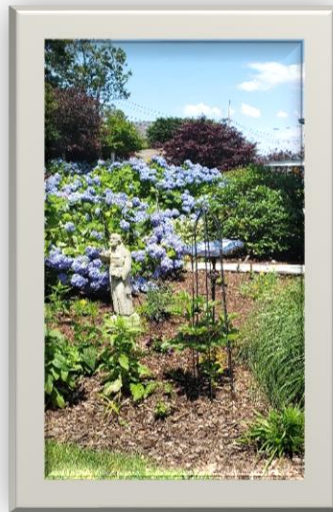


Paula O'Neill , Honorable Mention, White Ribbon ,in the Clue – The Kitchen Class

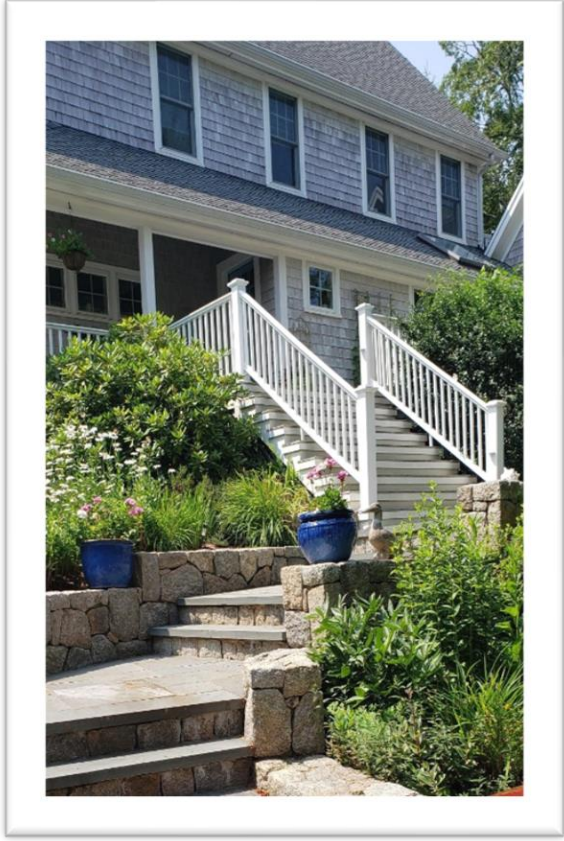
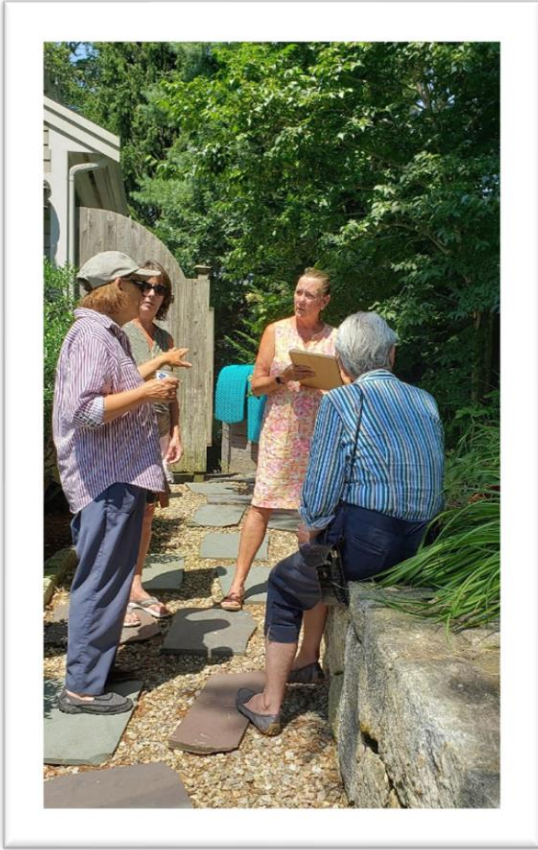
## SUMMER GARDEN VISITS

Many Garden Club members took part in the Summer Garden Visits program this summer. Members visited 8 gardens and offered ideas and suggestions for creative ways to deal with a problem area or suggest plants that might be good for certain situations. Gardens are continually changing and it's encouraging to hear the creative ideas of others.

Two members, Cheryl Keown & Ellen Migliaccio, attended every garden visit and were a wealth of knowledge. It was a great learning experience for all, and a wonderful opportunity to get to know other garden club members better in a relaxed setting. Thank you to Moe Smith for organizing these visits.



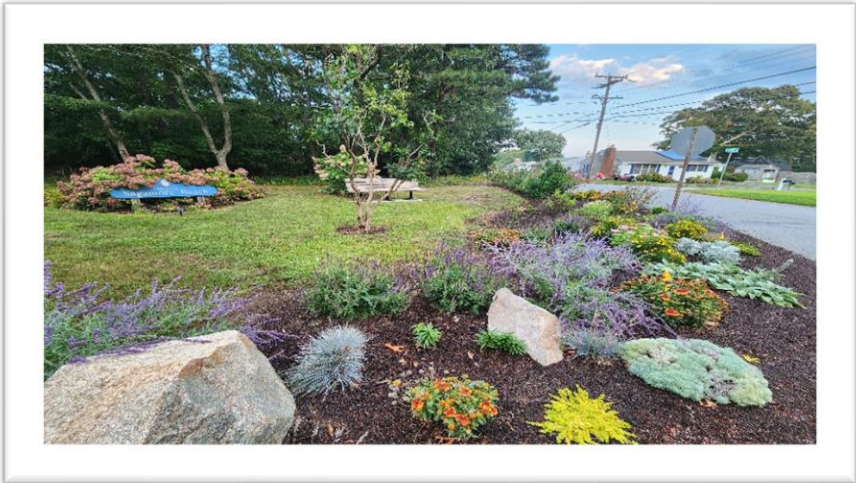
Pictured above: Sue Barlow , Grace Moore and Laura Bergeron's garden visits



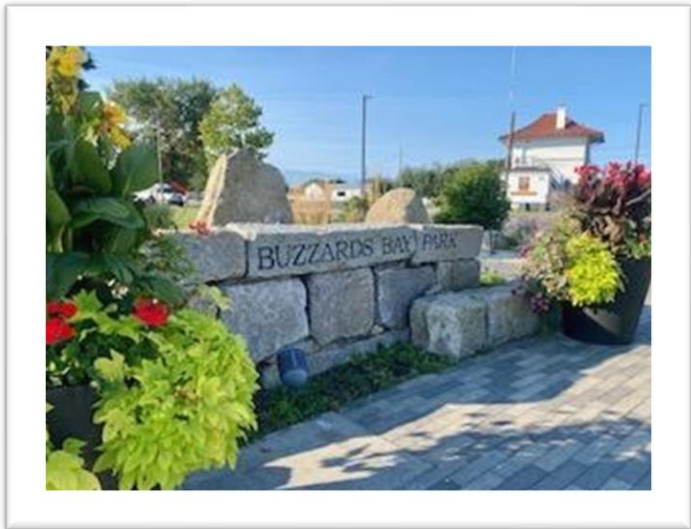
Pictured above: Cyndy Hurley and Lori Keleher's garden visits



**APTUCXET GARDEN CLUB BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS** Members plant and maintain more than a dozen projects, which beautify all the villages. Below are pictures of some of our current projects.



Pictured above: Aptucxet Trading Post Gardens, Community Gardens, Sagamore Beach Gardens, Library Urns



Pictured above: Briggs -McDermott House Garden, Main Street Planters (one of 10), Buzzards Bay Park, and Town Hall.

# Message from President

Dear Garden Club Friends,

I am excited for the year ahead and am humbled and honored to serve as the next president of Aptucxet Club. In taking this position, I've learned more about our community outreach and numerous civic projects, for which I want to say thank you for all that you do. I want to thank the programming team of Laverne Newman and Cathy Glynn for working this summer to line up our exciting speakers and programs for the coming year. And lastly, a big thank you to Sally Baer for her design of the new Library Pollinator Garden, along with her leadership of a great team, who planted, watered and mulched AGC newest project.

This year's theme is "Go Green – Plant Bourne". The Pollinator Garden at the Jonathan Bourne Library will be the public sign of the dedication our club has to beautify Bourne. Our newest project, along with the Aptucxet and Briggs - McDermott historic gardens, are living examples of our conservation pledge to defend natural resources – its air, waters and wildlife.

Members of ACG are dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate about our gardens. Since joining ACG, I've noted a big change in membership. Six years ago, our members numbered 92. There were many active members along with Associate and Emeritus members too. Currently we have 72 members, 15 are Associates. A few members are now emeritus and a few more are not well enough to participate in our service projects and fund raisers. Our active members are a mighty bunch, who number only 40. They need more help to better fulfill our commitment to all our projects and community outreach. Hospitality teams will now have one fewer server. Each board member will be assigned a meeting date to lessen the load of each team. I am asking everyone to spread the word that we are a great club with lots to offer. New members will learn about floral design, horticulture tips, along with ways to plant more plants and less lawn, as well as help with all our fundraisers that support the programs we enjoy.

So, consider inviting a neighbor, a church friend, or an old college roommate, to come to a meeting and see what we are all about. Our board will be doing the same through social media, the Bourne Enterprise and our updated flyer we will have available at the Jonathan Bourne Library soon, and all the places we serve. More members will make our work lighter and energize our committees. I am also asking each of you to think about helping our club in another way. Sign up for a new committee or volunteer for a second hospitality team.

Let us now enjoy the cooler nights and warm days of September and do only what is needed in our gardens. Leave the leaf litter and flower heads for our hibernating birds, insects and pollinator. Take photos of your garden to remember its beauty and plan for the changes you want to make next year's bloom more beautiful.

Thank you for all you do and continue to do for all the gardens and project AGC undertakes annually. Lastly, I also want to extend a special thank you to Marilyn Crane who dedicated hundreds of hours this summer to create our annual yearbook. So please invite someone new to join our club and come to see our 2024 speakers. It's going to be a great year!

**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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