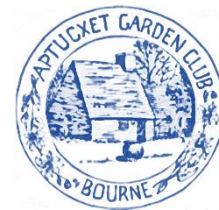


Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



"Go Green - Plant Bourne"

November 2024



"Gather and be Grateful"

Anonymous

Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne- Day Meeting - October 09, 2024

Beginners' Guide to Growing Hydrangeas - Speaker: Linda Coven

My eyes and ears were fully attuned to Linda so I would learn how to keep my single hydrangea plant alive. Linda Coven, our speaker, told of her opportune journey and continued passion for Hydrangeas. The adventure began with a vacation to the Cape, her attendance to a seminar/program on Hydrangeas while on the Cape, a serendipitous meeting of Mal Condon, who ultimately became her mentor, and the simple act of purchasing a \$3.95 hydrangea opened a new world for her. She spoke of little-known hydrangea facts with pruning techniques for each of the hydrangea species. She spoke of 'New Wood' and 'Old Wood' and how they affect the blooming and the pruning of the hydrangea. Linda LOVES to prune! She gave us some gems she has learned over time. Linda showed her preference on tools most especially her pruners and the shop vac. Linda also discussed native pollinator friendly hydrangeas. The big finale was a demonstration of pruning techniques at the conclusion of her presentation. It was commented that as a group, we were all on the edge of our seats and leaning forward to get a better view of the demonstration. I wish I had a Before and After picture of the hydrangea! The whizzing of the pruners, all the while talking about what and why she was doing, was spellbinding.

This new AGC member had additional questions as did others at the end of the program. There were copious handouts for those who wished to learn more. I was lucky and snagged a calendar for my refrigerator. As the meeting adjourned questions and laughter was in abundance.

The Hospitality group did a marvelous job with the finger sandwiches and desserts! Yummy!!

Submitted by Diane Conroy



Linda Coven, has graciously shared her Hydrangea Power Point presentation with us in a PDF format. If you would like to receive the file, contact Laverne Newman by email. Lnewman26@comcast.net


HYDRANGEAS DEMYSTIFIED

WHICH HYDRANGEA DO YOU GROW?
 There are six main types of hydrangeas commonly grown in North American gardens.

HYDRANGEA FUN FACT
 There are about 49 species of hydrangeas. Four are native to North America, including smooth hydrangea and oakleaf hydrangeas.

 <p>QUICK FIRE FAB®</p> <p>PANICLE (ALSO KNOWN AS PEEGEE) <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy to USDA zone 3 • Bloom on new wood; prune in late winter/early spring <p>PROVEN WINNERS' VARIETIES: BOBO®, FIRE LIGHT®, FIRE LIGHT TIDBIT®, Timelight®, LIMELIGHT PRIME, LITTLE LIME®, LITTLE LIME PUNCH®, Lark, QUICK FIRE®, PINKY WINKY®, QUICK FIRE®, QUICK FIRE FAB®</p>	 <p>WEE BIT GRUMPY®</p> <p>BIGLEAF (ALSO KNOWN AS FLORISTS', HORTENSIA, MOPHEAD, OR LACECAP) <i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy to USDA zone 4/5 • Bloom on old wood; do not prune, may benefit from winter protection <p>PROVEN WINNERS' VARIETIES: CITYLINE®, PARIS, FAIRYTRAIL BRIDE®, CASCADE HYDRANGEA®, LET'S DANCE® series, WEE BIT® series</p>	 <p>INVINCIBELLE LIMETTA®</p> <p>SMOOTH (ALSO KNOWN AS ANABELLE) <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy to USDA zone 3 • Bloom on new wood; prune in late winter/early spring <p>PROVEN WINNERS' VARIETIES: INCREDIBALL® series, INVINCIBELLE® series</p>
 <p>CLIMBING <i>Hydrangea petiolaris</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy to USDA zone 4 • Bloom on old wood; do not prune 	 <p>TUFF STUFF AH-SAY®</p> <p>MOUNTAIN <i>Hydrangea serrata</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy to USDA zone 5 • Bloom on old wood; do not prune <p>PROVEN WINNERS' VARIETIES: TUFF STUFF® series</p>	 <p>GATSBY PINK®</p> <p>OAKLEAF <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardy to USDA zone 5 • Bloom on old wood; do not prune, may benefit from winter protection <p>PROVEN WINNERS' VARIETIES: GATSBY series</p>

Looking Ahead - AGC Month Events

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – Joint Meeting – 12:00 pm – Bourne United Methodist Church
Program: Native Plants of Cape Cod . Master Gardener, Fran Raleigh will present native Cape Cod species and the benefits of landscaping with native plants.

Garden Therapy at Royal Cape Cod – Wednesday, November 20 at 10:30 am

Boxwood Tree Workshop – Sunday, December 1st / 12:30-3:30 at Pocasset Community Bldg

Wreath Making Workshop – Tuesday December 3rd/ 9:30 -3:00 ar Bourne United Methodist Church

Centerpiece/Mug Workshop – Wednesday December 4th/- 3:00 -8:00 Bourne United Meth. Church

AGC Holiday Greens & Bake Sale – Friday Dec. 6th /3:00-7:00 at Briggs McDermott Forge

AGC Holiday Greens & Bake Sale -Saturday Dec. 7th/ 10:00-12:00 at Briggs McDermott Forge

Green Sale Workshop Announcement

Please make the following change to your yearbook:

The date for the Wreath Workshop is listed in the yearbook as December 2. The date has been changed to December 3. The location did not change.



Aptucxet Garden Club has a Facebook Page!

Please friend and follow on Facebook - Administrators are Susan Barlow and Cathleen Glynn. ***** If you have pictures to put on the FB page email to :

Aptucxetgardenclub@gmail.com



also

Sue Barlow of Bourne Community TV has filmed several of the speakers at our meetings. You can watch videos of Aptucxet Garden Club speakers on YouTube. Go to YouTube.com and search for Bourne Community TV. Then click on videos. You can type in Aptucxet Garden Club in the search box to narrow the list of videos.

Go to this YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNpZ0BIMQWY>) to watch Aptucxet Garden Club How-To Workshops where you will find Green Sale Demonstrations for Boxwood Trees, Centerpieces, and Wreaths.

Pumpkin Workshop



Anna Holmes, our talented member/florist, demonstrated a pumpkin dried flower arrangement. Thirty-six members participated in this member-only workshop. It was a fun; creative night and we all came home with a beautiful pumpkin arrangement – thank you Anna !



Floral Design: Presentation on alternative to using oasis in floral designs

Julie Arnold Demonstrated using **Floral Frogs**



Alda Barron demonstrated using **netting** such as found on wine bottles, **willow branches**, and **chicken wire**



Judy Sheehy demonstrated using **Agra-Wool**.

Agra-Wool is reusable and biodegradable. It is made from basalt mineral rock fibers. Ethically sourced from the Netherlands. You can purchase Agra-Wool on Amazon.



Horticulture

Excerpts from Cheryl Keown's presentation of Native and Nativars on Oct. 9th

Native Plants: It's not all roses.

Actually, there are native roses; they just aren't the glamorous David Austins, or nostalgic New Dawns in Nantucket, or even the lowly Knock-out Roses. There are six roses native to North America commonly referred to as pasture roses. They generally have rose-shaped petals, but only five of them, so they are flat-faced, with very exposed centers. So "It's not all roses" is more of a play on words. In other words, to embrace native plants, we need to also embrace the following thorns:

Weeds: When the pilgrims arrived in 1620, they were greeted by all kinds of unfamiliar plants: Joe Pie weed, poke weed, milkweed, jewel weed, knotweed, chick weed, sneezeweed, butterfly weed, jimson weed, pickerelweed; you get my drift: native plants were weeds. Then, three hundred years later, during the first half of the 20th century, they became "wildflowers". Only in 2019, 400 years later, the venerable New England Wildflower Society finally became the Native Plant Trust; 'native plants' had finally arrived!

Nativars: So if the purpose of planting natives is to feed pollinators, a primary concern must be whether the hybrid improvement changes the pollinator attractors: the petal color or the position and proportion of the stamens and pistils, which are the pollen-bearing and receiving parts of the flower, or if it changes the bloom time. Therefore, we need to be educated purchasers, if we are to support pollinators with nativars.

Bugs: Many questions we see on Native Plant Facebook groups are about how to control or eliminate bugs in native plants. It is almost as if the questioner didn't read the rest of the book: supporting bugs is a major reason to grow native plants. Killing bugs, whether it by so-called natural or organic methods, or home-made potions, defeats the point. If you can't tolerate bugs, growing native plants is not for you.

Combined Horticulture and Floral Presentation October 16th

Debbie Webster gave a presentation on Kissing Balls. Alda Barron and Paula O'Neill created kissing balls, and Judy Sheehy and Paula O'Neil demonstrated the different methods used to create them.



History of the Kissing Ball

History of the Kissing Ball. AGC 10.16.2024 Middle Ages The Kissing Ball dates from the Middle Ages, roughly 500 to 1500 AD. They were hung along passages in castles and big houses as a way to give good luck and blessings to all who passed under them Tudor Period In the Tudor Period from about 1500 to 1600, Kissing Boughs were one of the most popular Christmas traditions. They were made with 2 intertwined hoops covered with evergreens, including holly, bay and mistletoe. They were often hung on walls or over doorways to welcome guests. If meeting under the mistletoe, a kiss was expected. Those meeting under the mistletoe would each pick a berry from the plant as proof of the kiss. Victorian England In Victorian England (1837-1901 the reign of Queen Victoria) the Kissing Bough was now called the Kissing Ball. It was decorated with herbs and foliage in an elaborate way. In addition to mistletoe and other evergreens such as bay and pine, flowers and herbs were now added. The specific herbs were chosen for both their beauty and symbolism. Lavender and rosemary signified loyalty and devotion, thyme, courage. Mistletoe brought good fortune and fertility. Ribbon and glitter held the plants and flowers together in a ball. Traditionally a Victorian Kissing Ball had an apple or potato as a base. Victorian England's Kissing Ball focused on romance. Dancers waltzed under Single women stood under the ball waiting for potential suitors. Eventually the tradition of hanging just mistletoe replaced the Kissing Ball.

Ways and Means

Julie Arnold and Moe Smith, Co-Chairs



Holiday Greens MEMBER Pre-Order Form – please find the form (***on next page***) to review and if you're interested in ordering early please complete and get the form back to either Julie Arnold or Moe Smith by NOV. 22nd.

You can submit this form either by snail mail or email (see the bottom of form for details).

Thanks so much for doing your part to make this event a success!

Julie and Moe
Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs

The Ways and Means Committee raises the money for the club. The funds raised at our Annual Greens Sale help support our programs and projects throughout the town. It is very important for members to share their skills and their time, attend the workshops, and work the Greens Sale. There will be sign-up sheets available at all the meetings, or you can contact Julie or Moe to sign up. The Workshops are more fun than work, and it takes a group effort to prepare for our annual Greens Sale. Please save some time during the first week in December to attend a workshop or two or three!

There will be workshops held the first week in December starting with:

Boxwoods on Sunday the 1st, Wreaths on Tuesday the 3rd, Centerpieces and Mugs on Wednesday the 4th with a possible makeup day of Thursday the 5th. The member/elves will be very busy with workshops to get ready for the Greens Sale to be held on Friday, December 6th and Saturday December 7th.

Thank you all for your vital club support.



DECORATED HOLIDAY GREENS

MEMBER ONLY PRE-ORDER FORM (2024)

The AGC is offering Members Pre-order Sales on our beautifully decorated Balsam Wreaths (22" outside dia.), Swags, Boxwood Trees, and undecorated Wreaths until November 22nd so don't delay!

Shop for your decorated Holiday Centerpieces and Mugs (*Some Wreaths, Boxwood Trees, Swags may be available*) when you pick up your order at our

Greens Sale ~ Dec. 6th (3 pm-7 pm) & 7th (10 am-Noon)

Briggs McDermott House Grounds, 22 Sandwich Rd., Old Bourne Village

Please complete the form below. SNAIL MAIL to: Julie Arnold, PO Box 187, Monument Beach, MA 02553 or EMAIL: Moe Smith moe@paycommunity.org
No later than November 22nd. Thank You.

Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

	Number	TOTAL
Boxwoods - \$40/ea.		\$
Wreaths - \$40/ea.		\$
Swags - \$40/ea.		\$
Wreath Undecorated - \$25/ea.		\$
GRAND TOTAL		\$

BOW (circle choice): Red, Plaid, Holiday Stripe, Burlap or Burlap w/color mix.

Payment (cash or check only). Order pick-up at the Greens Sale
Dec. 6th (3-7 pm) & Dec. 7th (10-Noon)



Message from the President

Happy Fall Garden Club friends,

Haven't we enjoyed the most amazingly warm and beautiful October? I know we need rain, but the amazing colors seem to have lasted longer on the trees than I remember in years pasts.

Thank you to Anna Holmes and her support team for the fun, fun night of floral design at our October evening meeting. It was great to see so many participate in the floral design workshop after the great horticulture talk about the history of the kissing ball by Debbie Webster. Alda Barron, Paula O'Neil and Judy Sheehy showed us how easy it is to make your own kissing ball using an apple or potato instead of an oasis. Linda Coven was our October day meeting speaker. If you missed her talk, you could catch all the hydrangea tips and secrets she offered if you just search Aptucket Garden Club of Bourne - YouTube -Beginners Guide to Hydrangeas.

I was fortunate to represent our club at the NEGC regional meeting last week in RI. NGC president, Brenda Moore, gave a talk titled, "50 Shades of Green." She stressed that everyone in our clubs has gifts and interests and that the national garden club website, www.gardenclub.org, has something for everyone. I encourage you all to check it out for yourself, but here are some of my big take aways from what was presented.

NGC has schools. Most of their courses are available on Zoom and offer credits towards Master Gardener certification. Brenda's favorite is the Landscape design course that provides practical design of your own backyard. She recently completed the Environmental School series and particularly liked the session about the hazards of single use plastics. (AGC has member scholarships to encourage you to take a few of these courses too.) Gardenclub.org has an educational video café, blogs on numerous topics and the National Gardener publication. NGC even has a store. And if you thought being NGC president wasn't enough, Brenda Moore is the author of 4 children's books. They are targeted for early childhood and could be shared through our Junior Gardener program and donated to the library to support our new pollinator garden. Mark your calendars for two upcoming webinars too. I'm looking forward to the December 11th – Hanging of the Greens- wreath making competition and the March 19, 2025 Go Green -Feed America, about garden clubs nationwide, who help local food banks eliminate food insecurity. Did you know that many members of AGC have helped to grow over 700lbs of fresh produce at the Community Garden in Cataumet? Congratulations and thank you. We can report that to the National Garden Club effort to conquer hunger in our communities

In closing, I am reminded that Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away. It is a time of thankful heart and holiday traditions. I hope you and your family enjoy both. Happy Thanksgiving.

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