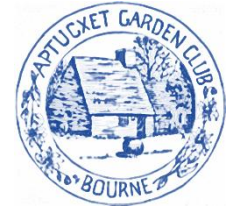


Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne



Where Flowers Bloom, So Does Hope

Summer 2025

July- August- September



*"Flowers are the music of the ground
from earth's lips spoken without sound."*

Edwin Curran



Aptucxet Garden Club group photo from the June 11th Pot Luck Luncheon. It was a perfect day, and the Trading Post was the perfect place for our 2025 annual meeting, the last of our 2024-2025 Club year.

The Floribunda Award is an accolade given by garden clubs to recognize members for their exceptional contributions and leadership. Congratulations to Marilyn Crane – a much-deserved recipient of this year’s Floribunda Award!



Floribunda Award Presentation



Gardeners are also fabulous cooks



Our Favorite Club Sisters: Isabel and Alda



Cathy and Bobbie -love the smiles



Members enjoying this beautiful day

Looking Ahead - AGC Month Events

September 8, 2025, 12:00 pm, Day Meeting, Bourne United Methodist Church

Carolee Packard, Bill Goranson, and Diane Speers will speak to us about Valley Farm Community Garden and Bourne Food Pantry

September 17, 2025, 5:30 pm, Evening Meeting, Bourne United Methodist Church

Program: Paul Split, nationally recognized designer and presenter of green workshops will be presenting various herbal creations you can make from your gardens

September 17, 2025, 10:30 am, Garden Therapy at Bourne Manor

TBD 3:00 pm, Garden Therapy at Cape Cod Senior Residences

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Design upcoming workshops:

October 28, 2025, 10:00 am – 11:30 am- Transparency Floral Design
To be held at Saint Susanna's Parish, 262 Needham Street, Dedham, MA 02026

December 1, 2025 , 10:00 – 11:30 am - Underwater Floral Design
To be held at Saint Patrick's Parish, 82 High Street, Wareham, MA 02571

Go to www.gcfm.org website and select 'Events' to register

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

October 18, 2025 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Bourne Landfill on MacArthur Boulevard

Go to www.loveyourlocalwater.org website for list of disposal items

National Garden Club Flower Show 2025 was held at Heritage Gardens in Sandwich in July. The Theme of the Show was *Everything Old is New Again.*

The Study Group Celebrated 25 Years - Silver Anniversary.

This major New England flower show is presented at Heritage Gardens by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' Southeastern District. This year the show celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Study Group.

Aptucket Garden Club had many members who participated in the show. Our club won the First Place Award for the Table setting: "Wedding Vows" in the Club competition.



Designers of the **First Place Award**
Winning Entry for "Wedding Vows"
Garden Club competition, Table setting:
Paula O'Neill, Isabel Melo, Cathy Glynn,
and Laverne Newman. Thanks for making
us proud! Beautiful Design.





Cathy Kert – “Figures on a Beach”
First Place



Alda Barron “Art is Everywhere”
First Place



Carolee Packard – “4th of
July Fireworks” – Second
Place



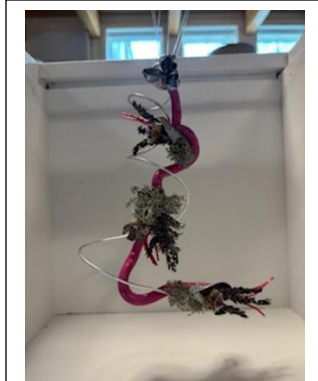
Judy Sheehy – “The Windmill”
Petite Design – Second Place



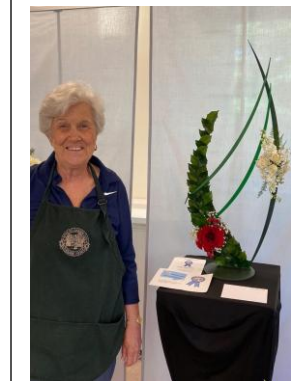
Isabel Melo – “Barbie”
First Place



Julie Arnold
 "Endless Summer"
 Honorable Mention

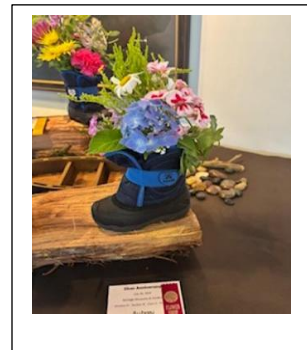
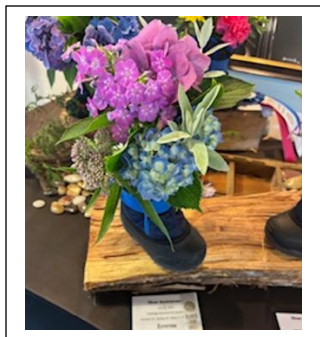
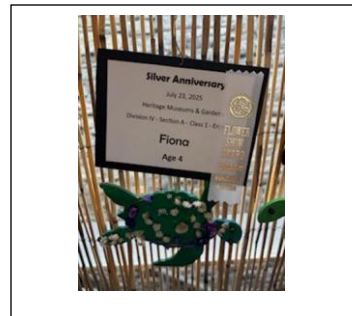
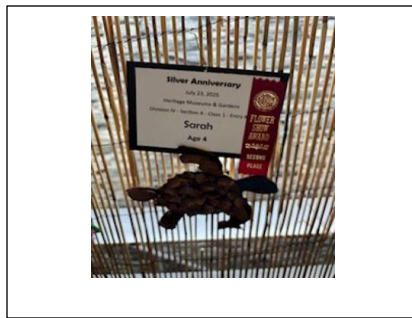
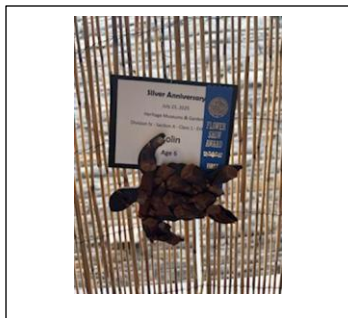


Marcia Willmott
 "The Looff Carousel"
 Honorable Mention



Paula O'Neil
 "Winterscapes"
 Honorable Mention

THE GRANDCHILDREN ENTRIES



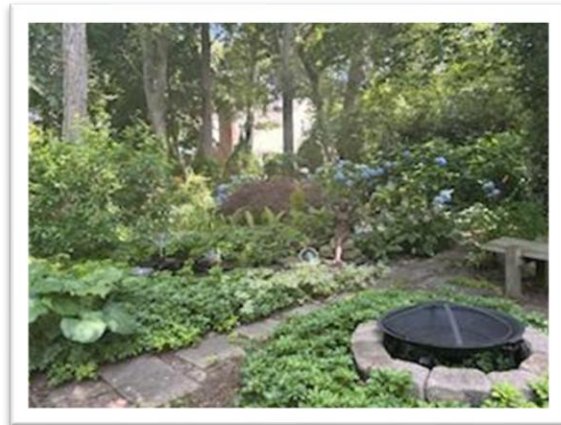
SUMMER GARDEN VISITS

Moe Smith headed up the Summer Garden Visits which were held on Mondays in July and August.

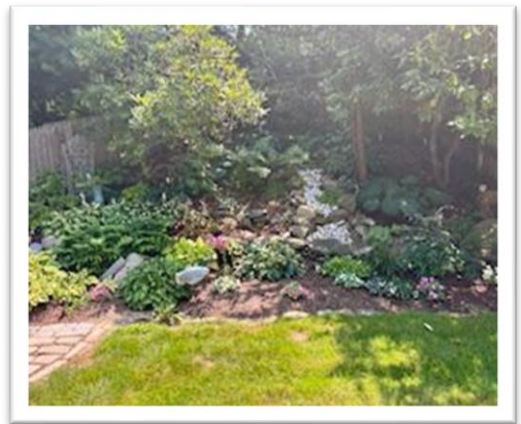
Sally Baer, Alda Barron, Jayne Urso, Lori Keleher, Jan Rogers, Dawn Labenski, and Cathy Kert were generous enough to open up their gardens for a tour. Each garden/gardens had their own personalities. So many different styles of gardens and varieties of plants, shrubs, trees, and interesting garden features were on display. So much was learned on each visit which ended in a lovely beverage and snack where we could enjoy each other's company. A big thank you to Moe for all her organization and to those garden club members who shared their gardens. The visits brightened up our Mondays. Below are pictures from the tours. It was difficult to pick just one photo from each tour; there were many beautiful photos to choose from.



Sally's Shade Garden



Alda's secret garden in the woods



Jayne's water feature illusion garden



Lori's no lawn/patio garden



Jan's focal point in her woodland garden of Bird bath & Double File Viburnum tree



Dawn's buoy and birdhouse garden



Cathy's Slice of Heaven garden



*Sagamore Beach Pollinator Garden
tendered by Dawn Labenski*

GARDEN VISITORS



The Pollinators "BEE" Pollinating!



Photo from Dawn Labenski's Sagamore Beach Village Garden



Photo from Nancy Buckley's sunflower garden

WHAT'S NEW THIS SUMMER



The Aptucxet Garden Club has taken over the planting of The Three Sisters Garden at the Aptucxet Museum. This garden represents the original garden Wampanoag farming technique. The Three Sisters method involves planting corn, beans, and squash together. The corn provides a stalk for the beans to climb, and the squash provides ground cover to suppress weeds and retain moisture.



Paula O'Neil reports that: David Arnold (aka Julie's husband) made a replica of the Aptucxet Museum to house the herb book. He made it perfectly even with the shutters she requested. It opens from the top and closes with a soft-close hinge. People touring can see what herbs are planted in the garden. Thanks to Dorothy Haney and Marcia Willmott for updating the book and planting more herbs this year.



A New Pollinator Garden on County Road in Pocasset. The Valley Farm Community Garden (VFCG) recently created a new pollinator garden. Sally Baer designed this magnificent garden. Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne and VFCG members planted the garden. It contains Russian sage; yellow, purple and white coneflowers, orange milkweed, cat mint, bee balm, goldenrod, cardinal flower, beautyberry, and Shrubby St. John's Wort. VFCG and AGC purchased mulch, plants, and shrubs. Sally Baer, Marilyn Crane, & Linda Speers (VFCG) are Chairs of this bee-friendly garden. VFCG is a member of Pollinator Pathway Cape Cod.



Message from the President

Greetings Garden Club friends,

I trust you have had a lovely summer and were diligent in your watering because this summer was beautiful but oh, so dry. This summer was a great time for many of our floral designers. The SE District's Garden clubs held an outstanding flower show at the Heritage Gardens in July. Our yearbook and this newsletter feature photos of the award-winning arrangements and the designers too. Bravo!

Thank you to all the "teams" that weeded and watered at Aptucxet Trading Post, Briggs-McDermott House and Kitchen Gardens, Buzzards Bay planters and cared for the many traffic islands in Bourne. Each is thriving because of your care.

I am happy to report, that the Buzzards Bay planters will soon be adorned with small garden stakes with our AGC log and "Aptucxet Garden Club of Bourne." The plaques were approved by the Town and will give AGC credit for our years of civic planting. Two garden benches were ordered and assembled and are awaiting plaques. They will be installed sometime this fall to honor Laurie York and Kit Nelson.

Last winter, committees' chairs attended a strategic planning meeting to discuss many topics, one of which was hospitality. You probably participated in the membership survey that followed. The consensus on the surveyed was that daytime hospitality should be simplified. Luncheon tradition has been to provide: tea sandwiches, finger desserts, and three floral arrangements. This requires extensive set up and clean-up. Our bylaws do not require this nor give guidelines on this matter.

Over the last two years, properly staffing our luncheons have been a challenge and the burden has fallen on a small group of members. Any change to hospitality and/or our meeting times will not occur this program year. A proposal may be that most day meetings begin at 1 pm with tea and finger desserts. The December and June meetings will remain at noontime potlucks lunches. You will receive the compilation of the survey results before the September meetings. Please read the report and understand the need to recommend this change. The board will vote soon and then ask the club to endorse the recommendation.

Thank you for being a place of friendship with those who share a love of gardening, and a commitment to civic beautification.

Peace, Jan

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