



The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings

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Message from the President:

"In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree; in cocoons a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free. In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be...Natalie Sleeth.

Longer days and garden catalogs arriving signal that spring is near. As we look forward to warmer days, January's workshop from the Conservation committee offers the perfect opportunity to get involved in an outdoor garden project.

.....*Betty Logan*

HOSPITALITY/Joyce Kelleher & Dottie Palko

What a wonderful holiday celebration at Alberto's - a special thanks to Angela Lipinski and Linda Zarif for all their work to make it such a success.

We look forward to continued success and member participation at monthly luncheons in 2026. Starting January with Co-Chairs Donna Garrabrant and Elena Ahlin and floral designer Joyce Kelleher.

If you see Diane Cochran or Ann Marie Carlson, our February Co-Chairs going around at the January members meeting please help them out with signing up for February's luncheon.

Upcoming Events

- January 29 - Showcase Boutique Workshop
- February 16 - Floral Design Workshop
- February 20 - Showcase 2027 Meeting – Cultural Center

SHOWCASE 2027 – “A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IN SONG”

Managing Chairs – Donna Garrabrandt, Lynette Helms, Betty Logan

The first Showcase 2027 meeting was held on January 16th at the Cultural Center. New club members attended the first portion of the meeting to hear about the history and the purpose of the Showcase. Room captains shared their room's song and decorative theme. All attendees were encouraged to volunteer for a room and join in the fun of creating a successful Showcase 2027.

Future meetings will be held monthly on the third Friday at 1:00 pm at the Cultural Center. These meetings are open to all club members. Our next meeting will be on February 20th. Please join us!

Showcase boutique workshop/Cheryl Baer

There will be a Showcase Boutique Workshop held on **January 29, Thursday**. 9:00 o'clock We will be making ornaments. 10 people maximum.

Please reply to Cheryl cbaer123@gmail.com if you would like to attend!

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Photo Gallery of Showcase 2024:

Go to our website: www.thegardenclubofhyannis.org

Click on “Showcase” tab to see photos of Showcase 2024.

HYDRANGEA FESTIVAL

- **Festival Dates: July 10 – July 19, 2026.**
- **Garden Tour Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily (rain or shine).**

As we look to Spring the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce will be scheduling planning sessions for the 2026 CC Hydrangea Tour. These information sessions will solicit clubs and non-profit organizations to sign up and participate by having members open their gardens for tours.

You may remember last year our club's Ways and Means Committee worked with members to open their gardens and to raise funds for our club.

We are reaching out to club members to determine who would open their garden and participate in the Cape Cod Hydrangea Tour on behalf of our club. Last year members that opened their gardens and those that volunteered enjoyed the day! Our club was well represented with four gardens open on the tour.

Please speak with Ways & Means Chair Donna Garrabrant to open your garden, to volunteer, or ask questions.

DESIGN/Lynette Helms: A big shout-out to the designers of the centerpieces for our Christmas luncheon. Thank you to Kathy O'Malley, Liz Leduc, Elena Ahlin, Sharon Cornelius, Suzie O'Leary, Nancy Walsh, Catherine Crum, Peggy McNamara, Susan Jeghelian and Jacquie Clay!

We have 21 people signed up for the workshop on Monday, January 19th. The design is Transparency and the class will be taught by Dolores Ahern and Suzie O'Leary. The following workshop on February 16th will be led by Gail Hubacker and Diane Cochran. They will give instructions for, and examples of Angular and Multi-rhythmic designs at the membership meeting on January 20th.

LIBRARY FLOWERS/Linda Lord

Thank you all for volunteering to bring a creative design of fresh flowers, or plant or vase of fresh flowers to the Hyannis Public library beginning on the Monday of the month for the front desk. And please return on Friday to remove them, as they don't have room to store the containers.



Thank You so much

2/26/26 Fran Spadea
2/9/26 Gini Waterman-Casey
2/17/26* Dolores Ahern
2/23/26 Dianne Cochran

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Please welcome our 7 new members at meetings and please wear your new lanyards.

Kathleen Briese mentor Cheryl Baer
Susan Jeghelian mentor Lynette Helms
Rosemary Mooney mentor Teri Goldstein
Laurie Savas mentor Margot Churchill
Jane Small mentor Sharon Cornelius
Susan Cassidy mentor Nancy Walsh
Barbara Fitzpatrick mentor Leslie Hathaway

If any of your contact information changes, please inform Membership chairs.

If bringing a guest to a meeting, please inform membership so we can welcome.

Thanks

Peggy McNamara and Nancy Beless

HORTICULTURE – Elena Ahlin and Kathy Looney



Don't forget to bring in your plant specimens for our HORTICULTURE TABLE.

Be sure to give the common name and Latin name and tell us all about it. Do you have a problem plant? Bring it in and ask the group for help.

*******SIX PLANTS YOU CAN PRUNE IN JANUARY*******

SUMMER BLOOMING SPIREA – ROSES – PANICLE AND SMOOTH HYDRANGEA - FALL FRUITING BERRIES – ARBORVITAE – ROSE OF SHARON. Review the specific instructions for each plant and happy pruning.

WINTER TREAT: A LENTEN ROSE / Nancy Barr

Every winter, once the Christmas décor comes down, I like to treat myself to a new plant. This year it was a beautiful white hellebore—commonly known as a Lenten rose (*Helleborus niger*)—that I couldn't resist at Trader Joe's.

Hellebores are among the earliest bloomers in Massachusetts gardens, sometimes flowering as early as late February. With 15–20 species and hundreds of cultivated hybrids, they offer a wide range of colors, from white and soft pink to deep purple and green.

Many hellebores sold as houseplants can be planted outdoors once the ground is workable. I tried this last year with a plant I assumed was finished. It showed no growth for quite some time, but this winter it reappeared—proof of just how hardy these plants can be. Hellebores prefer partial shade and well-drained soil, and once established, they are reliable perennials that return year after year, bringing welcome color to the late-winter garden.



Quick Care Tips for Hellebores

- Light: Partial shade is ideal; they do well under deciduous trees.
- Soil: Well-drained soil is essential—avoid wet winter conditions.
- Maintenance: Cut back old, tattered leaves in late winter to showcase blooms and reduce disease.
- Longevity: Hellebores dislike being disturbed, so plant them where they can stay put.