



The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings

December 2025

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Message from the President:

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in a living room where eight or ten people have just opened their Christmas presents. It should not be cleaned up too quickly.
~Andy Rooney (1919–2011)

Dear Garden Club Members,
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas season! Thank you for your enthusiasm and the beauty you bring to our club. May your holidays be filled with a glorious mess of joyful gatherings and the simple joys of nature.

Warm wishes,
Betty Logan



Upcoming Events

December 16	– Holiday Luncheon
January 6	– Hospital Trees Takedown
January 9	– Showcase Room Chairs Meeting
January 19	– Reflective Design Workshop

SHOWCASE UPDATE:

The managing chairs and advisory board have been busy working on our next showcase. The rooms have all been spoken for! Since most of the rooms have already chosen a "holiday song" as their theme, we felt it only fitting to update our theme to ***A Holiday Celebration in Song.*** The next steps will be working with the Cultural Center to develop a specific logo to tie it all together.

We will begin our monthly meetings at the Cultural Center in January. Details to follow. We hope you all will be thinking of ways to contribute and make this an event to be proud of.

***Betty Logan, Donna Garrabrant, Lynette Helms

DESIGN

As we close out the year, I'm looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon and seeing centerpieces created by members of the Design Workshop! They've all come a long way and are about to venture into "Creative Design". At the luncheon, Dolores Ahern will do a brief demonstration of the design type for the next workshop. This workshop will be held on Monday, January 19th at 9 AM at the West Barnstable Community Center. Some of you have already signed up, and I'll have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for those who haven't.

Lynette

HOSPITALITY/Joyce Kelleher & Dottie Palko, Co-Chairs

Thank you to our November Hostesses Deb Faulconer and Paula Raczkowski, November floral designer Sharon Cornelius and their team: Lynda Cox, Nancy Walsh, Cheryl Baer, Peggy McNamara, Ann Maire Carlson, Lynette Helms, Elaine Carter, Sandy Evangelous, Joyce Kelleher, Lynette Helms.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday luncheon at Alberto's. We would encourage all members when approached in December by Donna Garrabrant or Elena Ahlin, our January Hostesses, to sign up and support them.

Thank you, Happy Holidays!



This is from Rachel at Cape Abilities....

Thank you so much! Your wreaths and carriers have flown off the farm!

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome following new members and add their information to your yearbook.

Thanks. Peggy and Nancy

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HOSPITAL TREES

To the Membership.

Cape Cod Hospital, the Cuda Center, and both of us would like to thank everyone who decorated trees this year. The Hospital continues to receive positive feedback. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the patients, the staff and the public. You have helped to put many smiles on the faces of people who are dealing with serious health issues.

As this is our last year for spearheading this effort, we would like to thank everyone for the years of great participation in this Community event. This was the 25th year that the Garden Club of Hyannis has decorated trees at the Hospital. We are grateful for having been a part of it.

Happy Holidays!

Simone Perrier and Nancy Bailey





CIVIC PROJECTS – Nancy Costa

"Every shared garden becomes a map of memories – each flower a moment of companionship."
~anonymous

Civic Beautification spent a delightful morning working on the exterior decorations at **Hyannis Library**. We arranged urns; prepared swags with greens from our gardens; and some folks made bows and attached the wreath and swags to the building. We always have **fun, learn skills** and make **new friends**. A coffee and goodies table kept us warm and merry. Thank you to all who participated in this event and throughout 2025 for Weeding Wednesday. Happy Holidays!





CONSERVATION

Did you know that ticks are active on Cape Cod all year any time the temperature is above 40°F?

Ticks present in Barnstable County include deer ticks, lone star ticks, and dog ticks that can carry Lyme, babesiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and other diseases. As gardeners, we want to experience the satisfaction (and challenges) of gardening without putting ourselves at risk for these diseases.

Question: How do we garden without exposing ourselves to ticks?

Simple answer: Wear clothing treated with Permethrin.

LL Bean sells treated clothing that is effective for 70 washes, and Insect Shield is another brand widely available, also rated for 70 washes. You can also purchase Permethrin and spray your own clothes or send your clothes out for treatment.

The Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment offers free tick testing for county residents. If you encounter a tick, check their website for instructions on proper tick removal. Note that not all ticks carry disease. If you bring the tick in for testing, the health department can identify which species bit you so you can receive appropriate medical treatment.

Leslie Hathaway
Conservation Committee

<https://www.capecod.gov/2025/05/14/barnstable-county-offers-discounted-tick-testing/>