



The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings

September 2025

Upcoming:

Sept 16 - Membership Meeting

Sept 22 - Design Workshop

Oct 6 - Design Workshop

Oct 14 - Board Meeting

Oct 20 - Design Workshop

Website:

www.thegardenclubofhyannis.org

Instagram and Facebook:

gardenclubofhyannis

Message from the President:

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments." Janet Kilburn Phillips.

Welcome back to the Garden Club! We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and warmly welcoming any new members joining us this season. It's wonderful to reconnect with our community of gardening enthusiasts, all passionate about nurturing plants, floral arranging, sharing ideas, and enjoying the beauty of nature together. I want to especially thank Colleen Teeman for her outstanding work on the Yearbook. We are a new leadership team, and we hope you will support us as we strive to keep the club running smoothly. We are always open to suggestions!

This year promises to be filled with exciting projects, programs and opportunities to learn from one another. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, your presence and enthusiasm help make our club a vibrant and welcoming space for everyone.

Let's continue to grow our skills, share our favorite tips and tricks, and celebrate the incredible transformations happening in our gardens. We look forward to a season of collaboration, inspiration, and friendship. Thank you for being part of our garden family — here's to a wonderful and fruitful year ahead!

Betty

Hospitality September 2025

Joyce Kelleher & Dottie Palko, Co-Chairs

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Hospitality Garden Club Year. We will be kicking off the year at our September Meeting at Flax Pond with lunch being provided by the Club, looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Dottie and Joyce would like to again thank the 17 members that signed up to be monthly hostesses and/or floral designers. Also, thank you to those that were able to attend the gathering on September 8th at Joyce Kelleher's home to review the Hospitality Guidelines for the upcoming year.

Month	Hostesses	Hostess	Floral Designer
October	Lynda Cox	Joyce Dane	Nancy Walsh
November	Debby Faulconer	Paula Raczkowski	Sharon Cornelius
January	Donna Garrabrant	Elena Ahlin	Catherine Crum
February	Diane Cochran	Ann Marie Carlson	Terry Mallard
March	Nancy Beless	Cheryl Baer	Elena Ahlin
April	Sharon Cornelius	Mel Morency	Nancy Wong

We would encourage all members when approached by one of the monthly hostesses above to sign up for either finger sandwiches, finger desserts or the monthly refreshment. The club is growing, and we need all members to actively participate in Hospitality throughout the year. We are looking forward to a great year and hope you will all participate and enjoy it as well. Any questions feel free to contact either Joyce Kelleher or Dottie Palko.

COMMUNICATIONS – Debby Faulconer

Please note that all articles for Clippings need to be submitted by the Thursday after the Executive Board meeting to Nancy Wong.

If any club member is at an GC event where the Communication members are not present (Debby Faulconer, Colleen Teeman, or Nancy Wong), could you please take some pictures and send them to Debby Faulconer.

Website – www.thegardenclubofhyannis.org

Have you checked out our website lately? Click on the Photo Gallery to see photos from recent activities. Go to the Members page to access the Upcoming Calendar and other information available only to Members.

FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOPS

The light is changing and the sunsets are coming earlier! It's time to start thinking about the start of a new club year and our Floral Design Workshops!

The first four workshops are essential for beginners, but we encourage **everyone** to attend from newbie to judge - because you learn something new every time! These four workshops will be taught by Dolores Ahern.

1. September 22nd at 9 AM at the West Barnstable Community Center. All material will be supplied by the club from containers to mechanics to flowers. Participants will supply their own material for subsequent classes.
2. October 6 at 9 AM.
3. October 20th at 9 AM.
4. November 17th at 9 AM.

Contact Lynette Helms at lynettehelms@gmail.com

SHOWCASE 2027

We're starting to produce items for the next Showcase Boutique. We need:

Greens, greens, greens, any shape or size
Green wreaths, small trees and grapevine wreaths
Wooden sleds, wooden skis and snowshoes
Containers for arrangements: small, large, wood, ceramic baskets
11x14 inch wooden picture frames
Plastic champagne flutes (need 8)
Mussel shells
Wide mouth pint canning jars
Large cheese boxes

Please contact me if you have any of these treasures to pass along!

Lynette (lynettehelms@gmail.com)

CIVIC PROJECTS – Nancy Costa

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

African proverb

🌸GARDEN THERAPY is Back! 🌸

A new year of **Garden Therapy** is beginning, and we're excited to get back to brightening seniors' days - one bouquet at a time!

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up - you'll receive a reminder email soon.

We're always happy to welcome more helping hands, so if you'd like to volunteer, we'd love to have you join us! Email Kathy - kathyclay47@gmail.com

Where: Barnstable Adult Community Center

825 Falmouth Rd, Hyannis

When: 10 am - noon

Dates: 2025

🌸 September 23 🌸

October 28

November 25

Dates: 2026

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

LIBRARY FLOWERS – Linda Lord

Library Flowers are brought to the Hyannis Public Library, main Desk, on the Monday of each week, or Tuesday if they are closed on Monday.

Liz Leduc	Monday 10/6
Dianne Erickson	Tuesday 10/14
Peggy McNamara	Monday 10/20
Sue Robb	Monday 10/27
Simone Perrier	Monday 11/3

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/Gardening was the aim of Committee work in **July** at **Hyannis Public Library**. Nineteen (19) participants, over the course of two days, brought the gardens back to gleaming beauty. The plantings are established, but weeds were overtaking the lilies, roses, catmint, bearded iris and sedum. Two members cut back a privet that was twice their height. Passers-by urged us on with their positive remarks. Two young women visiting Hyannis from Canada stopped to chat and took our group photo. We were successful both days and pleased with what we accomplished. The Library will soon be under ‘partial construction’, however we are scheduled to revisit for a September 12 cleanup and replanting of some items that were removed prior to the installation of safety fencing in the garden facing Main Street. We choose to work early: 9:00 and end by 10:30 AM, so that we have the remaining morning to run errands or shop in Hyannis.



Please join us! For more information, contact Ann Marie Carlson ragnardesign@comcast.net

Some members had never visited or worked the renamed: **Red Hawk Ridge**, formerly **Cobb/Astro Park** Gardens in the Courtyard of **Barnstable High School**. Twenty-two (22) participants, over the course of two days, were awed by its size, beauty & artistic elements. **August** brought cooler weather; we were ecstatic to fill six (6) large contractor bags with clippings & weeds. Like explorers, we positioned two new ‘maintained by The Garden Club of Hyannis’ signs, proud of the Club’s work that was done in just two mornings! On the second visit to the established gardens, the (yellow jacket) bees had their say about us invading their territory. The swarm put a halt to our work, but we agreed to return once the maintenance department removes the nest. Score: GC of H 2, Bees 1.





CONSERVATION – Nancy Barr

We're so fortunate to live on Cape Cod, where fantastic walking trails are right at our doorstep. With fall's gorgeous weather, it's the perfect time to get outside and explore. The Conservation Committee is excited to share some helpful links with you to help you find trails close to home. No experience is necessary, just step outside and enjoy the fresh air, exercise and a sense of rejuvenation the trails provide.

Here are some helpful links to get you started:

-[Town of Barnstable - Conservation - Trail Guides](#)

-<https://blt.org/get-outside>

-<https://capecodlife.com/guide-cape-cod/shore-line-walks/>

-<https://capecodnordicwalking.org/> (This is a club that introduces you to walking with poles, after an introductory class you can join in hikes all over the Cape).

Have fun and enjoy the great outdoors!

HORTICULTURE – Elena Ahlin, Kathy Looney

We've all heard about the benefits of native plants in our gardens. A less discussed method of helping our beautiful gardens to thrive is COMPANION PLANTING. A few generations ago scientists would have rolled their eyes at the concept of using herbs and flowers to support their neighboring plants. Now we know for sure that certain herbs and flowers repel harmful insects and that others attract helpful pollinators. There are so many combinations of herbs and flowers (not to mention all the vegetables) that work well together. Below is a very tiny list for you to consider on the road to growing your garden more efficiently. Happy planting.

Roses with Nepeta or Lavender – Nepeta deters Japanese beetles, Lavender attracts pollinators.

Peonies with Sage – Sage is a pollinator magnet

Sweet Pea with Nasturtiums – Nasturtiums repel aphids

Dahlias with Rosemary – Rosemary repels snails

Larkspur with Yarrow – Yarrow deters snails and slugs

Tall Phlox with Marigolds – Marigolds deter nematodes and aphids



Corydalis lutea is a plant I never knew about, heard about or thought about. One day, while speaking with the very knowledgeable Rhonda, at Mahoney's Gardens in Osterville, I asked her for something that would survive in my partly shady yard. She points to a cute little yellow ball and love bloomed. Corydalis has about 400 species of annuals and perennials that belong to the family Papaveraceae (poppy family) Lutea is a native plant! It grows to one foot and flowered all summer. It looks like a cheery beachball from a distance. It's super easy to grow in ordinary soil. Needs no fancy attention. Try it. You'll like it.
-Elena Ahlin