

The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings



November 2023

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“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.” - Lauren DeStefano

As I gaze out my window at the carpet of gold and red leaves in my yard, I am feeling very thankful to be able to witness the “grand finale” of fall. All the hard work of the season comes to a close and my garden is now getting ready for its winter rest. This month, our outings Committee led us in a season of thanks with the Firefighter Appreciation event which happened on November 16. All the firefighters were very excited about all the goodies that they received from our club! Check out the Facebook page for some pictures.

We will also be having a hands-on workshop this month at our membership meeting led by Nancy Walsh. She will help us to create unique centerpiece designs for our Thanksgiving table. Remember to bring in greens and unique containers/accessories for your creation - scour your garage and basement! Finally, a reminder about our Penny Pines project to raise money for reforestation. Last month we raised \$34.78 - let's see if we can do better this month!!!

Linda

SHOWCASE

We're a year out!

It's almost Thanksgiving and we are just one year out from our extravaganza, the 6th Holiday Showcase and Winter Market! There is still a place for you if you have not plugged yourself in -- speak to Managing Chairs Kitty Lorenz, Diane Cochran, or Sally Cameron to see how you can participate. It is a great project that builds our Club community, while giving the public a feast of glorious flowers and decor that is always a highly anticipated kickoff to the season.

Great news

Our Sponsor chairs are hard at work and have collected \$2,700 in sponsorships for next year's Showcase! Congratulations and thanks to Kathie Schatz and Deb Faulconer.

If you know a Cape Cod booster who could be one of our sponsors, please touch base with Kathie or Deb for a packet that lays out the case for sponsoring the event. Your personal connections can help us offset some of the costs of this extravaganza. We are offering additional benefits for sponsors this year -- think of small businesses where you shop, or neighbors that run companies that could be interested.

The Showcase committee will meet in January, so watch your email for info. We also are looking for the list of people working on the rooms or on a committee. We'll be in touch -- watch for it!

Sally, Kitty, and Kiane



CONSERVATION

Your Fall Garden Clean Up: sustainable v. well-manicured

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) advises the following for autumn landscape clean up:

“Leave the leaves where they fall, or at least most of them. ...
Leave dead flowers standing: The seed heads provide food for birds, flowers for next year, and are important for beneficial insects that might overwinter in the stems.”

In contrast, landscape companies encourage the opposite: they promote the removal of dead plant material, promising you a “well-manicured” winter yard.

The good news is that both the APCC and many landscape contractors agree that we can use fallen leaves as fertilizer for our lawn. Simply shred the leaves with a mulching lawnmower with blades designed to cut the leaves into tiny flakes. If done before the snow falls, the leaves decompose into a natural fertilizer. A mulching mower also allows grass clippings to become a natural lawn fertilizer during the summer.

Leslie Hathaway

MEMBERSHIP

2023-2024 Yearbook Updates:

Please make the following changes in your yearbook:

Brigitte Casey: brigittecasey@comcast.net

Diane Growitz: dtg.diane@comcast.net

Helen McVeigh: boincc@comcast.net

Ann Rosseel: Cell: 508-847-7081

Please also note – Sandy Greene is an Active Member of the Club. She is listed in the yearbook as an Honorary Member. Her contact information is on p. 43.

DESIGN - Nancy Costa

Monday, November 20 Floral Design 101 Workshop 9:00 - 11:30 AM

W. Barnstable Community Center. *All are welcome!* Geared toward beginners and novices

Oval Design - container & Oasis provided by the Club

Make an oval, fall centerpiece for the holiday table or mantel

- Bring approx. 10-15 stems of flowers, scissors for cutting florals & paper bag for trash
- Bring some foliage from your garden for 'greening out bottom of design.' I often cut from my garden: Boxwood, Ninebark or Pieris japonica (Japanese Andromeda). Use what you grow - Lemon cypress, Magnolia, Antiqued hydrangea (fall colors) & 'Golden Globe' Arborvitae will work too. Please leave Oriental bittersweet in the woods - an invasive species in eastern N. America.
- The Club will provide oval container and floral foam, Oasis
- Symmetrical or Asymmetrical – your choice! A **design has symmetry** if you can move the entire design by rotation or reflection, and the design appears unchanged.
- Bring a 'lazy susan', if you have one ... for turning your floral design
- 9:00 arrival/set-up; 9:30 workshop begins; share/discuss at 10:20**
- Display at November 21, Tuesday, Membership Meeting



Asymmetrical oval



Symmetrical Oval – draw a line through the center. Is it the same on both sides.



Asymmetrical oval



Asymmetrical oval

Questions?? Call or email Nancy Costa

- > Fall fruits: trees & shrubs begin to reveal bright berries that add color & texture to arrangements. You might tuck **Viburnum opulus** berries in a design for a touch of red.
- > When florals and foliage combine, they become a dynamic duo. The best part is you can step into your yard for materials and inspiration.
- > Consider swapping traditional greenery for branches of colorful red and orange leaves, berries, or add pine cones, gourds and dried grasses if going for something more rustic.



Call for Centerpieces - December Holiday Luncheon

We are looking for 7 more volunteers to make a **centerpiece** for the **December Holiday Luncheon, Dec. 15**. For inspiration, please consider the **nutcracker** or a **rustic theme**. To volunteer see the sign-up sheet on clipboard at November meeting. Remember - height for centerpieces is 10-12" maximum, so that guests may see others across the table!

The Club will provide:

- ☑ **nutcrackers**, in the form of soldiers, knights, kings or other professions
- ☑ 10" wood slice for a base
- ☑ Oasis floral foam

See Nancy Costa before Club Meeting for the above materials. If you choose to email me, I will have your materials bagged and ready on Tuesday. Thank you!

Inspiration - some images from a web search



Floral Design 201 Workshop October 16, 2023 “Tall for Fall”

The following pictures - members’ designs from Design Workshop, October 16.

We practiced & discussed filling the given 24" wide x 36" tall **Frame of**

Reference; watched the **Scale**, size relationships of components to each other in a design; and **Proportion**, the relationship between the amounts and quantities of area or component to another or to the whole. Some participants had extra time and decided to make a 2nd piece with available containers! **Bravo!**

*Scale and Proportion are **Design Principles** that Judges use in judging an exhibit.*



Sharon Cornelius



Diane Cochran #1



Donna Garrabrant #2



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Diane Cochran #2



Lynnette Helms #2



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Sally Cameron



Dolores Ahern

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Design 201 Workshops – geared toward intermediates and experienced

January 15, 2024 Design Workshop **201 Abstracting** - Change the natural appearance of plant material by pruning, painting, cutting, weaving, plating (metal coating), shaping or other manipulation. Bring dried and/or fresh foliage to abstract.

HORTICULTURE

The Horticulture committee was "wowed" by your cuttings last month for the Hort Table. There is still much going on in the gardens to share with your club. It's a great way for members to see things they may not be familiar with to add to their gardens. Again, try to identify the plant by its species, cultivar, and (not required but helpful) common name.

Winter Marketplace - Dolores Ahern



If you have items that you took home from a workshop to finish up, please bring them to the Membership meeting on November 21.

HOSPITALITY

As you know, the members chose the venue for our annual Holiday Luncheon. With a vote of 24 to 19, Alberto's was the winner.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: The Garden Club of Hyannis Christmas Luncheon, Friday, December 15, 2023 at Alberto's in Hyannis. Cost: \$45 The flyer will be sent out on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 with further details.

We started off our Year of International Food with October and the delicacies of Germany. A big Danke Schoen to the following frauleins: Joyce Kelleher, Deb Faulconer, Ann Marie Carlson, Elaine Carter, Sandy Evangelous, Lynette Helms, Helen McVeigh, Mary O'Brien, Dottie Palko, Paula Raczkowski, Kathie Schatz, Brigitte Casey. Ladies you did a fabulous job. The food was spectacular, the floral arrangement was beautiful and your decorations, especially the mini beer mugs were awesome. We thank each and everyone one of you for a job super well done.

November is next with French foods. Can't wait to see what Donna Garrabrant and her team will be preparing for us.

Thank you once again to all who made our October luncheon a special event.

Angela and Linda
Hospitality Chairs



WEBSITE--Nancy Wong - Check out what's new on our website!
www.thegardenclubofhyannis.org

Be sure to view the photo gallery. <https://www.thegardenclubofhyannis.org/gallery>

Members page! We now have a Calendar for club events.

Don't miss the 2024 "Wonders of Cape Cod" Showcase section, where we will be posting Showcase Committee meeting minutes, and other information to come.

And take a look at photos from our 2021 Holiday Showcase:

<https://www.thegardenclubofhyannis.org/2020-showcase>

HOLIDAY TREES

Put your **Fa! La! La!** on! If you haven't yet signed up for this joyous event, it's not too late. Contact Nancy Bailey at nbailey@capecod.net or Simone Perrier at sbperrier@comcast.net.

There are 7 teams. Each Team Captain contacts their elves with details about Decorating Day, November 28th. All members that have signed up should know by now which team they are on. Teams meet at Cape Cod Hospital around 9:00. Extra supplies such as lights, extension cords, and surge protectors are going to be located in the Main Lobby. Nancy and Simone will be checking in on how teams are doing.

When your tree is completed please take some pictures of the tree along with the decorating team.

Feel free to walk around to see the other trees. They are located in the Main Lobby, the Emergency Room, Mugar Lobby, Day Surgery Unit, Cancer Center, the Oncology Department, and the Cafeteria near Mugar.

After feasting your eyes, join the whole group for a different kind of feast at Bamboo Restaurant located at 574 Iyannough Rd., Hyannis.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Bailey or Simone Perrier.









Happy faces in Yarmouth





And Last but certainly not least...

