

The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings



March 2024 President: Linda Kiley Editor: Elena Ahlin

Upcoming Events

March 22 at 3:30 pm, Marketplace Workshop at Betty Logan's home

March 28, Outings Committee, Hoop House in Centerville

April 12, Friday, Parallel Design, Dedham, MA

April 15, Parallel Design, W. Barnstable Community Ctr.

April 22, Floral Event "A Gathering of Blossoms", Pelham House Resort, Dennis

"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb". Origin unknown.

We know on the Cape that April still has a few lion pups roaring, but hope lies in those early bulbs as they poke their heads up through the thawed earth. Now is the time when we venture outside and start rolling up our sleeves - warmer weather is on the way! Our conservation committee is excited to present our speaker this month. Amy Croteau of the Barnstable Natural Resources Department will be sharing with us valuable information regarding wildlife in our area. Many times, we plant certain plants to attract wildlife, and Amy will explain to us how that interaction affects wildlife. Elena Ahlin and Angela Lipinski have organized a fabulous luncheon for us with an Italian theme. I know we are all looking forward to that! We have two new members joining our club this month - Jacqui Clay and Catherine Asher. They are following in the footsteps of current members Kathy Clay and Mary Lou Asher - their moms! Make sure you take the opportunity to introduce yourself. Another reminder for the upcoming showcase - Please contact Kathie Schatz or Debby Faulconer if you know someone who would like to become a showcase sponsor and they will give you a packet. Also, contact Sue Robb regarding raffle prizes for the showcase. Lastly, our container for the Penny Pines reforestation project will be on the membership table when you come in. (I think people may be running out of pennies, but dollar bills are also accepted!). Last month we collected \$15.05! Let's see if we can surpass that total this month. All monies collected from our club can be earmarked for reforestation in our area. Hope to see you all on Tuesday!

Linda

MARKETPLACE TEXTILES - Dolores Ahern

If you have finished textile projects, (knitting, crocheting, weaving, Sewing, etc. please bring them to Tuesday's meeting. Also, for any of you who have worked on other projects at my house, please bring the completed objects as well. Thank you!

MARKETPLACE – Betty Logan

Marketplace workshops are continuing. The next one is creating felt ornaments and Coleen Teeman will be leading that on Friday March 22nd at 3:30 at Betty Logan's. April 10th will be a workshop painting wooden snowmen and boats at 9:30, also at Betty's. April 24th will be a ceramic workshop led by Deb Martin, who has generously donated the materials to the club.

There will be sign-up sheets at the next general meeting. Any questions feel free to ask me,

Betty



SHOWCASE – Susan Robb

Donations of gift cards for the Showcase Room Prizes would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for numerous cards to attach to the small Christmas trees and the trees will be offered as prizes. Please contact Susan Robb if you have any donations or questions.

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Showcase update Pictures – Sally Cameron

Looking for Instagram-worthy photos! (And Facebook too...). As we start the buzz about the Showcase, we're looking for pretty, engaging, and interesting photos reflecting something wonderful to pique the interest of potential visitors. Please give Sally Cameron a call or email and she can

help you imagine some ideas.

Horticulture Notes – Nancy Barr

This month at the general meeting be prepared to hear a short presentation on the “Hows and Whys” of soil sampling. We’d also like you to check your yard to see if the warmer temperatures have anything peeking at you and bring in any horticulture to share. Try to identify the plant by its species, cultivar, and the common name is helpful.

IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR – Betty Logan

It's that time of year to begin planning for next year's programs. Some are already in the works! If you have any suggestions/ideas and if you would like to attend the meeting when I schedule it, please let me know so that I can include you.



OUTINGS COMMITTEE – Nancy Bailey

There are only 5 spots left. Please join us on Thursday, March 28 for a visit to a Hoop House in Centerville. Susan Dewey will graciously open her property, located at 109 Old Stage Road, Centerville, for us to learn about her Hoop House and the abundance of vegetables and plants that she grows in it year-round.

Then join us at Tree House Brewing, 98 Town Neck Road, Sandwich for a talk by Janet Williams or the Cape Cod Climate Exchange about what we can, or should not do, to address the causes and effects of climate change. Pizza and beverages are available for purchase. Cost is \$5 per person made payable to the Garden Club of Hyannis. Contact Nancy Bailey at nbaily@capecod.net or Simone Perrier at sbperrier@comcast.net

immediately if you are interested.
HOSPITALITY – Angela Lipinski

Well, what can I say, the February Asian luncheon was such a delectable delight.

So many different delicacies. I want to personally thank all of the following for their wonderful food donations: Nancy Wong, Simone Perrier (hostesses), Deb Martin, Elena Ahlin, Lynette Helms, Nancy Bailey, Linda Zarif, Marsha Rehkamp, Nancy Barr, Michelle Black, Kathy Clay, Sue Robb, Betty Logan, Diane Cochran, Nancy Beless, Fran Hoothay, Angela Lipinski. Thank you, Deb Martin and Nancy Wong, for all the decorations. Thank you, Gail, for a beautiful floral display. Everything was beyond our expectations. Thank you.

Just a reminder that this month we will be travelling to Italy. So please come and enjoy a Italian feast. See you Tuesday, MANGIA, MANGIA . Thank you again to everyone that made the February luncheon a raving success.

Angela and Linda
Hospitality Chairs

**Design - Nancy Costa Please see attachment flyer
below the 'FUNdamentals of Floral Design'**

The next Design Workshop at W. Barnstable Community Center is Monday, April 15. The design type will be Parallel Design - for all levels of experience. Sign up on the clipboard at Club Meeting.

'FUNdamentals of Floral Design' is sponsored by GCFM and is held at the Plymouth Library. Note the time has changed to 2:30 PM on April 17. See the flyer for a 'clip and register' for the class. The cost is \$25 per session. The remaining sessions are April 17 and June 26.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Costa: 781-248-4038



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MEET . . . Mary Ellen Morency

Like many members of The Garden Club of Hyannis, Mel moved to the Cape from the Boston area, after many summers spent in Harwichport, following her family tradition. During COVID, Mel was able to work remotely from the Cape. After 35 years working in the Longwood Area in medical research administration, in a front row to groundbreaking discoveries, Mel missed her dynamic work environment. Yet, she didn't miss the daily commute into Boston. So she and her husband Larry decided to renovate a house in Osterville, turned it into their retirement home and recently, sold their home in Dedham. As Mel explored the Cape community, her neighbor Kitty Lorenz encouraged her to join The GCH. Mel is glad she did! Mel quickly discovered all the opportunities in education, design and gardening offered. She was also delighted to discover fellow, Stonehill College alumni, Linda Kiley, was active in the club.

Mel enjoys the club meetings, the comraderie among club members and their laughter during gatherings. She currently wants to learn more about landscaping, seeking to add more pollinators and native plants to her yard. As the GCH's Membership Chair, Mel is reaching out to prospective members and hopes to attract new talent to join the club to share their expertise in horticulture and design.

