

The Garden Club of Hyannis Club Clippings



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Upcoming Events

March 14 - Floral Design Workshops 101 and 201, Underwater Designs

Presidents' message:

*No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.....*Hal Borland

As we have slogged through not one but two nasty storms this month, it is comforting to know that spring is coming! Perhaps seed catalogs are starting to populate your mailbox and perhaps you are looking for ways to meet our Native Plant Challenge with new plantings. (Speaking of catalogs, look for the Horticulture activity later in Club Clippings.) Even though it is hibernating season, we as a Club continue to be busy.

Please plan to participate in this month's meeting on Zoom on February 15. While we had to postpone our joint meeting with the Osterville Garden Club, we will meet on our regular day to discuss the important decision regarding staging the Showcase in 2024. We have gotten good feedback on the survey, which closed February 10, but that is not a vote. Our Standing Rules require us to make a decision by March. Please join in the conversation and decision.

We will also vote on a bylaw amendment proposed by the Membership Engagement committee and passed forward by the Executive Board for member consideration. It was shared in last month's Clippings, but in case you need it again, here is the motion approved by the Board:

I move that the By-Law "Active Membership" Article III, 2c. be amended to reduce the current requirement that guests attend two (2) regular meetings before application for active membership to attending one (1) regular meeting before application.

The final program item for February is a Design demonstration of a Botanical Arts hanging item. Tune in for the work of four members who will show us how to do a Standard Flower Show entry for this class and consider whether you might like to participate in this class this July in the Southeast District Flower Show at Heritage.

And we heard the sad news of the passing of member Elizabeth Katchpole, which came with the bittersweet news that her husband, Joe, designated The Garden Club of Hyannis Scholarship Fund for gifts in her honor and memory. Kitty Lorenez is working with Betty's family and the Scholarship Committee on details. Remember Betty and her family with good thoughts, and remember to hug your friends with gratitude and appreciation.

We have great things in the pipeline, including meeting together in person soon! Watch for details of that.



WEBSITE – Nancy Wong

Take a look at our website! www.thegardenclubofhyannis.org

Did you know.....photos of the 2021 Holiday Showcase are now available for viewing on our website.. On the homepage, you can “Take a look” and scroll through showcase photos and see even more photos by clicking on “See more from our showcase”.

Also, photos from past showcases 2008-2017 are now posted! Click on the “Holiday Showcase” menu tab, then “2008-2017 Showcases” to view.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Here's a little blurb from the Club Clippings of March 1991. It is a little poem attributed to a member at the time by the name of Dorothy Jenkins. I'm sure Dolores Ahern remembers her very well. –Ann Rosseel

Caught in Winter's Grip

The sights and sounds now fill the air
A bursting bud, a cheery trill
The days are lengthening one by one
While I attempt to breathe my fill.

When March breaks forth and teases us
With sunny warm and fresher sky
We like to dream that winter's o'er
In chasing spring, we live a lie.

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2024 Holiday Showcase—your vote decides

At our February general meeting, we will have a discussion and vote on a possible future Showcase in 2024. You vote matters and will decide on the fundraising direction the club will take.

Some members want to hold another Showcase in 2024. It's the club's signature event, huge money maker, public recognition and source of new members. It is also a huge commitment by all members.

Some members would prefer not to hold another Showcase and pursue other avenues of fundraising. What fundraising events would be held would be decided by our ways and means chairs and are unknown at this time. However, to raise the funds we need to run the club, we would have to have approximately 5 fundraising events per year. In the past we've had yard sales, plant sales, Great Gift and Christmas stroll booths, garden tours etc. And all of these also take a huge commitment by members, **all members**. (It's part of our by-laws that all members will support ways and means fundraisers).

So please be part of the discussion at the February meeting and vote. You decide, another Showcase in 2024 or several smaller fundraisers throughout each year.

Kathie, Gail and Debby

Conservation

At Tuesday's meeting we will be voting on being a member of capecodpollinator-pathway.org so please look up the website. The committee is very excited to be part of this Northeast initiative to plant native plants, shrubs and trees in our gardens and educate our members on best practices to attract beneficial pollinators, birds, insects, bees to our gardens and Cape Cod. New member Barbara Davidson will lead this initiative for our committee, thanks Barbara who jumped right in to help.

FLORAL DESIGN — Nancy Costa

Save the Date: Floral Design Workshops 101 and 201 - March 14, Underwater Designs

Tired of the same old box of chocolates on Valentine's Day? Surprise your sweetheart or yourself with the gift of a **pin holder** or **floral frog**, also known as a **kenzan**. A kenzan is used in Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, for fixing the flowers in the container. A pin holder in flower arranging is an item of numerous pins, close together, embedded in a lead base. Pin holders are ideal for use with hollow and woody stems and in arrangements where the form depends on the minimum use of plant material. At the March meeting, we will explore **underwater designs** and pin holders are preferred for securing plant material under water.

For your first purchase select a medium sized pin holder about 2.5 inches in diameter or 6.25 cm. Choose one with a heavy lead plate with brass or stainless steel pins or needles. Stainless steel is hardier and, as the name implies, stains less. Though not absolutely necessary, some pin holders have a rubber base that helps prevent the pin holder from sliding once it is under water.



The Principles of Design are the basic standards used to judge all visual art.

Their correct application is necessary for well-executed design. They include:

1. BALANCE - Visual balance is needed so objects appear balanced from top to bottom, side to side, or front to back
2. CONTRAST - the placement of unlike characteristics of a single element together to emphasize their differences
3. DOMINANCE – the emphasis or impact of one component over another, implying subordination
4. PROPORTION – the relationship between amount and quantity of one area to another or to the whole
5. RHYTHM – the dominant visual movement throughout a design
6. SCALE – the size relationship of one object in a design to another

HORTICULTURE – Margot Churchill and Nancy Walsh

Please send in for horticulture by **February 25th** your favorite seed catalogs. If you wish to add why you like this catalog, please include. We will compile a list to send out to the membership for spring planning. Many of you probably do not order seeds so we would like to encourage all of you to try something new this year - the year of our “edible landscape.” You can start seeds in any size container as well as directly in your garden when the weather is warmer. If you don’t have garden space container gardening is a wonderful alternative and as promising for vegetables as it is for plants and flowers. Thank you , Margot and Nancy.

Email to Margot at margotchurchill@comcast.net

PUBLICITY---I will be away till May 5 but will still be looking for and submitting items for publicity to newspapers and online. If you see something in the papers regarding the Garden Club, could you please cut it out and send it to me at 189 Sixth Ave, West Hyannisport, MA 02672 so it can be put into the publicity book. Also, if you have anything of interest that you’re doing for/with the club could you email it to me. Pictures would be great!

Thank you, Debby Faulconer

HOSPITALITY—Frances Hoothay and Terri Goldstein

As Covid numbers start to come down and we get closer to be able to get back to home entertaining with family and friends, Margot Churchill has a great recipe for “Shrimp With Mango and Basil” that she is sharing with us. I love that dinner can be prepared in 30 minutes and that it is an easy preparation! And for those with a garden Margot has given us a tip on how to freeze basil.

To quote the restaurateur, David Chang, “Food is always about the cooking and eating with those you love and care for.” Happy Valentines Day to all of you and to all the special people in your lives.

DINNER IN 30 MINUTES - from the Washington Post and one of my favorite quick meals.
Shrimp with Mango and Basil - 4 servings

1 pound large/extra large shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails on
Salt
¼ to ½ tsp cayenne pepper
¼ tsp ground turmeric
1 tabl extra-virgin olive oil
1 large firm mango, peeled and diced into ½ inch cubes
1 bunch scallions, tender parts only, thinly sliced
¼ cup firmly packed basil leaves, finely chopped

In a medium bowl, combine the shrimp, salt to taste, cayenne pepper and turmeric, mixing to coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate for about 15 minutes.
Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet or wok over medium high heat. Add the shrimp in a single layer and cook until underside is pink. Turn over and repeat. Add the mango, scallions and basil and cook until the shrimp is just cooked and starts to curl, 1-2 minutes. Serve immediately.

NOTE: I freeze my summer basil in cupcake paper cups. I finely chop it or put it in a food processor along with a little olive oil. I use this “fresh” basil all winter in a variety of ways.



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION –
Marilyn Sharry and Anne Marie Carlson

OUTINGS—Nancy Bailey and Angela Lipinski



The Outings Committee would like to congratulate Gail Hubacker for being the first person to correctly answer all of the questions in the "Creating Garden Rooms" quiz. She received a "Garden Party Basket" of filled with goodies and a gift certificate for winning the contest.

Thank you to Simone Perrier for organizing the virtual tour and quiz, to Angela Lipinski for putting together the beautiful basket, and to Gail for her participation.

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT – Deborah Benassi and Cathy Roach

Correction for Yearbook:

Elena Ahlin's email should read elenaahlin@gmail.com .

Welcome to new member Katherine Blake-Parker

Please join me in welcoming Katherine as the newest member of our club! Katherine is a retired Connecticut teacher who always included agriculture as a topic in her urban classroom. She moved full time to the Bass River neighborhood two years ago. She loves gardening – especially veggies and herbs – and was a 4-H'er in her youth. She does worm composting and is very interested in conservation and edible gardening. She has many interests including rug hooking and spinning her own wool. She is interested in finding out more about our Conservation, Horticulture and Garden therapy committees. Please add her contact information to your Yearbook:

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