



Plymouth Garden Club

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Active	81
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Horticulture By Joy Sands

Bedtime for Gardens

As the growing season winds down we are faced with an assortment of “bedtime” chores. There is still time to plant bulbs and transplant perennials until the soil freezes. It’s especially effective to blanket your beds with a layer of compost (except for iris tubers).

A repeated problem with blooming hydrangeas is the freezing of flower buds set during the fall. Hybrids such as City line and Endless Summer bloom on new and old wood. They are usually fine, but the older Nikko Blue blooms on old branched wood. A pen can be built of chicken wire and then wrapped with burlap to reduce the cold and wind exposure. Or the pen can be filled with chopped leaves to act as insulation.

The fall is a superb time to tackle invasive vines like trumpet (over)

At our **November MEETING** this Wednesday, **Nov. 14th** Susan Guest will speak on Ergonomic Gardening. Meghan Rinker is going to have a basket with tools for our chance opportunity so be sure to plan on buying a ticket. You may bring a guest to this program. Come at 12:30 pm to socialize and catch up with fellow members, as the program will start at 1 pm promptly. Please wear your nametags since we will welcome 5 new members to our club this month. Bring a horticulture specimen (labeled) from your garden or home.

GARDEN THERAPY: Our next Garden Therapy will be at the **Newfield House** on Newfield St. on Thursday, **Nov. 15**, at **10:00**. No experience is needed. We will cut flowers and help the residents make small floral arrangements in glass containers which they will be able to take back to their rooms. Remember to bring cutting shears or scissors. If you have any greens to cut and bring that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our October Therapy PGC members: Carol Caliendo, Karen Baker, Joan Chavez, Tina Cappuccino, Nancy Markley, Nancy Balboni and of course Coletta Candini, who provides and paints the glass jars. Coletta made some arrangements for the Hospice patients that were not able to attend our workshop which was greatly appreciated by the Laurelwood staff.

LIBRARY FLOWER BEDS: The soil report on the library beds has been received and we will amend the soil as needed when we replant in the spring. Coletta Candini will be coordinating with Jennifer Harris and the Library Corporation’s landscape service for bush removal. Another planning meeting will be scheduled to develop a new design for the library beds this winter. Date to be announced.

WEBSITE: The club needs volunteer(s) for maintaining and improving our Plymouth Garden Club website. If you have experience with website design, or administration and can help please contact Janet Voyer by phone, email or at Wednesday’s meeting.

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vines and bittersweet. Clip vines 12 to 18 inches from the ground and dip or spray the fresh wound with vine killer. Bayer has one that I'm trying. I use a mask and disposable gloves when I work with herbicides. Do not compost any trimmings. Either bag them for disposal or put them at the top of a brush pile and burn them.

It is now recommended that lawns be fertilized in the fall. To protect water quality the formula recommended now is 12-0-15.

Phosphorous, (the middle number) is now banned by state law. Only use phosphorous containing fertilizer on new lawns or established lawns that have had the soil tested and are deficient.

Working in damp soil can leave you with soggy gloves. The solution is a glove dryer.

Recycle large disposable coffee cups. Cut the bottoms from two cups. Cut a v-shaped notch in the top of each cup. Slip the gloves over the tops and set the glove dryer on an old cooling rack so the circulating air can dry the gloves. Remember: Don't bag and discard leaves. They represent high quality nutrition for your soil. Mow and compost the leaves or blow the leaves to an out of the way corner. In 12 to 18 months you'll have leaf mold to augment your soil.

On days when it is too wet to work outside, inventory garden supplies and tools. Clean soil off tools and spray with WD-40.

Sharpen or have sharpened saws, shovels and hoes. Inventory garden supplies such as stakes, labels, or soil amendments that you will need when spring finally arrives.

Happy Thanksgiving!

JR. GARDENER ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM: We will be going to each 5th grade in the Plymouth Public Schools during March and April with our PowerPoint presentation on our unique ecosystem - Pine Barrens, Coastal Plain Ponds and Sole Source Aquifer. We spend about an hour in each class with two members, one presenting the program and the other helping with handouts. We will meet in the Library Board Room on **Wed. Dec. 5 at 1pm** to go over the program presentation and select the dates that each can volunteer. If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile program email Geri Williams at geri3williams@comcast.net (if you did not sign up last month).

Greens Sale: Coming up quickly on **Saturday, Dec. 1 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, a major fundraiser to support our Civic Beautification projects and Scholarships needs everyone's participation. On **Thursday, Nov. 29** starting a **2 p.m.** in the Fehlow Room, we will set up. On **Friday, Nov. 30 starting at 10 a.m.** we will decorate fresh wreaths, wooden boxes, and creating fresh floral and greens arrangements. Members who help on Friday may purchase whatever they like. We will not be selling plain undecorated wreaths this year.

Please save pinecones, dried flowers, seed pods etc. and spray them gold, silver, red or white. We will need lots of greens. If you cut greens, they can be dropped off outside behind the library next to the rear entrance door starting Wed. Nov. 28, or bring them with you to the workshop on Friday. Please plan to volunteer several hours at least one day of the workshop and/or at the sale on Saturday.

Donation: The Business Network International has awarded a \$250 grant to the Garden Club for our community beautification projects. Last Tues, Nov. 6, Pat Parker received a check from Michael DeChiara, and Todd Monska at their office. (see photo). A giant thank you to our member Colleen Costa for nominating our club for this grant BNI.

REMINDER: December and January meetings will begin at **12:00 noon** rather than the usual 1:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Nov. meeting for luncheon items. Remember your flatware, utensils, and an ornament if you care to do the exchange. Please cut up whatever you are bringing into serving sizes. And most importantly bring your good cheer!

