



Club Flower
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Membership

Active:	80
Minus	1
New Active	79
Associates	10
Lifetime	1
Honorary	2

Horticulture

Fall Garden Housekeeping By Joy Sand

After this arid growing season, it's time to think about the fall cleanup. Weeds have certainly thrived, even if the desirable plants have suffered. As you continue weeding, dig out any perennials that need thinning.

Bearded iris need to be lifted, cut into smaller sections, each with a fan of leaves, and replanted 18-inches apart. New location needs to provide a minimum of six hours sun.

Each rhizome is planted horizontally on a small mound of soil with the roots facing down. Cover the roots with soil, but put less than an inch of soil on top of the rhizome. Iris won't bloom if planted or mulched too deeply.

Bearded irises are susceptible to iris borers. The borer enters the rhizome and turns it a mushy mess.

Welcome back, garden club members! We're looking forward to another ten months of learning and volunteering for various special projects. Last year was a productive and successful year. We did very well in fundraising and managing our civic beautification projects, and the great job with the Junior Gardener Program. Our Fund Raising Committee also did a fabulous job with the boutique. We thank everyone who gave of his or her time, items and suggestions. We definitely are a great club with the best members!

Geri Williams has a sign up sheet for the Junior Gardener Program. She hopes she will have the same staff, but would like to have some newer people also. It's a wonderful teaching project for all of the 5th graders in the Plymouth Public School System.

Today we welcome our newest members: Kate Angley, Denise Faherty, Dianne Faron and Catherine Walton. Their contact information is in the new yearbook. We hope you will enjoy this year's yearbook. We've put some additions to the book. We did have 80 Active members, but Polly Szoc moved out of state and that left 79 Active members. We also lost members because of illness, disabilities, and other miscellaneous reasons and those who transferred to Associate membership.

Our Plant sale in May earned \$2,400 – the best ever! Fran and Souther Barnes sold most of their concrete birdbaths, which Souther made and then donated all of the money received to the club. Fran has been a longtime member and has always been very generous with the items she donates to club projects. She didn't rejoin this year for health reasons. Souther has always helped with her delivery of project donations. That being said, at the board meeting when we were going over our membership, it was suggested that Fran and Souther become Honorary Members. The board voted wholeheartedly and unanimously approved. Judy Ingram called them and they graciously accepted. We are pleased to have them with us.

The Barnstable Fair Board of Directors will not be inviting or giving space to the S.E. District Garden Club for our annual flower show next year. The District Committee is seeking to find new place to have it. Please contact Judy Ingram if you have any suggestions.

The iris borer moth lays its eggs in the iris leaves in the fall. After the first frost, cut the leaves to a half-inch. Do not compost these leaves; put them in the trash.

Siberian iris needs to be divided when the center of the clump looks dry and dead. Dig out the clumps and divide in quarters. I use a lawn edger. Plant the new lumps to the same depth as previously planted. Other perennials to divide in the fall include, daylilies, tall garden flowers, hosta, obedient plants and peonies. Peony foliage must be discarded, too.

The Southeast District Designers will be having their semi-annual flower show, "If I Ran the Zoo" on Sept. 25 and 26 at the Heritage Museum in Sandwich. Admission to the flower show is free, but you must purchase a ticket to view the surrounding gardens.

You all received the email from Jean Dobachesky and Pat Parker regarding the teapots for the Council on Aging Tea. You must deliver your floral designed teapot to the COA Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 10 AM. High Tea is at 1 PM; there is a \$7.00 fee.

Our Program this month is "Confessions of a Seed Snatcher" by MariePatrice Masse on how to gather and swap seeds. She has lots of seeds to spare. Also don't forget to bring in a single horticulture specimen from your garden. Remember to label your specimen.

TEA: Hostess: - Norene Casey, **Co-hostess:** - Natalie Caramello
Committee: Claire Bennett, Liz Hester, Rose Howard, Mickey Rascoe, Pat Tarantino, Judy Tessin.

June Aronson is still undergoing physical therapy and will not be able to attend this month's meeting. She's looking forward to the October Meeting.

October is our Annual Auction with Jean Ravinski and her sidekick, Kevinette Considine. Start looking now for nice items you wish to donate. Baked goods are good sellers too.

Don't forget "Art in Bloom" at the Plymouth Center for the Arts. October 9,10,11 & 12. You have received instructions sheets from Judy Brown detailing how and when to choose your artwork.

We are pleased to inform you that Catherine Walton will be working with Mary Almeida to learn about producing the newsletter. Janet Voyer is also working with Mary on maintaining our new website. The website is up and is in process of updating. It's very different from our former website, but give us time. Hopefully it will be soon.

I almost forgot! Elaine Driscoll who was a long-time member and past president of our club was visiting in Plymouth. She stopped by the PGC table at the Antiquarian Fair last week to say hello. Those who were working the fair and knew Elaine introduced her to newer members. Everyone said she looked wonderful and they were happy to see her. Her daughter-in-law said Elaine looks forward to reading the club's newsletters.

Editors's note: Elaine, I'm so sorry I missed you! Mary A.

Did you see the front page of the OCM with the color photo of Judy MacDonald, Liz Rossetti and Donna Olsson at the Antiquarian Fair? They were busy working at our table. Thanks, Ladies! And thanks to everyone who participated in helping the Antiquarian Society raise funds.