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Plymouth Gentian

Website: [PlymouthGardenClub.org](http://PlymouthGardenClub.org)

### Membership

Active	74
<b>Total Active</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Life:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Associate</b>	<b>13</b>

### **Horticulture By Joy Sands**

#### **Climate Change Appears to Extend Plant Range**

A by-product of climate change is the survival in our Zone 6B of some tropical bulbs and plants such as dahlia, gladiolus, camellia and chaste bush. Their survival is still erratic, like our climate, but it is noticeable. Our growing conditions, particularly near the coast, are becoming comparable to the Upper South (example Maryland). Some horticulturalists are predicting that in fifteen years our gardens will be unrecognizable. Various strains of chrysanthemums (ex. Clare Curtis) and Knock-out roses are blooming up to Christmas. Spring bulbs are arriving earlier. Maple syrup season is moving into February. Mulching gardens for winter is moving through December too. Birds were the first to note these changes.

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# Plymouth Garden Club

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Our **OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM** will be a discussion of Hollies, their care and a hands-on workshop with Chris Riley of Vineyard Gardens, and we'll be rooting some holly for us to take home. So bring your gardening gloves and apron. We will start promptly at 1pm, come early to socialize.

**BOOKS AND BLOSSOMS** - Our first event of the 2017-2018 year was held at the Plymouth Public Library and was a huge success. Many Friends of the Library and the public enjoyed the 12 table settings and matching them with the book titles. Check out our recently updated website ([plymouthgardenclub.org](http://plymouthgardenclub.org)) to see photos under the scrapbook tab. Thanks to all the creative members and hostesses, and everyone who helped make it so successful. Our share of the raffle Fri. night yielded \$180. This was another good partnership with the Library.

**ART IN BLOOM** - The Plymouth Arts Center is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Show and this past weekend 16 members of our club created beautiful floral interpretations of selected art works and others hosted. There was a lovely and well attended reception Friday night. Nancy Markley, Judy Brown and Judy Tessin did a wonderful job organizing this event. Thanks to all who participated. These events raise our profile in the community.

**VERY SAD NEWS – JUDY INGRAM**, our past president passed away on October 1. Her friendly and gentle ways made all feel welcome. She will be sorely missed. There will be a celebration of her life on Saturday, October 21 at Plimoth Plantation at 5pm.

**JR. GARDENER ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM** – There will be a meeting of the volunteers for this program in the Board Room of the Library on **Wed. October 25, 10 am – noon**. We plan to go over and edit the power-point presentation we present to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and choose the school dates for next Spring. If you need more information contact Geri (508-833-4355)



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We have winter robins feeding on insects and fruit at ground feeders. We also have increasing numbers of Northern Cardinals.

Offering winter food for birds is even more important now. Birds may be expanding ranges, but food sources are limited. More birds means more competing for seeds and insects. Many gardeners strip their gardens bare in the fall leaving no seed heads for food or wintering spaces for insects. Suet cakes imbedded with seeds, insects or fruit are excellent support for cardinals and late staying catbirds and mockingbirds. But beware of bacon drippings and food scraps such as pancakes, French toast, crackers and stale salty snacks, as well as uncooked oatmeal are unsuitable for birds. Excess salt is unhealthy to "man and beast." However rendering beef and/or pork fat is perfectly safe. Another result of climate change is the dislocation of tropical and subtropical birds. Jose blew tropical sea birds ashore on Cape Cod. Displaced birds are best cared for by Audubon or aviary rehabilitation center because of the specialized nutritional, hydration, and temperature needs.

**LIBRARY FLOWER BEDS CLEAN-UP** – We will meet on Saturday morning **October 28 at 9:00am** to clean up the Library beds. Even if you have not been responsible for a bed, all help is welcome. Call Sue Denehy (508-747-1825) for more info.

**GREENS SALE** – Our major fundraiser this Fall will be held in the Fehloe Room of the Library on Dec.2. If you can put off pruning and cutting back the bushes in your yard until Thanksgiving weekend or later it would be wonderful. We ask every member to start sizing up their yard, relative's shrubs, neighbors' greenery, even business' bushes for potential Green Sale filler.

Now is the time to keep eyes open for steals & deals on containers, decorations & doo-dads useable for embellishing our floral arrangements, wooden baskets and wreaths.

We will be making arrangements for the sale on Thursday, Nov. 30 and decorating wreaths on Friday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Save the dates to help and have some fun.

**WREATH DISPLAY RACK** - We will be looking for a new home to store our wooden display rack that Bob Dobachesky built for us a couple of years ago. If you have any suggestion or know of some place that might help us out, please let Linda O'Neill know.

**GARDEN THERAPY** - Meghan Rinker and Denise Faherty are looking for members to help with our Garden Therapy program. You will help patients make small floral arrangements to take back to their room. Our first visit will be at Golden Living on **October 19** at 10am. See Meghan or Denise to join in on the fun.

**NOON** - Reminder....**December's Luncheon and January's meeting both begin at 12:00 p.m. (NOON)**

**WAYS and MEANS** – There will be garden gloves for sale at the meeting in case you forget yours.



Left: Chaste bush from Geri's yard, has been blooming since August.