



# Plymouth Garden Club

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## Membership

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| <b>Active</b>    | <b>73</b> |
| <b>Associate</b> | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Life:</b>     | <b>2</b>  |

## **Conservation Tips From Joan Bartlett**

'Tis the season to be jolly, not to purse the lips, ponder conservation necessities, and talk of trash. . . .

But wait, let's do both :

\* Turn off the lights when the Christmas tree is lit. Save electricity, be cozy and soak up the magic

\* Consider a living tree : lots for sale now at Home Depot. Plant it in the Spring as a special reminder of 2020.

\*Do not buy presents: Choose from "the collection" (stuff around the house). Jewelry from your box; compass, binoculars, silver, a favorite pot, old toys and books (E.B. White for all ages). Something for everyone. Add a note describing its provenance, where it come from, who gave it to you. Go through the photos and find meaningful ones with a good story. Jokes, Gifts of time: (garden help, snow shoveling,)

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**Warm Holiday Greetings to all our wonderful members!** Since we are not able to meet for our usual festive and friendly Christmas Luncheon these greetings of cheer and warm wishes for a better and healthier year ahead will have to suffice. Each member is a treasured friend and source of knowledge and comfort to all, may you enjoy the happiness, joy and peace of the season.

This has been a difficult year for everyone, but we have continued on having a successful Driveway Plant Sale and very successful Greens Sale earlier this month. We continued to beautify the Library with diligent efforts on the 10 beds in front, lovely mums all Fall, and Holiday decorations inside and out. Daffodils were planted for bloom next spring in Brewster Gardens and last years planting bloomed this spring at the Plymouth Airport. In spite of the pandemic with the safety of our members always at the forefront, we have been more active as a club than many others, and we have been able to contribute to our community.

**GREEN SALE SUCCESS:** **Thank you** to everyone who helped make the sale such a success. Our sales brought in \$3292, a remarkable amount considering the limitations the pandemic imposed. The estimated expenses are \$512, to give us a profit of \$2779, more than last year. An especially big thank you to Jennifer Harris, Director of the Library, for working so hard with us to make it happen and be such a success, and to Geri Williams and Linda O'Neill who planned and prepared everything for the sale. Our expenses were so low because of the generous donations of decorative items and ribbons from some members to finish our products. Coletta Candini deserves an extra big thank you and big virtual hug for all the faux wreaths, mugs, and decorations she purchased and donated as well as many of the beautiful finished items she contributed for sale on our website and at the Library sale.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Due to the continuing and increased danger of the Covid 19 virus the Board has decided we will meet via Zoom for our January program with Blake Dinius, Plymouth County Entomologist, who will be speaking on Garden Bugs. We are trying to remain an active club while protecting our member's health.

**WAYS and MEANS:** Cynthia Sykes, Debbie Clark-Lalley and Janet Voyer set up an online market on our [PGC website](http://PGC website). There are a few 'forever wreaths' and decorated, lighted small Christmas trees still available, and they will be discounted on sale until Saturday. You can call Geri to arrange delivery if you purchase any seasonal merchandise by Saturday.

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\*Be clever about wrapping paper: use newspaper and grocery bags, decorated with bright paint. Pieces of material (old curtains and cut up dresses on the way to Savers) make good reusable wrapping (find velvet for jewelry)

\*Don't forget the Yankee Swap. Our family's favorite. A good way to find a new home for stuff around the house. (Maybe it can be done on Zoom with family and friends)

If you would like to recycle your cut Christmas tree the Boy Scouts are picking up Christmas trees. \$10 donation. Call 508 333-4890 or email

[troop64trees@gmail.com](mailto:troop64trees@gmail.com).

The Town will be accepting trees on Saturday and Sunday the first two weekends in January from 9am -1pm at 131 Camelot Dr, the yard of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

***Wishing you the warmth  
of home, love of family,  
and a season bright with  
cheer!***

***Celebrate all the little  
holiday things that make  
you smile.***

***Building Community  
through  
Gardening Together***

**Ways and Means** continued: Ways & Means has Plymouth Garden Club logo merchandise and other gardening related items for sale on the website as well and will be able to use this site to sell other things throughout the year.

**Resignation:** Regretfully we received a letter of resignation from Rebecca Freedman informing the club that she needed to resign as Co-President due to personal reasons and family obligations. We thank her for her service, and wish her the best and look forward to seeing her at future meetings.

**BOOKS AND MOVIES** to enjoy this winter courtesy of Joan Bartlett:

*Read: The Garden Club of America: 100 year of a Growing Legacy* by William Seagle. How women changed the American landscape from planting victory gardens to saving redwoods, beautifying our highways and advocating for horticultural standards and conservation.

*Watch: Calendar Girls.* A 2003 British comedy based on the true story of a group of middle-aged Yorkshire women who produced a nude calendar to raise money for leukemia Research in April 1999.

*Read: The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbach. This novel weaves together past and present narratives, creating a compelling portrait of young woman whose passion for flowers helps her change the lives of others, even as she struggles to overcome her own troubled past.

*Watch: The Big Flower Fight.* In this reality television show, ten pairs of florists, sculptors and garden designers face off in a friendly floral fight to see who can build the biggest, boldest garden sculptures.

*Read: The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. A foundling, an old book of dark fairy tales, a secret garden, an aristocratic family, a love denied and a mystery. The Forgotten Garden is a captivating atmospheric and compulsively readable story of the past, secrets, family and memory.

*Watch: This Beautiful Fantastic.* A contemporary fairy tale revolving around the unlikely friendship between a reclusive young woman with dreams of being a children's book author and a cantankerous widower, set against the backdrop of a beautiful garden in the heart of London.

*Watch: A Little Chaos.* A romantic drama following Sabine, a strong willed and talented landscape designer, who is chosen to build one of the main gardens at King Louis XIV's palace at Versailles. In her new position of power, she challenges gender and class barriers while also becoming professionally and romantically entangled with the court's renowned landscape artist Andre Le Notre.

*Read: Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard* by Doug Tallamy. Nature writing at its best, rooted in history, progressive in its advocacy, and above all, actionable and hopeful. By proposing practical measures that ordinary people can easily do, Tallamy gives us reason to believe that the planet can be preserved for future generations.

*Watch: Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home.* This documentary portrays hometown habitat heroes who are reversing detrimental impact on the land and in the water of major U.S. watersheds, one garden at a time. The film winds its way through the watersheds of Florida, the prairies of the Mississippi River Basin, the Rocky Mountains, the Chesapeake Bay the Great Lakes and the Columbia River to share success stories and works in progress that celebrate conservation landscaping that reawakens and redefines our relationship with Nature.