



# Plymouth Garden Club

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## Membership

Active	73
Associate	14
Life:	2

## Horticulture Tips From Joy Sand

### The Autumn Shut Down

After the searing heat of July and August, the cooler days and nights are welcome. This is bulb planting season. In this area the best bulbs for spring and early summer color are daffodils, narcissus, the tommie crocus, allium, camissia, most Fritillaria, hyacinths and Eremurus (foxtail lilies). They are deer resistant, and most rodents avoid them. But be careful to remove any of the papery skins that fell off. Above ground, those skins announce food underground. Rodents will dig the bulbs to investigate, and you will need to replant.

Fall is normally the preferred season to reseed or spot seed lawns. This fall has been too dry for seeds to germinate and thrive. After Halloween, nights are too cool for grass seed, lightly cover the grass seed with commercial mulch or straw.

It was also too dry for applying a winter fertilizer. If you fertilize now you risk late growth and mowing. Instead wait until the lawn goes dormant and there's

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Due to the continuing and increased danger of the Covid 19 virus the Board has decided not to have in-person meetings in November and December. However we have purchased a Zoom account for the club and several members are being trained in the technology, so we can have programs hosted virtually for all to share. The Board has been meeting via Zoom to continue planning some Club activities, especially our Greens Sale, a major fundraiser for our scholarships and civic beautification projects. Geri Williams will be giving a demonstration on wreath decorating and bow making which will be video-taped and sent to you via an email next week in place of the November meeting and in preparation for our sale workshops. In December we plan to gather together via Zoom to greet each other, sing some holiday songs and exchange holiday wishes. We will also 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.

**GARDEN THERAPY:** Due to the increased Corona virus pandemic Meghan Rinker and Linda Berthold have postponed all Garden Therapy activities until the situation is safer.

**CONSERVATION TIP:** The South Shore Recycling Cooperative has updated its page "Recycling A-Z". Want to know how to recycle a car seat, driveway sealant, gasoline, plastic plant pots and all kinds of other "stuff". Then check this site out: [ssrcoop.info/recycling-a-z](http://ssrcoop.info/recycling-a-z)

**BREWSTER GARDEN:** Patty O'Brien and a several members planted around 700 daffodil bulbs in two beds in Brewster Garden on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Nick Faiella and another member of the Parks and Cemetery Dept. dug the holes to enable the job to be completed quickly and efficiently. Patty still has about 100 bulbs left that she will sell to members for \$.60 per bulb in whatever quantity you would like. Call Patty at 508-747-2641 to arrange a purchase.

**WAYS and MEANS:** Cynthia Sykes, Debbie Clark-Lalley and Janet Voyer have been working with our Web consultants to set up an online market on our [PGC website](http://PGC website) where we will be able to sell the artificial wreaths that Coletta and other members have beautifully decorated, along with other items premade before the sale workshops. People will be able to purchase individual items and pay for them by credit card in advance and pick them up in the Library parking lot on Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. We will notify you when the site is active so you can purchase and tell your friends about it. W&M will be able to use this site to sell other things throughout the year.

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the first light snow. Then fertilize over the snow. A Scott's hand-held Whizzer is ideal for this.

This is the time to attack invasive vines and shrubs. The worst offenders in our area are oriental bittersweet, trumpet vine, burning bush, multiflora rose, and Japanese knotweed. All of those thugs were introduced by nurseries in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries as inexpensive fence coverings or because of attractive foliage. All have robust root systems making simply digging them out ineffective for control.

Instead once the foliage begins to turn use a hedge trimmer to cut half the height of the plant. Then spray the remaining foliage and cut stalks with an herbicide. I am using Bayer Tough Vine spray (available at Lowe's and Home Depot). Any growth next spring should be resprayed. Horticulture experts agree; it's a multi year battle.

Leave seed heads standing in the garden beds. But be sure to remove any seed bearing weeds. Do not compost them, bag them and dispose of them. Wintering birds will consume seeds. Insects shelter in leaf mold and brush piles. Dried sunflower heads make an "all you can eat" buffet for birds from cardinals to chickadees.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Miss you all, Joy

***Building Community  
through  
Gardening Together***

**GREENS SALE:** Our annual fundraiser is scheduled for **Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Fehlow room of the Plymouth Public Library. We will decorate live green wreaths, fill hand made wooden boxes and create holiday arrangements on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday morning, in the Fehlow room. Due to Covid 19, we can have no more than 10 people in the Fehlow room at one time.

Geri has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. It will be sent out by email. Call her at 508-833-4355 to volunteer. We will need **10 members at the workshops on Thursday afternoon from 1-5 pm and also on Friday from 9am-1pm.** During the sale we will need 7 members: no more than 4 in the Fehlow room, two on the front porch selling wreaths and wooden boxes and 1 more in the tent in the parking lot delivering presold items. People can trade places to keep warm. We ask you to please stick to the schedule. Call Geri if you are unable to come at your assigned time as we will need to find a replacement.

We will all wear masks and socially distance.

As usual we will need evergreen branches and holly with berries. Please wait to trim your shrubs and trees until late November or early December and bring the branches to the back of the library on December 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to come in, if you are worried about the virus, but your greens will be appreciated.

Some 'kits' have been put together with a bow and items to decorate a wreath to facilitate the live wreath decorating. The wreaths will not be delivered until Wed. Dec.2; however Linda O'Neill has the hand made wooden boxes and will gladly give you one or two to fill with greens and decorations and then deliver to the sale. Call Linda at 508-759-1870

Tell your friends that we are still planning on hosting our sale of fabulous wreaths, outdoor wooden boxes and arrangements. They can preorder with Geri or Linda O'Neill. Also tell them to check out our market place on our [PGC website](#) to purchase in advance for easy, quick pick-up in a tent in the Library parking lot. Many of the wooden cemetery boxes have already been reserved, if you know that you want some call Linda with your order to save them for you.

**Customers will have to make a reservation through [the Plymouth Public Library website](#) to be able to come into the library Fehlow room to shop on Friday afternoon and Saturday.** We plan to have some wreaths and outdoor boxes for sale on the front porch of the library for those who may not have made a reservation.