



Club Flower - Plymouth Gentian

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A New November?

Joy Sand

The recent disastrous hurricane/nor'easter has created a whole set of problems for winterizing the gardens. The recent trend of leaving perennial's seed heads standing over winter has ben mangled. The fluffy see heads of tall asters, goldenrod, and even sunflower heads are matted and broken. Some have flopped into sidewalks or driveways. Those I have cutback and placed upright on the brush pile. The birds have taken the hint and ae feeding on the seeds.

The lightweight branch tips blown into borders can be left as winter shelter for beneficial insects. But bulky branches and chunks of wood need to be removed. It's a different matter for branches and wood fallen on the lawn. They must go! When the leaves come down run the mower over the leaves, then rake them into a pile in an obscure part of the yard and allow the leaves to decompose

NOVEMBER MEETING: We will gather this month on **Wednesday, November 10th at the Chiltonville Congregational Church**. The meeting will start promptly at **1pm** but members can start to gather at 12:30 pm to meet and greet. Our speaker will be Anna Holmes the program is titled "Christmas Arrangements" Anna will demonstrate floral arrangements and other decorations to replicate in the home for the holidays. Anna is an owner of Flowers by Anna in Cataumet, MA for 15 years and has been in the floral business since 1973. She is a certified Master Designer by FTD and a Floral consultant.

One of our new members Ellie Gilbert recently had an article printed in *Garden Gate* which shows her beautiful gardens in Plymouth.

FLORAL WORKSHOP: Geri Williams gave a demonstration of 4 design types that will in included in our flower show. To watch the video please follow this link.

BULB SALE: The tulips are in and extras will be on the Ways and Means table and online. Thank you, Joy Sand and Cynthia Sykes, once again for organizing this project. Geri offered daffodil bulbs from her yard for the flagpole at the American Legion. Coletta will pick a date for planting.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON: Chiltonville Congregational Church
12/8 Please remember the luncheon begins at **NOON**. No cooking or baking this year. Bring an arrangement to decorate the table if you like. If you would like to participate in the ornament exchange, bring an ornament and put on the tree. When it is your turn, you may choose a new ornament from the tree. Bring one take one, it is your choice. Kevinette will once again be the Mistress of Ceremonies, a delightful treat for sure!

GREEN SALE:

THURSDAY: 12/2 Set-up (we need tarps and tables) AND workshop

FRIDAY: 12/3 Green sale workshop. 10-5 PM

SATURDAY: 12/4 Sale inside and outside. 10-3:30 PM.

Items will also be sold online, please check our website for details.

HOLIDAY GREEN SALE: Our Annual Green Sale will be held at the Plymouth Public Library on Friday, December 3, 2-5pm and Saturday, December 4, from 10am –4pm. Please tell your family and friends to come. We will hold workshops on Dec. 2 & 3 in the Fehlow room to decorate wreaths, fill outside boxes, and make holiday centerpieces. All members need to help, all skill levels are welcome. This sale supports our club's scholarships and civic beautification efforts around town. We will provide help and instructions. Help is also needed for sales Friday afternoon and Saturday. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting, please be generous with your time and sign up for a couple of shifts. We need lots of greens, holly and Winter berry branches to fill the boxes, baskets and arrangements. Greens can be dropped off at the rear of the Library Thursday or Friday morning.

Into leaf mold, a highly nutritious planting mulch. Use oak leaf mold around acid loving plants. One or two of those fallen branches laid over the pile will prevent the leaves blowing around.

If you still have some bulbs to plant, try layering them in a pot. Begin with a plastic nursery pot that will fit in an ornamental pot container. Add soilless potting mix to the pot. Layer large bulbs near the bottom. Add soil and medium bulbs such as tulips or narcissus. Add more soil and small bulbs such as crocus or grape hyacinth. Then cover the last layer.

Dig a trench large and deep enough to hold your pots. Line the trench with chopped leaves and cover the pot. When buds on the trees begin to swell, uncover the pots, then in a day or two remove the pots and put them in a sunny spot. As an alternative, wrap the pots of bulbs in two sheets of bubble wrap. Slip the wrapped pot into a frost proof pot and store in an unheated, frost proof spot- a shed or a garage.

To protect inground bulbs from varmints such as voles, make a three sided "pen" of hardware cloth and plant the bulbs inside. Fill soil around and over the pen. Lay a layer of the hardware cloth over the top of the planting sites. At the first sign of shoots, remove the top layer of hardware cloth and save for the fall. This method works best for small bulbs such as snowdrops, grape hyacinths, crocus.

To defend tulips against deer, place a hard plastic crate over the planting site. Once the leaves are 4-6 inches tall, remove the crate and spray with deer repellent.

Garden on!

Pick up and donate small sprays, snowflakes, fake fruit, glittery flowers or ornaments that we could use on wreaths or in arrangements and baskets. If you would like us to refill your wooden box, we will do it for \$5 less than the sale price. Bring the box to the meeting or workshops.

You can purchase some 'forever' or faux holiday wreaths, trees and other decorative items ahead of the sale. The shop on our website should have the items for sale before our meeting and if you purchase an item, it can be brought there for you to pick up. Items will also be available for pick up at the library during the sale days. Invite your friends and family to view the shop on our website: <https://plymouthgardenclub.org/shop/>

JR. GARDENER 6 PROGRAM: We will provide our program on Plymouth's unique environment to 3rd graders next spring. If you are interested in participating in this activity either as a presenter or helper, please contact Geri Williams (508-833-4355 or geri3williams@comcast.net) to volunteer or learn more. There will be a meeting in December to go over the presentation and train everyone.

.WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Maria Regina

Susan Fessenden

Cynthia Dunn

Myrna Fossum

Ellie Gilbert