



Club Flower - Plymouth Gentian

Website: PlymouthGardenClub.org

Membership

Active	72
Associate	13
Life:	3

Post Holiday News From Joy Sand

Add a note at the bottom of your December 22 calendar: recycle your live Christmas tree. Channel Homestead in Hanson is a farm that accepts live Christmas trees for their goats. Trees that are still green maybe left at the farm. Channel Homestead is on Facebook. Animals play with the trees pulling and tossing them until they settle in to eat.

Trees need to be green, not dry and brittle, free of spray or fake snow, tinsel, and garland. Trees must be free of pesticides, anti-dessicants and fire retardants. Locally grown and cut trees are ideal. Tree needles provide small amounts of nutrients, antioxidants, minerals and fiber for the animals.

Even if you don't donate your Christmas tree for a goat buffet, you can still recycle it in your own garden. Cut off the branches and spread them over recently planted bulbs and perennials. Remove trim and decorations from wreaths and swags and use them to protect smaller areas. When your compost pile is not frozen, you can still spread compost as mulch over your flowerbeds. But avoid irises.

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Pat Parker, President

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JANUARY MEETING: Our **January Meeting has been CANCELED** due to the rise of the highly contagious Omicron variant of Covid19. Our speakers, our former President Linda O'Neill and Joy Sand, did not feel they could do the presentation by zoom. Hopefully they will share their tips at a later date. We are planning on having our February meeting by zoom to allow us to meet and learn together while protecting our members. The Board of Directors will continue to work and meet by zoom for now.

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE: The final number for the **profit** from our successful Greens Sale is **\$3460**. The Board voted at their January meeting to transfer \$2000 of the profits to the Scholarship fund. Thank you to the many members who generously donated their time, skills and resources. Special thanks to Linda O'Neill, Geri Williams, Pat Parker, Cynthia Sykes and Judy MacDonald who worked each day and were instrumental in preparing for the sale, and Paula Butterfield for publicizing the sale on Facebook.

WAYS AND MEANS: Opportunity chances for the tree decorated with lottery tickets raised over \$600 at our Christmas luncheon. The winner was Marge Galletta. We also sold most of the remaining items from the Greens Sale. A small decorated artificial tree was brought to June Aronson who is recuperating at Stafford Hill and a wreath or swag were brought to Coletta Candini and Stacy Connor to let them know we were thinking of them.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: 65 members enjoyed a delicious lunch of hot food prepared by Mama Mia's and desserts contributed by members. Thanks to Kevinette Considine and Karen Baker for planning a delightful afternoon.

JR. GARDENERS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM: Geri Williams is looking for members to volunteer to go into 3rd grade classrooms in April and May. Alison Reardon, the Science Dept. Director, has reworked our Powerpoint presentation for 3rd graders to make it more appropriate for their learning style and more interactive. The amount of information has been simplified and reduced. Geri will train volunteers on this new presentation later in March after she returns to Plymouth. We will need 15-20 volunteers to go into the classrooms this spring. **If you are interested in helping with this program or would like more information, contact Geri at 508-833-4355** (calls forwarded) or geri3williams@comcast.net. This is a great opportunity to help the young students of Plymouth become interested in and aware of our unique environment.

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Good news on the pest front, the red lily leaf beetle seems to be waning. And lilies that have previously been eaten have revived and bloomed. Deer Out, a spray repellent protects lilies that are under siege and doesn't poison pollinators.

Entomologists report that this fall there was a drastic reduction in the presence of winter moths. Their grayish egg cases may still be found on the bark of trees. Scraping off the cases means fewer caterpillars in spring.

The garden catalogues are coming in. For shrubs and plants, I like Yung Seeds and Plants in Randolph, WI. Burpee's has a particularly large selection of organic flower and vegetable seeds.

Garden on!

Building Community through Gardening Together

Treasury report as of 10/1/21:

Checkbook: \$19,625

Scholarship fund: \$9581

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Our current club officers will be completing their 2 year terms this June, we will be electing new officers this May. The Nominating Committee composed of Dee Dee Dunlap and Eileen Gallerani are seeking members who are willing to take on the responsibilities of the offices of 2nd Vice President, both Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and possibly Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The role of each officer is described in the Bylaws Section in our Yearbook. There also is opportunity to chair or co-chair some of our committees, the functions of which are described on our website (PlymouthGardenClub.org) under Board of Directors. Please contact Dee Dee (508-746-8932) or Eileen (508-746-3155) if you are interested in supporting the Club in any role or need more information.

CONSERVATION TIPS: On the State Legislators agenda is the **Clean Energy Bill** that will transition Massachusetts to 100% clean electricity by 2035, and 100% clean energy for the building and transportation sectors by 2045. As garden club members concerned about the effects of climate change we should support this bill and encourage our legislators to enact it. A petition you can sign can be found at <https://takeaction.globalwarmingproblemsolvers.com/a/petition>

UPCOMING EVENT OF INTEREST: You might be interested in the free Zoom program from GCFM – on January 11th at 10am or 13th at 7pm Kaye Vosburgh will demonstrate the basics of Creative Design in “Let’s Try Creative Design”. Kaye is an award winning designer and Master Judge. She was scheduled to present a program for our club last year that was canceled due to Covid19. You must register for the program on the GCFM website: <https://www.gcfm.org/club-event-gallery>



Marge Galletta with the lottery tree she won at our Christmas Lunch