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Membership

Active	78
Associate	13
Life:	3

Made in the Shade From Joy Sand

Gardening in the shade in grandma's day meant limited plant choices and barely any color. But lucky us: shade-loving plants come in a variety of leaf shapes, textures, colors, and some even bloom.

First, you need to understand the kind or kinds of shade you have. Naturally, the best time to identify the shade is during the sunny spring and summer. Observe your chosen site for morning (8-11am), midday (noon-3), and afternoon (4-sunset) sunlight. Note the intensity of the sunlight at each time period.

There are 3 main types of shade: part shade 3-6 hours of sun; full shade less than 3 hours of sun; deep shade full sun seldom ever penetrates. A subcategory of shade is "dappled". The sunlight is filtered through overhead branches which drop their leaves each fall and re-leaf every spring. A given garden spot may go through each of the shade types over the years. If you have neither the time nor the inclination to study your shade, you can buy a sunlight meter for about \$20.

Shady gardens tend to take longer to warm in the spring. But they tend to remain cooler at midday. Depending on the presence of large trees, (over)

JUNE MEETING: Our **June Meeting** will be our Annual Luncheon on **June 8th** starting at **11:30am at the Plymouth Yacht Club**. 70 members and guests who have reserved will enjoy a buffet lunch prepared and served by Mama Mia's. Our new officers for 2022-2023 will be installed in our traditional ceremony with Joanne Nikitas donating and presenting roses, and our scholarship awardees will be introduced. As a nod to tradition, members are encouraged to wear a hat or fascinator.

PLANT SALE: Our Plant, Bake and Attic Treasures Sale was a huge success with proceeds of \$4063.45, with \$3655 from plant sales, \$220 from Baked goods and \$188 from Attic Treasures. A huge thank you to all who donated plants, and other items and those who worked the sale day. A great team effort! The board voted to transfer \$4000 of the profits to the scholarship fund.

HEDGE HOUSE TOUR AND LECTURE: There is still availability to attend the tour of the Hedge House and gardens with a lecture by Bob Hoxie on **Wed. June 22 from 9-10:30am** (\$5 donation collected on the day). Afterwards members can enjoy Tea with a scone and clotted cream, sandwiches and a pot of tea at Shelly's tea room.. Kate Angley will be collecting checks or cash of \$21 for the tea including tax and tip.

CLUB FLOWER SHOW: Geri Williams has rewritten the Flower Show Schedule to reduce the number of design classes. It will be a Small Standard Flower Show with 4 Design Classes and the same horticulture classes with ribbons awarded. Pat emailed the new schedule to all members a few days ago. You can call Geri (508-833-4355) or Judy Brown (508-888-3638) with any questions you might have about a design class. They are very willing to help you plan your design. Email Judy, judyatthepond25@gmail.com, to register for a design class with your name, phone #, email and class you would like to enter. After June 26th if there are still openings in the Design Classes, we will invite the members of the Evening Garden Club of Plymouth to participate in the Design section of our show. So sign up for one of the design classes ASAP and try something new!

NEW MEMBERS: Please warmly welcome 4 new members to our club, they all plan to attend the luncheon:

Susan Weitzmann - 23 Alice Mullens Way Cell: 443-391-3951

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES:

Olivia Harrington of Plymouth South, **Nathalie Carlon** of Plymouth North and **Ethan Rivera** of Rising Tide Charter School.

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a shady garden may be dry because of the competition of roots and require more frequent watering and fertilizing. Incorporating compost at planting time will improve the soil's capacity to retain moisture as well as soil nutrition. Take care to avoid damaging or covering exposed tree roots.

Shade under deciduous trees invite the planting of bulbs for spring color before the leaves emerge.

Plantings in partial or dappled shade can include plants with white, silver, variegated, yellow or chartreuse foliage to brighten the space. Native understory and woodland plants thrive in part to full shade conditions and bring the added bonus of supporting birds and pollinators. Most commercially sold plants come with light requirements printed on their tags.

Most pests pose less of a threat in the shade. The exception is snails and slugs.

It is not impossible to grow edibles in part shade. Tomatoes, peppers and eggplants are sun lovers. But leafy greens, some herbs, and Asian greens thrive in dappled sunlight. Many houseplants enjoy spending the summer months at 'summer camp' in dappled shade. A garden's location is limited just by our imagination and ambition (and rocks. With rocks all bets are off!)

'Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you'd left open.' John Barrymore

Garden on....

Building Community through Gardening Together

Treasury report as of 6/1/22:

Checkbook: \$20,738.41

Scholarship fund: \$10,081.60

PENNY FOR PINES: We collected \$28.49 at the May meeting, added to what had been collected at a previous meeting and supplemented from our treasury a donation of \$68 will be sent to plant approximately an acre of trees.

WATER CONSERVATION: From Liz Hester, Conservation Chair According to the EPA, watering your lawn for 20 minutes once per week uses as much water as taking 800 showers. This means that a house with an automatic sprinkler system can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water every year. The Plymouth Water Conservation Committee is promoting water conservation by all Plymouth businesses and residents, regardless of whether they are supplied by the town, a private water system or a private well. All Plymouthians draw their water from the same source: the Plymouth-Carver sole source aquifer. As we begin the summer season let's all find ways to conserve our water.

Perhaps you might get a rain barrel and harvest your rainwater.

Perhaps you could shrink your lawn by adding an outdoor space like a patio. Plant flowers that are native to this area and more drought tolerant, control weeds instead of watering them.

Remember to water your garden in the morning avoiding the heat of the day which causes most of the water to evaporate. Don't water when it is windy. Start composting which helps retain soil moisture, reduces the need for irrigation and the need to use your garbage disposal (which is bad for septic.) Use drip irrigation on your lawn and in your garden.

Use a hose with a nozzle you can close off as you water your garden or wash your car.

Take shorter showers!

Benjamin Franklin pretty much summed up why we should conserve our water and I quote: "When the well is dry. We will know the worth of water."

MOVING DAY: If you have any PGC properties in your basement, garage or attic, here is your opportunity to move it. On **June 29 at 10 AM** we will meet at the SEMPBA (South Eastern Ma. Pine Barrens Alliance) building, **158 Center Hill Rd.** Please have a list of what you are leaving to keep our records up to date and a list of anything you may still have at home.

LIBRARY BEDS: Some of the boxwoods have significant winter kill and need to be replaced, some sedums need to be divided, Coletta Candini and Debby Clark Lalley have planned a workday at the Library beds on **June 13 at 10am**, with a rain date of June 14. Please come help, bring your gloves, hand tools and a shovel. If you are responsible for a bed remember to weed and deadhead all summer long.

BUDGET AND YEARBOOK PLANNING MEETING: A meeting to plan the for next year will be held at our new President, Colleen Costa's home, 6 Entrance Rd. on **July 12th**. Work on the budget will be from 10 – 11am, followed by yearbook work. Any member interested in working on either or both is welcome. Please email Colleen, colleenpcosta@gmail.com to let her know if you plan to attend so she can prepare enough seats and drinks. Bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay and work on the yearbook.

OPEN GARDEN VISIT: Geri Williams invites you to visit her home garden on Tues. **June 7th from 11am-1pm**. Her many iris are blooming along with azaleas, rhododendrons and foxglove.

JR. GARDENERS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM: Our member Leslie Taylor, who volunteered with the program has written an article about it for the Pinehills magazine, Trailside News. Look for it next month.