



Plymouth Garden Club

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Membership

Active	80
Associate	14
Life:	3

Flower Show Facts From Joy Sand

Our next Club project is our Garden Club Show – “Plymouth - Celebrating 400+ Years” on September 30 and October 1.

Entries are due for Division I, horticulture, at 8:00 to 9:30am; Division II, Design, 8:30 to 10am in the Fehlow Room of the Plymouth Library. Enter thru the back door. All entries are to be removed by 4:30pm, October 1.

Division I is Horticulture – “Plymouth’s Bountiful Land”. All plant material exhibited must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor. Entry cards, which will be available at the club meeting or the morning of the show, must be completed in full in pencil or water proof ink. To be eligible for a blue ribbon or higher award you must list the latin botanical name on the entry card.

In the Flowering Annual Section there are classes for Cosmos, Sunflower or Zinnia. These specimens should be at their peak with central florets bright yellow and no browning. You can also enter a stem of any other worthy flowering annual. They should be displayed in an appropriate sized clear bottle, provided by the show committee, with one pair of leaves. No leaves below the water. There

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Our **September Meeting** will be Wednesday, **September 14th at 1pm**. Members will start gathering at **12:30pm at the Chiltonville Church**. Our own Joy Sand, who has been gardening her whole life, will be our speaker. She will share ways she has learned to ease the stress on our bodies while gardening, and the best tools to make garden chores easier and more fun. Joy and Coletta will also give you tips for preparing horticulture specimens from your yard for our Plymouth Flower Show on September 30th. Bring in a horticulture specimen like one you might enter in our show and they will give advice on grooming. We’ll all learn from these examples. Our President Colleen Costa has been requested to attend the South East District meeting at the same time as our meeting. Our 1st Vice President Katherine Angley will be running the meeting. The speaker will be first, followed by a brief meeting, then tea refreshments.

CLUB FLOWER SHOW: After several years of postponements our Garden Club will put on a Small Standard Flower Show on **September 30 and October 1st** in the Fehlow Room of the Library. 16 members will create floral designs in 4 different classes, and all members are invited to bring in horticulture specimens from their gardens to fill 30 varied classes. Read Joy’s column for information and tips for entering. Specifics are in the Show Schedule with this email. There will be an Exhibitor’s Meeting on Monday, September 12 at 1pm in the Fehlow room to answer questions. Clear plastic disposable water bottles of various sizes are needed for displaying the specimens. Bring them to Geri Williams at the meeting. Volunteer hostesses are needed to welcome visitors and answer questions on Friday afternoon and Saturday. Call Linda O’Neill (508-759-1870) to select a couple hour shift. Remember this is not the Boston Flower Show with tough competition. Our show is an opportunity to share our horticultural success and the joy and fulfillment of gardening with our friends and neighbors. And show off our design abilities. Please participate and come enjoy the show! Use the flyer, also attached, to invite your family and friends to view our efforts.

NEW MEMBER: Please warmly welcome our newest member Marie Keller.

CRYSTAL PAYNE has volunteered to be our Club Technical Chair. She will be sending out most club communications via Mail Chimp. Email messages will be coming from **Plymouth Garden Club** <info@plymouthgardenclub.org>. There is a unsubscribe button included at the bottom of each email. Please do not unsubscribe as you will not get club communications, including the newsletter, and Crystal is not able to add you back into the list. You will have to fill out a form, found under **Contact Us** on the website, to re-subscribe. There are Club Members who have unsubscribed from the emailing list, either on purpose or accidentally, and now they will not receive Club emails until they sign themselves back up. Crystal is also managing the website, updating information and adding events. Please send any information to add to the website to Crystal at Crystalannpayne@gmail.com.

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shouldn't be any insect or disease damage on leaves or bloom.

"Long Lasting Beauty" consists of one stem of a flowering perennial. Named classes are Rudbeckia, Chrysanthemum and Sedum, but also consider any other specimen of a flowering perennial. The entry standards are the same.

"Green is Lovely Too" consists of perennials grown for their foliage. Exhibits of fern, herb or Heuchera should be a single leaf stem, without damage in a clear bottle proportionate in size to the specimen.

"Beauty worth the effort" are specimens of Dahlias entered according to size. They should have at least one pair of leaves and be disbudded. Blooms not should be over mature. Any other flower from a bulb, corm or tuber is also eligible for this section.

"Evergreen Throughout the Year" is an evergreen specimen no longer than 30 inches. Leaves or needles should not be polished or show signs of disease or insect damage. Balance and symmetry add value in judging branches and potted plants.

"Enhancing Our Homes All Year" is a container plant in a pot under 8 inches in diameter by 8 inches tall.

The pot should be clean and you should remove damaged or dead leaves, stems and spent blooms.

"Our Gardens Sustain Us" is a vegetable you've grown. Single specimens of pepper, squash, and a large or 3 small tomatoes and eight beans are entered. They should have their stem attached and be unblemished.

Participate and enjoy!

Garden on....

WATER CONSERVATION: Although we have finally had several inches of rain, Plymouth and much of Massachusetts is still experiencing serious drought conditions. So we still need to be watchful and creative in conserving water. 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. We can reduce the need to water by planting native plants which generally require less moisture once established. Birds, butterflies and other pollinators prefer them also.

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. Use a hose with a nozzle you can close off as you water your garden or wash your car. It is important to water trees and shrubs during a drought, they can dry out beyond the ability to rebound. Grass will go dormant and revive when water is available, so there is no need to water lawn.

LIBRARY BEDS: Debby Clark-Lalley with advice from Coletta Candini converted another of the Library beds into another pollinator friendly bed. She purchased 4 Japanese Holly Soft Touch for the corners of the bed. We will monitor how these plants weather the winter. If they do well we will purchase more next spring to replace the dying and missing boxwoods. Debby and Coletta are planning to spruce up the beds and plant mums on Monday, October 3 at 10am. All members are encouraged to help. Debby needs several more members to volunteer to tend an individual bed for the coming year.

An **OCTOBER FLORAL WORKSHOP** will be led by Nancy Carafoli **Wednesday October 12 at 10:00AM**, Chiltonville Congregational Church. Sign up sheet at our September meeting, or call /text /or email Susan Denehy. \$25 cash or check payable to Plymouth Garden Club or charge on the Club website. This is a fun opportunity for new and veteran members to gather and learn to create an arrangement to bring home. Nancy will provide all materials for us. Please bring clippers and gloves, and a snack or lunch if you wish. Nancy is a long time member of our club and the long time owner of Stevens the Florist on South St. She has led several of our workshops and is generous with her design talents and floral materials. Susan Denehy 508-317-4130 sdenehy@icloud.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need a **Recording Secretary**. If you are willing to attend Board and General meetings and take minutes to help the club, please contact Dee Dee Dunlap (508-746-8932) or Eileen Gallerani (508-746-3155). We also need someone to be a backup for Geri Williams who does our newsletter. She not will be available for the November and December newsletters. She will give you some guidance and the template.

MAIL to the Garden Club should now be sent to our new mailbox:
PO Box 906, Plymouth, MA 02362



Geri Williams entered the July "Cape Legends" Flower Show at Heritage Museum and Gardens in the small design class, 'Horace Crosby', a historic Cape sailboat builder. The design was staged in a 12 inch square frame, pictured here. She earned first place in her class.