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Membership

Active	80
Associate	14
Life:	3

Lessons From the Garden By Joy Sand

A garden may look peaceful and indolent lying under the warming rays of a Spring sun. But really, it is an outdoor lecture hall, teeming with life lessons for those who will observe and learn. Gardeners of all ages and abilities are privileged to receive these lessons.

Lesson One: Perseverance: A garden moves forward daily in the presence of heat, drought, pests, and weeds. There may be a setbacks, but with care, soothing rains, and non-chemical pest management, the garden is revived and prospers.

Lesson Two: Be adaptive: make the most of the resources available. Only a garden can turn clippings, weeds, and manure into the nutrition raw material for roses, lilies, iris. A garden exemplifies "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade"



DECEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING: Our December Meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, at Noon. Members will start gathering for the social at 11:15 a.m. at the Chiltonville Church. Kevinette Considine and Karen Baker are the Hostesses for this event, along with Paula Butterfield and Ellin Murphy. Hot entrees will be vegetarian Lasagna and chicken broccoli Alfredo with ziti, along with Caesar salad, rolls, and butter will be served. Remember to bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share for dessert and the recipe so that we can make a PGC Christmas recipe book after Christmas. Seventy-two members have signed up and paid for this event. Crystal Payne will provide music for a Christmas sing-a-long and Kevinette will entertain us. Hospitality extends a special thank you to all the members of the Committee who make this event possible. See you there!



Lesson Three: Celebrate the little things. It's not only the full-blown rose or the majestic dahlia that gladdens our hearts. Close to the earth, the first tiny snow crocus or glory of the snow that welcomes a fuzzy humble like gladdens the heart of winter weary gardeners with the first fragile petals. The garden and the gardener celebrate the small gains of a few degrees more of warmth and the strengthening sunbeams. A garden knows it is not all about big.

Lesson Four: Accept change gracefully. This is a hard lesson. The harden teaches us that trees and shrubs damaged by storms can be revitalized by judicious pruning. That plant that shed leaves during summer drought responds to fall rains with renewed foliage and the occasional bloom. But with the icy breath that hints of the bleak winter to come, the flower bows her head, relapse her stem and submits with grace the long rest to come.

The Seed catalogues are coming!
Garden on

*Friends are the
flowers in the
garden of life.*

Treasury report will be posted at the meeting. For a copy email treasurer@plymouthgardenclub.Org.

GREENS SALE: Thanks to the efforts of so many members we had another very successful Greens Sale. The final numbers are not in yet but we sold over \$4300 in wreaths, swags, outdoor boxes and arrangements. Estimated expenses are between \$750-800, still awaiting a bill or two. There were a few porch or cemetery boxes left and they along with any other remaining items will be available for purchase at the Christmas Luncheon. A big thank you to Geri Williams and Linda O'Neill for all their planning and efforts and the 35 or so other members who helped with the sale, whether creating beautiful items, donating greens, flowers and decorations, or facilitating sales. This was truly a group effort and the funds will provide scholarship funds and cover community project expenses.

JUNIOR GARDENER ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM: A few more volunteers are still needed for this program to go into 3rd grade classrooms in all Plymouth Public Schools in March and April. There will be an organizational and training meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 1pm in the upstairs Board Room of the Library. New volunteers can learn about the program and be prepared for the spring. We always send two volunteers into the classroom, one to present the program and the other as a helper. Another presenter and several more helpers are needed to ensure that we can cover all the dates. Call Geri Williams at 508-833-4355 if you would like more information about this fun and educational program, or come to the meeting on Dec. 15.

*Hope everyone enjoys their Holidays with their Families
and the New Year brings you all beautiful Gardens!*