



# Plymouth Garden Club

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## Membership

Active	80
Associate	14
Life:	3

**In Absence of our monthly update From Joy Sand and to go with our Monthly Topic**  
**A Charming Plant Combination for Shady Gardens, Candelabra Primroses, Fern & Bulges**



Brighten a moist and shady area of your garden with this striking plant combination pairing the eye catching blossoms of Primula japonica (Japanese Primrose) with the fresh, unfurled green fronds of Matteuccia struthiopteris (Ostrich Fern).

Interplant charming foliage plants and attractive groundcovers such as Hosta "Wide Brim" (Plantain Lilly) with its mound of broadly, heart shaped variegated leaves; Ajuga reptans "Catlin's Giant" (Carpet Bugle) with its blue-violet flower spikes rising from rosettes of large, glossy purplish-bronze leaves; Viola sororia (Common Blue Violet) with its shiny leaves topped with delicate, blue-violet flowers and Phlox divaricate (Woodland Phlox) with its clusters



**JANUARY MEETING will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>.** The Social begins at 12:15 and the meeting will be at 1:00 PM. Program: **Shady Retreats** presented by Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker. In this richly illustrated program, we explore a variety of intriguing gardens that will inspire you to create your own shady retreats! We describe design techniques and strategies to light up shady corners, highlight unusual plants that thrive in low-light conditions, and illustrate the creative use of art objects, seating and water features. Hope to see you there!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY;** has been busy sending out cards and well wishes to our members. Please try to remember our members who might need a little extra to make their day bright. We never know what is in the silence of our hearts and theirs.

**HOSPITALITY:** Would like to thank everyone who helped in 2022 especially the group of members who helped with our Christmas Luncheon. THANK YOU! Hospitality is also looking for a group of members of who would be available to be on an "Emergency List" for last minute members who are unable to help due to unforeseen reasons. Please reach out to Karen Baker.

**LIBRARY BEDS/BULB PLANTING:** Debby Clark-Lalley and Coletta Candini would like to thank all the members who helped in 2022. In the Spring there will updates on what help will be needed.

**JUNIOR GARDENER ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM:** We have been invited again this year to present our environmental program to all the Plymouth Public School 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. We will be going into the classrooms in March and April 2023. If you are interested in volunteering with this program to educate the students about the unique ecosystems here in Plymouth please call Geri 508-833-4355 for more information.

**CRYSTAL PAYNE,** our Club Technical Chair has been sending out most club communications via Mail Chimp. Email messages come from **Plymouth Garden Club** <[info@plymouthgardenclub.org](mailto:info@plymouthgardenclub.org)>. Check your spam box. If you have been having trouble receiving communications contact Crystal. Please send any information to add to the website to Crystal at [Crystalannpayne@gmail.com](mailto:Crystalannpayne@gmail.com).

of slightly fragrant flowers.

An easy and remarkable scenery to enjoy in mid to late spring. Most plants are deer resistant and have been granted the prestigious Award of Garden Merit by the Royal Horticultural Society for their outstanding qualities. They are all low maintenance, Enjoy!

Rooted in the Past, Growing  
Together for the Future

2022 – 2023

Our 94th Year

Founded 1929 • Federated 1971

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

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Treasury report will be posted  
at the meeting. For a copy  
email [treasurer@plymouthgardenclub.Org](mailto:treasurer@plymouthgardenclub.Org).

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**GARDEN LIBRARY PROGRAMS IN JANUARY:** A Library Card is all that is needed for these Gardening Programs at the Main Plymouth Library:

**JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 Native New England Flora with Master Gardener Gretel Anspach Native New England**

**Flora:** This presentation focuses on the native plants of New England. Plants native to our region will be easier to maintain, better able to withstand New England weather and may offer better resistance to deer and rabbits. The trees, shrubs, and perennials that evolved here will grow here with much less input from you. You will reduce your workload while creating a paradise for the native birds and pollinators. No registration required

**Winter Sowing with Cathy Acampora from Plymouth 4H In-Person on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 to 3PM:** Learn how to sow your seeds the easy way! No more electricity, less water, and no more taking up space in your home! Let Mother Nature do the work for you! You will use recycled materials like milk jugs to create your cold weather garden. If you don't have one, one will be provided for you. Registration is required.

**Let's Practice Eco-Friendly Landscaping**

Among the goals of an 'Eco-Friendly Landscape' are:

- Provide healthy habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.
- Control storm water on the site and allow it to soak in slowly.
- Conserve water and treat it like the important natural resource it is.
- Create healthy soils without pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, fertilizers.

Some things you can do to achieve this:

Plant native plants, shrubs and trees. Native species provide biodiversity important for pollinators, birds and wildlife, require no fertilizer and most are drought tolerant.

Minimize lawn area.

Create a vegetable garden and compost

Plant more trees for today and tomorrow. Trees offer home energy savings through shade from hot summer sun and buffering of winter winds. They sequester carbon, clean the air and support a myriad of species of important insects and other wildlife.

Minimize hard surfaces: instead of traditional asphalt, consider alternatives like porous pave® made of recycled tires; perkcrete® – a permeable concrete; porous asphalt grasspave® - a grid system that allows grass to grow while providing a stable surface for vehicles.

**Etiquette, Friendliness and Courtesy:** Let's all try to make our Club known for its enthusiastic and friendly members. Let's welcome everyone and think before we speak, especially when we are interacting with other organizations and the public.