



Club Flower - Plymouth Gentian

Website: [PlymouthGardenClub.org](http://PlymouthGardenClub.org)

### Membership

Active	80
Associate	14
Life:	3

From Joy Sand

### **Life in Bloom – J. Schwanky**

Michigan florist Jay Schwanky defines a life in bloom as on that shares, celebrates and incorporates flowers every day. We can all lead lives in bloom.

Sharing flowers can be as simple maintaining a front garden for the pleasure of passersby. Or buying a selection of cut flowers and arranging them in a vase or container and presenting the flowers to a friend or family member as a gift.

Celebrating and incorporating flowers can evolve from “arranger planting” Approach your garden plot as a giant flower arrangement. Choose and group flowers and plants as if arranging a bouquet. Tall shrubs and perennials form the background. Perennials such as coneflowers, asters, golden rod, phlox provide color and form. Vines or “weeping” plants such as andromeda, clematis, some honeysuckles offer a graceful draping effect.

For the middle or body of your “garden bouquets”, consider black eyed Susan, day lilies, peonies, roses, liatris, lavender, provide all season color interest

# Plymouth Garden Club

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**APRIL meeting will be held on April 12th** at 12:30 and the meeting will be at 1:00 PM. **Program: Bees by Gail Conner** Long-time and active member of our club, Gail has been a member of the Plymouth County Beekeepers Association for 10 years, and maintains three beehives and a pollinator garden in her yard. She is a monarch butterfly expert as well and will discuss beekeeping for beginners. Hope to see you there!

### **HOSPITALITY:**

The plan is for everyone to keep the same months for the tea committee as the 2022-23 book specifies. If you need to make any changes, please let Karen Baker know to work it out. Hospitality is still building a list of people who are willing to substitute on a tea committee in case a replacement cannot be found; let Karen know if you are willing to be on the list.

Payment for the **June Annual Luncheon on June 14, 2023, at the Plymouth Country Club** will be collected at the April meeting, and continue at the May meeting, also online at [plymouthgardenclub.org](http://plymouthgardenclub.org) under SHOP. **Please take a look at the menu attached to this email for food selections and other details.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact Karen Baker or Paula Butterfield.

**PLANT SALE: May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2 PM:** Will be held at the Plymouth Library front lawn. Colleen Costa will chair the Plant Sale this year. Each member should plan to donate at **least 5 plants** either from their garden or purchased. There will be more information and tips for preparing and labeling plants at the April and May meetings. This is one of our major fundraisers to support our Scholarships and all our community projects. We need lots of volunteers to help with sale, there will be sign up sheets in April and May. At 7 AM on Saturday morning, several husbands are needed to bring out and set up the Library tables for the sale. You should drop off your plants Saturday morning between 7 am and 9:30 am. We will have vases available of you have fresh cuttings, such as lilacs, for you to use.

**Club News:** We are in need of a Recording Secretary and Ways and Means Coordinator for the rest of this year. The Nominating Committee will need a new chair next year. Please consider stepping up to volunteer, a great way contribute to your Club, “Many hands make the work light”

**Sad News:** Some of our long time members may remember a past member, Peachie Hansen who recently passed away.

**Beth Israel Flower Pots:** We are looking for volunteers to maintain the 6 Flower Pots located at Beth Israel Hospital. Please let Colleen Costa know if you can help out, she has taken on two pots, four are still available.

Ornamental grasses come in a variety of colors, textures and heights.

For the front of the border, Dianthus provides the colors and fragrance of the carnation on a shorter plant. Rudbeckia, and coneflower hybrids are being introduced in shorter sizes for the front of the borders and bouquets.

Horticultural mistakes of the past are best avoided. Don't plant the, burning bush, rose of Sharon and yellow bamboo were introduced as background high summer colors or bright fall foliage. They did their jobs too well and are now invasive.

Many of the plants and flowers recommended are native species. They provide pollen and nectar for pollinators and seeds or fruits, food for the birds and small animals.

*"Who has learned to garden who did not at the same time learn to be patient?" H.L.V. Fletcher*

Happy Spring, garden on ...Joy

*Friends are the  
flowers in the  
garden of life*

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Treasury report will be posted  
Rooted in the Past, Growing  
Together for the Future  
email: [treasurer@plymouthgardenclub.Org](mailto:treasurer@plymouthgardenclub.Org)

**Save the Date:** PGC June Outing: Katherine Angley is planning a morning in June (TBA) at the Plymouth Antiquarian Society's Spooner House (North Street) for a garden lecture and home tour. The lecture will be lead by Bob Hoxie in the back garden that was created in the 1940's. The beautiful heirloom roses will be in bloom for our visit. After the lecture members will be able to tour the Spooner House, built in 1749, lead by PAS docents. Following the Spooner House will be reserved seating for Shelley's Tea Room Date to be announced.

**The Plymouth Public Library Foundation** will offer a Garden Tour on **July 20<sup>th</sup>** from noon to 6 PM. Tickets can be purchased for \$30. The funds from this event will benefit the revialization of the Shiff Garden.

**Jr. Gardeners Environmental Program** is going well, most schools have been visited. Thanks to Kate Angley, Judy Fosdick, Leslie Taylor, Susan Denehy, Debbie Fay, Becky Freedman and Jean Dobachesky for visiting the schools and sharing our program on Plymouth's unique environment with Plymouth's third graders.

I will host a morning session at my home (42 Carters Bridge Rd.) on **Tuesday, April 25 starting at 10am** to individually bag the seedling evergreens to distribute to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. There will be a sign-up sheet if you would like to help. Nick Faiella and the Plymouth Parks Department will plant a tree at Cold Spring Elementary on Arbor Day, **April 28 at 12:30pm**. We will be assisting the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with planting their trees in pots, come help.

**LIBRARY BEDS:** Twenty seven soft touch dwarf holly have been ordered from Morrisons Home and Garden arriving within the next 2 weeks. Miranda from Morrisons has agreed to hold the shrubs until planting. I hope to transport the Hollies from Morrisons in our trailer to the library just prior to planting. I will need volunteers to help plant and maintain a watering schedule for several weeks until the scrubs are established in their new surroundings.

**PLYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB SWEATSHIRTS:** Additional Sweatshirts will be available to purchase for **\$35 each** due at time of purchase. By filling out the order form at April Meeting with Paula Butterfield. Or on the Plymouth Garden Site under shop. Member can contact Paula with any questions at [pbutter516@comcast.net](mailto:pbutter516@comcast.net).

**Lost and Found:** At last month's meeting, a Yeti mug was left behind. Notify Karen at 508 209-0306 if you left it behind; she