



Club Flower - Plymouth Gentian

Website: PlymouthGardenClub.org

Membership

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| Active | 80 |
| Associate | 14 |
| Life: | 3 |

From Joy Sand

**Please see Joy's monthly
article attached to the
newsletter.**

April Showers Bring May Flowers: A History

The poem as we know it today originated all the way in 1157, in the form of a short poem written by Thomas Tusser. The poem can be found in the April section of a collection of his writings titled, "*A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry*." **The poem goes as follows:**

Sweet April showers Do spring May flowers

While this poem is clearly a direct ancestor to the version we know today, let's travel back in time a bit further to the end of the Fourteenth Century, where legendary poem Geoffrey Chaucer had his own say on the month of April in his famous collection of stories titled, "*The Canterbury Tales*." **Chaucer's version goes as follows:**

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Colleen Costa, President

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MAY meeting will be held on MAY 10th at 12:30 and the meeting will be at 1:00 PM. **Program: Mike Paduch from Crystal Lake Garden Shop** will be bringing flowers to discuss and sell. Mike's love of plants is contagious, it is always a fun meeting. Hope to see you there.

Annual Dues: Annual Dues of \$40.00 is due by July 1st for Active Members. Please pay at the May or June meeting. Some wonderful programs have been scheduled for 2023-24 you do not want to miss!

Hospitality: Remember to reserve your June Luncheon spot. The **last day** to pay for your reservation is **Friday, June 2nd**. You can pay by check, cash, or credit card at the May meeting. Or, you can mail your check to Karen Baker, 10 Latham Wood, Plymouth, MA. Also, you can pay online at www.plymouthgardenclub.org (under SHOP, choose the option for either chicken or fish). Remember to write your entree choice (chicken or fish) on your check.

This is the last chance to change your tea committee choice; the final list is needed for the Yearbook. So that you know, assignments stay the same unless you cannot fulfill your obligation and must change your month. Please notify Karen Baker at karenl_baker@msn.com or call her. It has been a great year, and on to the June Annual Luncheon.

PLANT SALE: May 20th from 10 to 2 PM: Will be held at the Plymouth Library front lawn. Each member should plan to donate at **least 5 plants** either from their garden or purchased. Please prepare and label your plants for the sale. This is one of our major fundraisers to support our Scholarships and all our community projects. We need lots of volunteers to help with the sale, be sure to sign up at the May meeting. 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 if you have fresh cuttings, such as lilacs, for you to use. In addition to Plants, we will have a **Bake Table** so please donate your bake goods if you can. There will be an **Attic Treasures** table at the sale, please donate any **Garden related items only** for this table.

Club News: We are in need of a Recording Secretary.

Linda Souza has stepped up to be the Ways and Means Coordinator, thank you Linda. There will be a new process where members can bring in Gardening related items for the table the day of meeting they would like to donate. Everything will be sold or raffled off the day of the meeting. There will still be gloves and aprons for purchase.

Original:

*"Whan that Aprill, with his shoures
soote.*

*The droghte of March hath perced to
the roote.*

*And bathed every veyne in swich
licour,*

*Of which vertu engendred is the
flour;"*

Translation:

"When in April the sweet showers fall

*That pierce March's drought to the
root and all*

*And bathed every vein in liquor that
has power*

*To generate therein and sire the
flower;"*

*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

Save the Date: PGC June Outing: Katherine Angley is planning a morning in June 8th from 9 to 10:30 AM at the Plymouth Antiquarian Society's Spooner House (North Street) for a garden lecture and home tour. The lecture will be led 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, led by PAS docents. The fee is \$5.00 and there will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for those who would like to attend.

The Plymouth Public Library Foundation will offer a Garden Tour on **July 20th** 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 The Jr. Gardeners Environmental Program completed all 3rd grade classroom visits on Wed. with Leslie Taylor's and Jean Dobachesky's visit to Federal Furnace Elementary School. A group of members packaged most of the seedling trees at Geri Williams' home. The trees for the remaining schools, except Cold Spring were delivered to the schools on Thur. or Friday for distribution to the students for Arbor Day. A couple extra trees were included in the parcel for each classroom for teachers. On Friday, Arbor Day at 12:30pm Geri, Debbie Fay and Linda O'Neill were at Cold Spring to help the students plant their seedling trees in pots to take home after they assisted the Town Parks and Forestry workers plant a flowering cherry tree at the school. It was a nice event and the children were eager to bring their trees home to plant. Another successful season of sharing environmental information and encouraging our youth to nature.

NEW - Teachers at West Plymouth School are looking for help with their classroom gardens.

LIBRARY BEDS: With the generous help of several club members we were able to plant 28 dwarf holly bushes in 8 of the 10 library beds. We amended the soil with the hopes of giving the shrubs a good start. Debby Clark-Lalley will continue to water in the plantings due to the dry conditions

Beth Israel Flower Pots: We are still looking for volunteers to maintain 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.