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Membership

Active	80
Associate	14
Life:	3

From Joy Sand Rethinking Clematis Myths

Myth 1: Clematis take a long time to establish. **Truth:** Not necessarily. Plant prime modern hybrids that are remarkably “unfussy” augment the planting hole with compost. Then feed tomato fertilizer once a month in the first season. Pinch the stems back twice in the first season to encourage branching.

Myth 2: Clematis need their “feet” in the shade, “heads” in sun. **Truth:** To encourage deep roots, simply water clematis deeply and less often. Base plants can harbor slugs and shade roots, confusing the plant to put out branches higher up, reaching for sunlight. **Myth 3:** A clematis pruned incorrectly may die.

Truth: Clematis are vines. It is difficult to kill by cutting (think trumpet vine, some honeysuckle). Flowering may be delayed or diminished by inaccurate pruning. Group clematis flower on all wood. Prune after blooming. Group flowers on old and new growth. The largest blooms come from old growth. Prune only ends that are damaged or lack growth. Group 3 are vigorous bloomers. They flower on new growth that comes from old growth



June meeting will be held on June 14th at 11:30 and the meeting will be at 12:00 PM. This is our Annual Luncheon which will be held at Plymouth County Club this year. There are 81 members reserved and we will have 12 guests joining us.

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: Would like to extend a special thank you to Linda Berthold for all her efforts and for sourcing our favors for our Annual Luncheon. Thank you to Paula Butterfield and JoAnne Makely for their efforts towards the luncheon so we can all enjoy, relax and celebrate being together. It has been a great year and look forward to next year.

PLANT SALE: Was a huge success!! Thank you to Colleen Costa for stepping up to chair. Thank you to all the members who supported the Plant Sale with plants and their time during the sale. Another successful fund raiser in spite of the rain!

Scholarships: 3 scholarships each for \$1500 were given out to students at the Plymouth High Schools on May 31st and June 1st by Colleen Costa, Cynthia Sykes and Geri Williams. The recipients are:
Leah Sheehan graduating from Rising Tide Charter Public School
Caroline Stone from Plymouth North HS
Dennis Oberg from Plymouth South HS
All 3 students will be our guests at the Annual Luncheon with their mothers.

LIBRARY BEDS: Debby Clark-Lalley will continue to update us on the needs of the library beds. Help will be needed to make sure the planting are maintained during the summer months.

Myth 4: Clematis wilt is huge problem. Wilt is most often due to weather or insect damage. (Usually from slugs). Tying vines too tightly to a trellis will damage tender stems and cause wilt.

Myth 5: Clematis have a short bloom span. Truth: Most Clematis reflower if trimmed gently and fertilized mid-season. Continue to water deeply during hot dry weather. If a vine is overgrown and woody, trim the plant and fertilize and water. Plant your Clematis in adequate sunlight (at least 3 hours and in well-drained soil). Tomato fertilizer is ideal for Clematis because it is lower in Nitrogen and encourages Flowering. Control slugs which sap the plants energy and deface blossoms and leaves.

“Half the interest of a garden is the constant exercise of the imagination” Mrs C.W. Earle

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Plymouth Garden Club Sweatshirts Available:

Colors: Blue, Green or White,

Sizes small, medium, large and extra-large.

Please contact Paula at 617-680-9831 if you would like to place an order.

A sympathy card was sent to Pat Parker, who lost her husband. Please continue to keep Pat and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events:

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 revitalization of the Shiff Garden.

Books and Blossoms at the Plymouth Library will be on 9/22/23 Requires at least 10 members.

Kingston Garden Club has invited members for a field trip to Pickity Place in Mason, NH on Wednesday July 19th. There will be a luncheon at 11:30 AM an opportunity for view their gardens and the transportation will be provided by bus. The cost is \$90 per person and you can contact Chris Maiorano at 781-336-9113 or christinem1109@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

Treasury report will be posted

at the meeting. For a copy

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