



# Plymouth Garden Club

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## Membership

Active 81

Associate 13

Life: 3

### *How to help garden birds in winter – 7 ideas for providing shelter and food*

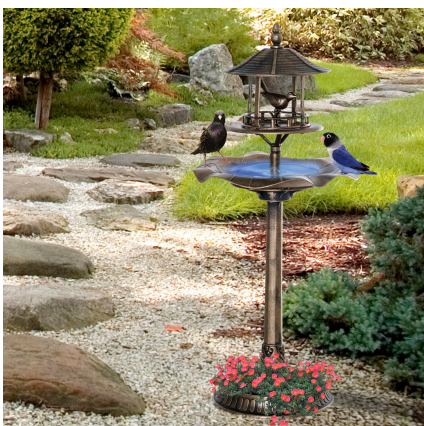
1. Provide a safe shelter
2. Give Birds a fresh water source
3. Provide a variety of foods.
4. Put fat in easy to access places.
5. Plant bird-friendly native shrubs.
6. Place bird feeders in safe spots.
7. Build a log pile



**February meeting will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>** Social begins at 12:15 PM and the meeting will be at 1PM at the Chiltonville Church. The program will be “From Fungi to Foraging” by Jana Harris a member of the Boston Mycological Club, Rhode Island Mycological Society and Fungal Diversity Survey which support and promote awareness and knowledge of Mycology in Massachusetts. Jana is certified in Wild Mushroom Food safety. This interesting program will cover the history of Fungi on Earth, and the fungal kingdom placement in the ecosystem. It will also include % plus % mushrooms to know (edible and nonedible ones). Be ready to be introduced to the Fungi kingdom, the miracle worker of nature. All are welcome to attend this fabulous program accompanied by a Traditional Afternoon Tea. Guest fee is \$5.

**From our President:** We are thinking of planning a field trip to Boston in May, if there is interest. A bus for 55 people to Jamica Plain to the Arboretum is \$40 per person. A smaller bus would be 14 people and the cost are \$77. Per person. Please let us know that you are interested and what your thoughts are on these prices. Carpool is an option for discussion. I am from that area and it is no big deal for me to drive there. However, others may not like to drive. **WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS.** The best week of the year for this trip is before Lilac Sunday which is the first Sunday in May.

**Plant Sale in May** is one of our major fundraisers for our scholarships and community projects so we need everyone to help make it a success. We hope to sell planters with young herb plants and need some members to start parsley, basil, and any other herbs by the end of February or early March in order for them to be a good size by May. I save the clear plastic containers from baby spinach and lettuce and use them as small greenhouses for starting seeds. Pre-moisten your starting mix, fill small pots with the wet mix and sow your seeds on top, barely cover the seeds. Put them in your mini greenhouse containers and close the lid to keep them moist. Put the container in a warm spot, it does not need to be in sunlight until they sprout. You should add water to the bottom of the container as needed, don't water the young plants directly. Remove the lid as the plants get taller, and pinch out some plants if too many have sprouted in a pot. Provide at least 6-8 hours of sunlight. You can also start zinnias, cosmos and other annuals this same way, however they generally need a little less time to sprout and grow, so check the back of the seed packet for when to start. Same with tomatoes, but peppers take longer, start them now. Your young plants will be beautiful this summer and greatly appreciated at our Plant Sale.



The Herring Pond Watershed has workshops on building owl houses and bird watching/walks opportunities you would enjoy!

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

**Hospitibilty:** The January Tea was wonderful and thank you to all that helped. We are working on the June meeting at Plymouth County Club. I am unable to chair the Holiday luncheon next year. We are asking for two to three members to help with only the Holiday Luncheon, so please see me if interested.

**Library Beds** The Plymouth Public Library pollinator gardens will be included on the Plant Pathway and Doug Tallemey's native plant maps. Debby and Crystal gave them a list of plants in the beds

**Nominating:** The committee has been working hard and have most of the officers filled for the coming year.

**Free Books:** Coletta is donating her large selection of gardening books to members. They will be available at the February meeting. She would like everyone to take one. Thank you, Coletta, for your generosity and kindness to our club.

**COOKBOOKS:** The Plymouth Garden Club cookbooks have been printed and will be available for sale at the meeting for \$5/each. These are recipes from the cookies made from last year's Holiday Brunch. There are 40 books still available.

**Help Wanted:** We will be developing a Greens Sale Book/Doc. If you would like to help or would like to contribute helpful information, please send to Colleen or Cynthia. We will later develop a Plant Sale guideline.

**PPLF Garden Tour** will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Nominate Your Favorite Garden! Forms will be available at the Plymouth Public Library if interested:

**How to nominate**

1. Consider the criteria below
2. Nominate the garden of your choice by writing the name, address, and phone number of the gardener on the nomination form and submitting by February 10, 2024
3. Scan and send form and any questions to [judy\\_fosdick@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_fosdick@yahoo.com)

**CRITERIA**

- Garden must be in Plymouth
- Garden has a special feature: water feature, sustainable element, pollinator plants, sculpture, interesting presentation of plants, or unusual plants.
- Ease of parking.

