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My Garden: Perfect for Me By Joy Sand

Ah, the poor amateur gardener – assaulted on all fronts by Youtube, magazines and TV garden shows presenting perfect picture post-card magical gardens. Gardens from coast to coast, palatial gardens from abroad or impossibly precious cottage gardens seen unattainably perfect. Rather than being inspiring, these perfect specimens are intimidating. We return to our normal garden – weedy, insect-ridden, deer ravaged or poorly designed. But our gardens tell our stories. Over there are fragrant old-fashioned roses dug from grandmother's garden. Here is the plant your new mother-in-law gave you when you bought your first home. In this shady spot is the ivy you rooted from a bouquet sent for the birth of your daughter. This garden is your history. Come spring, the front of the garden is brightened by the daffodils you planted one fall with your two junior gardeners. Now they have homes and children of their own. But every spring you smile in remembrance. This is your garden of memory. Maybe your garden holds a quiet corner where you and your spouse

Our December meeting will be our Holiday Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, November 13th. Social time begins at 11:30 PM with punch and cheese and crackers. There will be a brief meeting at noon and the buffet lunch will start shortly after noon at the Chiltonville Church. Members are invited to bring a dessert to share and an ornament to exchange if desired. It is not necessary to bring your own silverware or a table arrangement as they will be provided.

Hospitality: Thanks to our Holiday luncheon Chair Susan Fosdick and cochairs Suzanne Carchedi and Cheryl Larsen along with Karen Baker and the committee for planning a special Holiday Luncheon that will be catered by Southside Faire at Plymouth South High School. Thanks also to Marcia and Bill Sykes for setting up the room, Crystal Payne for music, and Kevinette Considine for her invocation.

Jr. Gardeners Environmental Program: We still need more members to volunteer with this program next spring. There will be an orientation meeting on **Monday, December 16 at 10am** in the Library Board Room. We will pick dates to go into the 3rd grade classrooms at that time as well. If you would like more information about this program or are willing to volunteer, please contact Geri Williams at geri3williams@comcast.net or 508-833-4355.

Holiday Greens Sale: Our sale on December 6 & 7 was very successful, the initial income after expenses is \$3722 according to our treasurer Cynthia Sykes. Many members worked hard to make it so successful, many coming more than one day to the Fehlow room to create wreaths and designs and fill wooden boxes, as well as greeting and helping customers. Some donated greens and decorations for wreaths and designs. We sold nearly all of the 36 wreaths, close to 2 dozen swags, nearly most of the large wooden boxes and many table arrangements. There were some of the smaller boxes left at the end and they will be available for sale at the luncheon. A special thank you to Linda O'Neill and Geri Williams who worked so hard before and during the Holiday Green Sale. Thanks to Becky Freer Freedman and Janet Voyer for organizing such an appealing bake table and all who contributed baked goods. They raised about \$300.

June Aronson: To celebrate and remember our long time member and friend June, the Board voted to donate a book to the Library as is customary for past presidents. Since she was so instrumental in establishing the Library gardens we voted to donate a tree to be planted in her memory in the restructured Schiff Garden. In addition Co-President Linda O'Neill arranged for each member who came into the Holiday Sale to add a flower or green branch to one of two arrangements, one from the Board and one from the membership, that Linda and Judy MacDonald beautifully completed. Linda took them to the Funeral home on Monday.



Ann Urquhart: We just learned that former long time member Ann Urquhart passed away November 3 in New Hampshire where her service was held.

share a refreshing glass and the ups and downs of your day. Or there's a quiet spot where you prayed for the health and wellbeing of a loved one. This is your garden of solace. A garden is not something to be perfected. It is to be loved and enjoyed - flaws and all - like family. So enjoy those perfect gardens but don't let them outshine your own garden. Don't stress over insect nibbled leaves or deer gnawed hostas. They don't mark failures. Instead, glory in moments, like the afternoon sun setting a shrub aglow. Or when a hummingbird pauses in front of you, as if thanking for the delicious bed of phlox. Or as your grandchild picks the first blossom for you. These are your garden treasures.

All of this is your garden's special magic and perfection. That's what real.

Garden on ... Joy

"Nature is painting for us day after day, pictures of infinite beauty"
John Ruskin

Come Grow With Us!

2024 – 2025

Our 96th Year

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New members: Please welcome our newest members, **Susan Mann**. Please add her information to your Yearbook. If you find an error in your yearbook information, contact Sharon Ferraguto at beachrose22@yahoo.com She will collect all the changes and send out a list of the updates.

Gardener Notes from Joy Sand:

Leave the seed heads standing as food for the birds.

Avoid raking the garden bare. The leaf litter provides shelter for good insects. Later it breaks down to nourish the soil.

Garden Therapy: Nancy Carifoli is willing to present a program to a nursing home, she will need volunteers to help the residents to make small designs. We will need one more presenter and team. Becky Freedman will contact nursing homes to determine who would like our team to visit. Please contact Becky if you can help out.

Lost: Judy MacDonald lost her pair of Joyce Chen floral scissors with red handles at the November meeting. Please let her know if you found them. Cynthia lost a pair of blue mittens contact her at Cynsykes46@gmail.com



Janet and Becky at Bake Table



Some of the beautiful wreaths



Above: Linda And Geri working
Far left: Circulation desk arrangement by Geri
Left Debbie Fay, Noreen Casey and Janet Voyer admiring some wreaths



Best Wishes for Happy
Holidays to All