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Letter from the President

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Gardens...should be like lovely, well-shaped girls: all curves, secret corners, unexpected deviations, seductive surprises and then still more curves H.E. Bates, A Love of Flowers

Dear Club Members:

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your President. I am proud of what we have accomplished together in the past two years. Civic Beautification has increased to 18 gardens along with 46 Blooming Barrels all lovingly tended by our members, which was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce who honored us as the Organization of 2010 for community service. The programs and horticulture segments were well planned, informative and entertaining and our fund raising events were successful leaving the treasury in a healthy state of affair. All of this was done with a team effort along with mentoring new members who dug right in and began working on all these efforts. We began a new Christmas tradition with live wreaths on the town poles which was well received throughout Harwich.

I wish the best to the new slate of officers, led by Diane Schoenfelder.

Thank you to all for your support and friendship. It has been fun.

Jeanne Tassinari, President

Civic Beautification

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Our thoughts are now on the gardens we so diligently maintain throughout the town and how we can enhance them by our creativity in the garden. The gardens may require pruning, or dividing or purchasing a new plant. Perhaps soil amending is needed to develop a healthier and more beautiful garden. Mulch is always needed to complete the finished look.

The members who are in charge of our gardens will be assembling their volunteers and planning clean-up days and taking trips to a local garden center.

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Remember if you want to be happy- "Work in the garden!"

Irene Mitchell, Aileen Demeusy, Co-Chairpersons

Ways and Means

Spring has sprung! We have ear warmers for those windy Cape days, sun visors for the bright Spring sunshine and plant pronunciation dictionaries to get us all started in the right direction. Don't forget our garden gloves, we have plenty in stock, all sizes. See you at the Way and Means booth.

Linda Felice, Aline Glifort, Co-Chairpersons



Conservation & Birds



I would like to tell you about a new feeder that I purchased for my husband this Christmas. It is a Bark Butter feeder which is 1' tall with holes in the sides in which you put the bark butter. It contains suet, peanut butter, and insects which all the birds from the woodpecker family LOVE. We have downy, hairy, common flicker, and red bellied woodpeckers come to visit. Some of the most interesting visitors are: titmice, carolina wrens, and pine siskins. We also have cardinals and chickadees. One down side to the feeder is; it also attracts the starlings. It is fun to watch the flickers defend the feeder from the starlings. So most mornings I'm putting out the bark butter for my feathered friends and then I watch the show.. Also, I'm working on a Spring walk with the Harwich Conservation Trust. I will let you know the date as soon as possible.

Sue Mills, Chairperson

Scholarship News:

The co-chairs of the Scholarship committee, Jackie Leach and Shirley Knowles went to visit Cape Tech, Harwich High School, and Chatham High School in January. We personally met with guidance counselors to talk about scholarships and tool ships. Copies of applications were left at those offices. Counselors will be contacted in early March as a reminder that applications are due March 25th.

Shirley Knowles, Jacqueline Leach, Co-Chairpersons

Blooming Barrels

Just as we round the corner into Spring and close in on the end of our Garden Club season, the Blooming Barrels ladies will be busy at work planting and caring for the 42 plus barrels that are located around Harwich. Our planting is done in time to coordinate with the Garden Club Plant Sale over Memorial Day weekend. The care, of course, continues into the Fall, and culminates next Christmas with greens and red bows.

Thank you Ladies!

JoAnn Root, Kathy Willett, Co-Chairpersons

Oops!

Times for the fashion show were omitted in the flier. FYI- Cocktails at 11:30 a.m., Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

Tea Committee



Our Pot Luck Luncheon in January was well attended, with a delicious meal being enjoyed by all. Real men do eat quiche and several helpings as well! Nancy Jones set up warm and inviting tables to add to our fun.

The February Tea was challenged by some tough weather, but the tables were lovely due to the efforts of Chris Taylor and Karen Lima, our hostess and flower arranger. Our members continue to generously supply us with tasty sandwiches and desserts.

The ladies in the kitchen do a terrific job making both events run smoothly and efficiently from coffee/tea making to the final clean-up. And many thanks to those of you who volunteer to bring food when we pass those clipboards around for the next Tea. And speaking of the next event, you will see those clipboards at the April meeting for the June Tea. As you know, our May meeting will be the Fashion Show, and we don't want to transact too much business at that time. Please keep in mind that our June Tea is very well attended, and we will need your generous support. Our Hostess for June is Eileen Wyatt and our flower Arranger is Eleanor Casey. How about getting out those hats! And white gloves would make it very proper!!

Nancy Jones, Kathy Willett ,Co-Chairpersons



Horticulture

The cold may still be with us, but the birds are beginning to chirp in the early morning. We will be changing the clocks soon; it's time to Spring ahead! And thus we shall In April as we hold our third Horticulture Sweepstakes. At our April meeting, the horticulture classes are as follows: Class I: Spring bulb – including Daffodil, Tulip, Hyacinth, or other; and Class II: Spring Perennials which includes any early blooming perennial. Check your yearbook for the sweepstakes Guidelines and bring your specimens to the April meeting. Don't forget your name on the reverse side of the card!!

Pattie Tworek, Chairperson

Design Workshop



May 13, 2011

Spring's Promise

Parallel Design

Must be prepaid

Contact: Doris Casey (508) 430-1453

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Christmas Lights at

Doane Park

Gerie Schumann

Kathleen Welch

Kathy Willett

Town Pole Wreaths

Karen Helliwell

Diane Schoenfelder

Plant Sale

Mary Ann Cantella

Sally Cohen

Dianne DiGennaro



Master Gardening

There are many garden web-sites and gardening books available these days and I would like to share a few that I feel have merit. For those of you who dislike the look of dying foliage after your spring bulbs have finished blooming there are various perennials that will mask these dying stems, but which ones to choose? Researchers at Cornell University who have been studying this issue for the past few years have now posted their results at www.hort.cornell.edu/combo. There are pictures taken in their trial gardens in Ithaca NY (USAD Zone 5) which show various bulb families with companion plants over the course of several months, from first emergence of bulb foliage to the later blooming perennials. This site is worth a visit.

On the same topic, C. Colston Burrell, a noted garden authority, published a book with Rodale Press over 10 years ago entitled, Perennial Combinations, stunning combinations that make your garden look fantastic. He divides his book into five major areas including combinations by color, by seasons and combinations that are site specific for sun, shade and soil conditions. The book offers 120 perennial combinations in full color with detailed explanations and many gardening “tips” to keep your plants healthy and productive through the years. Did you know that the Latin name of baby’s breath, *gypsophila*, means lime loving? Now you know what to add to the soil around these plants. Our sandy soils of course require that we amend with organic matter, keep the soil mulched and water during dry periods. Plants that require quick drainage including sages, yarrow, artemisia, cranesbill geraniums, baptisias, Mexican daisies, santolina and lavender all thrive on Cape Cod in normal years, and they all make an appearance in this book.

A newer publication, Foliage, astonishing color and texture beyond flowers, by Nancy Ondra tackles the issue of plant combinations another way. Flowers come and go but the basic structure of the plant remains throughout the growing season. Attractive foliage extends the beauty in our gardens through shape, size, color and texture, the same principals we use when choosing plants for their flowers. Her book is divided into sections for gold (yellow), silver (blue), and red to purple-black plants, with a small section on multicolors. Beautiful photography throughout the book invites you to look at plants in a different way, but don’t worry, there is plenty of “green”. This book also looks at plant combinations in the beginning section of each chapter before listing the plants in encyclopedia format by plant outlines, spiky, lacy, bold leaves, etc. Although most of the plants featured are perennials or shrubs, she also mentions annuals. Imagine a large pot of dusty miller “Silver feather” with the purple-blue flowers of scaevola, and the wide lime colored leaves of ipomoea (sweet potato vine). Or substitute a bold purple leafed perilla “Crispa”, or a strobilanthes “Persian shield” for the dusty miller, two eye-catching plants that resemble coleus, and plant the white form of scaevola. The possibilities are endless with the off-beat plants that this book will introduce you to. Of course, you will then have to find them on-line if they are not carried in local garden centers. To ameliorate this problem every listing contains alternative plants to substitute if you cannot find the one pictured

The ideas in these books and on the web-site are mainly geared toward planting beds but they are also a good starting place if you are thinking about changing your container plants. Pelargoniums, also known as tender geraniums can be more than green plants that produce reliable red or pink flowers since there are variegated forms with interesting leaf patterns. But why not branch out and try some of the newer offerings in the nursery centers. New hybrids are arriving each year and offer you the chance to be truly creative with the plant materials you choose.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARWICH

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Bridge Luncheon	To be appointed by new President
Christmas Boutique	To be appointed by new President
Fund Raising	Carol Aimone & Joan Frederici
Plant Sale	Mary Ann Cantella, Sally Cohen, Diane DiGennaro
Raffles	To be appointed by new President
Year Book	Laurel Ferry



Magic in the Garden

Magic is already in the air as the behind-the-scenes planning for our **PLANT SALE** begins in earnest. The sale is slated for **Saturday, May 28th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. We ask that members contribute at least 6 plants. Plants should be healthy and labeled. No houseplants, please. **There are a variety of ways to fulfill your obligation:**

1. Perennial divisions to be delivered to Diane DiGennaro's house (16 Cross St. Harwich Port) on 5/26 or 5/27. Please divide several weeks in advance if possible, so that plants are not stressed for the sale.
2. Tubers
3. Shrubs from cuttings or purchased
4. Patio containers and/or hanging baskets
5. Flats of veggie seedlings, especially tomatoes
6. Flats of groundcovers
7. Annuals* for the container committee. These may be dropped off at Sally Cohen's house (8 Whippoorwill Lane, Harwich) on Monday 5/2 or 5/3. Please include your name. At least 6 of each kind is preferred. We encourage you to get "Proven Winners". We're looking for foliage plants, trailing plants, a variety of colors, interesting textures and shapes.

*Desired annuals might include: Pansies, Nicotiana, Bicopa, Creamy Marigolds, Fan Flower (Scavolla), Lantana, Euphorbia "Diamond Frost", Helenium "Dakota Gold", Silver Falls, Marguerites, Geraniums, Lobelia, Gomphrena, Diascia, Centaurea "Colchester White", hanging Begonias, purple and green sweet potato vine, Angelonia, Nemesia, Dahlias, Verbenas, Cordyline "Red Star" as well as green spikes, grasses, Coleus (unusual colors), herbs such as parsley, lavender, variegated thyme, sages, basil, succulents. These are just suggestions; be creative!

We know that the magic of the sale depends on all of us pitching in (and conjuring up some fun in the process!). Please consider helping us in one of the following ways:

Jobs prior to the sale:

1. Distribute posters and flyers
2. Paint birdhouses at Sally Cohen's house on 4/12 at 9:00-12:00
3. Paint pots at Sally's house on 4/14 at 12:00-3:00
4. Plant containers at Sally's house on 5/4 at 9:00-12:00
5. Price and label at Diane DiGennaro's house on 5/26 at 1:00-4:00 or 5/27 from 9:00-1:00

Jobs on sale day 5/28

1. Transport plants in large vehicles from Diane's to Doane Park @ 6:30 AM
2. Set up for the sale at Doane Park @ 6:30 AM
3. Cashiers to ring up sales. Shifts are from 8:00-10:30 AM or 10:30-1:00
4. Line checkers for pulling price stickers and totaling sales to help cashiers
5. Sales assistants to answer plant questions and guide customers in plant choices
6. Holding area attendants to supervise roped off areas
7. Break down and clean up

Other Needs:

Red wagons (please label)

Bake Sale goodies

Flea market items: no books or clothes. Please deliver to Sandy Concannon's (12 Harvest Hollow Rd, Harwich) anytime from 5/21 to 5/27

Clean, attractive containers for plants

Selling raffle tickets

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARWICH

Magic in the Garden continued...

More garden magic will be found at our **plant sale raffle table**, as well. Lee Tanner has put together a fabulous list of prizes: an original framed painting by our own Jeanne Tassinari, entitled "Hydrangeas in a Basket"; a graceful Japanese Maple tree from Crocker Nurseries, a stunning, handmade quilt entitled "Cornflower Garden Fairy Quilt" by Lee Tanner and her elves; and 3.5 cubic yards of premium mulch delivered by Robert B. Our Co. Lee will be selling the tickets (\$10.00 for 12) at our April meeting and after the Fashion Show luncheon. Please stop by her table and purchase your tickets. Your own address labels for the raffle make filling them out a breeze. Extra tickets will be offered free to members whose tickets have been purchased after the Fashion Show. You may dedicate tickets to whichever prizes you would specifically like to win.

Sign-up sheets for the workshops and plant sale jobs will be displayed at our April meeting. Help us make the day "magical"! Please call or e-mail us with any questions or concerns.

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Sally Cohen

8 Whippoorwill Lane, Harwich

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978-835-8998

Planning Ahead....

April 5th - Mal Condon from the Nantucket Hydrangea Farm will visit our Club and tell us all about the "Care and Feeding of Hydrangeas" Don't miss the informative program.

May 3rd - "Hats off to Spring" Fashion Show and Lunch to be held at the Riverway Lobster House in South Yarmouth. Fashions are provided by Sundance Clothiers of Chatham and will be modeled by Club Members. **Cocktails from 11:30 ; Lunch and Fashion Show 12:30p.m. to 3:00p.m.** following with a nice selection of raffle prizes. Invite a friend and join us.

Contact information **Alma Davis, 508 430-2344** or **Carol Aimone 508 432-3986**. Guest are welcomed!

June 7th - Linda Corapi, owner of Gardens Galore in Stoneham will present "Irises in the Garden". She has developed slides of over 90 bearded irises and numerous perennials set to peaceful music. Between each presentation there is a brief question and answer period. This is not to be missed along with our Tea.

Lynne Drummond, Program Chairperson

Membership

Please welcome new member:

Jackie Halligan

426 Lower County Road

Harwich Port, MA 02646

617-650-5706

Honorary Member:

Mr. Hank Janson

New e-mail address: Elaine Gray: eagray1@comcast.net

Calendar of Events



April 5, 2011

Horticultural Sweepstakes

Program: The Care & Feeding of Hydrangeas

Mal Condon-Nantucket Hydrangea Farm

May 3, 2011

Fashion Show and Luncheon-**11:30 a.m. Cocktails, 12:30 Luncheon**

Riverway Lobster House, South Yarmouth

May 13, 2011

Design Workshop

Spring Promise-Parallel Design

Harwich Community Center

May 28, 2011

Plant Sale

Doane Park

June 7, 2011

Tea & Annual Meeting

Horticulture Sweepstakes Awards

Program: Irises in the Garden

Linda Corapi, Designer/Landscaper/Owner

Gardens Galore

GCOH Membership Renewal Form 2011 – 2012

Please return this membership form and a check for dues to the Treasurer (Sandy Concannon) by June 7, 2011 in order to be included in the yearbook.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____

___ There are **NO CHANGES** in Yearbook information.

PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW **ONLY** THE CHANGES

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Each member shall take an active part on at least one committee each year and support Ways and Means fundraisers which provide monies for our scholarship fund and to operate the club.

PLEASE CHECK OFF THE AREAS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON FOR 2010-2011.

___ CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

___ TEA COMMITTEE

___ CONSERVATION

September, February and June)

___ DESIGN

MAKING SANDWICHES MONTH _____

___ HORTICULTURE

___ MAKING A DESSERT MONTH _____

___ LIBRARY FLOWERS

___ PLANT SALE

___ PROGRAMS/ OUTINGS

HOMEMADE BAKE GOODS _____

___ SCHOLARSHIPS

CONTRIBUTE PLANTS _____

___ TELEPHONE TREE

WORKING DAY OF SALE _____

___ MEMBERSHIP

MONETARY DONATION _____

___ WAYS AND MEANS

___ BRIDGE LUNCHEON

___ CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

___ HOLIDAY IN TOWN