

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARWICH

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Letter from the President

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Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together, drawing them from their home. Clare Ansberry, *The Women of Troy Hill*

I am proud to say our Club has been awarded Organization of the year by the Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to all for doing an outstanding job!

Civic Beautification volunteers have been working diligently to keep the gardens and blooming barrels looking beautiful throughout this extremely hot summer. Please stop by the Brooks Free Library to visit our newest garden. It is quite an accomplishment.

The first board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 1 p.m. at the Cape Cod 5 in Harwich Port. Our first general meeting of the 2010-2011 year will be a Tea at 12:15 p.m. on September 7th at the Pilgrim Church. Look forward to seeing you there.

Jeanne Tassinari, President

Civic Beautification

The members who participated in Civic Beautification had a very exciting and challenging year. Spring arrived early, with its beautiful warm sunny days and cool nights. This allowed the gardens to be planted earlier than usual. The extremely warm days of June, July and August, with its oppressive humidity and lack of any rain, required the gardens to be constantly watered to prevent the plants from drying and becoming stressed, especially the newly planted flowers and the ever lovely hydrangeas. Our diligent watering teams succeeded in keeping the gardens looking colorful and in perfect condition throughout the summer!!!

In early spring we developed a new garden at Brooks Free Library. With the good wishes and a generous donation from The Friends of the Brooks Free Library, we designed and planted many beautiful perennials and shrubs. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the digging, raking, amending the soil, planting the various plants and making our new garden a tremendous success!!! Nancy Hipp

Civic Beautification continued.....

and Shirley Knowles have offered to be the Co-Chairpersons of our new garden at the library.

Pearl Fournier, who for many years, has been in charge of maintaining the lovely garden at Exit 10 has resigned from her position. Her knowledge and creativity will be greatly missed.

Civic Beautification appreciates all the wonderful assistance from our garden club members, and especially the new members, who generously donated their time and effort to make the gardens throughout the town a place of beauty.

Aileen Demeusy, Irene Mitchell, Co-Chairpersons



Design Workshops



All classes are held at the Harwich Community Center at 10:00 a.m. and **must be prepaid**. Sign up sheets will be available at the September meeting.

Thursday, September 23, 2010 - "Autumn Days" - Basic Line Design

Thursday, November 18, 2010 "Holiday Splendor" - Asymmetrical Design

Doris Casey, Laurel Provost, Co-Chairpersons

Holiday House Tour

Calling all elves!! Our Garden Club Holiday House Tour is just around the corner and we will need all willing hands and smiling faces! The tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th which is the weekend of the Chamber's "CHRISTMAS IN HARWICH". It will be held from 12 noon until 5 pm and we will need everyone's help to make this event a success for our club. We have six beautiful homes lined up for the tour and we will need ALL of you to volunteer to hostess and also to put your culinary skills to work in baking cookies for the refreshments which will be offered at a designated home. A sign up sheet will be passed at the September meeting and we hope to see all of your names on it! We all know that Santa could never do Christmas without the help and support of his elves; and we will need the whole club behind us to make this an event to remember. We will also be looking for willing husbands to coordinate parking at the various homes so a well placed "hint" might be in order! We need all of you on board!! More information to follow but mark your calendar for Saturday, December 4th.

Barbara Kodak, Anne Marie Russell, Co Chairpersons



Horticulture

Horticulture Sweepstakes - The Garden Club will again sponsor the Horticulture Sweepstakes program - showing and judging plant specimens grown by members in their own gardens. Our experiences last year were both instructive and fun and we hope that many more members be “brave” enough to participate during the upcoming year! This year we will be judging specimens in September, January, April and June. Guidelines for the Horticulture Sweepstakes may be found in the yearbook.

Categories for September include:

Class I: Best cut Bloom

- A. Rose
- B. Dahlia
- C. Any other

Class II: Plant Grown for Foliage

- A. Coleus
- B. Hosta (one leaf)

Class III: Vegetables (e.g. 3 tomatoes, 1 zucchini, 1 summer squash)

September Plant Swap Have you ever really wanted a cultivar you saw in a friend’s garden? This may be the event for you! **Thursday, September 16 (rain date Sept. 23)**, the Horticulture Committee will conduct a **Plant Swap** at 10 am at Pleasant Street Beach in West Harwich. This is an RSVP event and is limited to 25 gardeners. Members who attend should bring *no more than* 4 plants. The plants may be waning in September but should otherwise be in good condition. Each plant should be labeled for exposure, light and water requirements, growth habits, time and color of bloom. After a “preview period,” members will choose a number. The first “swap” will proceed in numerical order. After each person has chosen her first plant, round two of the swap will begin. Members may choose swapped plants equal to the number of plants they contributed. Those attending might want to bring a chair as we hope to be able to sit and chat a bit as we look over the offerings. If you like, bring something to drink; we will provide a small snack.

To reserve your opportunity, contact:

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Ways & Means

*Linda Felice
Aline Glifort*

Bridge Luncheon

Margaret Otis

**Christmas
Boutique**

*Beth Savage
Jeanne Sidoli*

**Christmas House
Tour**

*Barbara Kodak
Anne Marie Russell*

Fund Raising

*Linda Felice
Aline Glifort*

Holiday

**Public Building
Wreaths**

*Aline Glifort
Carole Davis
Linda Felice*

**Christmas-Doane
Park**

*Gerie Schumann
Kathleen Welsh*

Town Pole Wreaths

*Karen Helliwell
Diane Schoenfelder*

Plant Sale

*Mary Ann Cantella
Sally Cohen*

Membership

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Do you know anyone who would like to join the club? Please see Helen Duarte or Sue Hart for an application.

Sue Hart, Helen Duarte, Membership Co-Chairpersons

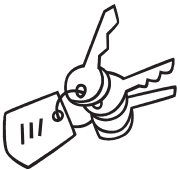
Ways and Means

Please see us at the club meetings to purchase Garden Club aprons for only \$15. Also remember we have garden gloves, visors and ear warmers {for those chilly and cold fall days when we're working in our gardens}. All great items for up coming birthday gifts and holidays. Don't forget to tell visitors and guests when they stop in town, the Garden Club of Harwich Note Cards are available for sale at the Chamber of Commerce.

Linda Felice, Aline Glifort, Chairpersons

Properties

REMINDER—As many members have keys to the Properties Closet, please sign in and out **ALL** items taken from the closet. A sign out note book and pen is provided inside the closet. This will help keep track of our inventory.



Cathy Dillon, Pat Hirtle, Chairpersons

Planning ahead..

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

September 16, 2010—1:00 p.m.
Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Walk
Conservation Chairperson, Susan Mills

October 14, 2010—11:30 a.m.
Bridge Luncheon-**Registration flier enclosed**
Allen Harbor Yacht Club
Chairperson, Margaret Otis

December 3, 2010—5:00 p.m.
Christmas Boutique
Harwich Port Stroll
Chairpersons, Beth Savage, Jeanne Sidoli

December 4, 2010 –Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Christmas House Tour
Chairpersons, Barbara Kodak, Anne Marie Russell

May 28, 2011—8:00 a.m.
Plant Sale– Doane Park
Chairpersons, Mary Ann Cantella, Dianne DiGennaro, Sally Cohen



Conservation & Birds



The nature walk from last spring has been re-scheduled to Thursday Sept. 16th from 1-2 p.m. at the Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary. Please contact me if this works for you. My e-mail address is cranberrysue@gmail.com.

This certainly has been a hot and humid summer. Remember to give your birds fresh water as often as possible plus high energy food for our feathered friends who will be traveling south. I use peanut butter, peanuts and Suet.

My trumpet-creeper vine has been a source of entertainment all summer. It is now feeding our orioles as they are getting ready to migrate. That's all for now! See you at the Audubon walk.

Sue Mills, Chairperson

Master Gardening

My husband and I were recently at Heritage Plantation in Sandwich improving our tree identification skills, an excellent place to do this since so many of their trees are tagged. Mid-August is an interesting time to be there since the two species they are known for, rhododendrons and day lilies, are both long past their blooming season. They still managed to have many points of color throughout the garden using mass plantings of annuals, plus large container arrangements using an interesting variety of plant material. I assume that they maintain their own greenhouses for these annuals; otherwise it would be cost prohibitive.

I spoke with one of the employees about the maintenance required for their many container plantings; no surprise, they have a watering truck that circles the property daily. This summer has been a particularly difficult one for all of us because of the lack of rainfall and although most plants love the warmth and sunshine we have seen this summer, they need water. They also need the nutrients that leach away with so much watering so the addition of liquid fertilizer every few weeks will lead to healthier plants. Next year I plan on adding a bit of Soil Moist to my containers, something Doris Casey recommended at the June meeting, which I forgot to do this year. Many public gardens also remove annuals past their prime flowering time replacing them with new plants as needed, another plus to having a greenhouse.



This year Heritage has been using small yellow flowering hibiscus trees and what appear to be young Tardiva hydrangeas as the tall element in their containers. Hibiscus cannot handle our cold winter; most likely they spend that season in a greenhouse. It was the use of Tardiva in containers that really caught my eye since I would have never thought of using that shrub this way. They were surrounded at their base by sweet potato vine, verbena and million bells. This very lovely combination was made even more attractive by the use of lime green, aubergine, or silver pots that were much taller than they were wide. An annual I would recommend as the “tall” element in a container, if you don’t want to use a shrub, is “Black and Blue” salvia which works well with the annual reddish colored grass that is widely available at garden centers in the spring.

Traveling around to visit GCH member’s gardens from May to August this year during our Open Garden Days I was struck by the diversity and ingenuity on display. I believe that there was something to learn from each garden and they were all certainly enjoyable to be in. Barbara Roessner is one of the fortunate few to have a greenhouse and the added plus of deck chairs on the water. Dianne Payne’s garden is a beautiful example of the color that can be achieved through the mass planting of impatiens around her patio. Susan Pleines beautiful swimming pool area showed many sun loving plants to full advantage. Pattie Tworek, who has too much shade, has done an admirable job with hostas and other plants that shun the sun. The best water feature prize certainly has to go to Karen Lima and no one can top the magnificent rose garden maintained by Audrey and Ozzie Osborn. Diane Schoenfelder’s lady slippers, Delena Previd’s hillside plantings and Jeanne Tassinari’s backyard flowers; everyone’s hard work was on beautiful display to the ticket holders of our Open Garden Days 2010, and I thank them all for saying “yes”, you can visit.

Sharon Oudemool, MG



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Calendar of Events

September 7, 2010
12:15 p.m.

Tea
"In the Garden "FYI"
C. L. Fornari
The "Garden Lady" & Host of the Garden Line

September 23, 2010
Harwich Community Center
10:00 a.m.

Design Workshop
"Autumn Days"
Basic Line Design

October 5, 2010
1:00 p.m.

Garden Ornaments "Posts, Pergolas, Pedestals"
Ashley Rooney (Gardener & Author)

November 2, 2010

"A Williamsburg Christmas"
Priscilla Styer, Designer

November 18, 2010
Harwich Community Center
10:00 a.m.

Design Workshop
"Holiday Splendor"
Asymmetrical Design