



Sandwich Garden Club Newsletter

August 24, 2022

Dear members,

Now that the heatwave seems to have passed, your 2022-2023 Program Committee headed up by VP Jeannie Dodson-Edgars has begun to think about fall and providing programming for the Sandwich Garden Club that will be both fun and meaningful to gardeners at all levels of knowledge.

We will continue in 2022 to hold our regular Sandwich Garden Club meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM at the Sand Hill Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave., Sandwich. September is an exception since the first Sunday is Labor Day weekend. September's meeting will be on Sunday, the 11th. Outings may supersede the actual meeting as will happen in October. See below.

As your new President, I committed to getting back to basics so that new members will learn from more experienced members and each of us will learn from each other.

Therefore, we will kick off in September with round table discussions of what to do in your yard and gardens in the fall and winter. We also hope to present some novel ideas that we haven't discussed before. The PC has asked experienced gardeners in our club to offer ideas and answer questions. You'll learn what and when to fertilize, when and how to start seeds, how to choose the right plant for success, and find answers to your basic questions. When we have finished that part of the program, those who are interested in raising butterflies and learning how, when, what to look for, what plants you need, etc. will be entertained by our very knowledgeable Jeanne Nichols who has been raising and releasing butterflies for years. Samples, pictures, and the narrative are all part of this presentation.

On October 2nd, we plan to visit Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston, MA. We will need a head count and volunteer drivers for this. Sign up will be either at the September meeting or by calling or emailing me. We will leave Sandwich at approximately 9 AM and have lunch at the garden. Tower Hill is beautiful in the fall and no one will be disappointed with their visit. Heritage members get in free. We'll have more details by the September meeting regarding any cost.

On Sunday, November 6th, Dolores Ahern from the Hyannis Garden Club, an avid floral designer, will present the ABC's of floral arranging. She will come to our meeting with Sally Cameron, President of the Hyannis Garden Club, and will bring containers and flowers for us to work with. Again, we will need a head count so that she can order what we need. Learn how to make a great fall and Christmas centerpiece. Sign up will be at our September meeting or directly to me. Sign up deadline is September 15th.

December 4th will be our Annual Greens Workshop. For those not familiar, we will decide on two project workshops for members, make decorations for the Sandwich Town Hall and decorate mugs for seniors. In the past we've made boxwood trees, wreaths, swags and centerpieces. The two workshops will be determined by member interest. Feedback is always appreciated.

I want to extend a big warm welcome to our newest club members and encourage you to take ownership and make this your club. By this I mean, learn what you can, share what you know and be a happy gardener with us. You'll have many opportunities for fun and learning. Let's get dirty!!

Sincerely,

Beth Hearn, President