



## Sandwich Garden Club Newsletter

### January 25, 2023

Hello fellow gardeners,

As I sit here in my office in Marstons Mills, I'm so excited to see the sun shining through my window on what I anticipated to be a very gloomy day. I have a lot of news for you since last I wrote and am excited to share it. I'll start with programs for the next three months. I'm sure that you won't want to miss any of them.

**February 5th** Sand Hill Community Center 16 Dewey Avenue, "**Winter Sowing with Master Gardener Debbie Anderson**" While we count down the days until we can really work outside or start plants in our homes, why not start a few hardy perennial or vegetable seeds now, outside in our yards? It's easy and fun. Debbie will show us how and we'll do it together. Our club will provide the teacher (Yes, Debbie is a member), the potting mix, and seeds (feel free to bring your own since we may not have what you want), and water. You should bring a 1 or 2 pound strawberry container. They're the perfect size Debbie tells us and already have ventilation and drainage holes. Lettuce boxes will do, but holes must be punched, top and bottom, with a hot screwdriver. If you have a water spray bottle, please bring that too.

**March 5th** Sand Hill Community Center Speaker, Carol Alper, Master Gardener, Former President of the Nauset Garden Club and Steering Committee member of Pollinator Pathway, Cape Cod. The mission of Pollinator Pathway Cape Cod is simple. "Increasing pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife across Cape Cod." Carol will share with our club the history and scope of Pollinator Pathway and how we in Sandwich can do our part for pollinators. Please come to this meeting to learn and show our support for PPCC.

**April 2** Sand Hill Community Center "**One Bite Can Change Your Life**" with **Larry Dapsis**, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension Service Deer Tick Project Coordinator and Entomologist. We call him "Larry the tick guy" and he's have us laughing and having fun even as he talks with us about ticks, tick-borne diseases and prevention.

What else is happening with the Sandwich Garden Club? As it turns out, many things.

Our **Civic Committee** has, under the capable leadership of Elaine Davis, been working diligently on a design plan to redo Oak Crest Cove Garden on Quaker Meeting House. Tania Cutler and Jeannie Dodson-Edgars have worked with her to provide a design blueprint of the plantings, a budget and the vision so that Catherine Thomas could write a grant proposal to the Sandwich Visitor Services Board. We hope to hear back in late February. Stay tuned for more info.

Our newly formed **Website Committee** has been reviewing, rewriting, and considering all aspects of our website [sandwichgardenclub.org](http://sandwichgardenclub.org). New member June Murphy, with assistance from Jeanne Nichols and new member Arlene Wells, has already significantly improved the site. Last, but not least, will be an updated Programs page. You'll see that soon. Expect new pictures, blurbs about upcoming programs and plant sale prep., etc.

I have nothing but praise for the amount of time, energy and talent these two committees have given to our club. The excitement is contagious so be prepared everyone!!!

**Save the Date:**

**May 13th Annual Plant Sale**

Set up is the morning of May 12th. You'll hear lots more about this in the next month as we begin the process of recruiting you, yes you, to help the club with its only fundraiser of the year. Stay tuned!

For now, that's all. Thank you everyone for attending meetings, providing refreshments, serving as mentors, sharing your knowledge and talents and being a great club member. I am truly blessed to be your President.

Beth