



Sandwich Garden Club Newsletter

March 27, 2023

At last!!! Spring is here and, if you're anything like me, you're probably itching to get out into your yard and begin spring clean-up. Take a deep breath first and consider all those beneficial insects that are still under the leaves and need more time. Yes, do some clean up near those beautiful bulbs that are starting to bloom and weed out that nasty Bitter Cress before it multiplies, but control yourself from moving too fast. The pollinators will love you for it. If you are able, be satisfied with cleaning your tools, making a garden plan, if you haven't already, and pruning your non-flowering bushes ~ this is the perfect time for it.

Local nurseries are selling pansies and hellebores and a few hardy perennials right now with lots more to come. Plant them while you are waiting. Donna from Scenic Roots has told me that many more plants will begin arriving mid April and ongoing through the fall.

So, **what's springing up on our garden club agenda?** As you probably already know, April and May are our busiest times. Here's your calendar. Feel free to ask for more information and please put the dates on your calendar. With all that we are doing, the Annual Plant Sale still remains our number one priority since it's our only fundraiser every year. We anticipate that all, or at least, most of you will be taking part. Information will be coming to you this week from the "Plant Ladies" and I will have a sign up sheet with everyone's name on it at the Club Meeting this coming Sunday at our monthly meeting at Sand Hill Community Center (see below).

April 2: One Bite Can Change Your Life: Ticks

- Presented by Larry Dapsis, Entomologist and Deer Tick Project Coordinator for the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension Service
- Laugh as you learn about ticks, tick-borne diseases, and prevention.

We think it would be great fun to tuck out slacks into our socks for Larry's presentation. Just a goof, not required.

Big thanks to our Program Chair, Jeannie Dodson-Edgars for all of our excellent programs this past Fall and Spring. We look forward to the fall!

Following Larry's presentation, Helen Rowlings, with Tania, will give a brief lesson on how to pot a plant. This will be helpful for plants we plan to sell at the Plant Sale and also for arrangements that you may wish to make for your home. They'll also tell us how to best divide a clump.

April 14th: The Oak Crest Cove "big dig"

The Oak Crest Cove Committee (Elaine Davis, Tania Sadlick-Cutler and Jeannie Dodson-Edgars), those who have volunteered to assist, and AmeriCorps will meet to dig

up plants, pot them for replanting at Oak Crest or for our plant sale and apply soil and amendments to the garden. You will receive an email prior to that day reminding you of the shift that you signed up for and what to bring (gloves, etc.) There may possibly be a local cable tv crew filming there for a spot about the garden that we hope to have aired in the fall. Please give us permission to include you.

April 22nd: Sandwich Public Library

We'll be back at Sandwich Public Library. Tania Sadlick-Cutler and Jeannie Dodson-Edgars will join Kim from Scenic Roots for a two hour information table at Sandwich Public Library. Helen Rowlings and I did it this past Saturday. We had a good time, met some interesting people, answered garden questions, promoted our club, and Pollinator Pathway Cape Cod. Stop by if you're in town.



Saturday, May 13th, 9-1pm: Sandwich Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Blooming things for the birds, the bees...and you!

Most arrangements are in place for the sale. Now our focus is on plant donations, potting, labeling, pricing and, of course, volunteers to work **sale set up on Friday, May 12th** and the sale itself.

You have been hearing from the plant ladies: Linda Fox, Lisa Santoro and Sandra Mirtle. They will be passing out information at the meeting on Sunday and, with Tania, answering your questions. You will also be receiving an email shortly with all that you need to know to provide plants for our sale. Please do not be intimidated. If you have plants to donate, we're happy. If you don't, you can still help us with what we do receive by potting and pricing and working the sale. We truly need all of you.

Dates:

Potting Day, April 27th at Jean Blake's house at 20 Moody. Come for as long as you want. All help is appreciated. Please note that we anticipate having a class from the Upper Tech there to help arrange the plants by type for easy pricing. Teaching them how to pot will be part of the day. Many plants will already be

potted and on site, but expect clumps of plants to show up that day. Watch for the Plant Ladies' email with details.

Pricing Day, May 1st at Jean Blake's (May 2nd if more time needed or it rains)

Garden Club Meeting, Sunday, May 7th We have decided to have this meeting at Jean's house so we can tidy up any loose ends of potting, pricing, and staging for pick up. We'll eat, talk and laugh. This is a time for socializing before the sale day.

I will be in touch soon with volunteer needs for **Plant Sale set up day, Friday May 12th 9-noon** and for the sale itself, two shifts: set up through tear down. We'll all be done by 1:30 PM, at the latest, on sale day.

Why is there always something else?

Aprons - We have 5 more left from the new order. They're \$25 each. See Carol Dubay at the meeting. For those of you who already ordered one, Carol has put them aside for you.

Pictures - If you have or take any pictures at club events, please send them to our Webmaster extraordinaire, June Murphy, at juneinthewoods@me.com

Volunteer needs - We would appreciate another person familiar with IT willing to join our website team of June Murphy, Arlene Wells, and Jeanne Nichols. Anyone with graphic arts experience willing to help out with designing flyers, brochures, etc. would be a great help to the club.

Thank you everyone for the pleasure that I am given as your President this year. Your enthusiasm and participation bring me great joy.

Now get outside and dream of your garden full of butterflies, birds and bees. We do make a difference to this planet, each in our own way. Let's keep learning and teaching!

Wishing you sunshine, health and happiness. See you on Sunday!

Beth