

February 27, 2022

Dear Garden Club Members,

I don't know about you, but when I wake up in the morning, I must look at my phone to see what day it is. This winter has been a long haul. But in two weeks we turn back the clocks, and one week later, it's the first day of spring! Hope springs eternal!!

Through it all, we have been a busy little Garden Club the last few months. The Plant Sale Committee has met, and Jan Kasper and her Hydrangea Festival Committee have three committed gardens for our 2021 tour. We will need many helpers to pull off these wonderful events. I know I can count on you.

I hope you already have on your schedule the date of our Sunday, March 7th meeting, which will begin at 1:30 pm. on Zoom. Fran Raleigh, a graduate of the 2018 Master Gardener class, will be speaking on "Attracting Birds to Your Garden". In Fran's presentation, she will discuss why birds matter, what birds need to thrive, and how we can create habitat for them while filling our yards with beautiful native plants and birds! I will send out the Zoom link to you before the end of next week.

Our April Meeting will be very exciting because it will be outside!! The Sandwich Garden Club will tour the Shirley Cross Wildflower Garden at Thornton Burgess Museum. We have changed the date to later in the month so more flowers will have emerged. Our April Meeting will be on Monday, April 26 at 1:30 pm. More information to follow, but right now save the date.

PLANT SALE UPDATE

Things are looking good for the Plant Sale. Fingers crossed! This year's sale will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 9 -2 pm. Please mark this important date on your calendar!! We need 100 percent participation from the Club to make this a successful event. I will be sending out messages throughout the next three months on different ways on how you can help, so please watch your inbox. We really need each person to donate about 15-20 plants from their gardens to have a good sale. If you can't dig, we will dig for you. And if you'd rather just pick up something at a garden center like a shrub or a few perennials, and donate it, that's fine too. We need a lot of stock.

DAHLIA POTTING DAY

Dahlias are so special we have scheduled a separate potting day just for them. Linda Colgan recommended that all the dahlias that she donated from her yard to our Plant Sale be potted up next month. If you'd like to help, we'll be getting our hands dirty on Wednesday, March 24 at 11am. Location: My garage at 56 Marshview Circle, East Sandwich. Just come by. I'll have tables, soil, etc. all set up but bring gloves, a spade, or anything else you might find helpful.

CONTAINERS FOR THE PLANT SALE FLOWER BASKETS

Wendy Nelson and Jeanne Hamilton will be making their beautiful flower baskets to sell at the Plant Sale this year, but they need pretty tea cups, coffee mugs, or containers to set the flowers in. If you have anything to donate, please contact Wendy or Jeanne.

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POTTING DAY

Potting day is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at [10 am](#). at Jean Blake's house at 20 Moody Drive, Sandwich. For those of you who have never been, this event is an opportunity to bring all the plants you have dug up from your garden to a common area where you will have access to good soil, pots, label markers and fun people.

POTTING AT HOME

You can also decide to pot up the plants in the comfort of your own home and drop them off at Jean's by the due date. After Potting Day, pots and label markers will be available at Jean's. If you decide to go this route, please be sure to put all plants in a separate pot and properly label. This year, Tania Cutler is going to inventory our stock so that we will have knowledge of what has come in for our sale, so we might be asking you to write down what you are donating on a list. The Plant Sale Committee is working on that detail, so stay tuned.

SEEDS ANYONE?

If anyone is growing vegetables, herbs, tomatoes from seed to donate to the plant sale, please let me know and how many.

HYDRANGEA FESTIVAL UPDATE

Jan Kasper and her committee have secured three gardens for the 2021 Hydrangea Festival, but they would like a few more. If you have a garden to share, or if you know someone who is willing to share, contact Jan Kasper as soon as possible. The Chamber is requiring non-profits to have information about their gardens sent to them by April 15, and that's coming right up.

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I guess that's it for now. Stay well and I hope to "see" you on March 7th.

Carol