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# NEWSLETTER

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*Tammy's Cardinal*



Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!



*From your editor: Many thanks to all of you who, when I sent a plea out for entries, returned many wonderful photos. You have found wonder in the snow, and warmth in the sun, here and there worldwide. More on pages 9 to 12.*

## **President's Message**

There is hope everyone. Spring will come someday. We will be able to gather at the greenhouse without climbing mountains of snow or skating across the ice. And we will be ready for all of our SPRING THINGS – the Backyard Botany, the Plant Sale, etc. – because we have dedicated members who have nursed the greenhouse through two blizzards, several days of near-zero weather and others who have planned away while holed up in the ice-bound houses (or via email from warmer places).

The greenhouse in many ways is the social fabric of the club, where the easy camaraderie sparks ideas, where we share our private joys and concerns and love of plants. Led by Linda Cornell (with her Sunday Blasts to keep us all connected) and Tina Read (a champion at making sure the necessary work gets done), the greenhouse committee has toiled in the trenches for sure.

Contained in this issue are photos of winter, but I wanted to provide a little inspiration with this photo of tulips from a trip to Longwood Gardens two years ago. You can just feel the warm glow of the spring sunshine as it spreads across the garden bed.

Stay safe and browse the garden catalogues,

Carolyn



## Committee Reports

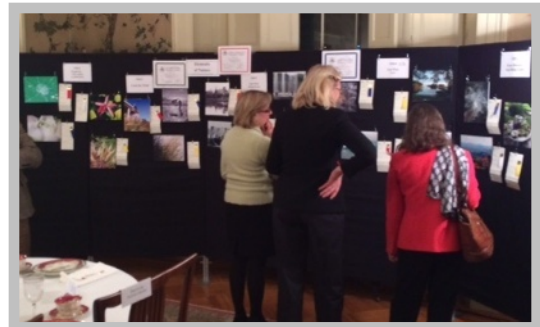
### Programs

**September** - Fred Dabney's "Quansett Nursery"

**October** - Sean Conway, "Form and Function, Structure in the Garden"

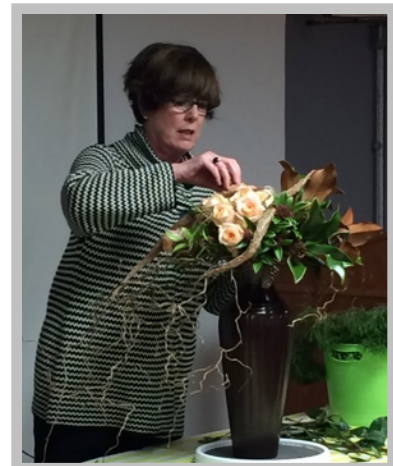
**November** - Elizabeth Farnsworth, "Go Botany & Native Plants of New England"

**Holiday Party and Photo Show** - Best in Show below.



**January** - Candace Morgensern, "Gardening for the Arranger"

(Other images under *Photo Albums* in the *Member* section on our website: [www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org](http://www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org))



**Greenhouse**, Linda Cornell

At this writing I am sitting with the sun pouring in warming the air within the greenhouse. It is lovely for me but even better for all our plants that are growing here for the sale in May. Sitting on our doorstep is yet another winter storm advisory which starts in a couple of hours and runs into tomorrow . . . and so goes the plight of the winter of 2015 in our greenhouse. The first announcements for this 2014-2015 season went out in the usual fashion on Oct 5th. There was a



full list of chores and reminders attached. We reviewed how to take and stick cuttings, how to repot those cuttings that were rooted, how to spot and identify pests on incoming plants . . . the gentle ebb and flow of greenhouse tending. Each week we had a full house of members working diligently and with love of being under the glass roof fostering a new crop of healthy salable plants. It is an amazing privilege being part of this merry band of plants-women.

Now fast forward to January 25<sup>th</sup> when the first of several threats appeared on the weather forecast. That first Blizzard two days later kept us all out of the greenhouse starting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. This trend continues until this writing, February 21<sup>st</sup>! That is not to say there has been nobody present each day to care for our greenhouse and its occupants but it has been, dare I say, sporadic. The chores have started to stack up, as the snow has continued to do along the streets of New Bedford. There have been a few very courageous women coming in and out keeping that chore list manageable until the full compliment of members is able to return. Seeding has taken place on time, if not on our usual Tuesdays. Repotting is being done when someone feels she has a bit of extra time on a "watering day" to complete the task. Fertilizing has been accomplished along the same lines . . . chores get done on another day rather than a Tuesday.



The storms have been quite consistent in their arrival . . . usually a weekend into Monday, making traversing the side streets nearly impossible for our weekly morning meetings. The good news? Spring arrives March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our plants are thriving regardless of the limited attendants helping them along. Andrew has kept the plants insect free with his monthly pest control. As a co-chair, along with Tina, I am grateful for those women who have trudged in, finding parking spaces in extraordinarily difficult conditions, who have helped maintain the integrity of the plant material we will soon offer for sale. This certainly has been the seemingly never-ending winter of challenges. The light at the end of the tunnel is starting to make its presence known, however, and with it come the final two months before the Plant Sale. When all is said and done, even in the face of adversity we will have much to offer other plant loving gardeners.

## Provisionals



### **Elizabeth (Betsy) Lawrence**

I am a resident of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. I have been a teacher and administrator in independent schools, and I now work full time selling real estate at Milbury and Company in Padanaram. A life-long summer resident of Nonquitt, I moved here full time from the north shore of Boston with my daughter, Hadley, a college student, in 2012. I am a past trustee of Middlesex School and the Nashoba Brooks School. I am a supporter of Our Sisters' School, the Zeiterion Theater, and The Narrows Center For the Arts. I am an avid vegetable gardener and gradually building my flower garden at my new home, under the guidance of several GCBB friends and my mom, an expert gardener and dahlia enthusiast. I am thrilled for the chance to learn so much from the members.

### **Lisa Mellgard**

I never dreamed of living on a farm but my husband Andy did. Now I am happily learning to be a gardener/farmer and living on a historic farm in South Dartmouth. We moved to Salt Marsh Farm in 2012 after living overseas for 9 years in London and Switzerland. I didn't have my own garden in England, but loved visiting many English gardens with friends.

We have made some renovations to our farmhouse and are continuing to grow flowers and vegetables as well as planting fruit trees and beginning a few new gardens. Last summer I also started to teach myself about preserving some of the bounty from the garden by making jam, relish and pickles. This summer I hope to start a few beehives.



Andy and I have 2 children. Our son Peter lives and works in New York City and our daughter Emily has recently moved back to London for a new job. They both enjoy working with us whenever they visit the farm.

I have a long family history in this area through both my mother and my father so arriving in Dartmouth has felt like coming home.

## Susan Sargent

I am an artist, and have lived on a farm in Southwestern Vermont for the past forty years. I am married (to Tom Peters), and have two grown sons and two small granddaughters. I attended Milton Academy and Tufts, with an art major at the Museum School. We have relocated to South Dartmouth, spending two-three months in New Zealand each winter (summer there), where Tom is a visiting professor, and I have a miniscule yard to tend to.

My professional focus has been as a textile artist. I trained in Europe as a tapestry weaver and dyer, and turned those skills into a business producing colorful fabrics and other home furnishings. I have written three books on using color in the home, as well as illustrating a children's book: "My Faraway Grandma".

Gardening has always been a passion and an inspiration for me. My English-born mother was a Garden Club member in New Canaan CT. and inspired me with her broad knowledge as well as her mentorship of many eager gardeners. In Vermont I had an extensive perennial garden, exploring unusual trees and woody plants.

Here in South Dartmouth – (gaining three zones!) – I look forward to continued plant learning and to making our new garden by the sea.



## Gig Young

Born and raised in New York, New York. Attended all New York schools. Married Scott Lang in 1973 and moved to Washington, D.C. where Scott attended Georgetown Law School, and where I worked on Capitol Hill for Congressman Claire W. Burgener who represented Orange County, California. We moved to New Bedford to be near family and started our own family. We have three children. Our oldest son Nate is an actor, writer, and musician and lives in L.A. Our second son Andy is an attorney in New York and Massachusetts and lives in New Bedford, and our youngest daughter Sarah is a field producer for ABC and lives in New York.

I have enjoyed working with Scott in public service for the City of New Bedford. I have grown to love New Bedford and am very proud of its history and residents. My present board affiliations include: The New Bedford Day Nursery Fund, the New Bedford Education Foundation, the Community Nurse Private Care Board of Directors, Friends Academy Board of Trustees and co-chair of the New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks.

## Recipes

To Cool you off . . .

### **Orange Snow**

Ruth Jolliffe

When I was a little girl, my mother used to make this for me whenever there was new snow. Somehow, even though it is so simple it seemed like such a special treat. Perhaps that was because we lived in New York City and my mother only made this when we visited my grandmother on her farm in Weston, outside of Boston.

Scoop up a bit of snow in a bowl and dribble orange juice over it. Yum!



and . . .to Warm you up again.

### **A Cure for Cabin Fever!**

Chris Dole



As I watched the snow falling once again I had a wonderful memory of snow days when my sons were little. We spent a lot of time playing in the snow and would always end the day after hanging up wet clothes with a big bowl of popcorn and hot cocoa. My husband and I always added a “helping” of peppermint schnapps.

Recipe: Buy really good cocoa and cheap peppermint schnapps

# Photo Gallery



**In the cold . . . .**



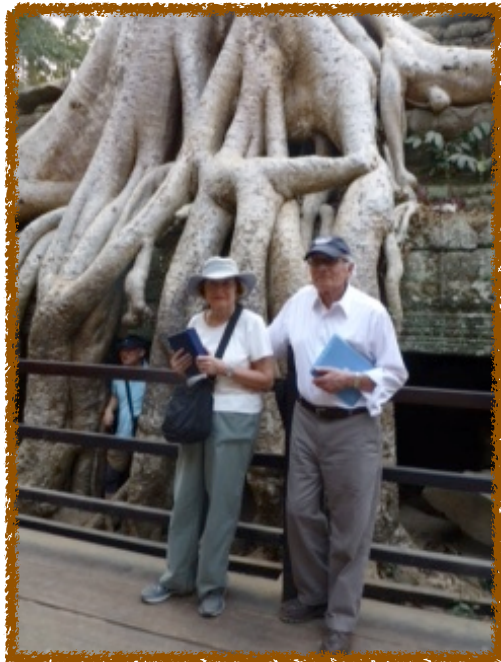
**And in the Sun**



**From Fran in Singapore!**  
**“Greatest Plant collections I’ve ever seen.”**



**Fran and Clint (Ta Prohm, Cambodia), and Nan and Monks (Rangoon, Myanmar)**



**From Margaret Forbush: Rainbow in the Sun (Machu Picchu)**



***“We all wish to be doing this!”***

*From Margaret Forbush (“Iguanas basking on the sunbaked rocks, bathed in the mild Humboldt Current, Galapagos Islands”)*

