



Garden Club of Buzzards Bay

From the Ground Up

July 2022

President's Message



Dear all,

Happy summer! At long last we can tend to our own gardens doing what we love to do.

I am looking forward to the next two years as President of this wonderful group of gardeners.

Margaret Forbush, our greenhouse Genie, will serve as Vice President. We both hope that GCBB can return to a post-COVID normal schedule both in the greenhouse and at meetings and events.

A reminder that our September 15 meeting is a trip to Blithewold in Bristol, RI, for a garden and greenhouse tour. More information will follow, and I hope to see you there, a beautiful place to gather!

A special thank you to Janet Coquillet for keeping us safe, together, and busy for the past two unusual years. Well done, Janet!

I'm wishing you a wonderful summer of gardening.

All the best,

Sandy



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Introducing our new President!

For those who don't yet know Sandy, here is a brief bio:

Sandra Hall is a painter, printmaker and a writer and illustrator of children's books. She is a graduate of UMASS Dartmouth with a BFA in Painting with graduate work in silkscreen printing, copper plate intaglio etching and stone lithography.

Mother to three children and "Mim" to three grandchildren she can be found two or three early mornings a week putting the girls on the school bus!



After a long and varied career teaching high school, community college, and special needs art, I now operate my own studio with several annual exhibitions of my paintings and prints as well assisting authors with illustrations for their books.

Padanaram Village is home with David, children, grandchildren, cats, a German Shepherd, barn swallows in the summer and an occasional mouse in the house!

GCEB Annual Meeting

Thank you to Lisa Mellgard and hostesses Kathe Parker, Barb Brown, Ruth Jolliffe, Sally Lutz, Deborah Winslow Nutter, and Carolyn Willard for hosting a wonderful annual meeting that featured a short business meeting, GCA and Club awards, a fantastic lunch, and lots of good company.



Our host, Lisa Mellgard enjoying an outdoor, relaxed (maskless!) moment with Susan McLaren. It was great to see the smiles on everyone's faces.



A small sampling of happy GCBB members. So happy to be together!

Awards

The Awards Committee, led by Committee Chair Christel Phipps, was pleased to honor the following members with GCA and GCBB Club awards:

GCA Medal of Merit - Linda Cornell



(presented by Laura Campbell)



The joy of an award so well deserved!



GCA Club Appreciation Award - Janet Coquillet
(presented by Christel Phipps)



In addition to receiving the Club Appreciation award, incoming president Sandy Hall presented outgoing president Janet Coquillet with a lovely bouquet of flowers and a beautiful Sandy Hall original watercolor painting of the RJD Greenhouse.



GCA Club Communication Award - Laura Campbell



(presented by Linda Cornell)

GCA Club Historic Preservation Award - Ruth Furman, Lisa Mellgard,
Linda Cornell, Janet Coquillette and Margaret Forbush



(presented by Christel Phipps)

GCA Club Appreciation Award (2019) - Ellen Christie - in person at last!



(presented by Christel Phipps and Janet Coquillette)

President's Bowl - Laura Campbell



(presented by Janet Coquillette)

Barbara Warburton Certificate of Remembrance:

Gertrude Burr - presented by Kate Corkum to Gertrude's son, Carleton 'Toby' Burr



Barri Throop - presented by Mary Schubert to Barri's daughter, Andrea Arnold



Timmy Shapiro - presented by Judi Sterns to Timmy's husband, Gil



GCBG Club Awards

Plantswoman of the Year - Margaret Forbush

Margaret was not able to be at the meeting...Margaret, we missed you!

Wonder Woman Award - Susan McLaren



(presented by Judi Sterns)

Fairy Godmother Award - Susan Mead



(presented by Lisa Mellgard)

Busy Bee Award - Anna Surma



(presented by Janet Coquillette)

Green Goddess Award - Sandy Hall, Ann Heller, Tina Read
The GCBB Green Goddesses receiving their crowns



(presented by Mary Schubert, Christel Phipps and Laura Campbell)

With our heartfelt gratitude, GCBB Honorary Member:

David Cornell



Features

From Bartlett Tree Experts - Beech Leaf Disease Update

A new disease, beech leaf disease, has been spreading rapidly in our area. As implied by the name, the disease attacks beech trees, one of the most commonly found trees in our area.

Beech leaf disease is caused by microscopic worms called nematodes. The first outward sign of infection are discolored stripes between the veins of impacted leaves. As the disease progresses, the tree will show signs of stunted growth and yellowing leaves. Symptoms worsen over time and the tree can die in just a few years after the initial infection.

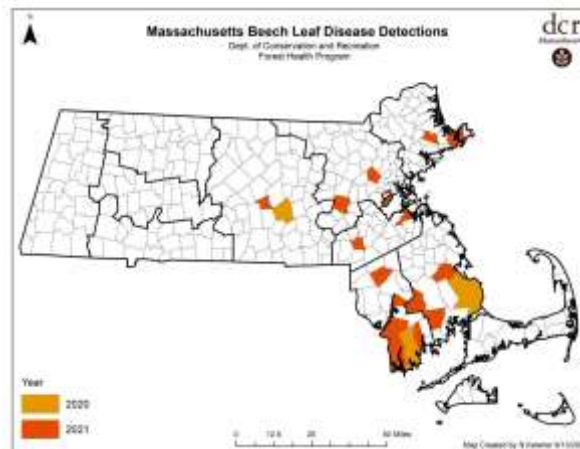


Given the devastating nature of this disease, the best course of action is to start by keeping your beech trees as healthy as possible. Soil care to address any nutrient deficiencies and improve organic matter content is a critically important step that will help trees better withstand insect and disease infestations. Soil treatments can be administered between August and October.

We are continuing to learn about beech leaf disease and evaluate additional treatments for management. The scientists at our Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories are actively researching the issue and working closely with universities and other green industry companies to determine how to best protect beech trees and halt progression of the disease. We will continue to keep you informed on this important issue.

Thank you for your patience as we work to address this widespread problem. If you have beech trees on your property, soil treatments can be applied between August and October to help them best withstand disease. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 508-406-9656 or email dmendell@Bartlett.com.

From Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/beechn-leaf-disease-in-massachusetts>



Love Hydrangeas? Don't miss:



Cape Cod Master Gardener Hydrangea Festival Garden Tours 2022

July 11, 12, 13, & 16 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on a chance to tour five unique and spectacular gardens created and maintained by a Master Gardener. Visitors will also be treated to "Tips in the Garden" presented twice daily by Master Gardeners on various topics. Tour admission is \$5.00 per person, per garden (cash only please). This is a rain or shine event.

Click [here](#) for a complete tour brochure which includes all garden locations, dates, times, and garden talk times and topics.

Any questions regarding the tours can be sent to gardeners@barnstablecounty.org

For more Hydrangea Festival information:

<https://www.capecodchamber.org/events/featured-events/cape-cod-hydrangea-fest/>

The Judas Tree (*Cercis siliquastrum*) - an extraordinary tree whose flowers grow straight from the trunk!



https://www.arboretumfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/anderson_judas-tree.pdf

A View from my Window

As the seasons change, please share your photos! Keep them coming over the summer!!
Email photos to Linda (lindyc@davecornellcharters.com) or Laura (LCampbell64@comcast.net)



From Susan Perry
“Here is a picture of our vegetable garden, surrounded by perennials. We just had a new, 6' tall fence installed to keep the critters out. It contains wire fencing which extends 10" into the ground all the way around.”

Tips & Tasks for the July Garden

- Order spring bulbs.
- Fertilize container plants.
- Direct seed kale for fall harvest.
- Sow fall crop of peas.
- Pinch basil plants to promote bushiness.
- Side dress vegetables with nitrogen.
- If vegetables are not yielding as desired, plant high nectar flowers to attract bees and other pollinators.
- Pick the zucchini while it's young and tender.
- Net blueberries to protect from birds and give them fertilizer.
- Remove fruiting raspberry canes after harvesting berries.
- Trim strawberry runner growth or they will be all leaves and no berries.
- Deadhead spent blossoms.
- Sow seeds of biennials and perennials.
- Cut back delphiniums when they are finished flowering. At this time a complete fertilizer may encourage a second bloom.
- Chrysanthemums will give a better fall display if fertilized now. Continue pinching back until mid-July for more blooms.
- Madonna lilies should be divided as soon as the flowering is over.
- Oriental poppies may be moved. Summer is the only time of the year they can be divided. Dig up the roots and cut into 2-inch pieces and replant in new locations.
- Dahlias require little artificial watering normally but should be soaked once a week during drought.
- Water roses at least once a week.
- Regularly snip old flower clusters off floribunda roses to promote continuous flowering.
- Transplant iris. Trim back foliage but only replant healthy, firm rhizomes. Set them quite close to the surface.
- Divide spring blooming perennials.
- Start cuttings of coleus, geraniums, begonias, and other plants you want inside in winter.
- Trim deciduous hedges so that the sides slope out toward the bottom to be sure that sunlight reaches the base of the plants.
- Prune wisteria. Dead-head daylilies so they bloom more profusely and give the possibility of a "re-bloom". Watch for tomato hornworm and hand pick them.

With thanks to: <https://www.andovergardenclub.org/a-new-england-garden-by-the-month>

Links of Interest

♥ For all of you that didn't know....

You may have found them under a brick or a damp object. You may have felt disgusted and wondered why they exist in nature.



Well, let me tell you, these animals, better known as Rollie Pollies, are a subgroup of isopod crustaceans whose function is to remove harmful heavy metals to the earth such as mercury, cadmium, and lead. They contribute to the cleansing of the soil and groundwater and reaffirm the wisdom of nature.

Do not damage them or spray pesticides. Embrace them and allow them to heal the soil!

Looking ahead

Here is a sneak peek at the **GCBB Program Schedule 2022/2023!**

Meetings are at 10:30. Venues announced when set.

2022

September 15 – Tour Blithewold gardens

October 20 – Opening Meeting

November 17 – Heather McCargo, Wild Seed Project

December 15 – Holiday Party

2023

January 20 – Kitchen Garden Design, Ellen Ogden, (Zoom Meeting)

February 16 – David Michner, Peonies (Zoom meeting)

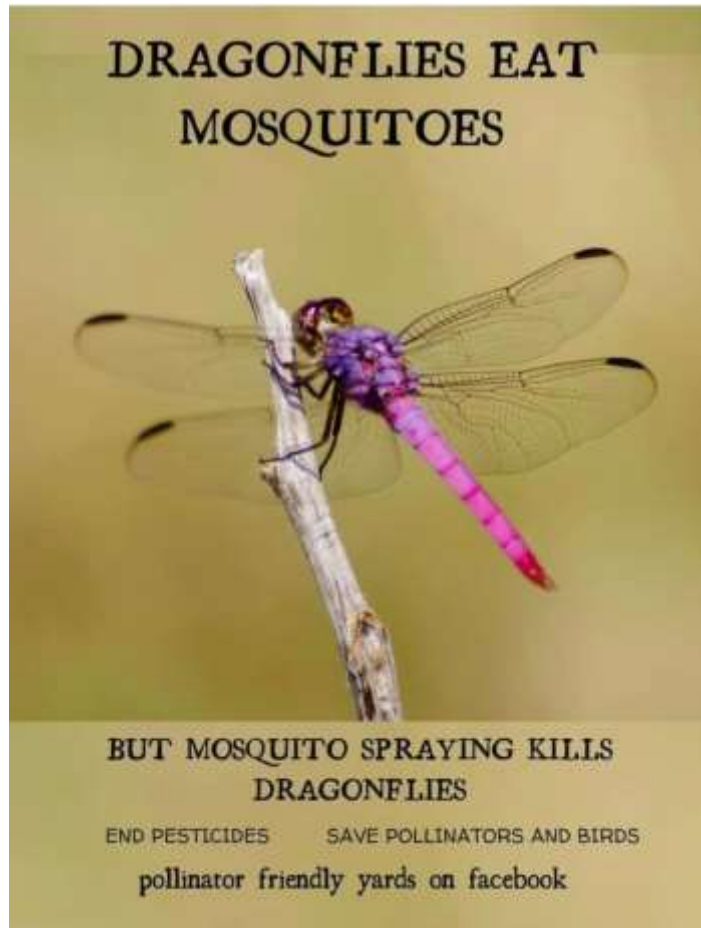
March 16 – Boxwood, Lynn Batdorf – Zoom

April 20 – Little Compton Trees, Jason Burchardt

May – Plant Sale

June 15 – Annual Meeting

A gentle reminder...



A last note from Janet...

Dear all,

I thought I was finished with these letters – but there is one more! I want to thank you all for the many kind words as I ended my tenure as president. I am so glad I took the job and got to know many of you better. I had an outstanding board who provided wise counsel and good humor, as well as strong committee chairs who led the activities of our club – and despite the pandemic, we thrived, thanks to the efforts of all. I was happy to help coordinate it. I will treasure the beautiful ink and watercolor of the greenhouse from Sandy and the lovely awards. Most especially, I treasure knowing you.

All best wishes to our new officers. I am excited to see the many talents Sandy will bring as president and the ideas we will see from the new board. A wonderful thing about volunteer organizations is the regular turnover of leadership, bringing vitality and creativity. I am sure GCBB will shine brightly.

See you all in September if not before – I wish glorious summers to you all.

Janet



Janet with a smile and a wish for us all!