



# *Garden Club of Buzzards Bay*

## *From the Ground Up*

June 2022

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### **Presidents Message**

Dear all,

What a beautiful time of year this is on the South Coast! I love all the shades of green, the clear sky and the anticipation of summer. I'm also thrilled that we have just about completed another Club year full of activities and friendships that give us joy. I think this was our 91st Club year? What a wonderful thing.

Huge thanks to the crew who pulled off a successful plant sale – Anne Heller and Cheryl Gamsby as co-chairs; Margaret Forbush as fearless leader of the greenhouse operation; those in less formal positions who always come through (like Linda Cornell as Sunday morning greenhouse quarterback, Tina Read as mistress of the herbs, and Nan Sinton and Linda Cornell as arbiters of great perennials); Lisa Mellgard who so capably handles our financial side; Anna Surma, tireless facilitator of multiple parts of the sale; and all of you who donated perennials, volunteered and shopped. We couldn't have done it without ALL of you!



We can celebrate that and other things at our annual meeting on Thursday, June 16, at 11 am. We will gather at Lisa Mellgard's lovely property for a short business meeting, a festive awards presentation, lunch, and good company. I will pass the torch to Sandy Hall, who will become the 45th President of GCBB. We're so glad she is willing to share her many talents with us.

For any of you who can't attend the meeting and hear it in person, I want to express my deepest thanks to the board of GCB B who have stuck with it for two challenging years. I am so grateful for their loyalty to the club, their thoughtfulness and creativity in its care, and all the valuable advice they have generously shared with me. This is truly a stellar group – Sandy Hall, Lisa Mellgard, Margaret Forbush, Susan Mead, Ruth Jolliffe, Ruth Furman, Holly McDonough and Ellen Christie. They deserve a big round of applause!

And thank you all for everything you have done during my time as President to support this Club—ideas, solutions, leadership, helping hands, acts of kindness. I very much appreciate every bit of it. I hope to be able to tell you in person at Lisa's.

Wishing each of you a glorious summer,

Janet

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## **Changing of the Seasons**



## Committee News

### **Plant Sale Committee**

Submitted by Cheryl Gamsby and Anne Heller, 2022 Plant Sale Co-chairs

Mission accomplished! We held our first public plant sale in two years and used it as an opportunity to experiment with a new location and format. Our return to the Rotch-Jones-Duff House grounds worked well; members and the public purchased beautifully curated annuals grown in our greenhouse; and we made a nice profit for the Club.

This year's sale was a three-part program that included the continuation of the chance to pre-order perennials from Sylvan Nursery, the introduction of a similar offer to purchase herbs from Paradise Hill Farm, and the in-person sale. All three phases contributed significantly to our revenue. **In the end, we took in almost \$9,000 and, after subtracting expenses, we made a little less than \$6,000 on our sale this year.**

We have a long list of people to thank: Margaret Forbush and her greenhouse crew who nurtured an outstanding collection of annuals for the sale; Linda Cornell and Nan Sinton who developed the list of perennials for the Sylvan Nursery order; Tina Read who initiated the very popular herb offer; members who donated perennials from their gardens for the sale; the band of volunteers who helped with the set-up and sale; and finally our shoppers. Thanks again for your support.



## GCBB Plant Sale 2022!

*Photos by Linda Cornell, Holly McDonough, and Laura Campbell*









## **Visiting Gardens Committee**

### **Garden Tours – Summer 2022**

**June 5** - Open Garden Tour Sakonnet Garden

510 West Main Road

Little Compton, RI

<http://littlecomptongardenclub.org/>

**June 9** - Garden Tour and Presentation

Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum

396 County Street

New Bedford, MA

<https://rjdmuseum.org/>

**June 11** - Garden Conservancy Open Day

McIlwain Garden

Register at: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/garden-directory/mcilwain-garden>

**June 24-25** 10 am - 4 pm

Secret Garden Tours

Newport, RI

<https://secretgardentours.org/calendar.htm>

**July 17** - Garden Conservancy Event

Sakonnet Garden

510 West Main Road

Little Compton, RI

<https://sakonnetgarden.net/about>

Register at: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/newport-county-ri-open-day-2>

### **Other Gardens to see**

Heritage Museums and Gardens

67 Grove St.

Sandwich, MA

<https://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/>

Blithewold Mansions  
Gardens and Arboretum  
101 Ferry Road (Rte. 114)  
Bristol, RI  
<https://www.blithewold.org/>

Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens  
787 Shawmut Avenue  
New Bedford, MA 02746  
<https://thetrustees.org/place/allen-c-haskell-public-gardens/>

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site  
99 Warren St.  
Brookline, MA  
<https://www.nps.gov/frla/index.htm>

### **YouTube Channels to inspire and inform:**

Suburban Homestead  
Walks viewers through development of a garden in Frederick, MD

Kreatyve Gardenista  
Allows visitors to view and learn about the planting of gardens at a Greensboro, NC home

The Distinctive Gardener  
Gives access to good garden design through tours of English and European gardens.

### **Membership Committee**

Please welcome Carla Morey ([moreycarla13@gmail.com](mailto:moreycarla13@gmail.com)), a new Affiliate member from the Garden Club of Milton.

## GCBB Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting - **Thursday, June 16, at 11:00 am** (business meeting begins 11:30)

There will be a short business meeting, awards, lunch and good company.

At the home of **Lisa Mellgard**, [322 Smith Neck Road, South Dartmouth](#)

Parking in the field south of the house (see map). The entrance to the field will be marked with a sign.

We will be outside, so dress for the weather. In case of rain, we will notify everyone by email of alternative plans.



## Features

From Ruth Furman and Joan Underwood, a photo of their trip to Brookline, MA to visit Frederick Law Olmsted's Studio at the [Frederick Law Olmsted National Park](#)



“**Frederick Law Olmsted** (1822-1903) is recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture. In 1883, after supervising the design and construction of such landmarks as Central Park and the US Capitol Grounds, Olmsted moved his family from New York City to 99 Warren Street in Brookline, Massachusetts. It was here that he also re-established his office. "Fairsted," as he called it, served as both a home and the world's first full-scale professional practice of landscape architecture. All the processes of design, from drafting to printing, were carried out here. Thousands of projects, from conception to completion, are reflected in the vast design records of the Olmsted firm. The work of the Brookline office continued for nearly a century with Olmsted, his sons, and their associates designing thousands of public and private **landscape projects across the United States**. The National Park Service acquired Olmsted's home and office in 1979 and maintains many of the working records in the interest of understanding and preserving the special places this firm created.”

## Accolades



### **Janet Coquillette**

Janet has been our champion for the past two years. The years of Covid. She has glued our club together, keeping it intact and still viable. We have all felt a disconnect from one another and possibly from the GCBB itself. But with Janet's desire to not allow that happen, her enthusiasm and ability to sew the weakening seams, she has been an amazing leader. We remain solidly together even if only through emails and Zoom meetings. Janet has done all of that. She is not dissimilar from the Wizard of Oz. We have all been touched by her Tin Man's heart, her Lion's courage, her Scarecrow's intelligent brain as well as her ability to make us feel at home (Dorothy).

Like the Man behind the curtain, she has pulled off an amazing production. Quite honestly, she has not put her wizard hat down for a moment and we are grateful. She has led us through the most challenging time and we have come out stronger as a club. We are more dedicated and more aligned with each other. We all know the impact of friendship and how it feels when we are separated. Thanks to Janet, she has kept the flame of friendship and the GCBB burning brightly. We hope you wish Janet well as she steps down from her Presidential post and shower her with gratitude for a job well done. Thank you Madame President...you have been the best choice and the most resourceful captain at the helm for these last two years.



## [Garden Club of America website](#)



*The Real Dirt* (TRD) is an online, quarterly newsletter produced by the Horticulture Committee for GCA members. Featuring in-depth articles and handy tips for gardeners of all levels, *The Real Dirt* has something for everyone. From a treatise on the benefits of off-season gardening to the how-to's of espalier, *The Real Dirt* digs into the heart and soul of the GCA, sharing wisdom from one gardener to another.

[Read the latest issue of The Real Dirt](#)

**Check out all of the [GCA Publications](#):**

**Basic Plant Propagation Handbook**

**Bulletin**

**By Design**

**Call to Action**

**ConWatch**

**eNews**

**Flower Show & Judging Guide (Yellow Book)**

**Focus**

**GCA Anniversary Histories**

**GCA Annual Report**

**GCA Position Papers**

**A History of Conservation and National Affairs and Legislation**

**In Celebration of the Founders Fund**

**Legislation & Policy Updates**

## **A Celebration of Life for Barri Throop**

*Take a traveler, sailor, singer, birder, gardener,  
florist, cook, sister, mother, grandmother,  
and friend - toss it with a zest for life, and you  
have the essence of Barri Throop.  
Please join us for her Celebration of Life.*



**MILICENT B. THROOP**  
12/8/1933 - 12/24/2021

June 19, 2022 • 11AM  
The Keith Farm  
775 Horseneck Road  
Westport, MA  
*Light Lunch & Refreshments*



RSVP to Andrea by June 1st  
Call or Text: 508-878-6733  
Email: aarnold994@comcast.net

## A View from my Window

As the seasons change, please share your photos!

Email photos to Linda ([lindyc@davecornellcharters.com](mailto:lindyc@davecornellcharters.com)) or Laura ([LCampbell64@comcast.net](mailto:LCampbell64@comcast.net))

From Ellen Walsh: “These are tulips from my garden, and tulips that my mother painted about 60 years ago. Flowers don’t change!”



Look at the gorgeous Hosta at Linda's!



The first poppy in Laura's garden:



The Poppy, Iris, and Azalea in the afternoon sun...if only they lasted all summer!



## **Tips & Tasks for the June Garden**

- Plant window boxes.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs once they have finished blooming.
- Thin seedlings.
- Use balanced, organic fertilizers around flowers. Fertilize annuals with liquid fertilizer to promote continuous blooming.
- Stake tall perennials and tomatoes. Use pine needle mulch for blueberries.
- Be sure the lawn mower is set to cut the grass high.
- Divide iris when they are done blooming.
- Plant gladiolus corms.
- Dead-head spent plant and shrub flowers.
- Remove rhubarb seed stalks as they form.
- Cut back perennials such as dianthus, veronica and other similar shrubby varieties, to will possibly produce a second bloom.
- You can make softwood cuttings of shrubs this month through July. You may still plant container grown shrubs.
- Plant broccoli seed for fall harvest.
- Move houseplants outside to a shady, protected spot and lightly feed with half strength fertilizer. Mulch perennials and roses to keep down weeds and conserve moisture.
- Lookout for Japanese beetles either early or late in the day and shake them into a bucket of soapy water. Put annuals outside. Move amaryllis outside.
- Pinch leading stems of chrysanthemums to encourage bushiness and blossoms. Do this every 6 inches as they grow.
- Hang sticky-ball traps to control apple maggot flies. Stop cutting asparagus when new spears get pinkie-finger thin. Let them grow into ferns.
- Order autumn bulbs.

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

## **Links of Interest**

Beware of invasive jumping worms! Thanks to Anna Surma and Kate Crosby (Nancy's daughter), we have some good reading to bring you up to date on this latest garden pest:

Excellent article with terrific video - basics & ID for jumping worms:

[\*\*Jumping worms spotted in Mass. again. Should you be worried about your garden?\*\*](#)



UNH guide on plant sales & jumping worms: [\*\*Plant Sales and Jumping Worms | Extension\*\*](#)



Article on best practices for controlling this species:

[\*\*Beware of jumping worms: Locals can help thwart invasive found in forests, gardens\*\*](#)



From Fine Gardening Magazine:

[\*\*How to Identify and Remove Invasive Jumping Worms\*\*](#)



<https://gardeningsoul.com/20-vegetables-you-can-re-grow-from-scraps/>

## Miles Away

Betsy Lawrence shared pictures from her recent trip to [Cheekwood Gardens, Nashville TN](#)





## Just for Fun

Transaction denied...



A new word to use:



A word from Linda...



June 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 RSVP date for Celebration of Life for Barri Throop*	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16 GCBB Annual Meeting 10:30*	17	18
19 Barri Throop* Father's Day  Juneteenth:  Celebrate Freedom	20	21 First Day of Summer 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

\*Annual Meeting at the home of Lisa Mellgard, 322 Smith Neck RD, S. Dartmouth  
(see p. 10 for details)

\*Sunday, June 19th at 11:00 Celebration of Life for Barri Throop  
(see page 14 for details)

*A gentle reminder...*



Remember to lean on a friend when needed



Laura's Monty (right) leaning on his brother, Michael

*Until next time...*

Always take time to share a drink and relax with a friend



Monty and his new friend Maggie