



Garden Club of Buzzards Bay

From the Ground Up

January 2023

Presidents Message

Dear All,

Hello January and Happy New Year, 2023!

Here's to fresh starts and new beginnings. January is a time of quiet and the perfect time to reflect on what you want to do in the new year. I find it to be a time of restoration, slowing down after the holiday rush and embracing the opportunity to finally catch up with myself.

December was a non-stop busy month for GCBB. The greenhouse is filling up and it is looking like we will have an incredible plant sale in May. The Winter Greens Market was not only fun with plenty of workshops, but a huge success. The money raised for grants will enable us to do more good in our community. A special thank you to our head elves, Tina, Linda, and Sue. Your vision for this project was extraordinary and we all appreciate you!



Our Christmas gathering was held on December 13th at the Coach House. It was wonderful to be together, share lunch and smiles at long last. We missed everyone who was unable to join us. A big thank you to Carla for suggesting that we donate to the Department of Child and Family Services in New Bedford. Also, thank you to our members who donated a hydra flask water bottle. There will be many happy teenagers this Christmas thanks to your generosity.

Enjoy your time this month, read that book that has been sitting there, bake cookies, start that project that you have been thinking about, and take time to sit by the fire. Our next meeting is on January 19th at 10:30 AM via Zoom. Our speaker is [Ellen Ogden](#), cookbook author and kitchen garden designer. Oh, those kitchen garden designs we can plot and plan for Spring!

Looking forward to a wonderful New Year!!

Sandy

Photo: Sandy Hall

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Changing of the Seasons



Frozen raspberries in her garden
Photo: Ruth Jolliffe



A wren visits Linda and enjoys
the view from the Christmas tree.
Photo: Linda Cornell

Committee News

Winter Greens Market

Submitted by Tina Read, Sue Daylor, and Linda Cornell

For those that missed the Winter Greens Market, here is an insider's view. Thanks to everyone who contributed all the photos:



Elves at work preparing for Winter Greens Market













Horticulture Committee
Submitted by Barb Brown



Above: Winter sowing picture from Wild Seed Project

Inspired by last month's Wild Seed Project speaker, the Hort committee ordered a variety of native species seeds from <https://wildseedproject.net/> to propagate. We gathered at the greenhouse to lay those babies to bed for the winter in a foundation of soil topped by a sprinkling of sand to keep them in place. For protection from wind and critters, the pots are covered with a layer of horticultural fleece (Remay) and anchored by an old screen and a few bricks. Their hibernation location is on the west side of the greenhouse in the shade of the bushes, just how they like it. Fingers crossed!





GCBB generously donated a membership to the Wild Seed Project which allows access to their [website](#) and to receive 10% off all products. If anyone is interested, please contact Barb Brown: bbp1011@gmail.com.

Plant Sale

Submitted by Anne Heller & Iryna Priester



Features

Holiday Party

The Holiday Hospitality Hostesses would like to send thanks to everyone who was able to attend the luncheon on December 13th, and to those of you who were not there, you were missed.

A heartfelt thanks to Mary Schubert who brought the most delicious Fire Roasted Curried Tomato Soup (recipe on page 14), it was just right for a winter's day. To those who assisted with set up and breakdown, thank you.

GCBH Holiday Party 2022 – It was great to be together!



The social workers at the Department of Children and Families in New Bedford were blown away by the number of water bottles we collected for the teenagers in their care. A gesture, such as ours, goes a long way to a teen who is not in the most ideal situation especially during the holidays.



Our club came through big time, and they are most grateful.

Leftover sandwiches, chips and beverages were brought to the Pleasant Street Fire Station, again, an unexpected treat to the firefighters and associates that keep the city safe.

This is an amazing and generous group that we are so proud to be a part of.

Happy Holidays,
Sandy, Ellen, and Carla

Accolades

Carla Morey announcing the success of the water bottle donation to teens in need.



We all know that it feels better to give than to receive. However, this opportunity felt both joyful and humbling. The simple gift of a hydro flask, a reusable water bottle, was a win/win/win. The teens got a high quality water bottle, Mother Earth was spared a few plastic bottles, and we were given the opportunity to realize how fortunate we all are to be able to give instead of receive. One of the things many of us missed from our annual holiday gathering was the opportunity to donate books to the Boys and Girls Club. Carla Morey took the initiative to seek out a place that needed donations. She got in touch with the New Bedford office of the Department of Child and Families to see if we could provide a donation that would be meaningful for the teenagers in their care. They requested Hydro Flask waterbottles and club members delivered. **Thank you, Carla!**

CURRIED TOMATO SOUP

Adapted by Mary Schubert from NYT Recipe for 2022 Holiday Party – Delicious!

2 28oz cans of diced fire roasted tomatoes, undrained

4 Tablespoons unsalted butter

½ lb. onions, chopped (1 ¾ cups)

1 clove garlic, finely minced

2 - 3 teaspoons curry powder

3 cups vegetable broth

1 bay leaf

¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Salt to taste

- 1. Open the 2 cans of tomatoes, do not drain.**
- 2. Heat the butter in the soup pot and add onions and garlic. Cook, stirring, until wilted.**
- 9. Sprinkle with curry powder and stir. Cook about 5 minutes**
- 3. Add the tomatoes, broth, bay leaf and cayenne. Simmer 30 minutes.**
- 4. Blend in food processor or blender in several batches until soup is smooth.**
- 5. Salt to taste**
- 7. Serve hot or cold.**

Garden Club of America



The Garden Club of America invites you to the virtual
2023 Photography Conference!

Please join in on Thursday, January 26, and come prepared to be enchanted, educated, and empowered through visual storytelling guided by each of our speaker's thoughtful approaches to composition, creative inspiration, purposeful framing, and documentation.

The day will consist of two sessions:

- Morning session - **11 am ET** and breaks at 1:30 pm ET.
- Afternoon session - **3 pm ET** and concludes at 5:15 pm ET.

Registration is free and open to all GCA club members. *

*If you intend to host a watch party or attend a watch party, we would like to request that **all participants register** for the conference.*

*The last day to [register](#) is Monday, January 23, 2023

Notebook updates

Here is a winter address for Happy Webb:

Happy Webb
Brooksby Village
Apt.# RC 121
40 Brooksby Village Dr.
Peabody, MA 01960

Welcome to a Provisional member:

Susan “Sue” Perry

I am originally from the San Francisco Bay Area and moved to New England after college, having married my college boyfriend, Dan Perry. We spent 9 years in Boston working and taking turns going to graduate school (law for him, social work for me,) then moved to his hometown of South Dartmouth when our oldest child was one.



I have an MSW (Masters in Social Work) and worked for 30 years in the field of mental health, initially in a number of different clinics and then in private practice, where I spent the last 20 years of my career providing psychotherapy to individual adults and couples. In fact, my office was across the street from the RJD in the beautiful William Rotch Rodman House!

My civic engagement has focused on education and issues involving women and girls. After serving on two School Councils in the Town of Dartmouth, I was on the high school Building Committee for five years and have done stints on the boards of the Women’s Fund and Our Sisters’ School. I’m currently part of the grant writing team at OSS and am a member of Grants Committee of the Community

Foundation. In addition, to my community service, I practice Tai Chi, enjoy cooking and baking and am an avid reader. I also love to travel. Dan and I have a son in Providence, a daughter who lives with her husband outside San Francisco and a daughter who lives with her boyfriend in Portland, Oregon.

I’ve been a casual gardener since we built our house in Padanaram in 1985 but a number of years ago I decided to give up golf, which I played badly, and concentrate on gardening which I have found to be a much more rewarding way to spend my time. I promised Fran Levin that I would join the GCBB when I retired (she had encouraged me to do so for several years) and, in the Spring of this year, I followed up on that promise. So far, I’m thoroughly enjoying being a member, meeting new people and learning new things and I know I’m going to love working in the greenhouse on those cold winter days.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day (Observed)	3 9:00 Greenhouse	4	5	6 Full Moon 	7 10:00 Seed Selection* *by invitation
8	9	10 9:00 Greenhouse 10:00 Program Committee	11	12 9:00 GBCC Exec. Comm Meeting	13	14
15	16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day 	17 9:00 Greenhouse	18	19 10:30 Monthly Meeting via ZOOM	20	21 National Hug Day 
22 Chinese New Year 	23	24 9:00 Greenhouse	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 9:00 Greenhouse				

To check the GCBB Calendar online:

<https://www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org/gcbb-google-calendar/>

Just for fun...

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A GARDENER IF:

1 You consider well aged feces a thoughtful gift.	6 You sometimes forget your to-do list because the plants need staring at.
2 When you see someone trimming trees, you wonder if you could use a cutting of that.	7 You think store bought tomatoes are disgusting.
3 You have taken bags of leaves (i.e., other people's trash) off the street to use as mulch.	8 A sale at the nursery is more exciting than a sale at the department store.
4 You have saved pits or seeds from fruit you liked, in your purse or pocket, to sprout at home. If they sprouted, you were momentarily intoxicated with your godlike ability to create life.	9 When you meet someone who likes to garden, you feel an immediate and unbreakable bond with them. You also wonder whether their harvests are better than yours.
5 You hoard yogurt containers, plastic bottles and egg cartons. What? They're useful in the garden!	10 You would not be reading this if it were not about GARDENING! <small>Laras_Garden_</small>



Linda's Nugget and Laura's Monty enjoying a drink in the afternoon sun.

Until next time...

A thought for the new year:

If we could look into each other's hearts and understand the unique challenges each of us faces, I think we would treat each other much more gently, with more love, patience, tolerance, and care.

Marvin J Ashton

