



# *Garden Club of Buzzards Bay*

## *From the Ground Up*

June 2023

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### **Presidents Message**

Dear Members,



After a long and busy winter, we can finally get out into our own gardens and do what we love to do! I love this time of the year. No schedules, unhurried pursuits, flowers, fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms and our own gardens. Not to mention outdoor dining, sun kissed days, and ice cream cones for a finishing touch.

Our plant sale was an amazing success thanks to Anna, Caroline, Barb, Iryna, and Anne as well as all our members who generously gave of their time and talent. All of you contributed to making this not only beautiful, but fun and very impressive.

September will be here before we know it and plans for our joint flower show with Little Compton are moving along nicely. I hope you all will participate in some way.

Members of both clubs have been working very hard behind the scenes to make this a memorable event.

A reminder... a garden tour at Sakonnet Gardens and Issima will take place on June 6th with a rain date of June 7th. Hope you can join us! The Annual meeting will be held on June 15th at 11:00 AM at the home of Libby Eustis, 351 Pine Hill Road, Westport. I will be sending directions as we get closer to the date.

The sun is shining, and I am off to the garden!

All the best,

*Sandy*

(Photo: "Hayfield" by Lisa Mellgard)

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## Changing of the Seasons



Photos: Linda Cornell & Laura Campbell

## Committee News

### Horticulture Committee

Submitted by Ruth Furman

Calling all gardeners (GCBB-ers.) Hoping your gardens are thriving and full of blooms. Our Autumn Joy Flower Show joint with Little Compton GC is in September and the success of the show depends on all club members. If you are a novice at flower shows or need a refresher on the finer points of entering cut specimens this workshop is for you.

Ruth Furman, an approved GCA Hort Judge will be holding a workshop to get you ready and comfortable submitting specimens to a flower show.

### **Horticulture Flower Show Workshop** **Thursday, June 8, 9:30 AM (approx. 60-90 minutes)** **Dartmouth Public Library, Haskell Room**

What to bring:

\***Cut specimens** (in flower) from your garden (3-5) Choose whatever looks good.

\***Glass bottles:** Green (Perrier type) or clear (Fever Tree type) filled w/ water, place your specimens in these containers for transport.

\***Wedging materials:** natural materials preferred - daylily leaves, hosta leaves, narcissus leaves, cotton balls etc. Used plastic wrap - if all else fails.


\***Pruners or Scissors**

\***[ENTRY CARDS.pdf](#)** - if you can, complete in advance. Ruth will do a quick review on how-to-fill- in a hort entry card. There are also [instructions](#) on the GCA website.

At GCBB's annual meeting on June 15 we will have a "practice" flower show where everyone will submit cut specimens from their garden - more details to follow. And of course, we all want to be ready for the Autumn Joy GCA Flower Show in September.

Hope to see you at the workshop.

Any questions, contact Ruth: [ruthfurman01@comcast.net](mailto:ruthfurman01@comcast.net)

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Common Name:		
Length of Ownership:		
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Judges' Comments:		
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Exhibitor:		
Exhibitor's Club & Zone:		
Show Name:		
Show Date(s):		
		<small>Spring 2018</small>

## **Plant Sale**

*Submitted by Anne Heller and Iryna Priester, Plant Sale Co-chairs*

Any worries about the public not showing up for our plant sale were dispelled in the first half hour of the sale on Friday. We had a steady stream of very enthusiastic shoppers who complimented us on our beautiful plants and nearly cleaned us out! Saturday was a much more leisurely day for shoppers and members, and we ended the sale without any plants to return to the greenhouse and a general feeling of a job well done.

We estimate that we had approximately 250 shoppers over the two days of the sale. As you all know, the sale is made up of four components (all wildly popular this year): annuals, perennials, herbs, and succulents. The selection included over 2,000 annuals and tomatoes (all grown in the greenhouse this year), over 160 herbs, over 40 succulent arrangements, and 200 plus perennials (donated by our members). Shoppers liked what they saw because they bought everything!

We took in \$13,000 at the sale (almost \$10,000 on the first day alone). We're still calculating our expenses but estimate we'll net approximately \$11,000, a substantial profit for the Club.

We have a long list of people to thank: Anna Surma, Barb Brown, Caroline Wehner and their greenhouse crew who nurtured an outstanding collection of annuals for the sale; Leslie Bernert who created a succulent wonderland; Tina Read who organized the



herbs for sale to the members and the public; Holly Barrows and Deborah Burke who produced the informative plant signs; 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.

This year's plant sale was an experiment to see how a return to the Rotch-Jones-Duff House grounds would work for a public sale, and we think it went well. However, this format is a "work in progress," and we'd like to hear any suggestions you might have for next year's sale.

The plant sale has always been the highlight of the Club's year and its success a collective effort. Thanks for

your help in making the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay 2023 Plant Sale a success!

Photo: Anna Surma, Iryna Priester, Natalie Mello, Anne Heller

**Plant Sale Set Up** (Photos: Linda Cornell and Laura Campbell)







## Succulents and Perennials:



## Plant Sale Before and After photos

Before:



After:



Before:



**After:**  
That's All, Folks!



Iryna Priester shares this lovely Thank You email from Becca Kurie, Director of Development Alma del Mar Charter Schools:

*Hi Iryna,*

*I wanted to write to thank you and the incredibly generous members of the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay for thinking of Alma del Mar families and teachers as you all planned and ran your annual plant sale last weekend. I was so moved by the graciousness of everyone at the event as you all helped me select a variety of beautiful plants to surprise Alma del Mar families and teachers with. THANK YOU!*

Every single person who received a plant on Monday or Tuesday was **THRILLED** by their new addition. Plant people are **HAPPY** people, I now know! :)

Here's a shot of Alma mom, Leily, and her new additions:



Many thanks <3

Becca Kurie

Director of Development, Alma del Mar Charter Schools

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### Autumn Joy Flower Show

Submitted by Ruth Furman



Dear Members of the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay & the Little Compton Garden Club:

As Co-Chairs of our upcoming **Autumn Joy** Flower Show, we find that there is **NO need** for a June meeting which had been scheduled for Thursday, June 8th.

Please keep Thursday, July 20th, on your calendar and we will send out an agenda as we get closer to the date of the meeting.

In the meanwhile, please continue to meet as an individual Committee if need be.

Thank you all for your contributions to making **Autumn Joy** a success,

Ruth and Libby 

**Hailing all photographers! Autumn Joy will be here before you know it!!  
September 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>  
GCA Flower Show**

**Advance registration is required and opens exclusively to all GCBB and Little Compton members June 1st.** GCA members are invited to register June 15.

To register, go to our website [Gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org](https://www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org), under Members/Autumn Joy/Photography Registration Form, download the registration form and send it to [margaretforbush@gmail.com](mailto:margaretforbush@gmail.com).

If you have any questions contact: [holly.mcdonough@me.com](mailto:holly.mcdonough@me.com)  
or [margaretforbush@gmail.com](mailto:margaretforbush@gmail.com) or [susanmclaren80@gmail.com](mailto:susanmclaren80@gmail.com)

Here are detailed instructions:

**How To Enter the Autumn Joy Photography Show  
5 Easy Steps**

1. **Review Photo Classes and Rules for Autumn Joy (very important!)**  
Go to our website (<https://www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org/>)  
Click on Members banner and choose Autumn Joy
2. **Take some photos or find good ones in your files that fit the show classes**  
Select one or two for show entry and edit as needed
3. **Register to enter show:**  
See the [registration form](#) on GCBB website.  
Complete info for each entry and email to Margaret Forbush ([margaretforbush@gmail.com](mailto:margaretforbush@gmail.com))  
Note: You may enter 2 classes, but only one entry per class.  
Registration opens: June 1, 2023.  
**Registration Deadline: July 15, 2023**
4. **Print and Mount Your Photo(s) – Options:**  
Note: Photos must be flush-mounted on black foam core. No over-matting,

glass or framing permitted. The overall dimension of an entry must be a minimum of 36" and no greater than 50" around total perimeter.

**Print at Home:** You can print your photos on a home printer, using photo paper of your choice. Buy black foam core and mount photo yourself or get mounting done at a shop like Michael's (Dartmouth) or Riverside Art (Somerset). Approx. cost = \$9 to dry mount one 8 X 10 photo.

**K-Ellis Photo Center:** will print and mount on black foam core  
37 Faunce Corner Road  
North Dartmouth. Phone: 508 - 990 - 8240

Example: total cost to print and mount one 8 x 10 is ~\$12; takes 3 - 4 days  
Note: The shop may be closing shop this summer.

**Print only options:** CVS or Walgreen's, etc.  
Tri - color Lab - does high quality print but no mounting on black foam core  
2834 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford; phone 508 - 998 - 3933

**Google for many online printing options with prices.**

#### 5. Final Step:

You need to print the Entry form from the Website, complete the info, and attach to the back of your dry mounted photo(s).  
Submit your photo(s) to Susan McLaren by August 18 deadline.

**DONE! Enjoy the September Show!**

#### **Grants Committee**

Submitted by Gig Lang

The Grants Committee is collecting used garden tools. Do you have any used garden tools that have not reached the end of their useful life? Are you replacing some old shovels, rakes or hand tools with new ones, but have older ones that are still useful?



The Grants Committee would like to recycle these used items to some of our regular grantees who have expressed a need for tools.

Please clean the tools and bring them to the Annual meeting in June or email Gig Lang ([giglang@yahoo.com](mailto:giglang@yahoo.com)) who will pick up your donations.

The Committee is excited to have this project. It's just another way to support organizations in the community.

## **Visiting Gardens Committee**

Submitted by Caroline Wehner

Members of Garden Club of Buzzard's Bay (GCBB) received notice last month from Visiting Gardens Committee of the trip to visit Sakkonet Garden and Issimaworks in Little Compton, RI, on June 6.

We will meet at the Sakkonet Garden parking lot at 10:30 a.m. The lot is located at 510 Main Road in Little Compton. There is a sign indicating the Garden Entrance.

Members are asked to pay \$15 for the tour. If you have not registered by the May 31st deadline, you can still participate. Meet others in the parking lot, and submit your cash or check made out to GCBB and join the tour.

Sakonnet is a garden embedded in a native coastal fields landscape; with the Diminutive scale of a cottage garden, a space where visitors can explore with multiple paths leading to unexpected experiences.

Bring lunch for yourself. We will break for lunch at noon.

Afterwards members will visit Issima nursery and garden.

Issimaworks represents a collaboration between Ed Bowen, formerly of Opus nursery, and Taylor Johnston, formerly of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.



## **Features**

### **Our Gardens**

Tina Read's Garden:



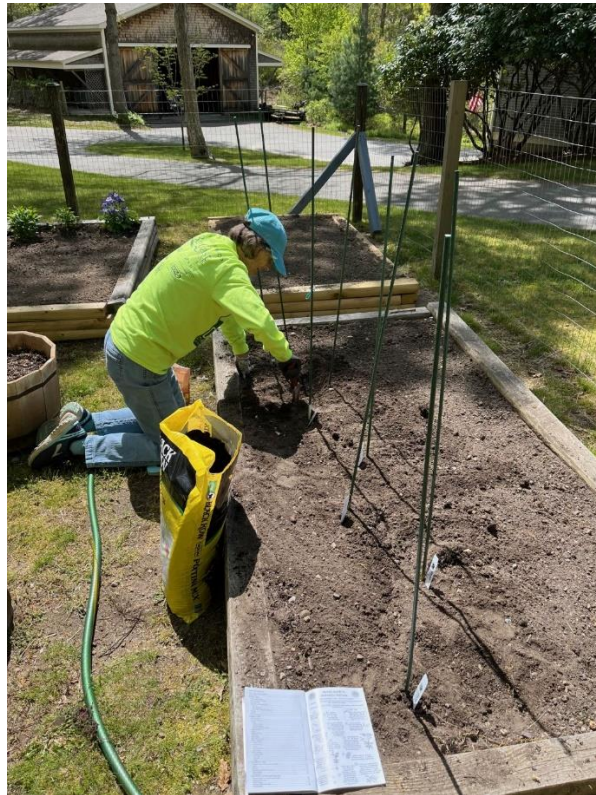
Tina Read's Garden (continued):



From Lisa Mellgard:



Beth Ladd plants dahlias (note the instructions in the front of the photo, smart woman!)



From Sue Perry:



“Dan’s newly renovated “no kneel” vegetable garden surrounded by my perennial garden. The red objects are “walls of water “which surround the tomato plants and enable Dan to put them out early. Many already have buds and are outgrowing their protective homes. In the background is our woodland garden.”



## Local Interest

### Coastal Neighbors Network Garden Tour

On June 14, 2023, there will be a walking tour of **8 gardens in Russells Mills Village** in Dartmouth. Russells Mills Village is one of Dartmouth's true gems. With many houses from the 18th and early 19th centuries, it has changed little in the past 100 years, earning it recognition as an historic district, on the National Register of Historic Places.

For tickets go to:

[Coastal Neighbors Network](http://www.CoastalNeighborsNetwork.org)

**Garden tour tickets sell quickly!**

COASTAL NEIGHBORS NETWORK  
**GARDEN TOUR**  
JUNE 14  
Morning  
10 to 12:30  
or  
Afternoon  
1:30 to 4  
Rain date: June 21  
TICKETS ARE LIMITED  
Visit 8 beautiful gardens nestled within the historic village of Russells Mills. Parking will be off Russells Mills Rd where guests will receive a map of the gardens on tour and historical notes about Russells Mills Village.  
Tickets go on sale May 1st. Visit the website  
[www.CoastalNeighborsNetwork.org](http://www.CoastalNeighborsNetwork.org) Illustration: Taylor Kane

**Ruth Jolliffe's garden will be featured in the:**



### **Mattapoisett Women's Club Garden Tour 2023: *June in Bloom!***

**Saturday, June 24, 2023  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
*Rain or shine***

**Tickets:**  
\$30.00 Advance; \$35.00 Day of Tour

**Location:**  
**Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Tour Tent**

Parking next to *Ying Dynasty Restaurant*  
24 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club proudly announces their 2023 garden tour, ***June in Bloom*** on June 24, 2023, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, rain or shine. The public is invited to view several fabulous gardens selected for a variety of gardening styles. Inspirations will await attendees who visit the various gardens— from formal to informal, woody to cottage, seaside to secluded. The gardens will highlight the use of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, shrubs, trees, and beautiful container plantings. For more information go to:

**[Mattapoisett Women's Club](#)**

## Accolades

### Anne Heller and Iryna Priester

Let's have three *Johnny Jump Ups* for the *Sages* behind the successful 2023 Plant Sale...Anne Heller and Iryna Priester! These two women deserve to be crowned for their organizational skills and leadership. Of course, they could not have done this without the members of the Greenhouse Committee who all deserve a tremendous nod of appreciation. With Anne and Iryna at the helm of advertising, coordinating everyone, parking, and the many decisions behind the scenes that we know nothing about, it came together with a profitable sale that we can all be proud of. Thank you for your leadership, Anne and Iryna!



## Garden Club of America



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**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** 

**Books With Reviews:**

- A Collection of Books by Douglas Tallamy
- Marjorie Sewell Cautley, Landscape Architect for the Motor Age by Sarah Allaback
- George Washington Carver: A Life by Christina Vella
- A Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard
- Rescue and Revival: New York Botanical Garden 1989-2018 by Gregory Long
- The Enchanted April by Elizabeth Von Arnim
- Olmsted and Yosemite: Civil War, Abolition, and the National Park Idea by Rolf Diamant and Ethan Carr

**Book Lists:**

- 2023 Summer Reading List
- 2022 Holiday Reading List
- Books by 2021 GCA National Medalists

The GCA Library Committee is a wonderful resource if you are looking for interesting books and videos. They just released “**Let’s Read This Summer! Recommended Books from the Library Committee Summer 2023**”. It has books by topic: Horticulture, Conservation, Flower Arranging, Landscape Architecture and Design, History, and Fiction. Check it out [here](#).

## In Memoriam

Last week we lost a member and dear friend, Sue Siegal. A member of the club since 1997, she will be remembered fondly by all the members who were fortunate enough to know her. Fran Levin shares her thoughts about her friend, Sue:

“Sue Siegal was a most unusual woman. She never had a bad word to say about anyone, despite my attempts at coaching. Sue was an original, Southern (Baltimore) Yankee. She had the perseverance to play a great game of tennis, teach her husband Cal to sail, love the water, and to walk on many new and difficult paths. A good mother, grandmother, and friend, she will always be remembered for her positivity, just as a good Southern Yankee should be remembered.”



**Sue (Davidson) Siegal**, age 93, of Dartmouth, passed away on Friday, May 19, 2023 at the Jewish Convalescent Home in New Bedford. She was the wife of the late Calvin Siegal.

Born in Baltimore, MD, Sue was the daughter of the late Barnett and Dorothy (Zerwitz) Davidson.

Sue participated in various Jewish organizations, Planned Parenthood, the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay, the League of Women Voters, and was an avid women’s rights activist.

She is survived by three children, Henry Siegal and his wife Nancy of Hopkinton, Ronni Bialosky and her husband Jack of Cleveland, OH, and Edward Siegal and his wife Daphne of Dartmouth; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

For online condolences, please visit: [www.sugarmansinai.com](http://www.sugarmansinai.com)



June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 10:30 Tour of Sakonnet Garden and Issima Works*	7	8 9:30 Horticulture Flower Show Workshop**	9	10
11	12	13	14 Coastal Neighbors Network Garden Tour (See p. 19 for details)	15 Annual Meeting at the Home of Libby Eustis***	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Mattapoisett Women's Club Garden Tour (See p. 19 for details)
25	26	27	28	29	30	

\*Sakonnet Garden parking lot at 10:30 a.m. The lot is located at 510 Main Road in Little Compton.

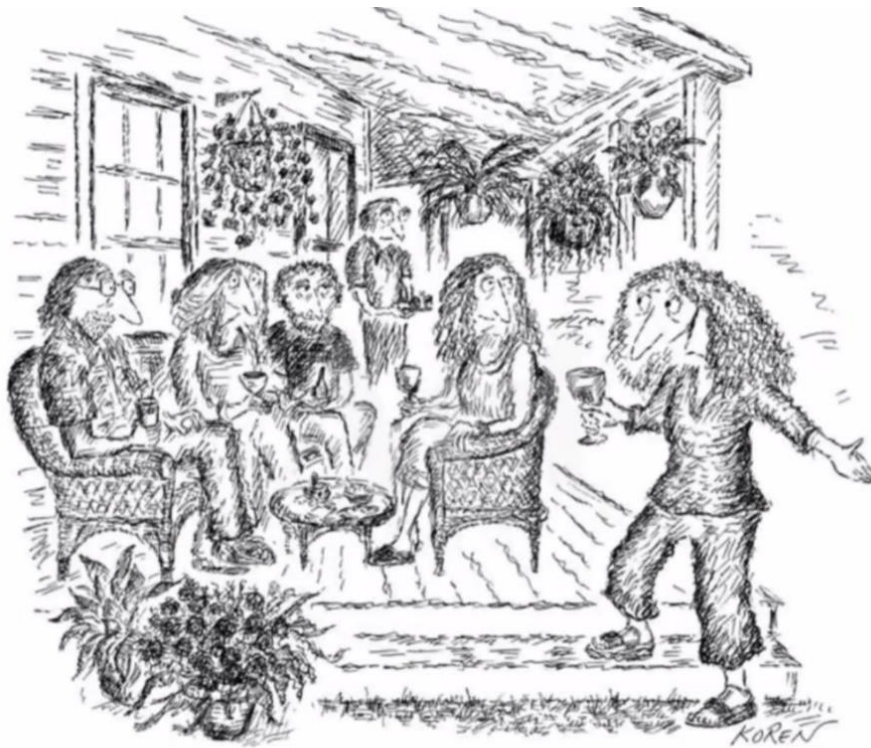
\*\* Thursday, June 8, 9:30 AM @ Dartmouth Public Library, Haskell Room (approx. 60-90 minutes) See 5/20/23 email from Sandy for details or contact [ruthfurman01@comcast.net](mailto:ruthfurman01@comcast.net).

\*\*\*GCBG Annual Meeting at the home of Libby Eustis: 351 Pine Hill Rd, Westport, MA 02790, USA ([map](#))

To check the GCBG Calendar online:

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

*Just for fun...*



*"I need everybody to come down to the garden to cheer on the tomatoes."*



*Until next time...*

