

What's Ahead

November- December 2018
Garden Club of Buzzards Bay

From the President:

Spring is here! In the Greenhouse. This is the season of renewal of our club's growing season. Cuttings are being planted in the warming bench, plants are being divided and potted up. The Greenhouse is abuzz with activity.

The dark conventions of cormorants have set their flight path, and walked their way across the water to take off to their winter climes. The first frost struck the other night, and the tender annuals, nasturtiums, dahlias, etc. have given up the ghost and limp dejectedly. Garden clean-up is on-going, pears and other harvests are being canned and frozen, to await the winter months. The days will continue to grow shorter until our next What's Ahead in January.

On the flip side, GCBB's year is just beginning. Programs have begun, committees are congregating, there is continuing messaging about the GCA Annual Meeting in May, and the air is full excitement. It is wonderful to see you all again after the summer months. So, as I said at the beginning, Spring is here!

— *Ruth*

A last arrangement before frost



Calendar

October

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — At 10:30 a.m., Backyard Botany meets in the Coach House.

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — Deadline for registration for the Roach Jones Duff House's Holiday Tree fundraiser. *Details below

November

Tuesday, Nov. 6 —At 10:30 a.m., Leslie Bernert will lead a workshop on how to make hypertufa containers for succulents. *Details below.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 —At 10:30 a.m. Program Committee meets, location TBD.

Wednesday, Nov 7 or Thursday, Nov. 8 — Garden Committee will meet to take cuttings from our boxwood for propagation.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 — At 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee meets in Coach House.

Thursday, Nov. 15— at 10:30 a.m. talented designer Rachel Sirois of Farrissey Floral Design will demonstrate how to make "Holiday Florals for your Mantel and Table." at the Southworth Library, Dartmouth. Beth Meyer and SaSa Panarese, co-chairs of the 2019 GCA Annual meeting in Boston will talk about meeting preparations.

Thursday, Nov. 29—From 6 to 8 p.m. Preview Party for the RJD's Tree Exhibition.

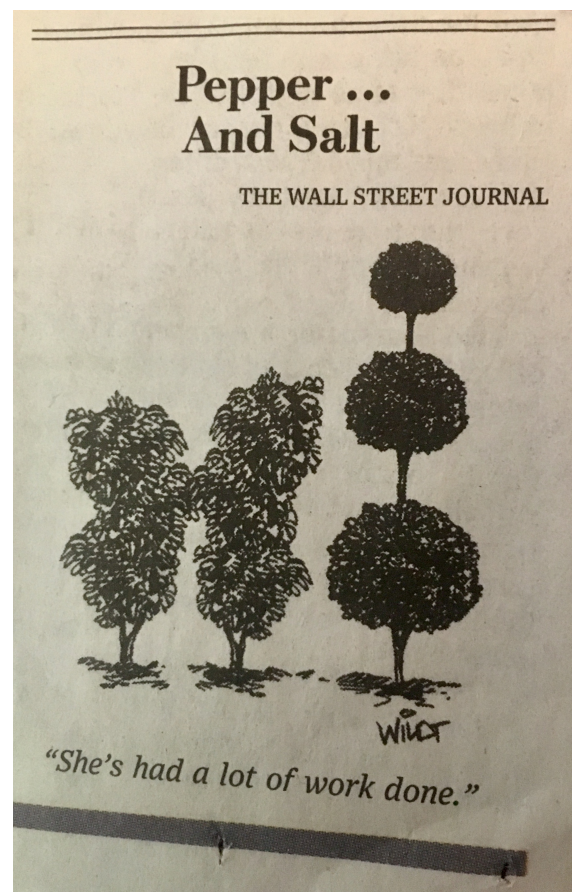
Friday, Nov. 30 through Dec. 9 —RJD Holiday Trees open to public. Free to members, \$6 non-members, \$5 for seniors.

December

Tuesday, Dec. 4 and Wednesday, Dec. 5 —At 9 a.m. on, Tina Read will host wreath making workshop for members. Contact Tina to order a balsam wreath at \$20 each or supplies for a tapestry wreath at \$12. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A WEEK LATER THAN LISTED IN THE HANDBOOK. *Details below.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 — From 6 to 8 p.m. Holiday Party in the RJD. Watch for sign-ups for food and bartenders in the Greenhouse. Laura Campbell and Linda Cornell are chairs.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — At 10:30 a.m., Executive Committee meets in the Coach House.



Hypertufa anyone?

For all of you who have been admiring the outstanding succulent dishes at our Plant Sale, (created by Leslie Bernert and Debbie Tinay) now have a chance to begin a project of your own on Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Coach House.

Members are invited to attend a hypertufa workshop conducted by Leslie Bernert on Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Coach House. Cost is \$10 to cover supplies. In the session, expected to last about one and a half hours, we will make our own planters with hypertufa, a blend of Portland cement and peat moss to take home (no plants included - however our instructor can advise us on procuring and planting).



Leslie suggests we find containers with interesting textures or shapes to use as molds. Larger pots may benefit from an outside mold with a slightly smaller liner in order to provide support for the hypertufa mix as it dries. Plastic containers, larger in diameter at the top are a good choice, and free form works, if you feel creative. Wear old clothes. We look forward to rolling up our sleeves and creating works of art!

If you wish to participate, email Leslie: umamillie@comcast.net

From Hort: Amaryllis and Dahlias

The Hort Committee has two initiatives underway currently....one with amaryllis and the other with dahlias. We recently received our order of 48 Christmas blooming amaryllis bulbs from van Engelen, and GCBB members will be growing them over the next 6 weeks. We hope to have a beautiful display of amaryllis flowers for everyone to enjoy at our holiday party on December 5.

At a November date TBD, the Hort Committee will host a dahlia tuber exchange for all interested club members. This will be a great chance to share your favorites with others and get some new ones for your garden. Please plan to dig your tubers about 2 weeks after a hard frost. That should be around the second or third week of November, although timing may vary by local area. For info on how to dig and divide dahlias, check Google....there are many good explanations and video demos. Here is a link to one possible resource: <https://www.thespruce.com/how-to-dig-and-store-dahlias-1402256>

Stay tuned for the date of our dahlia exchange. We hope all dahlia growers (or wannabes) will participate.

New on the Website

An article on Wintering over Dahlias from Swan Island Dahlia, posted under *Resources*.

An interview with Ruth Jolliffe by Linda Cornell, posted under *Members*.

Fine Gardening's article on Ruth Jolliffe's Garden—"A Formal but Whimsical Garden" posted under *Members...What's the Buzz*

Always, the most updated information on our Membership Roster posted under *Members* <http://www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org>. Password is geranium unless you changed it.

**If you missed our last meeting and the fabulous movie "The Gardener". You can rent it on Amazon for \$4.99.

https://www.amazon.com/Gardener-Frank-Cabot/dp/B07DJD29YR/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1540401568&sr=8-1&keywords=movie+the+gardener

—Holly McDonough, Webmaster

Wreath Workshop

Tina Read will host a wreath-making workshop Tuesday, Dec. 4 and Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Coach House. This year the RJD no longer needs wreaths to sell, so we are making them for ourselves. Some mixed greens will be available, but you should bring a selection from home to use and share.

A 14" Balsam wreath will cost \$20. Decorate with mixed greens. Tina suggests holly, cedar, white pine, skimia, magnolia leaves, pine cones, and other evergreen from home. Bring ribbon for a bow if you have it

You can learn how to make a 14" mixed greens Tapestry Wreath using a frame wrapped with sphagnum moss that can keep for up to two months. Cost of supplies is \$12. Clip a mixture of your favorite evergreens: 5" pieces-- white pine, boxwood, skimia, pachysandra, holly, yellow tip cedar, blue berried cedar,



Leland cedar, arborvitae, variegated boxwood, Andromeda buds, Taxus, PJM

rhododendron. Choose 5-6 different greens of good variety and color. You will need about 15-24 pieces of each depending on the thickness of the plant material.

There will be holiday music and some goodies to cheer you as you create.

Please sign up at tparkerread@gmail.com so I will know how much to order.

—Tina Read

Take out those GCBB Handbooks!

Susan Mead, our Corresponding Secretary, sends these updates of our handbooks.

Update June hostess list to – [Margot Schmid](#), Lee Wheeler, Libby Eustis, Tina Read, Judi Sterns, Ellen Christie, & Happy Webb.

Delete (resignations): Heather Campbell, Ann Sheehan.

Change Barri Throop and Ann Scott to Emerita members.

Add to Provisionals:

Sandra (Sandy) Hall, 115 Elm St., South Dartmouth, MA 02748.

(c) 508-965-6053. Email is saltworksstudio@comcast.net.

Anne Heller, 11 Middle St., South Dartmouth, MA 02748

Phone is 508-999-3070. Email is heller.a@comcast.net

Update Winnie Phyfe's address to – P.O. Box 87145.

Update Janet Coquillette address to – 5 Pine Ridge Lane, P.O. Box 1438, Mattapoisett, MA & email is janetcoquillette@gmail.com

Update Ruth Jolliffe's email to – randmj@icloud.com

Update Nan Sinton's email to – nbsinton@gmail.com

Update Margaret Megowen's email to – margaretmegowen@gmail.com

Update Ellie Smith's email to – etsmith95@icloud.com

Add Carolyn Willard to the AWARDS Committee.

Huguley & Coquillette list GCBB as their secondary clubs.

Calling all decorators...

The RJD is launching a new holiday fundraiser and asking their supporters to donate decorated Christmas trees, wreaths or topiaries to be sold during its Holiday Tree Exhibition Nov. 30- Dec. 9. GCBB members are asked to participate in any way they can. A GCBB member has donated an artificial 4' Jasper Fir tree with built-in lights and

we are looking for people willing to be decorators. We also have some donated silver ribbons, balls, etc. that will help defray expenses. Be creative and support a good cause by volunteering to do the GCBB tree or come up with your own idea.

Registration is basically now, but RJD director Dawn Salerno says that deadline is flexible. A couple of stipulations: No live plant material, dried flowers are OK with the exception of hydrangea. The hope is to have every tree/wreath/topiary donated to be sold. Remainders



will be donated to local charities. Designers get a reduced price ticket to the preview party on Nov. 29 and passes to the exhibit which runs from Nov. 30 to Dec. 9.

For details and registration form, go to the RJD website, rjdmuseum.org.

