



# *Garden Club of Buzzards Bay*

## *From the Ground Up*

October 2024

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### **Presidents Message**

Dear Members,

Soft summer breezes give way to Autumn's productive energy. As we transition between these seasons, we gather our resources and prepare for new endeavors. But first, I'd like to thank and acknowledge the women whose vision and leadership laid the foundation of our club, allowing it to take root and flourish. I am grateful for their leadership, hard work, and continued support.

New times bring new energy and new ways of doing things. While we will maintain the basic structure that has served us well, we're also excited to explore new ideas and make a few thoughtful adjustments to help us grow and evolve. Even gardening visions are evolving. Native plants, once considered weeds, are now being propagated and distributed to educate gardeners about their role in maintaining healthy ecosystems and sustaining biodiversity.

It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces at our first meeting. Thanks to our programming and hostessing committees, led by Tia Bullard and Deborah Burke, we're off to a great start and maybe some of us are inspired to plant and prune our trees this fall. And wear safety goggles!

Like students starting off a new year, please take the time to revisit some of the basics that made our club so vibrant and cohesive:

- Familiarize yourselves with the yearbook—it is the cornerstone of our club, a written foundation to everything we do, including new bylaws and expectations
- Visit the GCBB website. In addition to our calendar of events (which should be sent to our webmaster, Laura Campbell), there is much to glean from our history and experiences.
- Explore the GCA website—a portion of your dues goes to this incredible resource...you'll find information, ideas, and visions. It is outstanding.
  - P.S. Please add a profile pic to your page; the site will feel more personal.
- If you haven't already, meet up with your committee members to plan and begin the new year.

I look forward to moving forward with members who are curious, engaged, and kind, always kind. Let's make this the best year ever!

~ Barb

***“The mission of the GCBB is to educate and inspire our members through horticulture, conservation, education, and community involvement. The camaraderie of our greenhouse fosters lifelong friendships and a deep love of gardening”***

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## Changing of the Seasons



The first leaf of fall  
Photo: Linda Cornell



Passing of the torch: incoming President Barb Brown shares a smile with outgoing President Sandy Hall at the Annual Meeting in June.

Photo: Linda Cornell



The last 'Rosy Returns' daylily of the season.  
Photo: Laura Campbell

## Committee News

### Greenhouse Committee

Submitted by Michel Jodoin

Several members at last year's Plant Sale requested that we have more geraniums of their favorite varieties. This can only be achieved if they bring cuttings to the greenhouse, so we can grow said geraniums, and any other interesting plants you think to bring to us that we can grow. We will be accepting cuttings in October and early November on Tuesday mornings. **Please examine plants for traces of infestations of spider mites or mealy bugs before bringing cuttings into Greenhouse so we don't get an infestation of bugs.**

Here are some photos of plantings the GCBB created for the RJD:



### **Grants Committee**

Submitted by Gig Lang

**HAPPY FALL to all GCBB Members!**

**October is the month that the GCBB Grant application becomes available. If any club member would like to suggest a non-profit organization, please email me their name and address and an application will be sent. The deadline for applications is NOVEMBER 15, 2024. Notifications will be made by JANUARY 31, 2025.**

**Garden tools are always a needed ask for most organizations. Please help the committee with their effort to distribute recycled tools. I am available for pickup. Any questions please contact Gig Lang ([giglang@yahoo.com](mailto:giglang@yahoo.com)).**

### **Holiday Greens Market**

Submitted by Barbara (BJ) Pease and Holly Barrows

**The Holiday Greens Market will be held on Saturday, 12/7... yikes, never too early to begin thinking about the upcoming holidays!**

**To get prepared, the HGM Committee is sponsoring 4 workshops to be held at 10:00 in the Coach House after Greenhouse on Tuesday 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 and 11/19. The focus will be on creating non-perishable holiday gifts such as pinecone angels, shell trees and bow-making. There will also be a session on pruning and conditioning greens; as you know, we rely on donated greens from you for use in table arrangements and wreaths. Please join us...these workshops are for all members.**

**Do consider donating containers which can be used for holiday center pieces. If you see seed pods, twisty branches, or any potential adornments for wreaths, please pick them up.**

**Thank you in advance for your creativity, your time and your holiday greens!**

## Provisional Member Bios

### **Bianca Bator**

After majoring in economics at Princeton University, Bianca moved to Philadelphia and began a career in commercial banking. Newly married to her husband Michael, Bianca moved to Boston just as the banking industry was hit with a recession, so she pivoted and became Director of Corporate Underwriting for WBUR-FM public radio. Thus began her career in the world of non-profit development. Bianca has worked for WGBH-TV Boston, WNET-TV New York, and The Children's Museum of the Arts in Lower Manhattan.

While raising her three children in her home state of New Jersey, Bianca continued her work in finance and fundraising for The Montclair Co-operative School and The Montclair Kimberley Academy as both a volunteer and a trustee.

Bianca and Michael spent their summers in Nonquitt, and in 2021 they purchased an 1803 farmhouse in South Dartmouth which they have been



lovingly renovating and restoring. It is now their year-round home. Many years of land stewardship, garden planning, and poison ivy removal await them both.

Bianca is an avid and

accomplished cook who relishes the summer bounty of our local farms and the opportunity to cook for friends and neighbors. When not cooking, eating, or tangling with mugwort and multi-flora rose, Bianca serves on the Development Committee of the New Bedford Symphony, is a Trustee of Ballet Rhode Island

and a Co-founder and Producer of the Boardwalk Ballet Project. Nothing has made Bianca feel more rooted in the community than the GCBP's invitation to join its membership. What an opportunity to learn and grow!

The photo of Bianca was taken May 2021 in the Iris Garden in Florence, Italy during a four-month Artisanal Food Production Program taught by Bianca's culinary hero, Fabio Picchi of the Cibreo Restaurant Group

## **Carole Griffith**

I was born in Dartmouth MA just before Christmas, so my parents called me Carole. I have one older sister Janice who lives in Lakeville MA.

When I was school age, my family moved to New Bedford, and I graduated in the NBHS class of 1963. I entered nursing school in Boston at Mass General and other Boston area hospitals. Upon graduating I returned to New Bedford to work at what was then Union Hospital.

I met my future husband Paul W. Griffith, Jr in 1968 and married on June 21st of 1969. We just celebrated 55 years of marriage this year.

We moved to Akron Ohio for my husband's job as an engineer at Goodyear Tire and Rubber. I worked as a nurse at Green Cross Hospital and St Thomas in Akron.

Our daughter Melissa was born on July 21, 1973. Six months later we moved to Richmond KY for Paul's promotion to Personal Manager for the Goodyear plant in Berea, KY. We only stayed there about 1 year because Paul took a new job as Sales Rep for Champion Products. It enabled us to move back to MA. We settled in the small town of Paxton, a suburb of Worcester, MA. While



there our son Jason P. was born November 2, 1976. Another promotion for Paul enabled us to "move home" from Paxton to Padanaram. We built our home at

463 Elm Street in 1986 and brought our family up and cared for my elderly parents until their passing and the children went on to college. Finding the house too large for two people we undertook another build and moved to 22 Wild Pepper Lane at Wild Pepper Farm in 2000.

Thinking about retirement we bought a home in Moss Creek, Hilton Head, SC eventually making that our main residence for over 20 years. We sold that house this past spring and moved to what was our summer and holiday residence on 28 Priscilla Street, New Bedford.

I have various interests and hobbies. Gardening and flower arranging are listed at the top. I have been involved in Flower & Alter Guilds at our local Episcopal Church wherever our location brought us.

For several years in the early 90's through mid 2000's I bred and showed Bearded Collies (a Highland herding breed) and in a lesser degree Papillons (a small lap dog famous in the French court).

I enjoy classical and jazz music, theater, needlework, painting, reading, playing Bridge and Canasta, playing golf and walking our two little dogs.

I am particularly looking forward to meeting new ladies and gents who have the love of gardening and connected interests as a new member of the GCBB

### **Jennifer Wolfe Webb**

While growing up in Kansas City, I helped our delightful elderly neighbor, Mrs. Lundgren with her yard full of flowers. She had one long bed with a lush border of nasturtiums, and I loved their bright yellow and orange flowers, their round leaves that looked to me like lily pads, and their unique peppery fragrance. I was hooked, not just on nasturtiums, but on gardening. I've kept at it, with lots of trial and error, in all the homes I've lived in, from Kansas City to Canton, Ohio (1992) and then to Marion, Massachusetts (2016).

In addition to gardening, I've always loved cooking, and it became my second profession in the late '90's. I worked as a chef, caterer, consultant, teacher, and cooking school director after an early career as a college English instructor and administrator. My gardens started as a refuge from paper grading and university politics and became a rich source of inspiration, as well as the many different

herbs and edible flowers I used in my culinary work. (Note the absence of vegetables in that description—I'm still searching for success with those...).



Along with my professional work, over the years I've served as a volunteer and board member for a number of community organizations including the Canton Museum of Art, the Canton Garden Club, the Canton Symphony, Canton Montessori School, and, most recently, the Marion Art Center, where I served as president of the board from 2018 to 2023.

My husband Davis and I are currently retired and building a new home (and garden!) in Marion. Our blended family includes my son Mason, who lives in Fort Collins, Colorado; my daughter Charley, who lives in Denver, Colorado; and Davis's daughter Audrey, who lives in

Marion with her husband Cam and is expecting our first grandchild at the end of September.

When I'm not in the garden or the kitchen, I enjoy yoga, reading, art, paddleboarding, and sailing Buzzards Bay and beyond as crew for Davis. I'm excited to join the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay to meet like-minded gardeners, learn more about gardening on the South Coast, and support the horticultural community here.



## Features

A gentle reminder: **HOSTESSING ETIQUETTE**

Now that we have returned to “in person” meetings there are a few courtesy details that have gotten lost during Covid and zoom meetings. The handbook has these clearly spelled out if you know where to look (the last page of the Program section)

The days before Covid we, as a club, would meet monthly, primarily at members' homes and serve lunch. This always required a “head count” to help define quantity of food offered.

Post Covid things have loosened up and we no longer serve lunches except at the annual meeting. *But* we always have homemade snacks and drinks at the expense of our hostessing committee. It would be nice to know how many members will be attending.

If you have ever hosted a dinner party, you know that last minute RSVPs are difficult. Please give the team ample notice so they can accommodate numbers. *This includes added guests who are always welcomed.*

**Here are the RSVP guidelines:**

- **Active and Provisional members are to notify the Head Hostess is UNABLE to attend the meeting.**
- **Associate and Affiliate members should notify the Head Hostess if you PLAN to attend.**

Another little detail that was questioned at the last meeting was: why do we take attendance? As with the RSVP responsibility there are also attendance requirements in place for Active and Provisional members. Those members are expected to attend a *minimum* of four meetings during the year, so we do a head count to keep track. This information is also found on the last page in the Program section of your handbook.

At the September meeting we had a fabulous speaker: **Jen Kettle** of [Radiant Leaf Consulting](#). She gave us lots of laughs along with great information. Looking for those recommended safety glasses? Visit her [online store](#). She also does [virtual consults](#) via Zoom.



## Floral Design at the Newport Flower Show

Submitted by Carla Morey

I entered the Newport Flower Show, A Functional Table, Class Cin Cin (Cheers)

My inspiration:

"Pour yourself a tequila sunrise, have a nibble, and enjoy the sunset from your back porch. Cheers!"



A Functional Table is a table exhibit arranged for dining, including dishes, glassware, linens, and floral design(s) with or without other components (from the GCA Floral Design committee page) The key is not to overcrowd the table, always considering voids are as important as solids and using the Principles and Elements of Design throughout the table, not just the flower arrangement.

Editor's note: The entry earned her a 1st Place Blue Ribbon. Congratulations, Carla!

Carla also shares the following list of movies from the Garden Club of America's Floral Design Committee. Something to do on a rainy day...

### ***Cinematic Floral Gems***

*Are you a passionate flower enthusiast or someone who appreciates the beauty and symbolism of garden blooms? Dive into a world of floral splendor with our curated list of movies that celebrate the enthralling allure of flowers. From tales of love and romance to heartwarming stories of personal growth, these films captivate the hearts and minds of flower lovers everywhere. Indulge your love for flowers with these cinematic gems and let these movies transport you to worlds where petals hold the power to enchant and inspire.*

*Grab your favorite popcorn bouquet, indulge in some online flower delivery, and let the floral magic unfold on-screen.*

#### **POPCORN FLOWER BOUQUET:**

Use a plastic popcorn container (available at Target or Amazon) and fill with water. Use glass stones or small gravel at the bottom to anchor long stems if needed. Add garden or grocery store flowers in your favorite colors. Be sure to remove any leaves from your bouquet below the water line.



### **A Must-Watch Movie List for Flower and Garden Lovers**



#### **A Little Chaos (2014)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime, You Tube*

Transport yourself to 17th-century France in this historical drama that revolves around the creation of the King Louis XIV's Gardens of Versailles. Kate Winslet's character, a landscape designer, brings her passion for gardens and flowers to the grandeur of the royal court where secrets and sadness are buried beneath the glamour.



#### **Dare to be Wild (2015)** *Amazon Prime*

Irish horticulturist and botanist Mary "Wild" Reynolds overcomes all obstacles to turn her dream into reality – to win the Chelsea Flower Show. With her unconventional ideas, she is often considered an outsider. Fairytale flourishes, a superb soundtrack, and a potent environmental message are the film's finer qualities and source of its undeniable charm.



#### **Greenfingers (2000)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime, You Tube*

The beauty and delicacy of a flower seem a sharp contrast to the rough exterior of a prison inmate. Loosely based on a true story, this British comedy is a story of redemption that not only tickles the funny bone but touches the soul. Clive Owen and Helen Mirren star in this story of redemption by horticulture.



**The Secret Garden (1993)** *Amazon Prime, You Tube*

Based on the beloved novel, this enchanting tale features a hidden, neglected garden that comes to life with vibrant blooms. Watch as the magic of nature, represented by exquisite flowers, transforms the lives of the characters. The film follows a young orphan girl who, after being sent to live with her uncle, discovers a magical garden on the grounds of his estate.



**The Rose Maker (2020)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime*

Eve is an artisanal horticulturist who honors her father by continuing the family legacy, breeding unique roses that are showcased all over France. As she struggles to compete against a corporate rival and with the business on the verge of bankruptcy, her secretary makes a last-ditch effort to turn things around by hiring three ex-convicts with no horticultural skills. Eve and her team of misfits soon discover unexpected sources of inspiration and personal connection in this colorful and touching comedy. This French cinematic gem is worth the subtitles.



**This Beautiful Fantastic (2017)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime, You Tube*

Set against the backdrop of a beautiful private London garden, this contemporary fairy tale centers on the unlikely friendship between a reclusive young woman who dreams of writing children's books and a cranky widower. Facing eviction over her neglected garden, she meets her grumpy, loveless next-door neighbor who happens to be an amazing horticulturalist.



**Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes (2019)** *Amazon Prime*

(Documentary) Follow award-winning public garden designer Lynden B. Miller as she sets off to explore the remarkable life and career of America's first female landscape architect, Beatrix Farrand. Miller journeys to iconic gardens designed by Farrand and engages with designers, scholars, and horticulturists in a spirited dialogue about the meaning and importance of this ground-breaking early 20<sup>th</sup>-century woman. The Garden Club of America is even mentioned!



**The Martian (2015)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime, You Tube*

Believe it or not, this action movie is about plants. It tells the fictional story of an astronaut, played by Matt Damon, who's left for dead on the surface of Mars during an emergency evacuation of a NASA science mission. The stranded botanist astronaut must figure out how to grow a garden and survive until the next manned mission to Mars.



**The Gardener (2018)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime*

(Documentary) Created over 75 years and three generations, Les Quatre Vents stands as an enchanted place of beauty and surprise, a horticultural masterpiece of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. See how influential gardener and plantsman Frank Cabot recounts his personal quest for perfection and gave birth to one of the greatest gardens in the world. “The path of a man behind the project of a lifetime.”



**Calendar Girls (2003)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime*

Based on a true story, a group of middle-aged women bravely and unashamedly pose nude for a calendar to raise money for their local hospital. Starring Helen Mirren, the film follows the women as they prepare for and participate in the photoshoot, tastefully covering their modesty with ordinary things like flowers, watering cans and buns! A surprisingly moving fable of loss, determination, and the perils of fame.



**Medicine Man (2021)** *Apple TV, Amazon Prime*

A brilliant eccentric scientist (Sean Connery) is working on a research project for a large drug company in the Amazon jungle. He sends for a research assistant because he's possibly found a cure for cancer from a flower in the jungle. Sparks fly when the assistant turns out to be a woman, but the two must join forces to fight commercial loggers intent on destroying the trees and flowers used for his research. Beautiful botanical scenes are set amidst a reminder of the importance of rainforest preservation.



**Kiss the Ground (2020)** *Netflix*

Although not strictly a movie about flowers, this groundbreaking documentary showcases the way regenerative agriculture can be used to help combat climate change. Narrated by Woody Harrelson, the film artfully illustrates how it is not just the beauty that flowers and plants have from a visual aspect, but also how they can contribute to our consistent climate change challenge. Worth a watch if you are looking for something with more substance than drama.



## Accolades

### Christel Phipps

We are saying goodbye to Christel Phipps as she steps away from the GCBB to give her time to travel and being with friends and family. Since joining as a member in 2005, she was one of the constant faces in the greenhouse. Always there, always working. A supportive and generous committee member who knew her way around all aspects of the plant world. Christel has been involved with many committees - most recently heading the Awards committee. Her talents were especially respected as a creative flower arranger and wreath maker. For many years she shared her talents at the wreath workshops to support the RJD. In 2012 she was awarded the GCA Club Appreciation award and in 2020 she received the GCBB Busy Bee Award. The awards she has received sum up her commitment to the club.

We will miss her and wish her well as she enters life beyond the GCBB. Staying in touch with Christel will be a welcomed joy, so do reach out to her:

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**508-636-6602**  
[cpe8@comcast.net](mailto:cpe8@comcast.net)



# Garden Club of America



To learn how to add a photo to your profile on the GCA website, go to: [Help \(gcamerica.org\)](http://Help(gcamerica.org)).

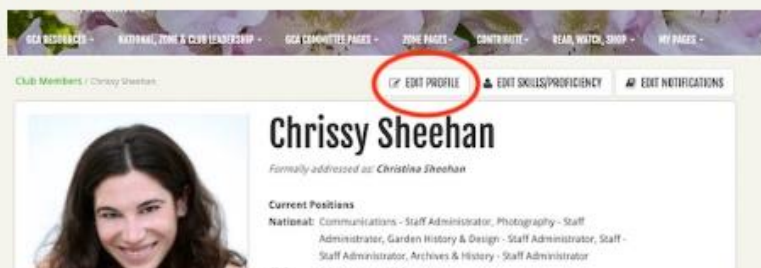
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Once you have logged into the Members Area of the website complete the following steps


- Click on "My Profile"



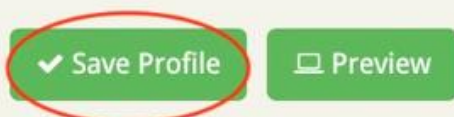
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- Select a photo from your files when they appear
- Scroll all the way to the bottom to hit "Save Profile" (It's further down than you think!)



## October Birthdays



Each month, we at the newsletter love to acknowledge our members who are having birthdays. October Birthdays to celebrate:

🌻 Barb Brown – October 11<sup>th</sup>

🌻 Susan Rothschild – October 24<sup>th</sup>

\*If you would like to participate in the fun, please send along the month and date of your special day to [lindyc@davecornellcharters.com](mailto:lindyc@davecornellcharters.com) or [lcampbell64@comcast.net](mailto:lcampbell64@comcast.net).



## Local Interest



### Fall Symposium

Registration for Autumn Joy is now open! This fall symposium hosted by the Master Gardeners will be on Saturday, October 5, at 9:00 a.m. at the Harwich Community Center. This event will feature Mal Condon, renowned as "The Hydrangea Guy" and curator of hydrangeas at Heritage Museums and Gardens in Sandwich, who will provide insights into caring for hydrangeas through the winter. The symposium also includes sessions on cultivating dahlias and succulents, growing fresh vegetables during the colder months, and a hands-on container garden demonstration to help you prepare for spring. Registered participants will be entered into a door prize drawing.

**AUTUMN JOY  
2024**



Tickets are \$25. [Register online here](https://masterygardenerscc.org) For more information, please visit: <https://masterygardenerscc.org>.

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## In Memoriam

### **Joan Underwood**

Submitted by Holly Barrows

While our parents were friendly while we were growing up on the South Coast, Joan and I met and became buddies while raising our children in Westport, CT. Our daughters were friendly, we planned and made visits “home” to Westport and Dartmouth and Joan introduced me to rowing on the Saugatuck River where she was an accomplished oarswoman.

When I returned to the South Coast in 2022, I reconnected with Joan. Always a caring, wickedly funny and insightful ally, she gave me her sage advice on how to navigate life here in town. Joan sponsored my membership in GCBB and acted as my mentor.

Her zest for living, her interest in art, sport, literature and horticulture continued to shine even as her health diminished. She loved a party, a symphony, discussing a book, last minute dinners at the beach; she was an evolved and involved member of the community.

I feel so very grateful for my time with Joan and for the memories I cherish.



Joan in Washington, D.C. for the [GCA NAL](#) conference

Joan cleaning up in the greenhouse. Even the mask can't hide her warm smile.



[Joan Underwood Obituary - South Dartmouth, MA \(dignitymemorial.com\)](#).

October 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 National Black Dog Day 	2	3	4 National Taco Day 	5
6	7	8 9:00 Greenhouse opens	9	10 9:00 Executive Committee	11	12  NATIONAL FARMERS DAY
13	14 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	15 9:00 Greenhouse 10:00 History & Archives*	16	17 10:30 Monthly Meeting* Full Moon	18	19
20	21	22 9:00 Greenhouse 10:00 History & Archives*	23	24	25	26
27 Black Cat Day 	28 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY 	29 9:00 Greenhouse 10:00 Holiday Greens	30	31 Happy Halloween 		



Full Hunter Moon: Thursday, October 17th

\* Monthly Meeting - Thursday, October 17th

Location: Dartmouth YMCA 276 Gulf Road Dartmouth

Speaker - Ashley Brister, Lead Farmer Dartmouth YMCA: Sharing the Harvest (GCBB grant recipient). Farm presentation will be followed by an optional tour.

\* History & Archives committee and Holiday Greens Market meetings will be after Greenhouse and in the Coach House

*Just for fun...*



**Some days  
I amaze myself.**

**Other days, I put my  
keys in the fridge.**

***Until next time...***

