



# *Garden Club of Buzzards Bay*

## *From the Ground Up*

December 2024

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### **President's Message**

Dear Members,

As the year draws to a close, I want to express my gratitude for the support,



enthusiasm, and dedication you've brought to me and to our garden club. The hard work of all our committees has made this a year of growth and learning, and, I hope, the foundation for lasting connections. Looking ahead, I'm excited about the opportunities the coming year will bring and confident that, together, we'll continue to make a positive impact. Thank you for being an essential part of our community.

As one of our members recently said, "It is the benefit of association that brings us together to fulfill our club's mission and that of the GCA." I couldn't agree more—thank you, Carla, for capturing the spirit of what we do so beautifully. In that spirit, I look forward to celebrating with you at our annual holiday party on December 12 at the New Bedford Yacht Club.

Enjoy the beauty and warmth of this festive season.

**~ Barb**

Photo: Linda Cornell

**"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



Photos: Linda Cornell

## Committee News

### Greenhouse Committee

Submitted by Co-Chairs: Anna Surma, Cynthia Brown, Michel Jodoin, and Teresa Betit

#### GREENING AND GROWING AT RJD

The GCBB Greenhouse Committee has been hard at work, with the results rooting and growing day by day! Many thanks to all GCBB members who either have attended our Tuesday morning work sessions, donated cuttings or signed up to tend and water our plants. It's only through the coordinated efforts of our entire organization that we are able to grow, either from cuttings or seeds, so many beautiful and varied plants for our annual Plant Sale.

Please do sign up for watering & tending on the club's [website](#). Note that daily cutting and potted plant maintenance tasks are posted on the greenhouse bulletin board wall.



Remember to note indoor and outdoor temperatures on our paper calendar as well as the jobs completed. At this point, with many cuttings growing, the first job is to raise the covering over the trays & benches and then empty the plastic water cups. The auto-mister waters the center table. The outer bench with trays (also with heat mat) has a makeshift cover that also needs to be removed before tending. The plants in this section will not be evenly moist or dry, and rather need an examination before they get watered. Some trays may need water, and some may not. Lift a tray up to see if it is heavy (well-watered) or light (needs a bit of water). If water is needed it's a dribble, not a soaking. Overwatering is more

problematic than underwatering. The same goes for the potted plants: check before you water. Lastly, if you don't overlap with the other person who signed up for that day, make a note of what you did and or didn't do, if you plan to be at the greenhouse in the afternoon rather than morning, call or try to let them know.

Again, thanks to everyone who volunteers at our Greenhouse. It's a special time in our tranquil & beautiful space; aren't we fortunate?

The Greenhouse buzzing with happy workers...







## Holiday Greens Market

Submitted by Holly Barrows

**DECK THE HALLS! DECEMBER 7 is coming, and we are busily preparing.**

**We have had four Tuesday morning workshops which prepared us to cut and condition holiday greens, make holiday bows, shell and moss trees, assembled twinkle light containers and pinecone angels. Your participation and good cheer is really appreciated!**

**Many, many thanks in advance for cutting, donating and delivering decorative greens to the greenhouse (outside the Coach House door). These are essential to us in making wreaths, arrangements etc. for the Holiday Greens Market.**

**We will be making wreaths, holiday arrangements, swags etc. in the Coach House from Monday 12/2 through Thursday 12/5, starting at 9AM. Come join the fun, everyone is welcome!**

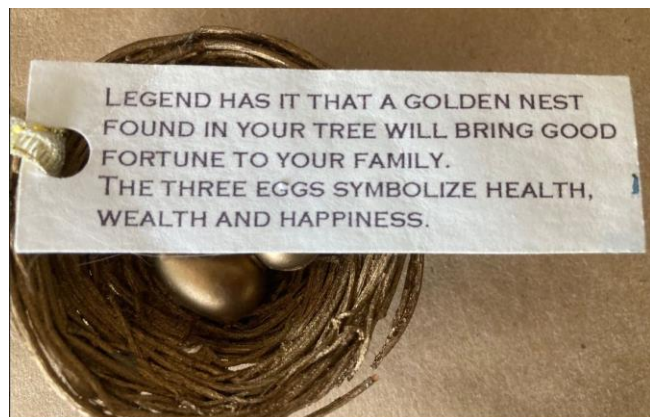
**If you wish to work the day of the Holiday Greens Market, 12/7, there is an [online sign-up](#).**

**Please tell your friends, neighbors, and family about the Holiday Greens Market! It really is a special event; full of holiday joy and packed with beautiful items made and designed by our GCBM members.**

**Thank you!!!!**

### **Sneak Peek!**

**Only available at the GCBM Holiday Greens Market:  
Sandy Hall's original art - hand painted scallop shells**



***Natalie Mello preps for the workshop on designing the sea glass sparkle light containers:***



Tina Read demonstrates how to make a shell holiday tree:



*A message from the Treasurer*

Submitted by Lisa Mellgard

We now have the ability to make electronic payments to GCBB. The GCBB bank account is with Webster Bank and the electronic payment system they use is Zelle. For those who already use the payment system called Zelle, this will be very easy. You just add the email address [GCBBgarden@gmail.com](mailto:GCBBgarden@gmail.com) as your payee and the money will go directly into GCBB's bank account. If you do not use Zelle and your bank does not offer it, you will need to download the Zelle app from your app store on your phone. Register with the app and then you can send and receive payments through the app using the email address above. After you make a payment, you will receive a confirmation.

This method of payment can be used to receive reimbursement from GCBB for expenses (you will have to provide Lisa with your Zelle account info) or to send payment to GCBB for dues or for purchases at our Greens Market or Plant Sale.

Contact Lisa ([lisa.mellgard@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.mellgard@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

*GCBB Holiday Party*

Dear members of the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay,

HOLD THE DATE....This year our HOLIDAY PARTY will be held at noon, *December 12th*, at the New Bedford Yacht Club. (208 Elm St, South Dartmouth MA). Invitations have gone out and we NEED your RSVP by Dec 2nd to hold your spot. Since this is a club-paid event, we need the *exact* numbers attending. Don't miss out. As a reminder no guests are invited to this party as always. The Holiday Party promises to be a great time and it's always fun and festive to see everyone, all in one space, at the same time!

We will be collecting donations for the homeless this year. "Mercy Meals" provides food as well as necessities for the homeless in the New Bedford area. What they have requested are men's socks. It seems that women and children are more often taken care of, but the men are left out. So, this year let's put smiles on their faces and warm socks on their feet. SOCKS! SOCKS! AND MORE SOCKS! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please bring your donations to the Holiday Party and I will hand them off to "Mercy Meals". I hope you can join us...

With warm regards,  
Deborah Burke

## Feature

November's well attended meeting featured an informative and inspiring demonstration by our floral design duo, Tina Read and Carla Morey.



Carla gives instructions on creating a festive arrangement:



Tina shares her best how to tips on creating a beautiful holiday centerpiece:



We also welcomed GCA Zone I reps, Peggy Mayfield of Fox Hill Garden Club and Libby Moore of Little Compton Garden Club, who shared their roles within our wide-reaching parent organization.



Tina Read created the fun Thanksgiving Turkey arrangement and shared where to find the how-to video on the Floral Design page of the GCA website:



How To video: [The Virginia Beach GC presents Sandra Baylor's Thanksgiving Turkey](#)



As you enter the RJD this year you will be greeted by a nautical themed wreath appropriate for a whaling merchant's home:



The wreath was artfully created by Linda Cornell. Beautiful (both of them)!



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Check out the Fall 2024 issue of [ConWatch](#)

## December Birthdays



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



**Sandy Hall – December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

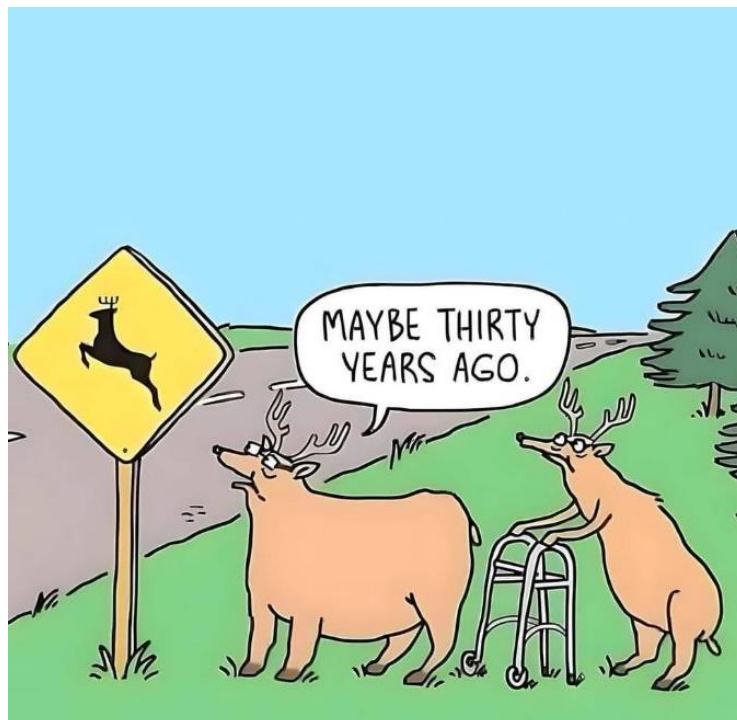


**Susan Mead – December 27<sup>th</sup>**



**Anne Heller – December 29<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).



## December 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                   | Tue                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                          | Thu                                                           | Fri                                                                                       | Sat                                                                                        |
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| 1                                                                                                                     | 2<br><b>9:00<br/>Holiday<br/>Greens<br/>Market<br/>(HGM)<br/>Prep</b> | 3<br><b>9:00<br/>Greenhouse</b><br><br><b>9:00 HGM<br/>Prep</b>                                                        | 4<br><b>9:00 HGM<br/>Prep</b><br>National<br>Cookie Day<br> | 5<br><b>9:00 HGM<br/>Prep</b>                                 | 6<br><b>9:00 HGM<br/>Prep</b>                                                             | 7<br><b>9:00 – 2:00<br/>Holiday<br/>Greens<br/>Market!</b>                                 |
| 8                                                                                                                     | 9                                                                     | 10<br><b>9:00<br/>Greenhouse</b><br><b>10:00<br/>History &amp;<br/>Archives</b>                                        | 11                                                                                                                                           | 12<br><b>12:00<br/>GCBH<br/>Holiday<br/>Party at<br/>NBYC</b> | 13<br> | 14                                                                                         |
| 15<br><br><b>Full Cold<br/>Moon</b> | 16                                                                    | 17<br><b>9:00<br/>Greenhouse</b><br><b>11:00<br/>Boxwood</b>                                                           | 18                                                                                                                                           | 19                                                            | 20                                                                                        | 21<br> |
| 22                                                                                                                    | 23                                                                    | 24<br><b>9:00<br/>Greenhouse</b>                                                                                       | 25<br><b>Christmas</b><br>First Night<br>of<br>Hanukkah                                                                                      | 26<br><b>First Night<br/>of Kwanzaa</b>                       | 27                                                                                        | 28                                                                                         |
| 29                                                                                                                    | 30                                                                    | 31<br><b>New Year's<br/>Eve</b><br> |                                                                                                                                              |                                                               |                                                                                           |                                                                                            |

*Just for fun...*



*Until next time...*

