



Garden Club of Buzzards Bay

From the Ground Up

April 2025

President's Message

Dear Members,

As gardeners, April signals that it's time to get to work. Whether you are refining an existing garden or maintaining an established one, there's always something to do. But, please, take a moment to appreciate those little drops of sunshine that brighten our day. Speaking as a former DNRT Daffodil Ranger—no one captured the essence of April in New England better than William Wordsworth. Evoking a sense of joy and wonder, his words remind us that nature offers inspiration, beauty, and spiritual nourishment. Let us enjoy!

~ Barb

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie in vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

“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

Signs of spring at Linda's



Flowers in the Greenhouse!



Greenhouse photo: Teresa Betit

Committee News

Greenhouse Committee

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

The greenhouse is thriving! If you haven't visited recently, please do. You



will be amazed at the wide variety of healthy, beautiful plants. The Greenhouse Committee is continuing to care for a gorgeous array of propagated annuals, as well as tending to our sweet seedlings of flowers and tomatoes. Additionally, Leslie Bernert and team are growing some unique succulents for the Plant Sale.

We are appealing for help as we enter into the final stretch prior to our Plant Sale, so please volunteer by signing up for April watering/tending slots on the GCBB website (link is <https://www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org/sheet/greenhouse-april-2025/>).

Our workload is increasing as the weather warms and the plants get bigger and bigger. We have a bumper crop of beautiful plants, and we are excited about offering them at the Sale.

I can't sufficiently thank all the Committee members for your hard work, helpful suggestions, and continued good cheer. From sharing articles about soil mixes and proper cutting handling (Ruth Furman) to providing calculations for fertilizer solutions (Anna Surma), there is a wealth of knowledge from which we all benefit. I particularly want to call out the hard work of our Provisionals who have shown their gardening mettle and impressive dedication over these many months: Bianca Bator, Sara Englis, Carole Griffith, Jennifer Webb, and Martha Yules.

I've included some recent photos of our happy committee in the greenhouse, hard at work. I look forward to being in the greenhouse and sharing our love of gardening.



Plant Sale Committee

Submitted by Teresa Betit

Plant Sale Committee Update

Summary:

- **Bring beer flats to Coach House**
- **Bring 1-gallon pots to greenhouse (for perennial donations)**
- **Think about which perennials you want to donate for the Sale**
- **Send greenhouse photos to Teresa Betit**
- **Volunteer to distribute flyers and postcards in April (list of locations will be posted in greenhouse)**
- **Volunteer from April 29 to May 3 – sign-up sheets will be posted on GCBB website in early April**
- **Come to Members-only Sip & Shop Pre-Sale on Friday, May 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**
- **Come to Public Sale (and volunteer) on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (with clean-up following)**

Update:

By the time you read this, there will be only five weeks until the 2025 Garden Club of Buzzards Bay (GCBB) Plant Sale. The Plant Sale will be

open to the public on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year, all of the plants will be displayed under the tent on the patio at the RJD to improve customer flow. The Horticulture Committee will also have a table at the Sale to showcase its work and the Town of Dartmouth Health Department has again agreed to host a table.

As a reminder, we will be hosting a special reception and pre-sale for GCBB and Rotch-Jones-Duff (RJD) members and our guests on Friday, May 2 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please make every effort to join us for this festive event. This “sip & shop” will be a time to gather with friends, enjoy some treats, and choose from a beautiful array of annuals, perennials, succulents, herbs, and tomatoes for your garden. We have a record number of plants this year, so we hope that you can take advantage of the broad selection for your garden before the public sale.

As noted in last month’s newsletter, we will be looking for perennial donations from your gardens in the week before the Plant Sale, so please start thinking about what you may be interested in contributing! Your contributions are always popular items at the Sale and help us improve our bottom line. If you have any 1-gallon pots you can donate for this collection, please drop them off at the greenhouse. Later in April, we will make pots and markers available so you can bring in your selections for the Sale.

We are also beginning to collect beer flats for the Sale. Please bring in as many beer flats you can and drop them off in the Coach House. Last year, we ran out and so we need many more this year. We are looking to collect at least 500 flats and you can begin to drop them off immediately. A reminder will be posted in the greenhouse.

Closer to the Sale dates, we will be looking for full club participation to help set up and make the Sale a success. To help prepare for the sale, please mark your calendars now for Tuesday, April 29 through Friday, May 2 to set up the patio, move plants, install signs, and make sure everything is in tip-top shape. Additionally, there will be various roles to fill at the pre-sale on Friday, May 2 and on Saturday, May 3, such as cashier, expediter, etc. We will be adding sign-up sheets to the GCBB website, so we are looking forward to your enthusiastic support. As always, this will be an “all hands on deck” endeavor. Thanks to Jennifer Webb and Holly McDonough for posting all the updates and sign-up sheets on our website.

Our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages have been updated (thank you, Barb Brown and Lisa Mellgard) and we will continue to post updates with photos, reminders, etc. If you have any photos from last year’s sale that

you are willing to share on our social media pages, please forward them to Teresa Betit at teresabetit@gmail.com.

Updated flyers, postcards, and banners have been printed (see image of flyer). We will need volunteers to post the flyers in various locations throughout our region, along with dropping off postcards at merchants that customers can bring home. A list of suggested locations will be posted in the greenhouse. Additionally, Anna Surma and Michel Jodoin have generously volunteered to distribute postcards to New Bedford neighbors to entice them to come to our Sale.

The Provisionals are busy preparing plant identification signs for the Sale which will include photos, specific plant traits, and preferred growing conditions to help educate the shoppers. Kudos to the provisionals (see Greenhouse update for specifics).

This year, we are preparing a simple guide for customers to take home with their plants and help with hardening off their tender annual selections (thank you, Cynthia Brown). The guide will be available at the cashiers' station.

Proceeds from the Sale benefit community projects through the Club's Grants program. Thanks for all you do.

Conservation Committee

Submitted by Susan Rothschild

In case you were not aware, I am very pleased to report that the GCBB board has decided to plant a tree on Madison Street near the entrance to our greenhouse as a contribution to the treescape of New Bedford from our club. We have Michel Jodoin on our Conservation Committee to thank not only for identifying this great location but also for helping me get the application filled out and delivered to the city. Further, he will be our representative working with the city crew at the planting time. Thank you, Michel! I would like to mention that Michel is personally supporting the planting of 8 trees in the vicinity of the RJD that will enhance that urban landscape not only for future residents and visitors but also for our urban "wildlife"—feathered, furred, and the less seen community of nature—of this historic area of our community. These 8 trees will bring the number of trees Michel has fostered being planted in the historic district near his home on County Street to 40 yes that is forty! Thank you, Michel!

The Conservation Committee will have met (by the time you read this) on March 23 with Pres Lauren Lowney and members of her board of the Friends of Hazelwood Park to discuss possible projects there. These include:

Oaks: planting maybe seven young oaks; putting up oak tree species id's on trees and maybe doing a pamphlet to accompany an "Oak Walk"; doing a small version of our oak exhibit done at Autumn Joy sometime in the summer at the Community Center there.

Native Shrubs: a few years back, Conservation led by Chair Gail Davidson, planted some native shrubs in the Park in collaboration with the City of New Bedford, Head of Parks and Recreation Mary Raposa, though the plants may not have survived for various reasons. We may revisit this topic in the guise of a demonstration garden for residents to encourage more native habitat in private gardens to help our wildlife.

Urban Food: Lauren and her group had considered hosting a Farmer's Market at the park. Perhaps our groups could foster a community garden in the park and maybe partner with the YMCA initiative at their Dartmouth Farm to promote good nutrition and food security.

Dahlia Garden: Lauren's understanding is that the tubers that Ellen Christi conveyed to Chance Perks, previous Pres of the Friends, are in his custody and will need a place to be planted. That could be in some of the raised gardens in the park, as the City will be undertaking renovation of the building where the dahlia garden is (was recently and historically) located.

And of course, maybe we will have another idea! We envision our partnership to extend beyond this year, and naturally we will be working too with the City of New Bedford.

I would like to encourage GCBM members to pick up a copy of one of the following books to learn how we can utilize our urban landscapes, private spaces and parks alike—to provide meaningful habitats for our dwindling wildlife, which has become so challenged by human uses of land that degrade and destroy habitats. That is surely a run-on sentence, sure to have been red-inked by our grammar teachers! But it is a red-ink imperative: we endure only if other life endures!

- Douglas Tallamy, **The Nature of Oaks, The rich ecology of our most essential native trees**. Timber Press, 2021
- Douglas Tallamy, **Nature's Best Hope, A new approach to**

conservation that starts in your yard. Timber Press, 2019. A New York Times bestseller, which follows on his earlier book, - Douglas Tallamy, **Bringing Nature Home, How you can sustain wildlife with native plants--updated and expanded.** Timber Press, 2007 which you can find in used bookstores and is quite informative as well.

Some facts will astound you and horrify you. But being informed is the first step forward in effective action. Here is one astounding fact you can ponder while stuck in traffic on Rt. 24 or I-93 or I-95 or I-195 or even Rt. 140 exit to Rt.24 (witness a considerable acreage of forest destruction there):

“We have paved at least 4 million linear miles of public roads in our country. Add parking lots, driveways, and other paved surfaces...and you have 43,489 square miles of blacktop smeared* over the lower 48 states—an area **five and a half times the size of New Jersey** [my bold, p. 32, Tallamy 2007 and that figure is now some 20 yrs old]. If you have ever driven the NJ Turnpike from the Delaware Bridge to New York, you can grasp this enormity. Imagine it 5.5 times longer!!! [*or poured cracking concrete, as it were, in California and Delaware, etc.]

One other tidbit from same volume. You want to see insects eating your plant leaves. Pristine plants mean they are nutritionally nil to insects, the sustainer of the young of 96% of bird species. No insects, no future generations of much of our avian fauna. Happy early spring reading!

Floral Design Committee
Submitted by Carla Morey



At Flora in Winter 2025 at the Worcester Art Museum, Carla Morey represented the Garden Club of Buzzards Bay.

Painting: Virgin and Child by Bartolomeo Montagna



Materials used:
Roses - Black (red roses dyed, special order from Flower Market)
Delphinium
Pampas Grass
Calla lilies
Statice
Kangaroo Paw
Astilbe
Dried tings (curly bits)
Container - Amazon

Garden History & Design Committee

Submitted by Nan Sinton

Garden History and Design has been meeting and working through the winter, on Zoom in February and in person in March when regular members were joined by Holly Barrows -- we welcome all club members to stop by. In addition to our "official" tasks we also look at "garden and garden design" aspects, exploring winter garden tasks and tips-- winter pruning, tree architecture, winter flowers and more.

Ellen Walsh, Ruth Jolliffe, Sandy Hall and Margot Schmid have completed interviews with longtime GCBB gardeners and Deborah Nutter is in the process of editing for the "Gardens Are Our Legacy" tab on the club website. Be on the watch for interviews with Tina Read, Caroline Willard, Ruth Furman and Sue Fairfax to be added later this spring.

Tia Bullard and Martha Yules have been combing the Archives and searching out information on the last twenty-five years of club work with the Rotch Jones Duff House Garden, a project that will enhance the RJD and the club archives and possibly lead to enhanced interpretation of the historic garden. The committee will next meet in early June, prior to the annual meeting. Look for the date to be posted shortly.

Coming up in April will be Dartmouth's celebration of 'spring gold' with the daffodil days at Parson's Reserve in Russells Mills Village. The [Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust](#) has details and [trail information](#) on their website. Here is a picture of Fran Levin enjoying the moment!



It's time to tidy up your hellebores and epimediums, trimming off crispy leaves and gently removing wads of wet fallen leaves to allow the spring blooms to show their faces.

Check on the bark of woody plants to see whether mice have had a winter feast and prepare to prune off stripped limbs; re-stake young trees that may have been rocked by winter storms; prune soft fruit -- blackberries, raspberries and get ready to feast on asparagus.

At the RJD Rick Finneran is getting ready to prune the roses -- stop by to chat with him and see his work.

Grants Committee

Submitted by Gig Lang

The Grant Committee has completed the 2025 Grant cycle. Here are some additional project the GCBB has funded:

NATIVITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

66 Spring Street, New Bedford, MA

For 2025 NATIVITY PREP GARDEN CLUB was launched in the fall of 2023 and over the course of the 23-24 school year researched and planted a native pollinator garden. Students meet in the garden during lunch and recess to weed and maintain the garden, a volunteer parent supports their efforts on a regular basis. Nativity Preparatory School is requesting funding to continue maintenance of the garden, purchase additional mulch, fertilizer and native perennial plants.

YWCA SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

20 South Sixth Street, New Bedford

The YWCA'S project is focused on providing gardening activities as therapeutic and mental health support to residents at YWCA Drayton House, our newest program that opened February 1, 2024. Drayton House provides essential, affordable housing and supportive wraparound services to assist 12 low-income homeless or at-risk for homelessness women on a pathway to independence. Funding from the GCBB will be utilized to help support gardening supplies and equipment, as well as an instructor to work with the women in residence to learn gardening skills to beautify their home. This project will build skills and improve the lives of the women by giving them a beautiful garden at home that they can maintain and take pride in.

DARTMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

366 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA

From 2022-2024 the Dartmouth Middle School Garden Club created an outside learning space with tables for an entire classroom. They are using sustainable practices including a rain barrel, compost bin, natural mulch, a pollinator house and container gardening. With funding they received will complete the raised earth shade garden, add plants, and also purchase tools to help with compost initiatives.

Program Committee

Submitted by Tia Bullard

The Program Committee rocks!

We needed just one meeting in January to come up with a full year

(September 2025-June 2026) of exciting programs for our gardening members.

We had a number of great ideas that couldn't come to fruition for next year, but the good news is that we have developed a fine list of speakers for the future. My thanks go to Barb Brown, Gail Davidson, Libby Eustis, Ruth Jolliffe, Susan Mead, Sue Perry and Jennifer Webb.

Treasurer

Submitted by Lisa Mellgard

Changes afoot:

Temporary changes will be happening in the next few months as I head out of town on a long-anticipated adventure and leave the GCBB treasurer duties in the capable hands of Holly Barrows, Ruth Furman, and Margaret Forbush. It's a busy time for the garden club with the plant sale, end of our fiscal year, annual billing and annual meeting. Many members are working hard to make sure we have a wonderful plant sale with all the incredible plants that have been started and nurtured all winter. I have never missed a plant sale since I became a member and always look forward to starting my garden soon after bringing home my treasures. In April, this year, I will instead be heading out on a cross-country camping trip with my husband. We expect to be back sometime in July.

While I am away you may continue sending your reimbursement requests & copies of receipts to me via email (lisa.mellgard@gmail.com) or to Holly Barrows (hollybcobb@gmail.com). We would like to have all reimbursement requests no later than May 10th so we can get you your check in time for it to clear our bank account before the end of May, the fiscal end of year.

Your membership bills for next year will come via email at the end of May. If you are considering changing membership categories, please let the membership committee know as soon as possible so we can get all changes made before the bills go out. Checks will be due by the beginning of July. I'm off to see some places I've never been to before.



Feature

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They will be LOW growing, flowering, native pollinator gardens for your lawn. Or you can use them in your garden. A mix of mostly flowering perennials and a few graminoids as well!

Kits will have only have one size option. A 16 pack of 3" pots (oversized single pot plugs), a very manageable size for even a novice gardener. Each kit will cover 40-50 square feet. Want more plants than that? There will be price breaks for multiple kits per order!

There will be two options based on environmental elements. One kit will be for sunny, dry locations and the other kit will be able to tolerate a little more shade and moisture if needed. Great for "soft landings" under trees! All kits will be grown organically.

2 location options. Westport and Nantucket will both offer kit pickups, a Q & A, and a planting demonstration.

Planting made easy! These kits will come with detailed instructions that will make it so easy to start reducing your lawn. This is what we call "passive planting" and it is the least intrusive method to convert parts of your lawn to native meadow! The instructions will include care tips to increase your success rate.

Setting Expectations. The concept of passive planting is to plant right into your existing lawn. This will not give you an instant perfectly manicured mini meadow, but it will be a start to creating more diversity in your lawn and make it more beautiful. It will invite seeding and spreading into other areas of your lawn over time too. Every single plant may not make it, some will love it there, and some will thrive, the end goal is to increase biodiversity and beauty. The instructions included will include care tips to increase your success rate.

Timing. Pre-order began on Monday, March 3rd. Pickup will be at the beginning of June, which should time well with lawn growth starting to slow. More information on that when kits are received!

What does the kit include? One hori hori knife will come with every order for making planting a breeze, this way the kits will come with everything you need to plant. The right tool makes all the difference in planting and the experience. They will also come with a step-by-step planting and care guide. A FAQ sheet, a BEF Native Gardening Guide informative brochure, and more. We will also have a scheduled demonstration and Q & A at each location during the pickup window.

Ordering. It will be a similar order system as last year on our website, which should be even easier because of fewer options. The kits will be on our home page but also in the store. Or follow the link here for [Radical Lawn Kits -Westport](#) or [Radical Lawn Kits - Nantucket](#). We have a limited # of kits this year so order early! Kits will be available until we sell out. If you are ordering multiple kits, there are some great price breaks available!



Lady bugs overwintering in hollowed out stems



PLEASE RESIST the urge to clean up your gardens until after temperatures are constantly above 50 degrees! Many butterflies, bees and other pollinators are currently overwintering in the dead leaves and hollowed out stems of last year's plants. If you clean out your garden now, you will literally be throwing away this year's butterflies, bees and other beneficial pollinators.

Garden Club of America



The Real Dirt 2025 Spring: The Soil Issue

This issue celebrates soil, delving into subjects as diverse as the regionally different soil conditions that impact gardening, to new threats to soil health, and even to a 6,000+-year-old amendment being used today to improve soil health. Here's to getting your hands dirty!

An article on page 4 on Soil Killing Worms (Asian jumping worms), “Gardeners are urged to be vigilant. Kill any Asian jumping worms you find by placing them in a sealed plastic bag. Because worms or their poppy-seed sized eggs can hitchhike to your garden in soil or compost, most experts now recommend that gardeners or clubs who participate in plant sharing or plant sales ensure all plants are bare-rooted and potted in a sterile, soil-less medium.”

Page 22 offers a “Good Read” *Soil* by Camille T. Dungy

Enjoy!

[2025 Spring The Real Dirt.pdf](#)

April Birthdays



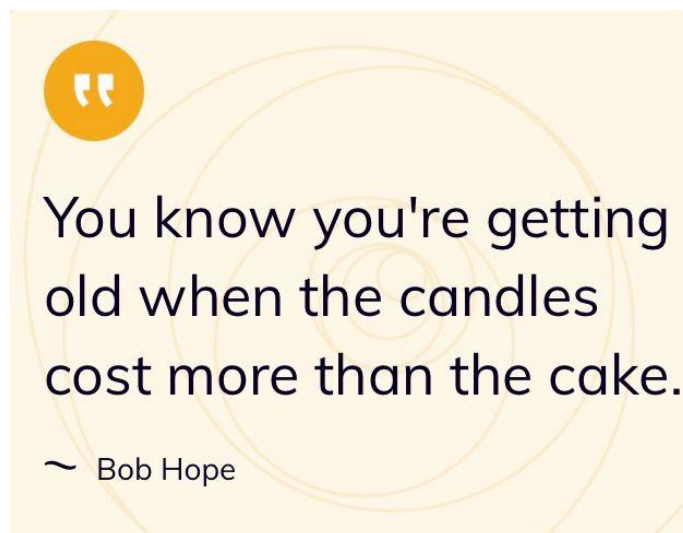
Each month, we at the newsletter love to acknowledge our members who are having birthdays. April Birthdays to celebrate:

 **Betts Howes Murray – April 3rd**


 **Iryna Priester – April 6th**

 **Carla Morey – April 13th**

*If you would like to participate in the birthday fun, please send along the month and date of your special day to lindyc@davecornellcharters.com.



Local Interest



Sogkonate Garden Club
Proudly Presents


An Evening with Molly Luce

*A delightful glimpse into the life and career of one
of Little Compton's most beloved and talented artists.*


Please join us at the
Little Compton Community Center
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Free and Open to the Public!

For more information, please visit
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Other Upcoming Events include:

On **May 5th at 7pm** also at LCCC, Tiverton author and horticulturalist Sean Conway will share his reflections on the noted SouthCoast landscape designer, Lloyd Lawton. 5 of Lawton's many garden designs were featured in our July 2024 Garden tour and Mr. Conway will speak on what made Lawton's designs so unique and able to withstand the test of time.

On **July 2nd at 7pm** also at LCCC, Robert Thorson, professor of Earth Sciences at UConn, coordinator of the [Stone Wall Initiative](#) and author of numerous publications will discuss the unique formation, historical significance, and threats to the existence of the many stone walls in our town and in New England.

<https://www.sogkonate.org/upcoming-public-events>

March 15- April 26 • FREE Activities Throughout Newport

NEWPORT *Daffodil Days* FESTIVAL

www.newportinbloom.org

Newport In Bloom Marches in the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

NIB Members will be followed by the decorated city daffodil bulb plating machine.
Parade Steps off at 11 am Near City Hall -Saturday, March 15th

Newport Daffodil Days Opening Ceremonies- April 4 at noon

A dazzling daffy musket salute by the Artillery Company of Newport, signaling the beginning of Newport's Daffodil Days. Look for the big waving Daffodil to greet you! Sunday April 5th -Clarke Cooke House on Bannister's Wharf

Daffy Doggy Paw-Rade- April 4 following opening ceremonies

Dress your dog (& yourself) in your best daffodil duds and join the paw-rade for a yappy good time! The paw-rade steps off from Black Dog on Bannister's Wharf, marching to Queen Anne Square where the daffiest dressed dog and daffiest dressed human(s) will receive awards and prizes.



Sip 'N Shop at Cutie Curls- April 5th 12-4pm

Join us for sips and spring shopping in support of Daffodil Days
15% of Sales will benefit Newport in Bloom

Easter Bunny goes Daffy at the shops on Long Wharf- April 12th 1-3 pm

Meet, greet, get a treat and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. He's hopping over to check if the daffodils are blooming yet! Have fun coloring and making daffy crafts (while supplies last) This event is free and open to the public. All Ages Welcome. Rain Date 4/13

A Daffy Bike Ride- April 27 9:30-11

Join your fellow bicyclists, for a leisurely ride past thousands of bright yellow daffodils. Decorate your bike (and yourself) in your daffiest attire.
Touro Park, Newport (Bellevue Ave between Mill and Pelham)

Daffy Days Cars and Coffee- April 27th 8-10am

The Audrain Automobile Museum in partnership with Newport Daffodil Days will host the 11th Annual Audrain Automobile Museum Daffodil Parade, known as "Driving Miss Daffodil". This is an opportunity to celebrate the 1,200,000 daffodils that have been planted throughout the City of Newport during the Daffodil Days Festival. Prizes for the Daffiest Dressed cars (and drivers) Proceeds Benefit NIB.

Sip 'N Shop at J.R. McLaughlin

Have a glass of champagne and shop their selection of Men's and Woman's clothing. A percentage of all sales goes to Newport In Bloom
www.jmclaughlin.com | 401.619.5240

Sip 'N Shop at Sara Campbell

The wonderful folks at Sara Campbell create small, mindful women's collections right here in the USA. Stop in and have a glass of champagne & shop their selection of clothing. A percentage of all sales goes to Newport In Bloom.
[<https://saracampbell.com> | 401.847.5700]



For Dates and More info, visit:
www.newportinbloom.org

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June 25, 2025

A driving tour through scenic Westport, MA
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In Memoriam



Joan Underwood, Self-portrait

Joan Underwood's Memorial Service will be held at the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford (71 Eighth Street) at 11am on Sunday, June 29 (her birthday). A reception will be held afterwards at the Wamsutta Club.

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

April 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Greenhouse 10:30 Tool Sharpening Workshop	2	3	4	5 Dandelion Day 
6	7	8 9:00 Greenhouse	9 National Unicorn Day 	10 11:00 Boxwood Committee	11 Barbershop Quartet Day 	12 Full Pink Moon  Passover begins
13	14	15 9:00 Greenhouse 10:00 Archives Committee	16 10-12:00 Boxwood Committee Pruning Workshop	17 9:00 Executive Committee	18 Garden History & Design  NATIONAL GARLIC DAY	19
20 Easter  Passover ends	21  REMEMBER AND HONOR Patriot's Day	22 Earth Day 9:00 Greenhouse	23	24 10:30 Monthly Meeting*	25  Arbor Day	26
27	28	29 9:00 Greenhouse	30	MAY 1	MAY 2 3-5:00 Plant Sale Members Preview	MAY 3 9:00-1:00 Plant Sale

* 10:30 Monthly Meeting: Cultivating Your Brian-Gut Connection
 Speaker: Sarah Englis
 Location: Southworth Dartmouth Library.

To check the GCBB Calendar online:
<https://www.gardenclubbuzzardsbay.org/gcbb-google-calendar/>

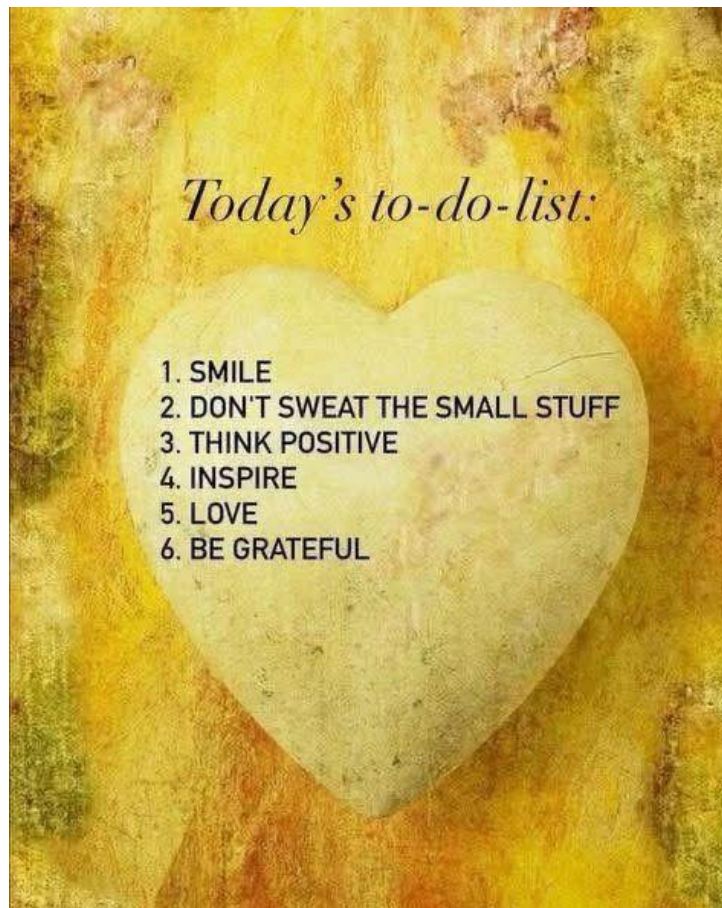
Just for fun...

I don't always
have time to
fold laundry
but when I do,
I garden

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Until next time...

The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater our own sense of well-being becomes.



Martha Yules found this very sweet poem in the Summer Fall 2010 GCBB newsletter:

A Gardener's Prayer

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people.

For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and remember fondly where their roots are.

Let us give thanks for generous friends...with hearts as big as hubbards and smiles as bright as their blossoms.

For feisty friends as tart as apples.

For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers keep reminding us that we've had them.

For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible.

For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn; and the others, as plain as potatoes and so good for you.

For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes; and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions.

For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter.

For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening time and young friends coming on as fast as radishes.

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings.

And, finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, but who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter.

For all these, we give thanks.