


<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>December 10, 2020</u></p> <p>The monthly meeting of the Natick Garden Club will be held on the 2nd Thursday December 10, 2020, At 6:45 Via ZOOM</p>	
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President's Letter

“How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?” — Dr. Seuss

They say that time marches on, but it seems like this December has been a sprint. Although given the pandemic perhaps the sooner we get out of 2020 the better. For those of us celebrating the holidays our gatherings may look a little bit different this year, but thanks to Debra Trickett and her inspirational November program “Winter Wow, Beautiful Containers for Winter Months”, at least we can spruce up our window boxes and outside containers to match the spirit of the holidays.

A big thank you goes to Helen Johnson, Elizabeth Carroll, Terry Fitzgibbons and all the Garden Club members who did an amazing job bringing the NGC winter wow to the downtown window boxes and containers. They look spectacular.

Our next meeting will fast track you right into June. Our December program, “Foolproof Roses”, presented by Mike and Angelina Chute owners of the landscape consulting company, Rose Solutions, and the authors of two books on growing roses gives our members a peek into easy ways to grow spectacular June rose blooms. It's not one to miss. Thursday, December 10. And for club members celebrating Hanukkah, Happy Holiday, and we hope you can join us even though it is the first night.

Take care and stay safe,

Jean Egerhei

President, 2020-2021

Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, December 10th Foolproof Roses, Mike & Angelina Chute **NOTE 2nd Thursday**
- Thursday, January 16th NGC monthly meeting
- Thursday, February 4th NGC board meeting, 7 pm, via ZOOM

December Program

Mike and Angelina Chute – *Foolproof Roses*

The Chutes, owners of the landscape consulting company RoseSolutions and the authors of two books on growing roses, will talk to us about foolproof roses. These easy-to-grow, disease-resistant varieties are available in every size and color. Some have fragrant, old-fashioned blooms that produce great clusters of eye-catching flowers. All are attractive and fun to grow. Mike and Angelina will provide us with a list of easy-care roses as well as lots of tips on rose care that will lead to spectacular June blooms in your garden.



Join Zoom Meeting

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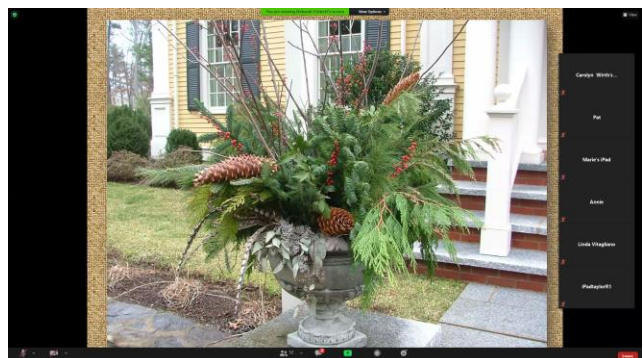
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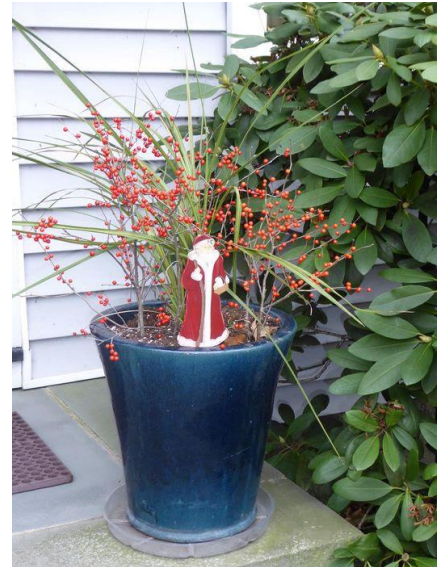
November Meeting

Deborah Trickett – *Winter Wow: Beautiful Containers for Winter Months*

Wow is right! Deborah Trickett did indeed wow us, and inspired members to create their own fabulous containers. Here are some screen captures from the meeting and a sampling of members' subsequent creations from the album Judy Sabol made for us. See <https://photos.app.goo.gl/vArXGK5pSsjbHxjR6> for more member containers.









News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

Library Holiday Decorating:

Sadly, the library is closed again, so the Club's Annual Giving Tree needed a new home. Kate Grzesiuk offered her covered porch at **13 Sherman Street**, just two blocks from the library. With the help of elves Elizabeth Carroll and Catherine Clifford a tree was purchased, set up, beribboned and ready for donations by December 4th. Teamwork!

Contactless dropoff of donations of NEW WITH TAGS hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks are welcomed through Christmas Eve. Please tell your friends of this opportunity to help A Place to Turn in Natick provide our neighbors with much needed warmth and a happier holiday.



Greening of Downtown

November 21st was the warmest day we have EVER had for installing the greens! It was a delightful and productive morning and both the library and the downtown were looking their festive best by noon. Thanks go to the organizers, Terry Fitzgibbons, Helen Johnson, and Elizabeth Carroll, and all the members of the club who participated or donated greens and berries. See how many members you can recognize by their smiling eyes. For more photos, see the album Judy Sabol created at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/8f4UMHdKgCkEK9kW9>







MassHort Festival of Trees:

Until December 20th you still have an opportunity to see 63 beautiful trees including those created by club members at MassHort's Festival of Trees. Go to <https://masshort.org/festival-of-trees/> to get your timed-entry ticket today! Tickets are limited and you must pre-purchase this year. MassHort also needs volunteers, info also on MassHort website or 617-933-4988.

Check these websites for events, classes and workshops of interest.....

- Arnold Arboretum <https://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/>
- Garden Club Federation of MA <https://www.gcfm.org/schools>
- Garden in the Woods aka Native Plant Trust <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/education/>
- Mass Horticultural Society <https://www.masshort.org/Events>
- Tower Hill Botanic Garden <http://www.towerhillbg.org/index.php/visit/what-s-happening/events-calendar/>

Reminders:

- Linda Lentz is now the contact for the NGC Sunshine Fund. If you know of a member who should receive a card from us, (illness, bereavement) please let Linda know at LindaRLentz@gmail.com or 508-208-8686.

- Since we aren't meeting in person, recycling gardening books, magazines, or catalogs becomes more challenging. We could post them in an addendum to the newsletter if that sounds helpful.
- Send photos of any and all club activities and events for inclusion in the newsletter to c.clifford90@comcast.net

Useful link(s):

- The UMass Extension Gardener monthly e-Newsletter *Clippings* is always worth reading. You can always read it here: <https://ag.umass.edu/resources/home-lawn-garden/newsletters> And you can subscribe at: <https://extension.umass.edu/landscape/home-garden-email-list>
- You can always read the latest issue of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts newsletter *The Mayflower* online at: [Mayflower](#)
- Natick is lucky to have both town employees and dedicated citizens actively working on sustainability initiatives, many of which align with our Club's mission to "beautify, revitalize and preserve.... for nature's sake." Please take a moment to click over to the Sustainability website <https://www.natickma.gov/964/Sustainability> where you can subscribe to a newsletter or read back issues. Or follow their efforts on <https://www.facebook.com/sustainablenatick>

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Catherine Clifford & Kate Grzesiuk