

<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>November 17, 2022</b></p> <p>The monthly meeting of the Natick Garden Club will be held on Thursday</p> <p><b>November 17, 2022,</b></p> <p><b>6:45pm socializing, 7 pm business meeting and talk.</b></p> <p><b>Morse Library and Zoom.</b></p>	
<p><a href="http://www.natickgardenclub.org">www.natickgardenclub.org</a></p>	<p>November 2022</p>

## President's Letter

The fall has been a busy time prepping the garden for winter and enjoying club activities. Natick Days, Downtown Planting, and our New Member Tea have all been very enjoyable in person events. A big thank you to committee chairs and volunteers. Our monthly meetings at the library provide the opportunity to reconnect and to meet new friends. I am happy that we can also connect virtually. Looking forward to the holidays and wish you the best.

*Betsy Szymczak*

Natick Garden Club President 2022-2023

### PS What's in Bloom?



This new monthly meeting feature has been a great way to share our gardens. Despite having a freezing night or two there may be something in your garden to share. Flowers, foliage and even a blooming houseplant can be shared. For our next meeting, please bring one or two blossoms, foliage, or a plant. For a cut specimen use a clear container and include a 3"x5" card with your name and the name of the plant or flower. We will set up a "What's in Bloom" display table.

Maybe Pat Polimeno's Almost Thanksgiving Cactus will be there!

## Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, November 17, 2022** - NGC monthly meeting, 6:45 pm social. 7 pm meeting and Zoom link live.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87200713241?pwd=ZVN5RlFxcitTWUdlIUUIDakVqQ295Zz09>

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<b>December 15</b>	Jan Kettell	The Smaller Cut: Early Training of Young Trees
<b>January 19</b>	Rebecca Warner	Thinking Globally, Acting Locally
<b>February 16</b>	Bonnie Power	What's Wrong with My House Plant?
<b>March 16</b>	Michele Schuckel	Gardening in a Changing Climate - open meeting for public
<b>April 20</b>	Claudia Price	Nature Nurtures: Creating Garden Waystations for Monarchs
<b>May 11</b>		Ask a Gardener - Sharing Garden Ideas

## November Program

**Stacey Lee** – Sustainable Floral Design

Stacey Lee's presentation will focus on flower foliage sourcing from local and American farms, mechanics and armatures and how to use them together with new and sustainable industry products. They will design with late fall flowers from New England greenhouses and ethical foragers while explaining mechanics, telling flower stories, and taking questions at the end. [www.paeoniadesigns.com](http://www.paeoniadesigns.com)

*Please bring cash for the raffle for the speaker's arrangement(s)! \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3, and \$10 for 7.*

**Also, snacks!!!!** We have always relied on a group of members to bring snacks to the meetings for everyone. Susan Shipman and I take care of the drinks, paper supplies, set up, etc. The Officers and Committee chairs have already participated in the New Members Tea and the first two meetings so I am not counting them. I have divided the club into groups of 10 and for every month's meeting I will contact the group and ask them to bring something. I was not at the last meeting so I could not announce this, but I will at the next one. ~Martha Coleman

## October Meeting Summary

Christie Dustman educated and entertained with her presentation “How to Bring Japanese Inspired Garden Flair to Your Home Garden.” A master gardener who has studied extensively here and abroad, her designs have been featured in Fine Gardening and the like. She brought us through a wonderful powerpoint detailing how we too can achieve a Japanese inspired garden, in part by using lines intentionally and purposefully. Lines can create a rhythm feeding the spirit desired. Japanese inspired gardens have an asymmetrical balance to them, and play with rigidity versus organic, and control versus nature. Christie delved into the 3 forces and working across horizontal, vertical, and diagonal planes. While many of our gardens do not follow this style, it was wonderful to take inspiration and made for a lovely education. <https://christiedustman.com/>



*Our scarecrow, Polly, on display inside and out at the Scarecrow Festival at Morse mid-October.*

## News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

### Giving Tree:

Fran and I are sending this to bring the garden club and those who volunteered up to date with the new plans for the holiday decorations. The library is planning a complete change for the holiday decorations this year. They would still like the garden club's help. They are planning on using the same area we have always used for the tree. They are putting up contact paper with a winter scene. Hooks will be attached so that there will still be places to hang the donations for a Place to Turn. We will be using baskets decorated by the garden club in that area and around the library. We will know more by 11/17!

We would like to thank all of you for volunteering to help. Since we will still need help but in a different way we will send an update when we know more. In the meantime, start gathering your new socks and outerwear accessories for A Place to Turn. ~Fran & Rhea

### Festival of Trees:

This beloved holiday tradition is back, and timed-entry tickets are required. November 25 - December 31, and you may purchase [here](#):

Our club sponsors a tree annually, and this year's theme is Winter Wonderland! Many thanks to Ellen and Shirley.



And the tree to the right is from Beth Gray-Nix, a pollinator tree!



Here are some pictures of the trees donated by Catherine Clifford, A Bakers' Dream and Cookies for Santa.



**Needham Garden Club holiday fundraiser - Saturday, December 3. See attached flyer!**

**Love Instagram?** @natickgardenclub is up and running! We need one good volunteer to occasionally post pretty things they see about town or in their garden. Workload will be light, and a good complement to our publicity. Please contact Kate Grzesiuk if interested. [kategrzesiuk@yahoo.com](mailto:kategrzesiuk@yahoo.com) 860-794-9451 or slide into her DM @kateofnatick . Members new or old most welcomed to manage the account.

## Recent Activities:

### Downtown Fall Cleanup and Winter Greens

The Fall planters looked amazing this year ([updated link to google album](#))! It was sad to pull them out but it was time. On Thursday, November 10 we cleaned out all the plants and installed the artificial garland. We appreciate the help of the DPW who picked up all the bagged plants. Thank you to the following members for helping make the project go quickly; Joyce Hannaford, Helen Johnson, Elizabeth Carroll, Lucia Frenkel and Dee DeRuyck.

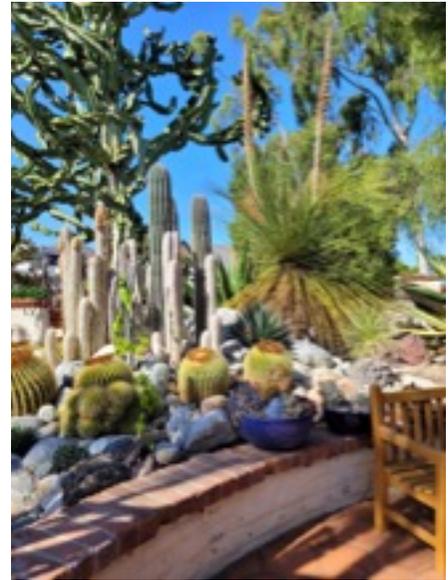
The weather forecasters really got it wrong! Unfortunately, we rescheduled to Sunday. As it turned out that was the rainy day! We are so appreciative of all the winter greens that were donated - we had a ton. Thank you to Betsy Szymczak for coordinating the greens donations and sending out the Sign up Genius. Thank you to all who all who donated! Thank you all for showing up and transforming the downtown with beautiful cut winter greens: Lucy Morris, Linda Lentz, Sue Mandell, Susan Shipman, Heather Oluwole, Diane Creasey, Vicki Archabel, Doris Fina, Lillian Graffam, Kate Grzesiuk, Geralyn Sundin, Elizabeth Carroll, Joyce Hannaford and Helen Johnson.

The planters look beautiful with all the fresh cut greens. We will be adding the red bows after Thanksgiving.



## Members' travels...near and far:

Laurie Adelstein is in sunny California! From the Sherman Library and Gardens in Newport Beach, CA. Spectacular succulent garden, many begonias, tropical plants including orchids.



Should you be on the lookout for gifts for littles this holiday season, I recommend two lovely books:

*Flora: 4 Seasons of Pop-Up* by Yoojin Kim and *Be a Tree!* by Maria Gianferrari. ~Kate

## 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/>
- Frederick Law Olmsted Historic Site <https://friendsoffairsted.org/programs/>
- Grow Native Massachusetts <https://www.grownativemass.org/>

## Useful links:

- The UMass Extension Gardener monthly e-Newsletter *Clippings* is always worth reading. You can subscribe at: <https://extension.umass.edu/landscape/home-garden-email-list>
- You can read the latest issue of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' newsletter *The Mayflower* online at <https://www.gcfm.org/mayflower>
- Check the Central-South District page under clubs on the Federation's website to see what other clubs are doing, often there are open meetings. <https://www.gcfm.org/central-south-district>

## Recommended Blogs:

<http://www.enchantedgardensdesign.com/blog/> Jana's blog is always a treat!

The current entry lists ten outstanding mail order nurseries, some within the range of a day trip.

<https://awaytogarden.com/> sign up here for Margaret Roach's free email newsletter; she gardens in Copake Falls NY in the Hudson River Valley, zone 5B so her advice is pertinent.

<http://gardenrant.com/> A recent blog pointed to a curated collection of good gardening videos.

## Reminders:

- Helen Johnson is the contact for the NGC Sunshine Fund. If you know of a member who should receive a card from us, (illness, bereavement) please let Helen know at [helen.johnson@nemoves.com](mailto:helen.johnson@nemoves.com) or 508-958-4794.

*Our thanks to Laurie Adelstein, Elizabeth Carroll, Martha Coleman, Monica Foley, Rhea Gallagher, Fran Guthery, Sue Mandell, Pat Polimeno, Betsy Szymczak for their contributions to this issue.*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Your Newsletter team: Catherine Clifford & Kate Grzesiuk*

*I shall never have the garden I have in my mind, but that for me is the joy of it; certain things can never be realized and so all the more reason to attempt them.*

*-JAMAICA KINCAID*

*My Garden*