

Branching Out: Get to know your fellow club members

Elizabeth Carroll

Joined September 1998



What kind of gardening do you do? Or prefer?

I do love a more informal cottage style of gardening. My most favorite type of gardening is container gardening. I love doing window boxes, urns and taking quirky found objects and turning them into planters.

When did you start gardening? What drew you to it?

I grew up with a love of nature and the outdoors. My mother was a gardener and I learned a lot from her. In 1994 my husband I and our two daughters moved into our house in Natick. It was the house my husband grew up in. I inherited my mother-in-law's gardens. She had transplanted her mother's peonies from her

garden in Newton and I knew that I had to keep them alive! I would say that really started my love and interest in gardening.

What would you like to tell the club about yourself: other passion(s); work (current/former/volunteer); family; gardening credentials; etc.?

My background is in art. My father was a professional artist so I grew up in a very artistic home. I should also mention that I grew up in Natick. I went to art school and have my Bachelor of Fine Arts.

I worked in the custom framing and art gallery world for my career. I think that my back ground in art influences how I garden. I am also very proud of the logo that I designed for the Natick Garden Club. It gives me great joy to see it used in so many ways. I was so touched when it was put on two baby blankets!

How did you become involved with the Natick Garden Club?

I saw a sign in the library looking for people who were interested in gardening and starting a garden club in Natick. My two children were very young and I thought that this would be a good outlet for me. I could learn about gardening and get out of the house one night a month! I asked my friend Joanne Rampe if she would like to come with me. I am so happy I saw that sign!

Tell us what is most important to you about NGC membership

As a lifelong resident of Natick, I love the civic work we do. I am very proud of all the work we do in town. It creates a vibrancy and a sense of joy and pride in our community.

What is one thing you'd like to see the club do that it isn't doing now?

That's a hard question. I think we are pretty amazing! I guess I would love to see more members invite people to see their gardens. I think it's a great opportunity to get to know each other and to learn from each other.

Liane Glenn

Joined September 2019

What kind of gardening do you do? Or prefer?

I love all sorts of gardening - formal, cottage, designing gardens, building gardens, visiting gardens, vegetable gardens, small gardens, residential and commercial gardens, school gardens, succulent gardens, shade / sun gardens, low water gardens, gardening in Southern California and the Northeast, the list could go on...Gardening is fun and a means of creative expression, relaxation, and great joy!



When did you start gardening? What drew you to it?

I was introduced to gardening by my grandmother who helped my sister and me landscape and plant around a backyard playhouse our grandfather built for us. We had fun together gardening.

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I have lived most of my life in Southern California where I have tried for years to create gardens similar to the cottage or formal gardens that I visited in England or saw in magazines such as Martha Stewart Living or Southern Living. As an elementary principal in Los Angeles I am most proud of encouraging a school climate where all stakeholders worked collaboratively to create a school with trees, a grass field, and a shaded amphitheater. Children learned about chickens and egg laying, grew cotton plants, enjoyed reading under a tree, and sensed a feeling of community and acceptance. My passion for gardening allowed us to achieve some broad goals to improve our school and encourage community involvement. I also lived for two years in London where I enjoyed taking some landscaping classes.

How did you become involved with the Natick Garden Club?

I think I first saw a small sign on a window box in Downtown Natick or on the Natick Tunnel of Love where the flower boxes were displayed and obviously well maintained by the Club.

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I look forward to meeting new people in the Natick area. My husband and I married in December 2018 and I moved into Tom's house in Natick. I grew up in Southern California and love living now in New England.

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I'm not sure yet of the opportunities associated with the club. So far, I'm impressed! In visiting other cities throughout the country and elsewhere one can quickly notice how the city chooses to emphasize landscaping in their planning. I think a town can make a giant difference if landscaping is optimally incorporated in the city planning. I would like to participate in improving our community.

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