

<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b><u>September 17, 2020</u></b></p> <p>The monthly meeting of the Natick Garden Club will be held on Thursday <b>September 17, 2020, at 6:45 pm via Zoom</b></p>	
<p><a href="http://www.natickgardenclub.org">www.natickgardenclub.org</a></p>	<p>September 2020</p>

## Welcome to our 23<sup>rd</sup> year!

Welcome to almost Fall!

I know that we are all looking forward to some dazzling September foliage and blossoms! Albert Einstein said, *“The measure of intelligence is the ability to change and adapt.”*

Well we, The Garden Club of Natick, have proved to be a pretty smart crop of gardeners and we have brought our A team to every obstacle in our way during these trying times. We have Adapted, Amended, Accommodated, Altered, Accustomed and Adjusted, but most of all we have Adapted our ways and have been extremely successful in accomplishing all of our goals.

We have:

- Adapted our June plant auction to an online catalogue shopping venue with amazingly profitable results.
- Amended our bylaws to fit our current times and this crazy pandemic situation.
- Accommodated our members by presenting meetings on Zoom.
- Altered the way we will be presenting our monthly programs which are truly amazing this year.
- Accustomed ourselves to a social distancing process to plant and care for our downtown plantings and the downtown looks amazingly beautiful.
- Adjusted our garden field trips to a more virtual online experience and we have been able to see the world of spectacular gardens.
- And, because we are gardeners and know that you don't always get to reap what you sow, we are always able to Adapt, Adapt and Adapt!

Minni Aumonier, a 19th century poet wrote: *“When the world wearies and society ceases to satisfy there is always the garden.”*

Jean Egerhei

President, 2020-2021

## Dates to Remember

- Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> First meeting of the NGC 2020-2021 year, via Zoom
- TBD in September Fall Planting: watch for email from Elizabeth Carroll
- Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> October meeting

## September Program

September 17, 2020 (via Zoom)

**Laura Bibler** – *Sequence of Bloom*

Knowing when plants are at their best enables gardeners to create gardens of constant delight. In this presentation, landscape designer Laura Bibler follows perennials, shrubs, and ornamental trees through the seasons and offers a photographic calendar of bloom times and associated design considerations. She will leave us an electronic handout of blooming sequences and pleasing combinations. See her website at <https://ldbibler.com/>

As we did in the spring, we will meet via Zoom, starting at 6:45 to allow for people to log on and get settled. The meeting will start at 7. The meeting information is here as well as in the email.

To join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86165091042?pwd=dUswY0ZibWNERWdGYTM2aWhxTURiZz09>

Meeting ID: **861 6509 1042**

Passcode: **472289**

To call in: **+1 929 436 2866** US (New York)



Note that there have been two committee leadership changes: Elizabeth Carroll has taken on the task of organizing the fall downtown planting, and Deborah Thompson will coordinate club trips.  
Thanks Elizabeth and Deborah!

## **2020-2021 Natick Board of Gardeners**

### **Officers**

President	Jean Egerhei
Vice-President	Linda Lentz
Secretary	Rosalind Forber
Treasurers	Ann Marie MacKinnon and Pat Polimeno
Membership	Helen Johnson and Catherine Clifford
Programs	Phyllis Moir and Geri Wadness
Federation Liaisons	Jean Egerhei and Linda Lentz
Past President	Laurie Adelstein

### **Committee Chairs**

Annual Dinner	Lillian Graffam
Auction	Bryan Smith
Downtown Plantings	
Spring	Martha Coleman
Summer	Sheila Tiberio
Fall	Elizabeth Carroll
Winter Greens	Helen Johnson
Earth Day	Linda Lentz
Facebook	Sue Mandell
Festival of Trees	Ellen Yetman
Garden Tour Calendar	Earlina Jamison
Horticulture	Heather Oluwole
Hospitality	Elizabeth Carroll, Martha Coleman, Joanne Rampe, Susan Shipman
Library Containers	Terry Monahan
Library & Pollinator Gardens	Jill Miller
Library Holiday Decorating	Rhea Gallagher and Fran Guthrey
Library Indoor Plants	Connie Lane
Logo Items	Alison Parnes
Membership Book	Sue Mandell
Natick Days	Linda Lentz
Newsletter	Catherine Clifford and Kate Grzesiuk
Nominating	Laurie Adelstein
Photographers	Judy Sabol and Sheila Tiberio
Publicity	Kate Grzesiuk
Scholarship	Sue Mandell
Trip Coordinator	Deborah Thompson
Webmasters	Linda Vitagliano and Laurie Adelstein

## News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

### Natick Days 2020 was cancelled BUT...

Thanks to Laurie Adelstein's genius idea, we wound up our summer-long plant sale with bang! On Saturday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, the club's table at the Farmers Market was as busy a place as possible in these days of social distancing. We sold nearly all the remaining member donated plants, (we have only a handful left) and dozens of Frank Osborne's (he has generously offered to overwinter the rest!)

Linda Lentz purchased and packaged the daffodil bulbs Natick families and club members have come to expect, and we sold all of them. Shirley's cards were also a hit, this year's selection is especially nice.

We do have a few packages left, so let Linda know if you want to purchase one.

Our members are amazing, enthusiastic gardeners, but who knew they were also salespeople? This venue allowed members to walk around (masked) the with an interested potential (masked) buyer and talk about the plants and the club. Lots of education and lots of sales happened, and who knows, maybe we will have a new member or two. Sheila Tiberio walked home to get Lambs Ears for one customer, brought back 5 plants and we sold them all! And, as at the auction, we were our own best customers, many members came to shop, and it was wonderful to see the top halves of their smiling faces.

Unlike our usual shift setup, we limited the number of volunteers, so most came early and stayed until the market closed at 1 pm, (shades of the auction!) Especial thanks to the \$ team, having the square made some sales double.

Thanks go (in alphabetical order) to Laurie Adelstein, Catherine Clifford, Martha Coleman, Jean Egerhei, Doris Fina, Shirley Fitzpatrick, Kate Grzesiuk, Linda Lentz, Ann Marie MacKinnon, Sue Mandell, Pat Polimeno, Susan Shipman, Bryan Smith, and Sheila Tiberio all of whom helped in some capacity to make this another successful event for the club (more than \$900 in total!)



### PHOTO NOTE CARDS

**\$5 donation —5 cards and 5 envelopes**

Photos by Shirley Fitzpatrick





## Summer Downtown and Library Plant Maintenance

All summer long, teams of dedicated members watered, fertilized, watered, deadheaded, watered and watered. It showed, and still shows! Thanks to great organization by Sheila, and a 'bucket brigade' of members with water in the trunks of their cars who 'adopted' a planter or six, downtown planters including the bridge, looked great all summer! When you stop and think what the town would look like without the beautiful planters it definitely would be a dramatic change! You all are awesome!





**2020-2021 Programs:**

**September 17, 2020 (via Zoom)**

**Laura Bibler** – *Sequence of Bloom*

**October 15, 2020**

**Nancy Riggs**– *Gardening for the Future*

**November 19, 2020**

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

**December 17, 2020**

**Holiday Pot-Luck Dinner (Coronavirus Restrictions Permitting)**

**January 28, 2021**

**Alicia Carroll** – *Topic and Details to be Announced*

**February 18, 2021**

**Gretel Anspach** – *Starting from Seed*

**March 18, 2021**

**Michele Schuckel** – *Survival of the Fittest: Native Plants, Natural Selections*

**April 15, 2021**

**Shirley Fitzpatrick and Maggie Rezendes** – *Make a Spring Flower Arrangement!*

**May 2021**

**DIY Program TBD** – *member suggestions welcome!!!*

## Check these websites for (virtual) 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](mailto: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](#)

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*Catherine Clifford & Kate Grzesiuk*