



Grapevine

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Sudbury Garden Club

Plant so your own heart will grow ~ Hafiz ~

"Take it all in, enjoy every moment, hold on to the experience that is October. Abundance . . . Beauty . . . LIFE." - Julie Hage



Another amazing creation by Heather. Happy Fall everyone!

GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday, the 11th, 9:30 am
Memorial Congregational Church

Gardening with Dahlias
Presented by Betsy Szymczak

Just as peonies have been called the “Show Girls” of spring gardens, dahlias have come to be known as the “Royalty” of fall. Betsy Szymczak will introduce you to the history of dahlias and show you how to select dahlia tubers, where to plant them, and how to water and fertilize them. To stake or not to stake, to dig or not to dig: these are the questions! You will learn how to store and overwinter tubers, as well as how to wake them up and make cuttings.

Betsy Szymczak is an avid vegetable and flower gardener who started growing dahlias 15 years ago. Today, she is a member of the American Dahlia Society (ADS) and the New England Dahlia Society, as well as an ADS accredited Judge. She also grows begonias as houseplants and is an American Begonia Society Certified judge. She has judged begonia sections at the Boston and Newport flower shows. Betsy is an immediate past president of the Natick Garden Club.

A Certified Massachusetts Master Gardener, Betsy is a retired college professor who has taught clinical microbiology at several Boston area colleges and universities for over 35 years.

Hospitality Committee: **Barbara Baumgardner, Coordinator.**

Christine Angoff, Joanne Bennett, Marilyn Hodges, Judy Newell, and Marion Tratnyek

BOARD MEETING

- Date: **Wednesday, October 25, 9:00 am**
- Location: **Sally Gaburo's home; 49 Fieldstone Lane Road**



CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

Library Flowers

- Monday 10/2 Joan Buxton
- Tuesday 10/10 Marilyn Hodges (Columbus Day)
- Monday 10/16 Marianne Büttner
- Monday 10/23 Frances Shashoua
- Monday 10/30 Helen Crary



If you need to reschedule your date for providing flowers, please find someone to trade with you and let **Bonnie Parri**, the Library Chair know. Please remember to pick up your container when your week is up. Thank you!

Please remember to ask the Librarians for permission to go behind the desk if you need to use that sink to water your display.

Please also send a picture of your display to Heather Halsey at halseyh@mac.com. The pictures will be added to our website! However, and wherever you want to take the picture is fine, either at home, or at the library.

Civic Beautification

Please join us at Heritage Park on **Wednesday, October 4th**
9:30 – 11:30.



The gardens are flourishing, and we will be continuing our work deadheading and weeding so they look their best.

We will also be starting work in our new Butterfly Garden!!!

As usual, please bring a shovel, trowel, clippers, gloves etc...

Spearhead Spade Shovels

Look at website below.

Contact me on or before **October 4** to order. I'll bring them back to you on October 12.



www.spearheadspade.com

Spearhead Spade Shovels, pointed blade.

- SHLF2 (tall shovel, Straight handle) \$59.00, color yellow
- SHD3 (40" shovel with D shape handle) most popular for average or petite people, \$54.00 Lavender, Red, Lime, Teal, Yellow.
- SHMini (2pounds,30" tall D Shape handle)), \$35.00, low garden work, Yellow

Happy Digging,
Lynn Noland

Gathering of the Green Thumbs Lunch Date

Date: Friday, October 6 at noon

Location: C'est la Vie, 33 Main Street, Northborough

RSVP: Marilyn Hodges, 617-548-7080 by October 4



Join us for lunch! This is a fun and great way to get together with old and new members of the club without having to do any gardening!

Color Me Floral Workshop

Tablescapes (Everything Floral, But The Dishes)

We are delighted to have the designer team of Heather Halsey and Jeanne Lucey lead another workshop for us. Have you ever wondered what kind of floral arrangement you can make for your table? Well, wonder no more! Our designer team of Heather and Jeanne will help you create a seasonal floral arrangement and by changing the flowers and/or accompanying materials will make it suitable for another holiday celebration.

- Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023
- Time: 10 AM - 12 PM
- Place: MCC
- Fee: \$42.00 (Click [here](#) to pay by PayPal; \$2.00 surcharge.)
- \$40.00 by check. Please make checks payable to SGC and note on the check that this payment is for the November CMF Workshop. Please mail your check to: Juju Lem Pang, 50 Ridge Hill Rd, Sudbury MA. 01776

Deadline to enroll: Thursday October 19, 2023.

Thanks for all your support,
Juju Lem Pang and Carol Shapanka

Digs for Plant Sale 2024 - October 16 - 27

How did your garden grow this year with all the rain? If you're itching to pare down your perennials, share your saplings or weed out your wildflowers, we are here to help! We need plants and you don't need to belong to SGC to have us visit your garden. Please ask your friends, relatives, neighbors, or anyone you think may be a potential plant lover with a flowerbed that needs thinning out. Any size garden can benefit from dividing overgrown plants, giving roots more space to grow and spreading beauty around town.

We are looking for diggers and potters too! Do you have an hour or two to spend with the fun and knowledgeable (and novice) volunteers who are so important to the success of our annual Plant Sale? Please consider joining us, especially if you've never done it before. One or two Committee Co-Chairs will be on hand at each dig. It's fun and a good way to learn about plants (or share *your* knowledge) and get to know a few of the interesting people in our SGC. The more hands, the merrier.

Please click [HERE](#) to choose a date for a garden dig at your home or to volunteer to dig the plants and/or pot them.

Thank you.
Plant Sale Committee Co-chairs Mike Hunter, Kaffee Kang, Leslie Lowe,
Carol Shapanka

Wayside Inn Christmas Decorating 2023: 50 years and still jingling!

Many of you have signed up to help decorate the Wayside Inn, thank you! If you would like to help and did not sign up in time for the yearbook, now is your chance. **EVERYONE** who is interested in helping to decorate for Christmas at the Wayside Inn should click [HERE](#) to pick a room/area you would like to work in.



Under the direction of the new co-chair, Carol Shapanka, there will be an Ornament & Sprucing Workshop in November where we will be creating the 2023 ornament for the Lobby Tree at the Inn with the theme White Christmas. We will also be sprucing up some of the garlands and sconces and other items that we have been using for many years. Watch for date, time & place in a future announcement.

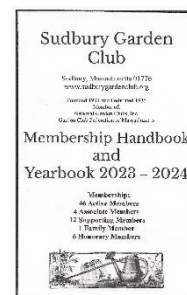
Reach out to Jo Ann at joann.forester@gmail.com with questions and Carol at cshapanka@gmail.com with ornament/sprucing ideas.

Updates for 2023-2024 Yearbook

Apologies to Carol Shapanka for leaving the 'o' out of her name on page 8. Whoops!

Add new member Seamus O'Kelly
16 French Road
text/cell: 617.721.6333
email: seamusokelly57@gmail.com
Birthday: April 18
Committees: Civic Beautification and Outreach
Community Activities: Wayside Inn

Honorary Member, Jackie Hauser
Proprietors Green, Room 202
10 Village Green Way, Marshfield, MA 02050



A Note from the Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee of the Sudbury Garden Club sends cards and notes of support or condolence to members in the club's name. We ask that all members let us know of any member who might benefit from a cheerful or meaningful message from the Sudbury Garden Club throughout the year. We appreciate the communication (text, email, or phone call) from members who let us know whenever our outreach is appropriate for any member.



Joan Buxton, Pat Drobinski, Patty McCann

Poinsettias

Members, my sister is a Landscape Architect in NH. A client of hers died suddenly recently. These holiday plants were already ordered. The family does not know who was to receive them. So, if anyone is interested in purchasing a Poinsettia, let me know. The list is below of the color and number available of each color. \$30.00 a pot (4 large plants in each pot).



Let me know if you are interested in these holiday beauties. They will be delivered to me in the first or second week in December.

- 2 Beauty Marble: most saturated color of all the marble poinsettias
- 2 Brilliant White: bright white pointed bracts
- 2 Enduring Pink: light pink pointed bracts, medium green foliage
- 4 Enduring Red/White: combo of 4 plants, 2 red, 2 white
- 5 Imperial Red: bright red massive flowers, dark green foliage
- 10 Jubilee Red: traditional red, medium green foliage

Lynn Noland
978-793-1102 cell/text.

BIRDIE BITS



At the last Sudbury Garden Club meeting that I missed waiting for Verizon to come and repair my phone due to a lightning strike and a tree down, several members asked Marilyn why they are seeing fewer birds at their feeders. An article arrived a few days later from Wild Birds Unlimited addressing that very question.

Seeds, nuts, insects and even berries are in abundance this time of year, which means our backyard birds are eating more from the natural world and less from our feeders. This happens to some extent every year at this time. In years when plants produce copious amounts of seeds and nuts, birds and other animals become less dependent on our feeders. The converse is true when fewer seeds and nuts are produced. There must be a lot of natural seeds and nuts this year because everyone has been mentioning seeing fewer birds at their feeders and asking why so it is not only our members.

Not to worry, the birds will return to our feeders in greater numbers once the weather turns colder. Birds need to eat more in colder weather, especially high fat foods, which help them stay warm. When you find yourself reaching for an extra sweater, the birds will be back looking for an extra serving of delicious and nutritious bird food.

Following Marilyn's wonderful article about the Hummingbirds last month, I marveled at the female Hummingbird that was at my feeder constantly and actually began to look a bit larger. Every time I thought she had flown South, there she was again until last week

when she started her journey. I will leave the feeder out for another week, and I will miss seeing them until spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn and Karen

HOW CAN YOU REACH US?

Questions/comments/information for your co-presidents; Jo Ann Forester and Juju Lem-Pang?

Email: sgc.president76@gmail.com

Questions/comments/information for your treasurer; Janelle Landrigan?

Email: sgc.treasurer76@gmail.com

Questions/comments/information for your membership chair, Ann Boland?

Email: sgc.membership76@gmail.com

Questions/comments/information for your Plant Sale Steering Committee; Mike Hunter, Kaffee Kang, Leslie Lowe, Carol Shapanka

Email: sgc.plantsale76@gmail.com

All your friends who are members of the Sudbury Garden Club:

Sudburygardenclub.org Members Only has a directory of all our members!

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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