


<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p><u>September 26, 2019</u></p> <p>The monthly meeting of the Natick Garden Club will be held on Thursday</p> <p>September 26, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Morse Institute Library 14 E. Central St.</p> <p>Note: this is the <u>4th</u> Thursday</p>	
<p>www.natickgardenclub.org</p>	<p>September 2019</p>

Welcome to our 22nd year!

Hello All!

As we begin the club's 22nd year of programming & activities, I want to welcome our new and returning members. Our table at Natick Days, Downtown planting, and the fall program are great events to participate in and catch up with each other. The summer offered opportunities to visit several members' gardens; plant, water, weed, and prune the library gardens and planters and the downtown planters; and to participate in a flower donation campaign initiated by Elizabeth Carroll to honor the first responders to the downtown fire. We are a volunteer run club and we get a LOT done! Thank you to everyone who coordinates, communicates and engages to make our activities so fulfilling. We have a committed and active group of officers and committee chairs!

Follow us on Facebook, check out our website, invite a friend to the September meeting. Sign up to participate in an area of interest and speak up with new ideas. I look forward to sharing the joy of "Beautify, Revitalize, and Preserve... for Nature's Sake."

Happy gardening,
Laurie Adelstein
President, 2019-2020

Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, September 26th** **First meeting of the NGC 2019-2020 year**
- **Thursday, October 24th** **October meeting – NOTE: 4th Thursday**
- **Thursday, November 7th** **Trip to Fall Chrysanthemum Show at Smith College**

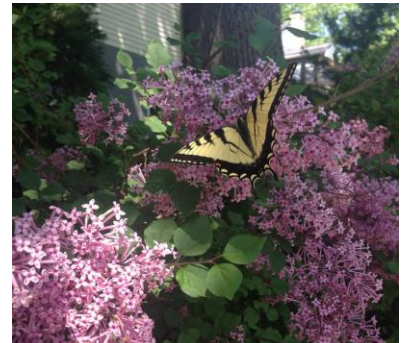
Meet the 2019-2020 Natick Board of Gardeners

Officers

President	Laurie Adelstein
Vice President	Jean Egerhei
Past President	Martha Coleman
Secretary	Rosalind Forber
Treasurers	Pat Polimeno & AnnMarie MacKinnon
Membership	Helen Johnson & Catherine Clifford
Programs	Geri Wadness & Phyllis Moir
Federation Liaisons	Martha Coleman, Laurie Adelstein & Jean Egerhei

Committees

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	Jill Miller
Hospitality	Connie Lane
Library Containers	Terry Fitzgibbons
Library & Pollinator Gardens	Jill Miller
Library Holiday Decorating	Rhea Gallagher & Fran Guthery
Library Indoor Plants	Connie Lane & Connie Hood
Logo Items	Alison Parnes
Membership Book	Sue Mandell
Natick Days	Linda Lentz
Newsletter	Catherine Clifford & Kate Grzesiuk
Photographer	Judy Sabol, Sheila Tiberio
Publicity	Kate Grzesiuk
Trip Coordinator	Elizabeth Carroll & Joanne Rampe
Webmaster	Karla Cunningham



2019-2020 Programs:

September 26, 2019

Rebecca Warner – *Easy First Steps to an Earth-Friendly Garden*

October 24, 2019 (4th Thursday)

Betsy Szymczak – *Gardening with Dahlias*

November 21, 2019

Shirley Fitzpatrick & Maggie Rezendes – *Make a Holiday Arrangement!*

December 12, 2019 (2nd Thursday)

Pot-Luck Holiday Dinner followed by **Karen O'Brien** – *Preserving the Tastes of Summer*

January 16, 2020

Susan Guest - *Your Body in the Garden*

February 20, 2020

Tamsin Treverton Jones – *From Birmingham to Boston: The Life, Times and Travels of Edwardian Plant-Hunter Ernest Wilson*

March 19, 2020

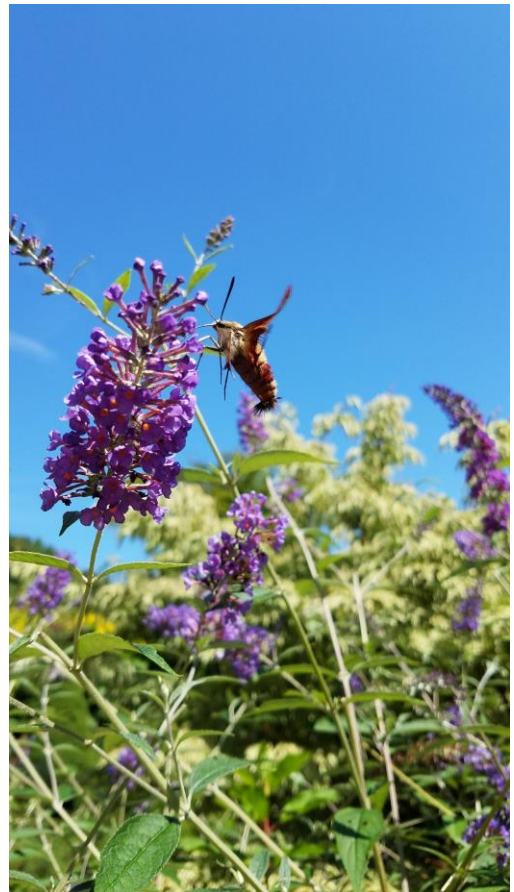
Laura Bibler – *Sequence of Bloom*

April 16, 2020

Michael Wojtech – *The Growth of Trees*

May 2020

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



September Program

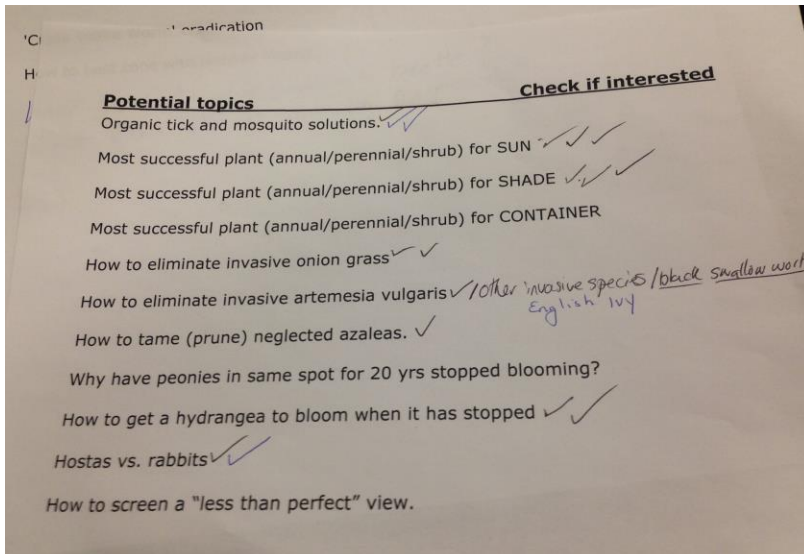
Rebecca Warner – *Easy First Steps to an Earth-Friendly Garden*

Rebecca, the author of *The Sustainable-Enough Garden*, will show us several adaptations we can make to our gardening practices to act on environmental principles while still creating a beautiful garden. She will show us a simple method for making compost; easy ways to make mulch from free materials available close to home; a time-saving, earth-friendly way to prepare beds for annuals and vegetables in spring; and a quick recipe for making peat-free potting mix. See Rebecca's blog here: <http://thesustainable-enoughgarden.blogspot.com/>

May Meeting

Ask the Gardeners: Ask questions and share solutions to common gardening problems - *by and for Natick Garden Club Members*

This was a fun meeting calling on the club's collective wide and varied knowledge. The checklist shows the topics discussed. In most cases, multiple solutions were proposed to each the problems raised. I for one was thrilled with the non-lethal solution to my bunny problem (Plant Skydd) recommended by Ann Peters. It worked all summer, and only now are the hostas being munched again.





News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

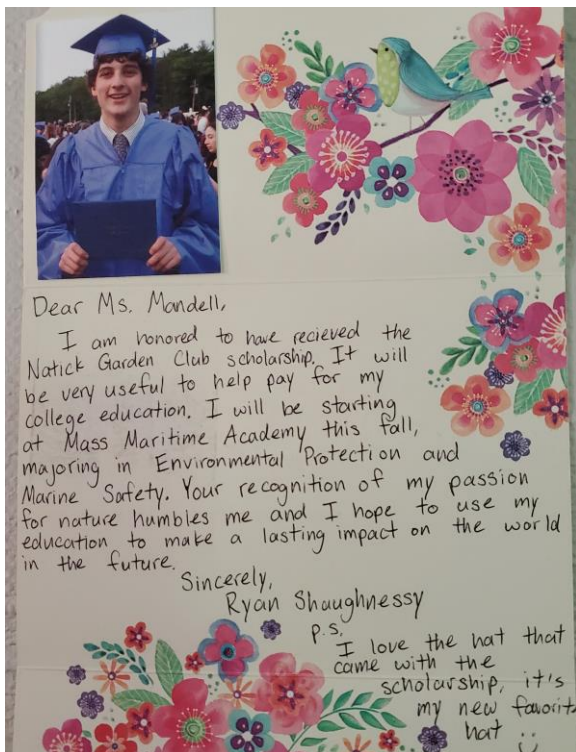
See separate appendices for Auction and Annual Dinner notes & photos.

NGC Scholarship

This is the first year the club has granted the scholarship we created in honor of founding member Marilyn Lustig.

Criteria: Graduating senior pursuing future study or work in horticulture, conservation, ecology, landscape design or related subjects; brief statement of experience, goals, interest that speaks to our motto: "Beautify, Revitalize, and Preserve for Nature's Sake"

The recipient, Ryan Shaughnessy sent the thank you note below.



Penny Pines

Can you believe that members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (that includes us) donated \$72,828 to U.S. state and national forests in the 2018 calendar year? This amount translates to 1,071 Penny Pine plantations. Each plantation consists of 200 seedlings, which means National Garden Club members contributed to help supply 214,200 trees. The U.S. Forest Service does the planting using our donation together with federal funds.

What began in California in 1941 as a statewide conservation program, Penny Pines has expanded to all 50 states. The conservation effort entails the planting of replacement seedlings that are indigenous (not only pine trees) to forested areas damaged by insects, fires or natural catastrophes. The plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

Let's continue our efforts to keep our national forests beautiful. In 2018, we contributed an acre of trees in memory of Emma Regele. In 2019, we made a second contribution in honor of Shirley Fitzpatrick, a founding and continuous member since 1998. <http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/penny-pines.aspx>

Downtown Planting – Saturday, May 18th

Many thanks to all who helped planting the downtown with summer flowers. Planted, neat, and clean in about two hours! Extraordinary!

Special thanks to the early birds who got us going: Martha Coleman, Rosalind Forber, Earlina Jamison, Sue Mandell, Lucy Morris, and Debby Thompson. Thanks to those who brought extra supplies (like carts and ladders) and to the entire group who came and worked diligently: Elizabeth Carroll, Catherine Clifford, Pat Collins, Doris Fina, Amy Foley, Kate Grzesiuk, Sibby Hill, Ann Katan, Linda Lentz, Pat Polimeno, Susan Shipman and Geri Wadness. The 15 Gardeners were also represented by Kathy Dempsey, Marianne Faling, and Linda McCarthy. It was nice to meet you and work together to make our downtown look so good.

A note from Athena Pandolf, director of the Natick Center Cultural District in case you missed her email back in May. *THANK YOU for always making the downtown look absolutely stunning! Your hard work, time and dedication help welcome people to our downtown with brilliance and beauty! We truly cannot thank you enough!"*



It was a hot summer (remember?) and we had multiple watering, deadheading and fertilizing events over the course of it (June 17, July 3, July 24, the whole week of August 10, and August 16.) Thank you emails went out at the time so in the interest of space in this long newsletter, here are the photos, in rough chronological order, of our efforts to keep our downtown looking its best.







First Responder recognition:

After the devastating fire in downtown Natick on Monday July 22, the NGC quickly came together to lift spirits of our first responders. Thoughtfully organized by long-standing member Elizabeth Carroll, her call for fresh flowers was fulfilled above and beyond. Artful, beautiful, and varied arrangements were delivered on Wednesday, July 24th by Elizabeth Carroll, Kate Grzesiuk and her son Jack to the main Natick Fire Department and the Natick Police Department, and to the firehouses in South Natick, Oak Street and Speen Street, the Department of Public Works, The Natick Center Cultural District and The Morse Institute Library as well.

Everywhere we went, the flowers were met with true appreciation and smiles. While many citizens and businesses had contributed drinks and food, our NGC hospitality was on full display with the loving gifts from our gardens. Hand written notes accompanied all of the arrangements as well. Thank you to all for your timely and generous contributions.





Natick Days 2019

On Sunday, **September 8th**, the Natick Garden Club's table at **Natick Days** was a busy place. We were in the parking lot again (not a bad thing given the EEE concerns), and as there were more activities there this year more families came by to admire Doris Fina's arrangement, pick up brochures and chat while their children played the ever-popular bean toss game. Kudos to new member Linda Lentz who organized it this year, coached by Laurie Adelstein, and who, in spite of the last-minute change to Sunday, was able to recruit enough members to set up and staff the table. This event is not only a way to introduce the club to the community, this is a fundraiser, and we grossed more than \$250. We came close to selling out of both Shirley Fitzpatrick's note cards and the daffodil bulbs (the few remaining will be available for sale at September's meeting.) A special shout out to Laurie's husband Steve Strout who helped us get everything loaded up at the end of the day. Thanks go (in alphabetical order) to Laurie Adelstein, Linda Cain, Elizabeth Carroll, Catherine Clifford, Jean Egerhei, Doris Fina, Shirley Fitzpatrick, Lillian Graffam, Kate Grzesiuk, Helen Johnson, Linda Lentz, Lucy Morris, Pat Polimeno, Judy Sabol, Marcie Sapers, and Susan Shipman all of whom helped in some capacity to make this another successful event for the club.



Fall Planting: Downtown and Library

On September 14th an enthusiastic contingent of Natick Gardeners transformed the planters downtown and at the Library. A big thank you to Pat Polimeno and Sue Mandell for helping with the pick-up from Fran's Flowers on Friday and then making the delivery to the downtown Saturday morning. Thank you to the following members who helped with the downtown planting; Laurie Adelstein, Annie Aisenberg, Catherine Clifford, Martha Coleman, Pat Collins, Elizabeth Carroll, Mary Beth Connolly, Lucia Frenkel, Kate Grzesiuk, Sibby Hill, Ann Marie MacKinnon, Sue Mandell, Lucy Morris, Ann Peterson, Pat Polimeno, and Susan Shipman. And thanks too to the Library team of Annie Aisenberg, Doris Fina, Terry Fitzgibbons, Phyllis Moir and Elizabeth Vincent Owen. Many, many thanks to Sheila Tiberio for all of her hard work to keep the planters looking good this summer and a special shout out to her for orchestrating the purchase of a cart, step ladder and broom.

All of your talent and time is greatly appreciated by all who live and work in Natick. 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!



Natick Community Organic Farm

The NCOF Annual Harvest Dinner & Auction will be held on Saturday, September 28th.

As we have for a number of years, the club will make a donation to the auction. Once again, the donation has been organized by Shirley Fitzpatrick, and this year for the first time, it will include a membership to the club.



Bacon Free Library & MassHort

Unusual & Beautiful Food Crops to Grow in Massachusetts Lecture

Wednesday, September 25, 7-8 PM;

Want to try something new? Thinking about growing an ornamental vegetable garden? Senior Mass Hort horticulturist Hannah Traggis will present a lecture on unique perennials, world food crops and beautiful vegetables that will inspire and expand your vegetable garden.

<http://baconfreelibrary.org/event/mass-hort/>

Fall Trip: Save the date!

On **November 7th** we will be taking a trip to Smith College in Northampton, MA to visit the Fall Chrysanthemum Show. We also plan on visiting the Smith College Museum of Art and if the weather permits, we can stroll the campus grounds designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Then we will gather at a local restaurant for lunch. More information and sign up to follow.

Trip Coordinators: Elizabeth Carroll, Joanne Rampe and Carolyn Wirth

Landscape Design School – October 24-25th <https://www.gcfm.org/landscape-design-school>

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:

- Jean Egerhei 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 Jean know at jegerhei@gmail.com or 508-655-7916.
- Recycle gardening books, magazines, or catalogs you no longer want by bringing them to the meeting to pass on to club members, or to put in the library magazine swap rack.
- 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](#)

Members' Travels:

With all the auction and year end dinner photos, this issue is quite long enough, so I am saving the photos of members' trips for the October issue. That gives those of you who visited interesting or exceptional gardens and haven't yet sent photos (**you know who you are!**) an opportunity to send them to: c.clifford90@comcast.net

Thanks to Laurie Adelstein, Elizabeth Carroll, Monica Foley, Betsy LePain, Sue Mandell, Judy Sabol, Susan Shipman, and Linda Vitagliano for their contributions of content and photographs to this issue.

Catherine Clifford & Kate Grzesiuk