


<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday, September 19</p> <p>6:30pm socializing, 7 pm business meeting and lecture by Christie Dustman “Design Principles Make the Wow” Morse Library</p>	
<p>www.natickgardenclub.org</p>	<p>September 2024</p>

President’s Letter

I do not often get a chance to thank all of you for your support of our various activities. My job would be impossible without the talented and dedicated Board of Directors, committees, and volunteers that contribute to our various activities. So, to all of you who participate in any way to promoting and assisting in our Garden Club events, my sincere thanks for a job well done.

If you are interested in a particular event or some activity involved in our various projects, please do not hesitate to mention it at one of our meetings or email me. Many of our projects are of limited duration with a firm end date. For example, our downtown planting events are most successful and most easily accomplished when the turnout for them is substantial.

I sincerely hope that all of you enjoy our programs and activities for 2024-2025.

Helen Johnson

Natick Garden Club President 2023-2025

Dates to Remember

Saturday, September 21 - 10 am to noon, downtown fall planting

Sunday, September 29 - new member tea. Invitation only

Thursday, October 10 - October meeting (one week earlier than usual)

Wednesday, November 20 - November meeting (note day of week)

Thursday, December 19 - December meeting

2025 dates can be found on <https://www.natickgardenclub.org/programs>

News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

Downtown Fall Planting

We will be refreshing 34 planters in the downtown with fall plants. Saturday September 21 at 10AM to Noon

Meet in front of Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 10 N Main St.

Bring garden gloves, clippers and a trowel. If you have garden club swag please wear it (if not, items are for sale - see below). We welcome all members new and not so new to help us transform the downtown into that beautiful New England Fall look!

Please email Elizabeth Carroll if you are able to help. She is happy to answer any questions you might have.

NGC Fall Planting Chair
elizabethTcarroll@gmail.com
508-951-0378

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 860-794-9451 or slide into her DM @kateofnatick . Members new or old most welcomed to manage the account.

Sunshine Fund Dee DeRuyck is the contact for the NGC Sunshine Fund. If you know of a member who should receive a card from us (eg congratulations, illness, bereavement) please let Dee know at deedee.deruyck@gmail.com

Madeline Hoppy's beautiful son, Ben. Congrats Madeline!



NGC Swag Logo items in the form of aprons and hats will be available for sale at meetings, and the downtown fall planting. Aprons are \$22 and ballcaps are \$18.50 . Checks made out to Natick Garden Club or cash, please.

Recent Activities

Natick Days

The weather was great, and our game a hit with the little gardeners! The club sold Shirley Fitzpatrick's beautiful cards along with daffodil bulbs. Thank you to Lucy Morris for chairing, and all who volunteered their time.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qX5FiTWUcLWnGBseA>



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.