



# NEVER DONE!

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## President Ponderings

MaryAnn Piasecki

I have always viewed the month of September as the beginning of the “great” migration. While the birds are gathering making their plans for their trip south I start the migration of plants in my perennial beds. My first step is to provide each plant with a performance review. Did you exceed or meet my expectations? Did you do what your label said you would do? Or are you a tosser.... Now everyone sets his or her own expectations but for me sometimes a tosser might mean you were great but you reproduced to many times. My hardy Geranium frequently falls into this category. I love them so as the early blooms of spring but now they are crowding the Hosta, under the May apple and growing out of the compost bin. Then there are those star performers that brought such joy over the summer. You shall be split and reproduced for all to see. *Ligularia dentata* was my favorite this year. Loves the shade, provided beautiful leaves all summer then that pop of yellow flower against a maroon leaf at summer’s end was a joy.

So the migration begins as I dig and replant or say goodbye to some. “Would you perform better with more sun or are you constantly nagging me for water. “ Someday the plants will all be in their right spot but I hope I am not here to see it.

Happy Fall planting.

MaryAnn

# Membership

AnaMaria Nanra, Membership Chair  
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It is definitely a different year for us all, and that even includes when we are reaffirming our membership to the Garden Club! To help in the management of logistics, we've decided to start our membership renewals now in Fall 2020. In doing so, you'll get about 4 free months, as these dues will be good through December 2021. Likewise, since we are unable to meet in person right now, I will be emailing everyone a membership form and humbly request you fill it out and mail it and your dues back to me. My address is listed on the form.

If you have any concerns or questions about membership, don't hesitate to send them my way!.

## Profiles: Joanne Williamson

At the first Zoom board meeting on September 21 we said goodbye to Joanne Williamson, who is moving to be near her son in Virginia. Everybody expressed the same feeling...we will miss her!

When Joanne first moved to Harvard she was immediately interested in joining the Garden Club, but that proved to be more difficult than expected. Her aunt was already a member but couldn't sponsor her. She became friends with Becky Shives and Debbie Reed, who were sorry they couldn't help her either...they each had already sponsored two new members. She got in the next year; she thinks it was Becky who sponsored her then.

Now that she will be in Virginia she is already looking into joining the local garden club and hoping that it won't take that long to join.

Some board members fondly remembered the many tours in Joanne's beautiful gardens.

At the library we were on the lookout for what new garden books Joanne had purchased on behalf of the club, and they were always extraordinary!

Joanne, we wish you ALL THE BEST in your new home!

# Programs

**September 28 Westward Orchards apple picking**

**9:00 – 10:30 am**

*We will have specific sign-up times  
for meeting with Stephanie O'Keefe discussion on  
"Growing Apples in Harvard" followed by apple picking*

**October 19** Zoom Board Meeting

**October 26** Zoom Regular meeting

**Zoom**

*Program: Pollination: Birds, Bees, Flowers and Seeds*

*Speaker: Judith Sumner*

**November 23** Zoom Board Meeting (Thanksgiving is on 11/26)

**November 30:** Zoom Regular Meeting

*Program: "Victorian Flowers - Still the Favorite"*

*This talk is based on his new book.*

*Speaker: Thomas Mickey*

**December 14:** Holiday Greens

*The club gathers each year to make baskets of greens for shut-ins  
and arrangements for themselves.*

*Logistics for this year need to be worked out.*

Some good advice from  
Dee Lee!

I feel that I should  
clean the house  
so I am heading  
out to the  
garden until  
that feeling  
passes.



## Hydrangeas in Madelaine Ferguson's garden



**Quick Fire**  
white changing to pink

**Oak Leaf Ruby Slipper**  
white to dark pink



**Serrata: spectacular white,**  
pink to dark red



**AND SOME MORE BEAUTIES  
IN MADELAINE'S GARDEN...  
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# Hostas and a clematis in Madelaine's garden



*Clematis Crystal Fountain*



*Hosta garden  
large Hosta 'Sagee'*



*High Society and Wolverine*

*Diamonds are forever*



*Blueberry Muffin*



# News from our members

Lounging under a tree reading or listening to [THIS DELIGHTFUL STORY](#) about the benefits of gardening, a therapy to which I have subscribed for decades to keep me sane and healthy.

Maria Day

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## Charlotte Rhodes Butterfly Garden



On a scenic tidal cove this roadside garden is right off the Main Street in Southwest Harbor, Maine. It is a little jewel.

The garden is devoted to supporting the life cycle of Monarch butterflies. We all learned how critical that is from one of our recent lecturers

I enjoy it every year when we vacation near Acadia national park. Sea air, salt water, pines, butterflies, birds, and gorgeous flowers. A happy place in these challenging times!

Nancy Gasser



# Okra in the garden...let's make a shrimp gumbo!

Theresa Ledoux shares a [RECIPE](#) and more...

What's also amazing about growing okra is that the flowers are beautiful.



And even though this recipe is officially a gumbo, Bob and I always [SING THIS SONG](#) written by the incomparable Hank Williams when making it. You can make a jambalaya with okra - the recipes are very similar. There are so many covers of this song, but here is one of our favorites.

Theresa and Bob Ledoux

# Time to harvest the jewel weed/ forget-me-knots



It's time to harvest the yummy walnut tasting seeds from those popping pods and put them in a fantastic granola or zucchini bread.

If you want to see how the seeds pop out, Rosemary made a video.

Rosemary McKeever



## Civic Beautification

Kathy Jackson and Kathy Hewett helping out at the General Store.

Fall and the season of mums had arrived. The two ladies worked all morning to put new plants in the containers! MaryAnn Piasecki arrived to help just after we had taken the picture.

# NEW

## Book Club

Info: Helen Jean Berry

Helen Jean looks forward to the possibility of bringing a book club group together for our garden club!

Books will be based on the love of gardening and our first selection is “Animal, Vegetable, Miracle – A year of Food Life” by Barbara Kingsolver.

**Please contact Helen Jean at [hberry@asrsd.org](mailto:hberry@asrsd.org)** if you are interested in joining the book club.

Helen Jean will be setting up the book club Zoom meetings with members that join.

## Nature Trail Walks on Conservation Land

Info: Pam Durrant, [pbdurrant@gmail.com](mailto:pbdurrant@gmail.com)

Let Pam know if you want to get info regarding upcoming walks.

# Officers for 2020-2021

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Therapy Mary Maxwell  
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