



NEVER DONE!

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June President Ponderings

These past two years have truly been a privilege and honor for me representing the Garden Club of Harvard as your president. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Each of our members brings a unique set of skills that make our club fun, competent, and highly effective in contributing to our community. We have enriched ourselves with new skills and in turn have enriched our community.

Our club's diversity not only allowed us to stay together during a pandemic we learned new skills, adapted new ways to do our business and to thrive socially in an isolating period of time.

I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to you and your support of me in this role. We laughed, we cried, and we all wore masks together.

I leave you with the quote that has always inspired me.

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." – Ralph Waldo Emerson-

As we look forward, I see a strong slate and a great leader in Jessie Panek. She has the right skills to lead us forward wherever the path takes us.

MaryAnn Piasecki

Annual Meeting on June 6, 2022

The annual meeting was organized by Maria Day at Fruitlands Museum Restaurant.

Maria made the table decorations with flowers we used at the Bromfield graduation.

Jessie Panek thanked and celebrated our outgoing president MaryAnn Piasecki.

MaryAnn welcomed Jessie with a poem.

A wagon, a weedcutter, a coloring book, a Tshirt....there were gifts galore for the outgoing and incoming presidents.

Everybody enjoyed the speeches, which were funny, inspiring and cheerful.

More pictures on the next page. Enjoy the transcripts of the speeches.

At one time, hats were all the rage! Mary Helan, Jessie and Maureen resumed the tradition.



Listen, O gardeners, and you shall hear
Of MaryAnn (not Paul Revere.)
Of MAP (Piasecki has no rhymes!)
To MAP, who led through Covid times
And got us here, we toast and cheer.

For two long years we had to go
Without our usual ebb and flow.
The CDC and Fauci wailed
But MAP adapted; MAP prevailed;
Insisted that our gardens grow.

She rolled out techie skills galore
With spreadsheets, emails, zoom & more
In sly sarcastic deadpan voice.
We had to laugh, we had no choice.
She “herded cats” like none before.

So now, dear MAP, you can step down.
Relax and bask in your renown.
Remember what you liked to do
Before you led the GC crew
And wore the presidential crown.

No gift conveys our thankfulness
But here’s a gesture, nonetheless:
At plant sale time, if you are flaggin
Go get MaryAnn’s red wagon.

* MAP is an informal nickname for MaryAnn within the club.





*There once was a gal named Jessie
Who thought garlic mustard weed to messie
She set off on a quest
To eliminate the pest
On a pervasive that made her stressie
So my gift to this gal is a weeder
As she becomes our next leader
A tool called Nijiri Gama
To rid us of the Alliara Petioata
Gee in latin it sounds so much neater!*

By MaryAnn Piasecki



Officers for 2022-2023

President	Jessie Panek
Vice President	Bill Loehfelm
Recording Secretary	Stephanie Hooper
Treasury	Meg Bagdonas
Committee Chairs	
Historian	Carlene Phillips
Hospitality	Suzan Osborn
Membership	AnaMaria Nanra
Newsletter	Marijke Vallaeyes
Nomination	MaryAnn Piasecki, Janice Rusiecki
Programs	Margaret Murphy, Janice Rusiecki
Publicity	Kate Guthro
Projects	
Annual Lunch	Maria Day
Civic Beautification	Kathy Jackson, MaryAnn Piasecki
Garden Therapy	Mary Maxwell, Janice Rusiecki
Garden tour	Sarah Tate
Greens workshop	Maria Day, Nancy Webber
Graduation flowers	Kathy Hewett
Horticulture	Betsy Morton
Library books	Heidi Siegrist
Library/meeting flowers	MaryJane Ellison
Nature Trails	Pam Durrant
Plant Sale	Carole Herbin, Margaret Murphy, Marijke Vallaeyes
Web Master	Betsy Howard
Yearbook	Carlene Philips, Marijke Valleys
Bloom N Art	Deb Dowson, AnaMaria Nanra, Marijke Vallaeyes



Early morning in late May, garden club members workshopped their "Bloom N Art" skills, talked about techniques, and then arranged an interpretation of a contemporary Japanese art piece by Eri Kato on Instagram.

Practicing ways to avoid using oasis floral foam because of its environmental impact, there were experiments with reusable grids secured to the containers.

Members shared recommendations for YouTube videos to learn more during the "off season" in preparation for next year's Bloom N Art. It was a fun and inspiring start to the weekend and the growing season ahead when flowers in the garden can be used in our future design practices to interpret art.

Meg and Marijke were in for a treat! Thanks Maribeth!

If you would like to participate in future workshops, contact Maribeth.

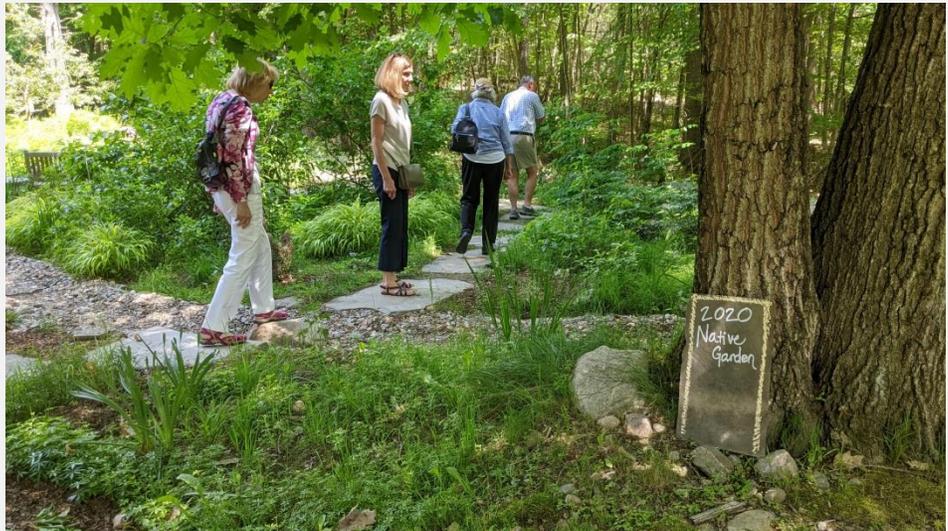


Suzan and Sarah
organized
the Garden Tour.
Before lunch we
admired Marcia
Croyle's garden.



Info: Suzan Osborn and Sarah Tate

After lunch we visited Katie Gandek's Native Garden and Cher Abraham's Lady slippers , with a bonus visit to Kathy Jackson's garden.



Library Flowers

Info: Mary Jane Ellison



Christine Moeser

You are invited to sign up to make an arrangement for Library Flowers by clicking on the [SignUpGenius](#) link.

There are still some spots available in 2023.

Please sign up soon so the schedule can be included in the yearbook



Graduation Flowers

Flower creativity and fun

Graduation 2022 is in the history books now, and I thank all of you so very much for making it a beautiful occasion for the graduates and their friends, family and teachers.

Everyone came together to make it happen despite the wrinkle COVID threw us with the last minute shift in coordination. Even the weather ended up giving us a perfect day.

We had a great combination of veteran and new arrangers, and clearly you are all very talented!

Of course we couldn't do it without all the beautiful flowers and greens that everyone contributed. They were stunning, and they held up extremely well; our annual meeting luncheon was filled with flowers that you would never guess were leftovers! We were also able to send some to the Council on Aging and Fivesparks, and thanks to Maria, a few people got flowers at home.



I hope you all had a great time helping on this important service project for the town, and will be back to do it again in 2023.

Jessie Panek





Photos by Paul Grady, Jenny Candon, Kate Meyer-McEwen, Jessie Panek and Marijke Vallaeys



Jessie Panek, Maribeth Marcello, Maria Day, Deb Dowson, MaryJane Ellison, Shlawna Sikochi, Katie Meyer-McEwen, Marijke Vallaeys made the arrangements; some of the arrangers brought flowers. Thanks to Meg Bagdonas, Barbara Heim, Kathy Jackson, Betsy Morton, Amy Cataudella, Dorene Lewis, Sarah Saleh, Kathy Hewett and MaryAnn Piasecki who brought flowers.