

FALMOUTH GARDEN CLUB

WE PROMOTE THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE; THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE BEAUTIFICATION OF FALMOUTH

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 **December 2018** 

Falmouth Garden Club Holiday Luncheon Monday, December 4, 2017 11:30 am The Cape Club



Workshops

December 7, 8

**Workshops for Greens Sale
Gus Canty - 9:00-12:30 pm**

December 9

**Sale of greens arrangements
Gus Canty - 10:00-3:00 pm**

December 11

**Floral Design Workshop
Gus Canty - 9:30 am**

President's Message

Dear Members,

We have lots of holiday celebrations coming up and a whirlwind of activity! Wicks House decorating has been chaired by organizers Julie DePalma and Esther Johnston. The open house will be on December 1, put on by the Historical Society, with a special invitation to FGC members to tour the house from 4:00-6:00 pm. Our Holiday Luncheon is December 4, organized by VP, Kathy Tunsley, where we'll get a much needed chance to just relax and enjoy each others' company.

Our Greens Sale, chaired by hard working Stephanie York and Lori Bisbee, will be on December 9, at Gus Canty, from 10-3pm. Please spread the word about this special event that raises money for our Scholarship Fund. Our holiday outing to RI is planned for December 13, and will be so festive. Thank you Carol Piazza for putting this together for all of us.

December, as always, is a blur for me when I'm busy getting ready to celebrate Christmas and also packing up for the winter. Yes, I'll be leaving you for a few meetings, but you'll be glad to know that you will be in good hands with Co-President, Andrea Anderson. She will be leading the January and February meetings. Hope you're thinking as I do that co-chairing is working. I feel it's the future of the FGC. It enables a person to take on a leadership role without sacrificing their obligations, or life style. It's also so enjoyable to work as a team.

Finally, even though I'll be in Colorado for the month of January welcoming my new grandson (*hopefully fitting in some skiing in between helping out with the family - ha!*) and then traveling back to Vermont for February-March, I will be in communication and working remotely for our club. I will always make myself available for my special FGC friends, so please keep in touch!

Love, Peace, and Happiness to you this Holiday Season,
Judy Salter, President

**WELCOME new members of the
Falmouth Garden Club!**

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**We are so happy to have ALL of you
as new members of the Falmouth
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Falmouth Garden Club Holiday Road Trip!

On Wednesday, December 13, the Falmouth Garden Club Holiday Road Trip will take us to Bristol, RI! We will visit the Blithewold Mansion all decorated for the holidays! It is truly beautiful sight!

We will eat lunch at the Lobster Pot Restaurant on the harbor and then we will proceed to Linden Place, another historic house in Bristol, which will also be lavishly decorated. This house will have docents in each room to tell us about the families and the many significant items there.

At the December Christmas luncheon, sheets with the driver/passengers will be on display for each passenger to check out. Please find your driver on the sheets. The driver will contact the passengers about details of the travels per car. If you do not see your name find me immediately!

The cost is \$17. All checks (made out to FGC) must be sent to me, Carol Piazza, 21 Perry Rd., N. Fal., MA 02556 before Dec. 4th. This should be a wonderful day together with other club members! No work, just fun!
Carol

Library Flowers



December 1 - Betty Hanson
December 8 - Sharon McKinney
December 15 - Martha Pendergast
December 22 - Gretchen Partridge
December 29 - Erika Messmann



Donations for December

Gluten-free products, fresh vegetables, baby food, coffee, tea, soaps, deodorants, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels and personal care products for men and women.

Horticulture Report

Nancy Warren

Out the Window: December is a good month to observe the structure your needle evergreens give to your garden. The yews (arborvitae, spruce, chamaecyparis, cypress, juniper, firs and pines) which you find unexciting in June are now center stage. They create the shape of your property. See if there are areas where more evergreens are needed, either for screening or as a backdrop to your borders.

Broadleaf evergreens like rhododendron, skimmia, and pieris are on duty now also, and are most effective when planted in groups of three or more.

I Completely Forgot!!!! If you forgot to plant a bag of bulbs, you can still get them in the ground as long as you can dig down 6” – 8”. The ground freezes solid long after we get temperatures below 32 degrees. There is still time.

Thinking August. Are you longing for dahlias? I am! I’ve seen so many stunning bouquets with these long lasting cut flowers, I want to grow my own. According to a Cape Cod dahlia expert I know, Swan Island Dahlias at <https://www.dahlias.com/> sell some of the best. When I told her I didn’t know how to incorporate the plants into my beds, she told me that they do beautifully in pots on the patio or deck. I’m sold. She also said to order early – they do sell out over the winter and spring is too late to have your pick. Stocking stuffers?

Back to your needle evergreens. If you planted any shrubs or perennials late in the season, cut some branches from your pines, spruce, etc and lay them over your new plants. They will insulate the roots and help bring your new plants through the winter.

Hydrangeas: If you are compulsive and energetic, this is the time to put insulating material around your newer hydrangeas. The extreme gardener will tie the branches close together with twine and then heap pine needles, salt marsh hay or burlap wrapping around the plants. The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society does this for the more tender or newly planted specimens at the Hydrangea Display Garden at Heritage Gardens in Sandwich. Their trials have shown some positive results for the effort. I would only do this for extra tender plants or the newly planted ones.

Got Poinsettias? They do like bright sun so place near a sunny window. Let them dry out before watering. If the leaves turn yellow and drop, this is a sign of too much water. Cyclamen, which are gorgeous flowering houseplants, want the same treatment and need to dry out between watering. They are prone to rot with too much moisture.

A new book for gardeners. **The Garden Tourist: 120 Destination Gardens and Nurseries in the Northeast** is a new book by Jana Milbocker. She is a Massachusetts resident. I’ve seen the book and it is wonderful. More information can be found on her website: www.Enchantedgardens.com. It is available starting Dec. 7 .

Hospitality



There was a wonderful turnout for the Nov. meeting and we would like to thank all the wonderful ladies that helped us with hospitality. The two co monthly hostesses for this meeting were *Karen Perry* and *Julie DePalma*. The other hostesses were *Sheila Gilbert, Eleanor Kopp, Lisa Missaghian, Carol McInnes, Martha Terry, Sue Clark, Roseanne Mili, Sue Sargalski and Ann Rider*. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all.

We would also like to thank *Carol McInnes, Denice Martinez, Julie DePalma and Gretchen Partridge* for their beautiful flower arrangements which added so much to the festive atmosphere of our meeting.



The next meeting will be the Dec. Holiday Luncheon. Hope to see you there.
Pat and Sally



April 27 - 30, 2018
Museum of Fine Arts Boston

Are you interested in representing the Falmouth Garden Club at the annual MFA's "Art in Bloom" where you would interpret a piece of art into a floral design? This event is similar to the Petals & Pallets that we just participated in Falmouth where many of you did outstanding work. To make doing this project more enjoyable, in the past, two members have partnered to create the floral design.

If you are interested in applying to the MFA, please contact
Andrea Anderson: knollwood150@gmail.com for more information about the event and the application process.

Barbara Gachot, organizer of the "Carol Sing," is calling all singers, and would be singers, to join in on the this annual event!



December 20
2:15 pm
Royal Nursing Center
Main Street

Please mark your calendar. This is a fun and rewarding experience, so don't miss out on this festive event!!



Conservation and Legislation Committee (CLC)



On November 11th, five FGC members braved the elements to tour Bill Cannon's Holly property. Bill was an engaging host who showed us a wide variety of Holly specimens.

Bill offers these Holly plants for sale in the Spring, although his hours are somewhat irregular.

Bill's contact info is [2081 Main Street, \(Route 6A\)](#), Brewster MA 02631.

Telephone [781-801-3165](tel:781-801-3165); ilexbc@verizon.net

After the tour, four FGC members adjourned to the warmth and comfort of the Marshside Restaurant in East Dennis.

All in all, it was a fun day.

The CLC will be taking a winter hiatus from outdoor activities.

See you in the Spring.

Skip

Falmouth Garden Club

Holiday Sale

Fresh Green Arrangements for Your Home

Saturday, December 9, 2017 10am until 3pm

GUS CANTY COMMUNITY CENTER



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and

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Announcement!



Falmouth Garden Club dues will be increasing \$5.00 in all categories of membership. This is the first increase in 7 years.

The increase was voted on by the board April 2017 and will be presented to the general membership for a vote.

Thank you!

