


<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p><u>October 15, 2020</u></p> <p>The monthly meeting of the Natick Garden Club will be held on Thursday October 15, 2020, at 6:45 pm via Zoom</p>	
<p>www.natickgardenclub.org</p>	<p>October 2020</p>

President's Letter

*"Come said the wind to the leaves one day,
Come o're the meadows and we will play.
Put on your dresses scarlet and gold,
For summer is gone and the days grow cold."*
- A Children's Song of the 1880's

With all of the beautiful fall colors, October has been a real treat! I hope that everyone has been able to get out and enjoy their fall gardens in this beautiful weather we have been having. Many thanks to Laura Bibler for the beautiful September program on the, "Sequence of Bloom." It was wonderful to see the many different gardens month by month throughout the year. I hope we were all inspired to stop and think about our own gardens throughout the year with a poetic and artistic eye.

On another note, special thanks to Elizabeth Carroll and Terry Fitzgibbons for organizing our wonderful Garden Club members to update and care for the downtown and library plantings. It all looks amazing. Thank you also to Sue Mandell for editing and mailing out the membership booklet. It looks great!! Sue asks anyone who has not received it by our next meeting to get in touch with her.

*"I love fall! Fall is exciting...
It's apples and cider... It's an airborne spider...
It's pumpkins in bins... It's burrs on dog's chins...
It's wind blowing leaves... It's chilly red knees...
It's nuts on the ground... It's a crisp dry sound.
It's green leaves turning... And the smell of them burning.
It's clouds in the sky. It's fall. That's why...
I love fall."*
- Author Unknown

Hope to see you all at the October Zoom meeting.

Jean Egerhei

President, 2020-2021

Dates to Remember

- Thursday, October 15th October meeting
- Thursday, November 19th November meeting
- Thursday, December 10th December meeting, **NOTE this is the 2nd Thursday**

October Program

October 15, 2020 (via Zoom)

Nancy Riggs– *Gardening for the Future*

Using successes and failures from her own garden, Master Gardener and veteran garden club speaker Nancy Riggs will help us explore ways to make our gardens more user friendly as time passes. Gardens designed with the future in mind can help us enjoy our gardens more in years to come by minimizing the time and energy that they require and establishing a workable balance between ourselves and our gardens.

As we did in September, we will meet via Zoom, starting at 6:45 to allow for people to log on and get settled. The meeting will start at 7. The meeting information is here as well as in the email.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81816113676?pwd=QjhpUkJ5YStLemR6UGxhMkhFNjEyQT09>

Meeting ID: **818 1611 3676**

Passcode: **908754**

To call in: **+1 929 436 2866** US (New York)

September Meeting

September 17, 2020 (via Zoom)

Laura Bibler – *Sequence of Bloom*

Landscape designer Laura Bibler's presentation of gardens through the year followed perennials, shrubs, and ornamental trees offering a photographic calendar of bloom times and associated design considerations. She provided us with an excellent and helpful electronic handout of blooming sequences and pleasing combinations (attached again with this newsletter.) See her website at <https://ldbibler.com/>

News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

Fall Downtown Planting

On Monday September 21st a dozen club members refreshed the plantings in 28 downtown containers. Under the direction of Elizabeth Carroll, club members gritted their teeth and pulled out the summer plants, except Lantana and Dracaena, and replaced them with mums, cabbages, kale, ornamental peppers, beets and Pennisetum grasses, hardy plants that will look good until Thanksgiving. Even wearing masks and social distancing it was a treat for members to be able to catch up with each other as they worked. Thank you to the members who helped with the planting; Elizabeth Carroll, Martha Coleman, Mary Beth Connolly, Doris Fina, Terry Fitzgibbons, Lillian Graffam, Linda Lentz, Sue Mandell, Pat Polimeno, Joanne Rampe, Judy Sabol, and Susan Shipman. Extra thanks to Terry Fitzgibbons and Mary Beth Connolly for helping transport the plants, and especial gratitude to Elizabeth Carroll for a superb job of organizing.





We have no photo of Judy Sabol, because she was the one with the camera (phone)! Thanks Judy!



Library Planting

On Friday, September 18th a “small but mighty” team led by Terry Fitzgibbons planted the library containers and urns with cabbages and mums. The mums started to open within days, providing a welcome burst of color for the library staff and patrons. Thanks to Elizabeth Carroll, Sibby Hill and Ann Katan, and Terry for a terrific job!



Betsy Szymczak's garden tours September 22-26



Betsy Szymczak, our club's dahlia maven, generously donated more than 30 tubers to our on-line plant sale in May, all of which were sold within the first hour! Last month, she graciously offered the club the opportunity to see those dahlias and many others in exuberant bloom and opened her delightful garden for eight hour-long tours over the course of four days. Our thanks to Betsy, for giving so many members the chance to safely tour her beautiful garden (Using SignUpGenius was a genius idea!) AND for promising more dahlia tubers for next year's plant sale/auction. I'm printing a few photos here but to see all of the photos Judy Sabol took of Betsy's garden, be sure to follow this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nYQGZdx17RWVA8bK6>



2020-2021 Programs:

October 15, 2020

Nancy Riggs– *Gardening for the Future*

November 19, 2020

Deborah Trickett – *Winter Wow: Beautiful Containers for Winter Months*

Note this is a change of date and program, since an in-person pot-luck isn't feasible yet.

December 10, 2020 (via Zoom)

Mike and Angelina Chute – *Foolproof Roses*

January 28, 2021

Alicia Carroll – *Topic and Details to be Announced*

February 18, 2021

Gretel Anspach – *Starting from Seed*

March 18, 2021

Michele Schuckel – *Survival of the Fittest: Native Plants, Natural Selections*

April 15, 2021

Shirley Fitzpatrick and Maggie Rezendes – *Make a Spring Flower Arrangement!*

May 2021

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

Check these websites for (virtual) events, classes and workshops of interest.....

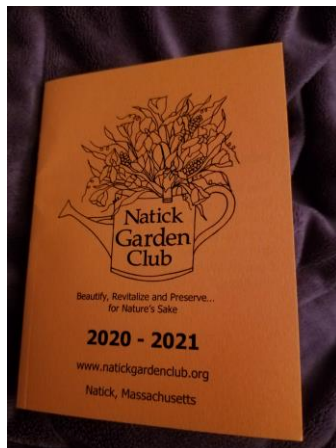
- Arnold Arboretum <https://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/>
- Garden Club Federation of MA <https://www.gcfm.org/schools>
- Garden in the Woods aka Native Plant Trust <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/education/>
- Mass Horticultural Society <https://www.masshort.org/Events>
- Tower Hill Botanic Garden <http://www.towerhillbg.org/index.php/visit/what-s-happening/events-calendar/>

Reminders:

- Linda Lentz 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 Linda know at LindaRLentz@gmail.com or 508-208-8686.
- Since we aren't meeting in person, recycling gardening books, magazines, or catalogs becomes more challenging. We could post them in an addendum to the newsletter if that sounds helpful.
- 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](#)



Here's the new membership book. Don't miss the quotes!

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