

<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b><u>November 19, 2020</u></b></p> <p>The monthly meeting of the Natick Garden Club will be held on Thursday  <b>Nov. 19, 2020,</b>  <b>open at 6:45 pm via Zoom,</b>  <b>meeting begins at 7 pm</b></p>		
<p><a href="http://www.natickgardenclub.org">www.natickgardenclub.org</a></p>	<p>November 2020</p>	

## President's Letter

*"November comes  
And November goes,  
With the last red berries  
And the first white snows.  
With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.  
The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest  
Until next spring."  
- Elizabeth Coatsworth*

This November has been a very interesting month and not exactly what we would expect of November in more ways than one. I have to keep checking the calendar to see that we are really in November. Was it really in the 70's this past week?

Thank you to Elizabeth Carroll in representing the Garden Club by saying a few words and presenting a bouquet to Ginger McEachern for the unveiling of her work on her "Unconventional Garden." Truly a work of art.

Thank you again to our twelve Fall planting members who planted 24 planters in the downtown area and added a new planter outside of a new business, Unity. It looks amazing. Calling all winter greens!! If you would like to donate any winter greens cut from your yard you can deliver them from now until November 20th at Sue Mandell's home at 15 Bradford Rd. She

has a drop off area for the greens. You are welcome to come and help the Garden Club to place the greens in all of the downtown planters on November 21 at 10:30am. Hope to see you there.

Oh how we are all missing the New Member's Tea! Elizabeth Carroll and the committee have been discussing ways to welcome our new members by delivering to their homes a small floral gift along with a warm welcome to attend the next general meeting. Please keep an eye out for new faces under our masks on November 21, and on Zoom this Thursday.

A very big thank you to Kate Grzesiuk for taking over from Catherine Clifford the monumental task of creating the newsletter this month. We also wish Catherine best of luck on her move into her new home.

If you are wondering what the Garden Club looked like in the many years past, Judy Sabol has three scrapbooks filled with pictures from past years of Garden Club photos. In the future, they will likely be stored at either the Morse Institute Library or the Bacon Free library. We are also looking for some volunteers to take us into the future too - see below for open positions.

A big thank you to Nancy Riggs for her October program, "Gardening for the Future." We all enjoyed seeing how her garden progressed through the years. What an inspiration. She really showed how one can establish a workable balance between ourselves and our gardens.

We are all looking forward to our next garden club program on November 19th at 7 pm (6:45pm Zoom opens) with Debra Trickett: "Winter Wow, Beautiful Containers for Winter Months." This will come just in time for those of us who are wondering what to do to make our containers and window boxes look a little bit more festive and inviting throughout the winter months.

Take care and stay safe,  
Jean Egerhei

President, 2020-2021

*"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"*  
*Audrey Hepburn*

## **Dates to Remember**

- **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**    **November meeting** - let Jean know if you have an agenda item  
jegerhei@gmail.com
- **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**    **winter greening of the downtown.** 10 am library, 10:30  
remainder of boxes
- **Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**    **Festival of Trees at MassHort opens** (buy in advance)

- **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** **December meeting**, NOTE this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday
- **Thursday, January 28, 2021 January meeting** featuring Alicia Carroll (Elizabeth's sister); NOTE 4th Thursday

### **It Takes a Village! Volunteer Opportunities within your Club**

- like to Tweet? Consider starting the NGC's presence on Twitter. Most material provided from our Facebook feed. If interested contact Publicity chair [kategrzesiuk@yahoo.com](mailto:kategrzesiuk@yahoo.com)

- have excel skills? Our co-treasurers need your help to bring the database to the next level. As our Club has grown so too has the accounting. Pat Polimeno can be reached at 508-655-7740 or [rpolimeno@comcast.net](mailto:rpolimeno@comcast.net) to discuss this not-so-daunting-yet-necessary task.



*new statue in the pollinator garden*

## **November Program**

**November 19, 2020 (via Zoom)**

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

Winter is approaching, but this doesn't mean our window boxes or containers need to stay empty. Deborah Trickett, owner of The Captured Garden, will demonstrate how to fill the void with a variety of options from classic to contemporary that will carry through the holidays to spring. She will share creative ideas for keeping container gardens looking appealing in all seasons.

As we did in September and October, 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87098929009?pwd=Z1hlemJIYUloNFp1TkMrL1NOa283Zz09>

Meeting ID: 870 9892 9009

Passcode: 141643

One tap mobile

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+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

## October Meeting

Nancy Riggs – *Gardening for the Future*

handout attached

## News, Notes, and Upcoming Events

### Holiday Updates

**Giving Tree at the Morse Library-** Chairs Rhea Gallagher and Fran Guthrey met with Jason and Charlie at the library to discuss holiday decorations. They decided that they would decorate the Giving Tree only. Volunteers are NOT needed this year to accommodate the COVID restrictions, but the NGC chairs will be overseeing the installation and pack-up.

One way all NGC members can help is to contribute to the Giving Tree! NEW mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves are requested to benefit A Place to Turn on Hartford Street. Morse Library has limited hours open to the public for you to drop off your donations and see the Tree.

**Downtown Winter Greens** - Organizer Helen Johnson asks that we all start collecting winter greens for the downtown. Even if you can't volunteer, you may have greens to donate such as pine, arborvitae, hemlock, cedar, juniper, rhododendron, azalea, holly and winter green red berries. No bittersweet please! (editor's note - NGC members are not above taking free pickings from the dump)

The installation will be done on November 21st at **10:30am** weather permitting. If weather doesn't look good a raindate will be sent closer to 11/21. For those who cannot BYO greens on 11/21, please drop off your greens to Sue Mandell's home at 15 Bradford Rd., leave in the driveway to the right by Friday Nov. 20. Please email Helen Johnson if you can volunteer and or bring greens at [helen.johnson@nemoves.com](mailto:helen.johnson@nemoves.com) . Thanks to those who helped in the prep with fall removal.

**Downtown Winter Greens, Part II** - The library also needs its boxes spruced up. Organizer Terry

Monahan requests a few volunteers at **10am** November 21 to help with the few boxes and urns. Bring greens and let [tmmfitz@comcast.net](mailto:tmmfitz@comcast.net) know if you can come to help.

**Festival of Trees** at Elm Bank will occur this year! Go to <https://masshort.org/festival-of-trees/> to get your timed-entry ticket today! There are a limited number and you must pre-purchase this year. The organization is also looking for volunteers, info also on masshort website or 617-933-4988. As always, Ellen Yetman will represent the club at the festival, with her representation of The Holly Tree. Look for trees decorated by several club members as well, including three by Beth Gray-Nix!



Jul Shimmer by Monica Foley Shirley and Ellen with NGC's Holly Tree, bedecked with gift cards

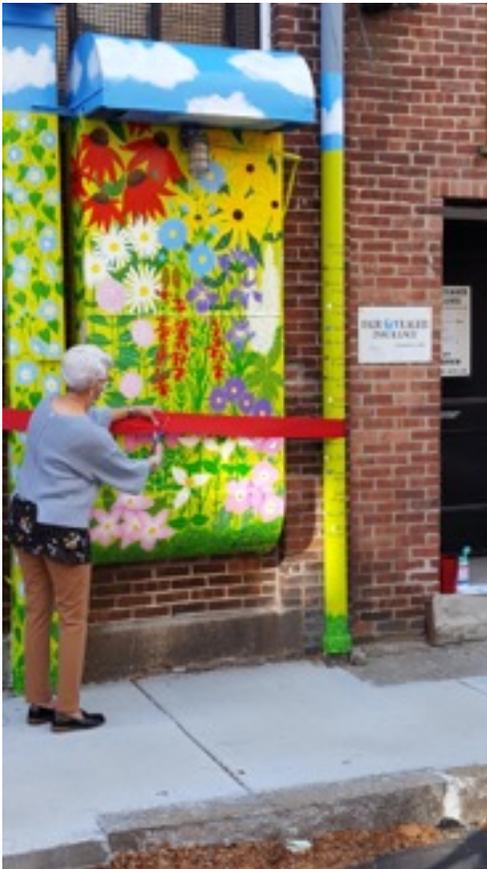
101 Dalmatians by Catherine Clifford

**Fran's Flowers** has moved locations- On Sunday 11/1 they moved just 900 feet down the road, towards Route 9 just past Kohl's. Some of you might remember the location as being the former home of Walpole Woodworkers, between Shoppers World and Walmart.

### **The UnconVENTional Garden**

On Saturday, November 7 the latest addition of public art in our town center was unveiled. What was once an unsightly vent located on Adams St. is now a beautifully painted garden done by local artist Ginger McEachern. Ginger is not only a very talented artist and one of the owners of the Five Crows, but she is also an avid gardener. She did her research and the plants are all native to Massachusetts. Along with the painting she has incorporated a list of all the plants in the UnconVENTional garden.

The Natick Garden Club was asked by the Natick Center Cultural District to say a few words about the project and to present Ginger with a bouquet of flowers. We had many members of our club at the unveiling: Linda Lentz, Elizabeth Carroll, Sue Mandell, Susan Shipman, Sheila Tiberio, and Linda Vitagliano. Thank you to Sheila for helping with photography, and to Elizabeth Carroll for speaking on behalf of the club. Make sure to check out this beautiful painted garden that requires no watering, deadheading or fertilizing! A thank you to Posies Flowers who created a stunning bouquet that reflected the colors in the painting.



## **About Town**

Franklin Park Zoo Outdoor Safari Walk



**2020-2021 Programs: all to be held via Zoom until such time that Morse resumes use of community rooms**

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

**December 10, 2020**

**Mike and Angelina Chute – *Foolproof Roses***

**January 28, 2021**

**Alicia Carroll – *Working Relationships:***

*Women and the Twentieth-Century English Herbal Revival*

**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 events, classes and workshops of interest; note that some organizations are moving to in person events.**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

## Netflix tonight? Members recommend:

- documentary Kiss the Ground
- The Big Flower Fight

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*Catherine Clifford & Kate Grzesiuk*