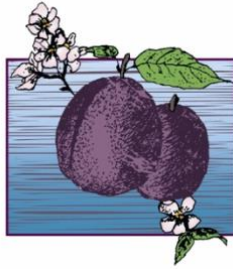


**Plum Beach Garden Club**  
**2021 Yearbook Supplement**



Note: Due to Covid, completely new Yearbooks were not printed in 2020 or 2021. Members continue to use the 2019 Yearbook for information that remains the same from year to year and have been provided with Supplements for the information that has changed – particularly the Membership and Programs sections. Supplements have been sent to each member as PDF documents and are available on our website.

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Meetings, Programs & Hostesses  
2021

June 8 – 9:00 at Betty Sue Reeds' house 200 Prospect Ave.,  
North Kingstown

Program: Container Gardens

1. Marion Bartkiewicz chair
2. Sue Colby
3. Joan Ehrhardt
4. Barbara Dawson
5. Kathy Barrette RSVP by Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

August 10 – 9:00 at First Baptist Church

Program: Bees Bees

1. Martha Parks Chair
2. Janet Fernie
3. Jocelyne Metivier
4. Andrea Sarrasin
5. Marsha King RSVP by Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

September 14 – 9:00 at First Baptist Church

Program: Herbs Harvesting and Drying

1. Sandra Bemenderfer Chair
2. Gail Stokes
3. Cathy Shippee
4. Betty Sue Reed
5. Sheila Skiffington RSVP by Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 12 – 9:00 at First Baptist Church

Program: Cooking with Herbs

1. Debra Hughes Chair
2. Brenda Johnston
3. Sharon Pickering
4. Betsy Ray
5. Diana Geisler RSVP by Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

## Meetings, Programs & Hostesses (cont.)

November 9 – 9:00 at First Baptist Church

Program: Holiday Table Decorations

1. TBA Chair
2. Linda Solito
3. Wanda Yelle
4. Darlene Vincent
5. Anne O'Neil RSVP by Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

December 7 – Time to be announced at Joanne

McDermott's house 24 Wight Lane, North Kingstown

Program: Holiday Luncheon

1. Barbara Halavik Chair
2. Ellen Abell
3. Joanne McDermott
4. Donna Dufault
5. Ellen Grennan
6. Nancy Harrington
7. Jill Motte
8. TBA
9. TBA
10. Jane Brockway RSVP by Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Plum Beach Garden Club

### 2020-2021 Officers

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Recording Secretary .....	Diane Devine
Corresponding Secretary ..	Judy Bitting
Members At Large .....	Jane Brockway, Marsha King

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Birds/Conservation	TBD
Brick Sales	Jane Brockway
Civic Beautification	Linda Sollitto/Sheila Skiffington
Communications	Sue Colby/Gail Stokes
Design	Betsy Ray/Joan Ehrhardt
Historian/Photographer	Linda Tammaro/Jill Motte
Horticulture	Betsy Coughlin/Anne O'Neil
Hospitality	Jocelyn Metivier/Martha Parks
Library Seed Project	Donna Dufault/Cynthia Corbridge
Membership	Sharon Pickering/Betty Sue Reed
Nursing Home Project	Diana Geisler
Pollinator Garden	Carol Gjelsvik/Meredith Moody
Programs	Elaine Lemieux/Marcia King
Publicity	Linda Hughes/Andrea Sarrasin
Special Projects	TBD
Technology	Kathy Barrette
Ways and Means	Brenda Johnston/Jane Brockway
Website/Social Media	Gail Stokes/Kathleen Barrette/ Sue Colby
Yearbook	Kathy Barrette/Gail Stokes
Youth Education	TBD

## Welcome to New Member

### Paula Childs

As a little girl, I remember my mother creating beautiful flower gardens all around our yard. Pink, white and purple petunias crowded each other in the stone wall planters my dad made himself around the big oak. Bright red salvia graced the front flower bed. And I still remember the explosion of zinnias in orange, pinks and purple covered in morning dew.



But it wasn't until I married and had my own home that my own green thumb took over. My yard soon filled with rhododendron, forsythia, dogwood, azalea, tulips, hibiscus, roses, pansies and so many more.

My gardens have given me so much pleasure over these last many years and so I am looking forward to learning more about horticulture through PBGC! Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a new member!

## Welcome to New Member

### Meredith Moody

I grew up in a family that was very active and interested in gardening. My dad grew fruit trees, vegetables, and flowers. My mom was a member of the Warwick Neck garden club.



My own favorite planting experience was when I was a first-grade teacher and the classroom where I taught had a very large planter built into the room. The children and I planted many things, including flowers that bloomed indoors in the winter. Each child planted bean seeds, took care of them and had a flag with their name on their own plant. Then they took them home when grown.

I have a small collection of Orchids that I have been nurturing for about ten years.

I started working with Carol Gjelsvik last year at the Casey Farm pollinator garden and we have decided to do it together again for this coming year.

Now that I have more time, I am pleased to be invited to join the Plum Beach Garden Club so that I can enjoy time with long-time friends and make new friends.

## Welcome to New Member

### Maria Thirsk

I discovered gardening accidentally but I'm so grateful I did. I am very much into animal rescue, and about twenty years ago after fostering a particularly rambunctious group of puppies, I realized that my garden was in dire need of work. I went to the local garden center for help and was touched by the beauty and peace which a garden provides. Something magical happens when we nurture plants; it's as if their very essence conveys hope, and certainly I've read that gardening is the ultimate exercise in the promise of tomorrow.



My other loves include dance and exercise, literature and hiking. After teaching high school English for over 25 years, I took early retirement in 2019 to follow my husband from New York to Rhode Island, when he accepted a position at a local college here. In New York, my girlfriends and I enjoyed exploring the beautiful gardens in NY and CT through the National Garden Association and their Open Days.

I'm so appreciative of the many members who share their gorgeous gardens. I'm also very happy to belong to a group such as the Plum Beach Garden Club who seek to make the world just a little better by sharing knowledge, beauty and the joy of gardening with others.

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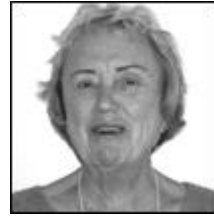
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Mrs. Helen Gifford 1954-1956	Anne Worrell O'Neil 1999-2001
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Mrs. Howard Stark 1961-1962	Betty Sue Reed 2003-2005
Mrs. Helen Gifford 1962-1963	Nancy Harrington 2005-2007
Mrs. John Teeden 1964-1968	Cathy Shippee 2008-2009
Mrs. Allen Williams 1968-1969	Sue Shriner 2009-2011
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Mrs. Herman Ferrara 1972-1973	Barbara Dawson 2014-2015
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# **Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs**

## **Life Member Group**

Founded in 1956, the RIFGC Life Member Group's mission is to develop scholarship funds for students enrolled in accredited collegiate programs in horticulture, landscape design, environmental science and related subjects.

When appropriate, a PBGC member will be honored through membership in the RI Federation Life Member Group. The PBGC Executive Committee will select the member and the one-time fee will be paid by PBGC.

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Betsy Coghlin	1989
Frankie Nannig	1991
Doris Dion	1995
Ruth Sleicher	1999
Barbara Halavik	2004
Linda Sollitto	2004
Ellie Ferguson	2005
Anne O'Neil	2006
Jan Lewis	2007
Karen L Barbera	2009
Nancy Harrington	2009
Betty Sue Reed	2009
Cathy Shippee	2011
Sue-Ann Kresinski	2012
Sue Shriner	2013
Kathy Asher	2014
Prudence Spence	2014
Barbara Dawson & Karen Pizzarusso	2015
Donna Dufault	2017
Mariann Callahan	2018
Marion Bartkiewicz	2019