

Plum Beach Garden Club

Established 1927



2023 Yearbook

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Our Mission ...

Plum Beach Garden Club is a group of gardeners who share a common interest and love for horticulture, floral design and landscaping. We are dedicated to improving and sharing our knowledge of these interests. Through education and a commitment to the value of environmental conservation, we seek to establish and maintain civic beautification in the community.



We celebrated our 95th year of service to the community with 250 friends at a beautiful fundraising luncheon at The Dunes Club in September 2022.

Standing Rules ...

- RSVP required for each meeting.
- Dues are payable before the first meeting of the year.
- Active members must attend five meetings annually.

Website: www.plumbeachgardenclub.org

The **Public Section** contains many photos and descriptions of current happenings, our Projects, the 20-page booklet titled "Our Heritage" and more. This part of our website is an important way we tell the Plum Beach Garden Club story to the community we serve, and especially to those we hope will support our efforts with financial contributions.

The **Members Section** contains copies of Yearbooks back to 2016, meeting minutes since 2019, Program/Meeting Schedules, Forms, By-Laws, and more.

Members Section password: purpleplum

2022 Newport Flower Show



**Garden Club Challenge
Third Place**
Creative Mixed Planters,
Planting Pallet



**PBGC
Design Team**
L to R - Brenda Johnston,
Sue Smith, Marion Bartkiewicz



Brenda Johnston took two Second Place wins in the Potted Plant Fern Class and Dramatic Monochromatic Class.

PBGC is a member of:

- Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Rhode Island Wild Plant Society
- Rhode Island Tree Council
- Audubon Society of Rhode Island

End-of-Main Garden ... A New Project



In fall of 2022 club members Sue Smith, Darlene Vincent and Christine Fernald received permission from North Kingstown for Plum Beach Garden Club to renovate and maintain a garden at the end of Main St near the entrance to Gardner's Wharf. This is one of the most visited locations in Wickford. It offers a peaceful place to enjoy Wickford harbor and the activities on the waterfront. This project was started late in the season so the full glory of this garden will evolve during the summer of 2023.

The Gavel Passes to a New President



After three years as President of PBGC, Kathy Romeo passed the gavel to Andrea Sarrasin at the club's holiday luncheon. Many thanks to Kathy for her leadership through a most challenging time. Despite the limitations imposed by Covid, the club not only survived, but flourished in so many ways.

**Plum Beach Garden Club
2023 Officers**

President	Andrea Sarrasin
1st V. President	Sue Smith
2nd V. Presidents	Elaine Lemieux Marsha King Darlene Vincent
Treasurer	Barbara Dawson
Recording Secretary	Donnalee Fronce
Corresponding Secretary	Judith Bitting
Members At Large	Betty Sue Reed Anne O'Neil

Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs

Awards and Grants	Jocelyne Metivier
Birds/Conservation	Diane Devine
Brick Sales	Judith Bitting
Civic Beautification	Linda Sollitto/Sheila Skiffington
Communications	Kathleen Romeo/Becky Dower
Website	Gail Stokes/Kathy Barrette
Social Media	Pat Morgan and Sue Smith
Yearbook	Kathy Barrette/Sue Smith
Publicity	Sue Colby
Design	Brenda Johnston/Sue Smith
Daffodil Program	Barbara Halavik
Historian/Photographer	Linda Tammaro/Jill Motte
Horticulture	Betsy Coghlin/Anne O'Neil
Hospitality	Sue Smith
Membership	Sharon Pickering/Betty Sue Reed
Nursing Home Project	Diana Geisler
Programs	Elaine Lemieux Marsha King
Ways and Means	Sheila Skiffington
Youth Education	TBA

Past Presidents

Mr. Charles Haslam 1927-1933	Mrs. Robert C. Pease 1983-1985
Mr. Willis S. Fisher 1933-1934	Mrs. James McDonough 1985-1987
Mrs. Abel Reynolds 1934-1936	Mrs. Urban Nannig 1987-1989
Mrs. George R. Cogg 1936-1937	Mrs. Robert C. Pease 1989-1990
Mrs. Art Hadley 1938-1940	Mrs. Donald Miller 1990-1991
Mrs. Arthur Cate 1940-1942	Mrs. Alfred Dion 1991-1993
Mrs. Charles Haslam 1945-1946	Mrs. Thomas Walsh 1993-1995
Mrs. Arthur Cate 1946-1947	Barbara Joyce Halavik 1995-1997
Mrs. Harry L. Steeves 1948-1950	Linda Sollitto 1997-1999
Mrs. Frank Trumbul 1950-1952	Anne Worrell O'Neil 1999-2001
Mrs. Harry L. Steeves 1952-1954	Ellie Ferguson 2001-2003
Mrs. Helen Gifford 1954-1956	Betty Sue Reed 2003-2005
Mrs. Alice Brown 1957-1960	Nancy Harrington 2005-2007
Mrs. Howard Stark 1961-1962	Cathy Shippee 2007-2009
Mrs. Helen Gifford 1962-1963	Sue Shriner 2009-2011
Mrs. John Teeden 1964-1968	Nancy Harrington 2012-2013
Mrs. Allen Williams 1968-1969	Barbara Dawson 2014-2015
Mrs. Lee A. Worrell 1970-1971	Donna Dufault 2016-2017
Mrs. Herman Ferarra 1972-1973	Marion Bartkewicz 2018-2019
Mrs. Arthur E. Clark, Jr. 1974-1976	Kathleen Romeo 2020- 2021
Mrs. David Duhaime 1977-1978	Kathleen Romeo & Marion Barkewicz Co-presidents 2022
Mrs. G. Dickson Kenney 1978-1981	
Mrs. Charles Lyons 1981-1983	

Hostess Duties

1. Appoint a Chair and an RSVP contact person for the event to be published in the yearbook.
2. Spend up to \$25 per hostess (non-reimbursable) for the purchase of refreshments, paper products and a table centerpiece.
3. Set up and break down the meeting space.
4. Find their own replacement in the event they are unable to fulfill their duties.
5. Committee members who plan larger events, or ones different from a regular monthly meeting, shall create written budgets which will enable them to determine additional member and guest fees, and the need to request additional funding beyond the \$25 each hostess contributes. ***These budgets, along with a request for additional funds, shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval in advance.***

Monthly Hostess Chair

1. Initiate meeting planning.
2. Work closely with the Hospitality Chair and Program Chair in planning when necessary for special meetings.
3. Maintain the hostess supplies box with the key to the church and pass it on to the next Hospitality Committee.

REIMBURSEMENT FORM
Plum Beach Garden Club

Date Submitted _____

Submitted By _____

_____ Reimbursement of expenses to _____

_____ Payment Issued to _____

List itemized amounts here. Attach receipts to the reverse side, or onto a separate sheet.

ITEM	AMOUNT
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Committee _____

Event/Purpose _____

Explanation _____

Any expense over \$250 that has not been budgeted in advance must be approved by the Finance Committee.

Amount approved for this expenditure _____

For Treasurer's Use _____

Check # _____ Date _____ Amount _____

Payable to _____

Address _____

Custom Engraved Commemorative Bricks Order Form

Create a lasting tribute to family, friends, pets, and special occasions in the beautiful brick walk of Old Library Park In Historic Wickford.

Custom Bricks are Tax Deductible -
\$60 each - 5 or more \$50 each

If you purchase multiple bricks, we will create an attractive grouping in the brick walk.

Enclose comments, requests or engraving instructions for additional bricks with your order.

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Bricks may have up to 3 lines of copy, up to 12 characters/spaces per line.											

of Bricks in order: _____ Amount of check enclosed: _____

Checks payable to: Plum Beach Garden Club

Mail to: Judy Bitting, 10 Oakland Ave, North Kingstown, RI 02852

2023 Membership

Active 44
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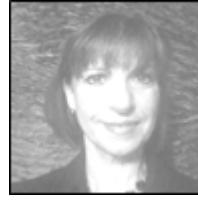
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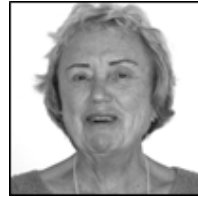
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2023 Membership

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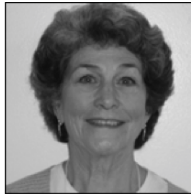
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Welcome to New Member ...

Nina Ackmann

*In Nina's absence her sponsor,
Sharon Pickering, submitted
this for her.*



Nina grew up in North Providence as part of a large Italian family and has lived in Rhode Island for most of her life.

She is in love with the natural world in all its mysteries and complexities. Her appreciation and concern for the earth is a passion which informs and motivates her work as an artist and photographer.

Nina has an interesting background that lends itself well with our garden club. Her love of the environment and community make her a perfect match. She believes that an active community is socially and aesthetically beneficial for all.

Welcome to New Member ...

Nancy Donohue



I am a Rhode Island native having grown up in North Smithfield. After I graduated from Salve Regina in 1977 with a BS in nursing I moved to Massachusetts, Connecticut and Indiana before moving to Wickford in 2002.

My husband Michael and I have three children and four grandchildren.

I've always enjoyed gardening but admit to being more of a "plunker" than planner. I was so impressed with the many lovely gardens cared for by the club that I wanted to be part of that. I really enjoy the camaraderie of the other club members and look forward to participating in more club activities.

Welcome to New Member ...

Christine Fernald



I have wonderful memories, as a child, helping my grandfather in his vegetable and gladiolus garden. He would sell the flowers at a roadside stand and I loved helping the customers choose the perfect colors.

I grew up in Western Massachusetts and moved to Nantucket year-round in 2003. I lived there until I moved to Wickford in May of 2014. I met my husband, Everett, in 2015 and we married in 2016. We have a large property that we are always adding new gardens to. I am also an artist and love photography.

I thank Darlene Vincent for introducing me to the club and look forward to meeting new friends and helping in the community.

Welcome to New Member ...

Mary Ann Garlock



I am fortunate to be a recent member of the Plum Beach Garden Club and look forward to making new friends and helping to beautify the Wickford area.

My love of gardening started during my earlier years helping out my grandfather with his expansive vegetable and flower gardens in Massachusetts.

Since then, I have lived in Florida and became very familiar with tropical plants and flowers. For over thirteen years, I've worked at a local florist in East Greenwich as a floral designer.

After retiring as an Elementary Teacher in Cumberland, I had more time to enjoy gardening, boating, creating floral scapes, and cooking with herbs which I grow in pots on my patio.

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.

Eleanor Ferrara	1973
Ginny Kenney	1982
Kathy Tatros	1983
Lee Forte	1984
Alberta Miller	1988
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 Spencer	2014
Barbara Dawson & Karen Pizzaruso	2015
Donna Dufault	2017
Mariann Callahan	2018
Marion Bartkiewicz	2019
Kathleen Romeo	2022

Programs

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 • 9 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: URI Master Gardener Karen Asher speaks about creating sustainable gardens with shade loving plants.

Hostesses: Elaine Lemieux, Chair
Martha Parks
Kathy Romeo
Sue Smith

RSVP: Marsha King
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RSVP by: Thursday, April 6th

Programs

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 • 9 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Creating flower and plant containers for outdoor spaces. Demonstrated by Linda Hughes.

Hostesses: Cathy Shippee, Chair
Joan Ehrhardt
Christine Fernald
Gail Stokes

RSVP: Nancy Donohue
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RSVP by: Thursday, May 4th

Programs

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 • 2:00 PM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Afternoon tea and talk by Tim Cranston,
Wickford Historian.

Hostesses: Darlene Vincent, Chair
Ellen Grennan
Jill Motte
Sandy Secrest

RSVP: Kathy Barrette
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RSVP by: Thursday, June 8th

Programs

Tuesday, August 8, 2023



- Where: Details regarding time, meeting place and transportation to be announced.
- Program: Lavender Wave Farm. \$20. Tour and opportunity to cut your own bunch of lavender. 3814 Commodore Perry Hwy, Wakefield.
- Hostesses: Barbara Halavik, Chair
Nina Ackerman
Diane Devine
Betty Sue Reed
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- RSVP by: Thursday, August 3rd

Programs

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 • 9:00 AM



- Where: Wickford Baptist Church
- Program: After the meeting, there will be a bus to take you to Greenvale Winery for a Tour and Tasting. \$20. Bag lunch provided. 582 Wapping Rd., Portsmouth. Bus from church after meeting.
- Hostesses: Debra Hughes, Chair
Barbara Dawson
Carrie Kolb
Carole Stone
- RSVP: Jocelyne Metivier
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- RSVP by: Thursday, September 7th

Programs

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 • 9:00 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Creating decorations with oyster shells, hands-on project.

Hostesses: Donnalee Fronce, Chair
Marion Bartkiewicz
Diana Geisler
Wanda Yelle

RSVP: Mary Ann Garlock
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RSVP by: Thursday, October 5th

Programs

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 • 9:00 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Holiday wreath making, hands-on project.

Hostesses: Anne O'Neil, Chair
Judy Bitting
Sue Colby
Sheila Skiffington
Linda Solitto

RSVP: Cynthia Corbridge
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RSVP by: Thursday, November 9th

Programs



- Program: Holiday Luncheon.
Details regarding day, time and
place to be announced.
- Hostesses: Becky Dower, Chair
Betsy Coghlin
Donna Dufault
Nancy Harrington
Brenda Johnston
Jo Marie McCann
Pat Morgan
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