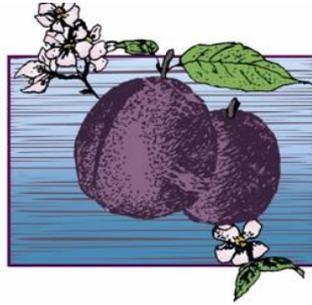


# Plum Beach Garden Club

Established 1927



## 2022 Yearbook

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The last time a PBGC Yearbook was published was in April 2019. This gap is one of the casualties of Covid. While “supplements” were distributed in 2020 and 2021, we are taking the opportunity of this full 2022 edition of our Yearbook to repeat some things from those – especially Remembrances and New Members.

## 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.



## Standing Rules ...

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

## 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

## Website:

[www.plumbeachgardenclub.org](http://www.plumbeachgardenclub.org)

Members Section password: purpleplum

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.

**Plum Beach Garden Club  
2021-2022 Officers**

Co-Presidents	Kathleen Romeo Marion Bartkiewicz
1st V. President	Andrea Sarrasin
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Treasurer	Barbara Dawson
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Corresponding Secretary	Judith Bitting
Members At Large	Martha Parks Sue Smith

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Birds/Conservation	Diane Devine
Brick Sales	Judith Bitting
Civic Beautification	Linda Sollitto Sheila Skiffington
Communications	Sue Colby
Website/Social Media	Gail Stokes and Sue Colby
Yearbook	Kathy Barrette
Publicity	Andrea Sarrasin
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Daffodil Program	Barbara Halavik
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Membership	Sharon Pickering Betty Sue Reed
Nursing Home Project	Diana Geisler
Programs	Elaine Lemieux Marsha King Darlene Vincent
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Youth Education	TBA

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Mrs. Abel Reynolds 1934-1936	Mrs. James McDonough 1985-1987
Mrs. George R. Cogg 1936-1937	Mrs. Urban Nannig 1987-1989
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Mrs. Arthur Cate 1940-1942	Mrs. Donald Miller 1990-1991
Mrs. Charles Haslam 1945-1946	Mrs. Alfred Dion 1991-1993
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Mrs. Harry L. Steeves 1948-1950	Barbara Joyce Halavik 1995-1997
Mrs. Frank Trumbul 1950-1952	Linda Sollitto 1997-1999
Mrs. Harry L. Steeves 1952-1954	Anne Worrell O'Neil 1999-2001
Mrs. Helen Gifford 1954-1956	Ellie Ferguson 2001-2003
Mrs. Alice Brown 1957-1960	Betty Sue Reed 2003-2005
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Mrs. Allen Williams 1968-1969	Nancy Harrington 2012-2013
Mrs. Lee A. Worrell 1970-1971	Barbara Dawson 2014-2015
Mrs. Herman Ferarra 1972-1973	Donna Dufault 2016-2017
Mrs. Arthur E. Clark, Jr. 1974-1976	Marion Bartkewicz 2018-2019
Mrs. David Duhaime 1977-1978	Kathleen Romeo 2019-
Mrs. G. Dickson Kenney 1978-1981	



Will King has been honored for his dedication and commitment to bringing a “Never Forget Garden” to Udpik Park.

## *Awards of Excellence*

In 2021 Kathleen Romeo was inspired to revive a bygone PBGC tradition from the 1980’s when the club had the “Green Thumb Awards”. Now we are pleased to recognize the extraordinary examples of a wide variety of things that are in harmony with our mission statement.



Wickford residents Joyce and Dan Cushman have been recognized for the enchanting garden they have created.



The Beechwood Community Center has been recognized for the beautiful raised flower beds across the front of their building.



Dr. Susan Kelly and her husband Paul Dean are recognized for beautifying a highly visible corner on Tower Hill Rd.



Harriet Powell has been recognized for her dedication to the rescue of pollinators.

## 2019-2021 Highlights ...



A holiday luncheon in December 2022 was also the occasion of the swearing in of the new Officers of PBGC. Joining us to officiate was Sheryl Hanson McGookin, President of RIFGC.



State Rep. Bob Craven met with Kathy Romeo and Andrea Sarrasin on a chilly day in January to present a \$2,000 check. Once again he sponsored PBGC for a state legislative grant, and we are grateful for this support.

PBGC collaborated with HistWick and the town of NK to finance the restoration of the curved arch of the arbor in Updike Park by a master carpenter. The arbor leads to the Anne Wallau and Arbor gardens – both created and maintained by PBGC.



Club members Sandi Bemenderfer, Marsha King and Brenda Johnston assisted Will King with the planning and installation of the Never Forget Garden which celebrates the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

## 2019-2021 Highlights ...



June 2021 was the first in-person meeting the club had since 2019. We met on the lawn of Betty Sue Reed's home.



What a treat to see so many of our friends and enjoy a demonstration of creating container gardens by Brenda Johnston.



Even in the unusual years of 2020 and 2021, there were 90 custom engraved bricks sold.

The club would like to take this opportunity to express great thanks to Jane Brockway for all the time, effort and customer care she has dedicated to this important fundraising project over the years. She will be greatly missed.

Thanks also to members and husbands who get down on their hands and knees to put the bricks perfectly in place.

## 2019-2021 Highlights ...

The North Kingstown Town Council has been generous in their support of PBGC, including a \$2,000 grant in 2021. Town Manager Ralph Mollis presented the check on a day when members were out in force grooming Old Library Park.



In October 2020 we were able to renovate a neglected corner in Updike Park thanks to contributions from Kostas Karampetsos, proprietor of Tavern By The Sea, and Joe Kolb, owner of Wickford Wealth Management. We have named this the Arbor Garden.

PLUM BEACH  
GARDEN CLUB

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
44 MAIN STREET • WICKFORD RI  
Cash or check only please



True to form, PBGC snatched victory from the jaws of adversity (Covid) and held a successful fundraiser in 2021.

Even though they could not go inside and create bouquets with the patients, Diane Devine and Diana Geisler gathered flowers from the Devine gardens and delivered them to Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

## 2019-2021 Highlights ...

The Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs gifted to us a tree of our choice. Linda Sollitto chose a beautiful native red maple and the town of North Kingstown provided a crew to help plant the tree on the grounds of Wickford Middle School.



In Spring 2021 we partnered with HistWick and the Town of North Kingstown to plant six trees along Main Street and Church Lane. Named the North Kingstown Tree Planting Project, there are intentions to extend this project to other locations throughout North Kingstown in the future.



### “Cultivating Your Garden Senses”

... was the theme of our June 2019 fundraiser which drew over 326 attendees to the Dunes Club. Speaker Tovah Martin’s presentation was drawn from her book, “The Garden in Every



Sense and Season.” In keeping with the overall sensory theme, member teams outdid themselves with imaginative raffle items. The fundraiser generated \$9,857 in profit ... essential funds for PBGC to carry out its vital programs.

## **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 each 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

*Questions/comments: Email: [bricks@plumbeachgardenclub.org](mailto:bricks@plumbeachgardenclub.org)*

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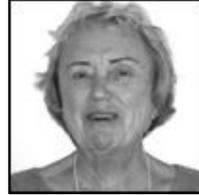
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## Welcome to New Member

### 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

### Becky Dower

Gardening has been one of my greatest joys for most of my adult life. There's little that's more satisfying than seeing the results of your plantings come to life in the spring. After especially difficult days in the office, trimming and weeding and playing in the dirt allowed me to turn my head off and appreciate Mother Nature.



My husband and I are recent retirees from the Saratoga area of upstate New York. We relocated to Rhode Island less than two years ago, to be near family, salt water and fresh seafood. I was a budget director for 30+ years in the New York State Legislature and while I loved it, it time to really live and enjoy life. I've started to make some wonderful friends in the PBGC and I'm looking forward to making more. I'm excited by the prospect of learning all sorts of things related to gardening, that all of the garden club members are so generous in sharing. Community service just may be my new calling.

## Welcome to New Member

### Carrie Mitchell Kolb

I started container gardening as a young adult. Growing flowers, tomatoes and peppers on patios and balconies. However, my love for flowers has been a constant throughout my life. Buying a house with established floral beds and a fenced garden made me realize that I need to expand my knowledge. I loved having a cut-flower garden



and will continue to cultivate in years to come. I was a co-owner of Canvasworks+ that closed in October of 2021. I have a background in sales, meeting planning, special events and fundraising. I am thrilled to be part of PBGC and look forward to learning, gardening, and creating friendships.

## Welcome to New Member

### JoMarie McCann

One year ago this month I was driving around looking for the perfect place to begin the next adventure in my life. As I drove through Wickford for the first time I thought it was staged to be a re-creation of an historic town. I was enthralled as I walked around and realized that it was real and real people lived here. The



historic homes and access to the water was beautifully enhanced by all the quaint, beautiful touches in the pocket parks and gardens. This was the place, my new home. My next step was to look for the community resource that created this wizardry and found Plum Beach Garden Club.

My goal from that point was to find and join the group doing the important work of beautifying the town and to take part in that effort. I expected to find a great group of people that were creative and dedicated and was not disappointed in meeting and getting to know the friendly members of the club.

To the club, I offer my labor, respect, and joy of working with Earth's materials in creative ways. I hope to be involved in the many projects of the club and making good friends. Gardening people are the best people.

## 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

### Pat Morgan

My love for gardening started at a young age. I grew up in Rhode Island in gardening families. Both of my grandfathers had large gardens that provided fruit and vegetables for our family. I have fond memories of spending time with them in the garden and helping my mother and grandmother with canning each summer.



As an adult living in Maine, my gardening interests were supported and mentored by a wonderful neighbor who was a skilled gardener- her name was Betty. We have owned five homes and at each home I created beautiful gardens that brought me tremendous joy and pleasure as well as opportunities to relax and share plants with friends. I am always learning new ways to improve the soil, produce more beautiful gardens and pots, use the herbs I grow and share what I know with others.

I look forward to many years as a member of the Plum Beach Garden Club and a contributing member of our community. It brings me great joy to help preserve and conserve beautiful areas around town and meet other like-minded gardeners/new friends.

## Welcome to New Member

### Andrea Sarrasin

I grew up in northern RI and spent most of each childhood summer in Narragansett.

Over the years I have lived in the Boston area and also in LA but was happy to move back to South County full time with my husband about 15 years ago.

We specifically chose our property because there was ample room for me to garden while still being only about a mile from our boat, and we love it. And, although I've always loved to garden (I had a community plot when I lived in the city), that's when I really started gardening more seriously. I love just about every aspect of gardening – working in my own, visiting other gardens both nearby and when I travel, and reading and learning about gardening and horticulture. This past winter I took the Master Gardener course at URI and will receive my certificate as soon as I finish a few more volunteer hours.

Since retiring and having more time (I am a CPA and worked in the Corporate Finance Department at Ocean Spray Cranberries), I have been looking forward to meeting some new gardening friends and being around other gardening enthusiasts, and I also want to give something back to the community. Sharon Pickering and Kathy Romeo went out of their way to make me feel welcome, and everyone I have met has been very welcoming. I am delighted to be a member of the club and look forward to active participation.



## Welcome to New Member

### Sue Smith

Getting lost and relaxing among the plants and flowers is one of my joys. Gardening has been a life-long passion, something I enjoyed with my dad from a very young age. For over ten years, I explored and enjoyed floral design helping out at busy times in a family flower shop.



We recently moved to Wickford and I still work as a Wellness and Benefits Manager in Smithfield. I'm thrilled to begin designing and planting new gardens around the house, welcoming guests, and attracting birds into this quaint, historic village. I look forward to sharing my energizing passion for gardening with members of the PBGC, as well as learning and exploring more about plants and gardens. I'm excited to be an active member for the beautification and care of the village and community gardens.

## In Remembrance of Nancy Lynne Davey

We mourn her passing on July 30, 2019.



*Whenever you are creating  
beauty around you,  
You are restoring your own  
soul.* Alice Walker

Nancy Davey joined the Plum Beach Garden Club in 2012. Becoming a member was very important to her.

Nance loved flowers, plants, and trees. She was an avid gardener who had an incredible green thumb! It didn't matter if she was out in her yard, or inside with houseplants.... everything grew! It makes sense because she came from a family of farmers.

She always brought nature into her home by filling vases with snippets from her yard, whatever she could find out there, even in the dead of winter. Nance was a great designer, too. She made beautiful wreaths and flower arrangements. She loved going on road trips to garden shops, botanical centers, and farms, especially with the club.

Nancy was so proud to be a member of the PBGC. We will all miss her gentle smile, quiet ways, and warm friendship.

We have placed a brick in her memory in the walkway at Old Library Park.

# **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 Tatro	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

## Projects



### Old Library Park

The beautiful park in the center of Wickford has long been a project of Plum Beach Garden Club.

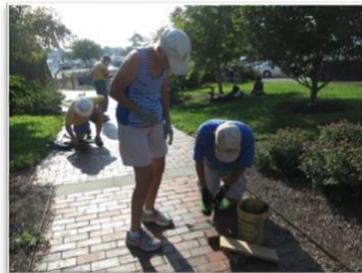
In the early 1980's, this was a forlorn vacant lot next to the old library on Brown Street. The North Kingstown Planning Department invited PBGC to submit plans for beautifying this high-profile location, and together they worked to create a more inviting public space ... completed and dedicated in 1985.

By 2000, the Park needed a rejuvenation, so the Club went to work again to raise the funds necessary – more than \$30,000. The renovation was completed in 2003.



Old Library Park offers so much to enjoy, including “The Readers”, a whimsical bronze statue, purchased and installed by the club in 2005.

The sale of custom engraved bricks in the walk has been a major source of fund raising for PBGC since 1997.



## Projects



### **Gilbert Stuart Herb Garden**

For decades, Plum Beach Garden Club has been tending this treasure at Gilbert Stuart's birthplace. In 2003, more than \$3,000 was raised by PBGC to renovate and expand this replica of an 18th century herb garden.



### **Hussey Bridge Garden**



In November 2017, after a year of planning, members of PBGC created this garden at the corner of Brown Street and Rt 1A. What had previously been an eyesore is now an attractive entrance to the charming town of Wickford. This is a RIDOT Adopt-A-Spot location.

### **Historic Wickford Sign**

Members paid for refurbishing of the Historic Wickford sign near the old Town Hall on Route 1A, and PBGC members continue to maintain the landscaping around the sign.



## Projects



### **Blue Star Memorial Islands**

The three traffic islands at the intersection of Route 1 and West Main Street are considered the “Gateway to Wickford Village”.

Plum Beach Garden Club spent four years working to get state and local approvals to beautify this high-profile location. They planned and designed the space and raised \$50,000 to accomplish this project. The club was able to replicate the beautiful Welcome to Wickford sign thanks to a generous donation of \$6,000 from the HistWick.

In 2009 the efforts of this major project were rewarded when it was designated and dedicated as a Blue Star Memorial By-Way. Blue Star Memorial markers are part of a nationwide network honoring our country’s Armed Forces, a program started by National Garden Clubs after WWII.

This is a RIDOT Adopt-A-Spot location.



### **Nursing Homes Project**

PBGC members visit local nursing homes during the year to help the residents create flower arrangements for their rooms.

## Projects



**Anne Wallau Garden**



The charming Anne Wallau Garden at the corner of Updike Park provides a perfect place for people to sit and relax on a stroll through Wickford. Anne's Garden was planned and planted by Plum Beach Garden Club in 1996 and was funded by family and friends of Anne as a tribute to her memory. PBGC continues the upkeep and maintenance of Anne's Garden and is grateful to Anne's brother, Alex, for his recent donation of \$5,000 in support of our projects.



### **Daffodil Project**

In the Fall of 2016, the PBGC planted hundreds of daffodils to kick off a new community beautification project. Since then, more than 17,000 daffodils have been planted all around town.

### **PBGC makes annual donations to:**

RIFGC, Inc, Life Member Group

North Kingstown Food Pantry

Gilbert Stuart Herb Garden



## Projects



## Holiday Traditions

Each year PBGC decorates and delivers a wreath to shine a holiday spotlight on North Kingstown’s finest at the Police and Fire Headquarters. To add to the cheer throughout the town, members put up and decorate trees in Old Library Park ... a tradition that dates back more than 20 years.



## North Kingstown Food Pantry

Over the years it has been an honor for PBGC to provide some gardening help to NKFP. And each holiday season members individually make contributions to NKFP and PBGC matches their contributions. In 2021, the presentation of the contributions and the grooming of the gardens happened on the same day.

## Meals on Wheels

To celebrate holidays and seasons member create flower arrangements that are delivered with Meals on Wheels.



## Projects

### 2019 Newport Flower Show



#### **Audubon Garden Club Challenge**

Pictured left  
Second Place  
Betsy Ray and Darlene Vincent

#### **Bird Cages**

First Place  
Brenda Johnston

#### **Cobweb Houseleek Succulent**

First Place  
Debra Hughes

### 2019 RIFGC Flower Show

#### **Small Discoveries**

Second Place  
Marion Bartkiewicz

#### **Education, Pollinator Rescue**

Second Place  
Carol Gjelsvik



#### **Botanical Arts**

Pictured left  
Second Place  
Brenda Johnston

### 2021 Newport Flower Show



#### **Garden Club Challenge**

Sylvan Voices  
Second Place  
Brenda Johnston and  
Marion Bartkiewicz



#### **Succulents Redux**

First Place  
Brenda Johnston



#### **Enduring Beauty**

Perennials  
First Place  
Brenda Johnston

## Programs



Tuesday, April 12, 2022 • 9 AM

Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: A presentation and tasting of olive oils and balsamic vinegars by the proprietors of the Impressed Olive store.

Hostesses: Sandy Secrest, Chair  
Donnalee Fronce  
Betsy Coghlin  
Betsy Ray  
Sandi Bemenderfer

RSVP: Joan Ehrhardt  
401-295-4352  
joanehrhardt@gmail.com

RSVP by: Thursday, April 7th

## Programs

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 • 5:30 PM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Tim Cranston presentation of Wickford

Hostesses: Marsha King, Chair  
Cynthia Corbridge  
Judith Bitting  
Sharon Pickering  
Linda Oliver-Hughes

RSVP: Diana Geisler  
401-789-3765  
dcgeisler@cox.net

RSVP by: Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

## Programs

Thursday, June 14, 2022 • 9:00 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Sue Clements, herbalist, will talk about making plant-based teas, body creams, etc.

Hostesses: Elaine Lemieux, Chair  
Meredith Moody  
Brenda Johnston  
Diane Devine

RSVP: Sue Colby  
503-803-8314  
suecolby62@gmail.com

RSVP by: Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>



## Programs

Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 • 9 AM



- Where: Wickford Baptist Church
- Program: Ikebana presented by Barbara Blossom,  
RIFGC judge.
- Hostesses: Nancy Harrington, Chair  
Martha Parks  
Carole Stone  
Donna Dufault  
JoMarie McCann
- RSVP: Carrie Mitchell Kolb  
401-602-9005  
carriemitchell@gmail.com
- RSVP by: Thursday, August 4th

## Programs

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 • 9:00 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Audubon Society Presentation “Owls of New England”

Hostesses: Cathy Shippee, Chair  
Sue Smith  
Barbara Dawson  
Darlene Vincent  
Betty Sue Reed

RSVP: Jocelyne Metivier  
401-295-5047  
jmetivier64@gmail.com

RSVP by: Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

## Programs

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 • 9:00 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Kissing Balls

Hostesses: Sheila Skiffington, Chair  
Wanda Yelle  
Becky Dower  
Pat Morgan  
Linda Sollitto

RSVP: Anne O'Neil  
401-783-8959  
annierwo@gmail.com

RSVP by: Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Programs

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 • 10 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Holiday Luncheon

Hostesses: Kathy Barrette, Chair  
Gail Stokes  
Ellen Grennan  
Barbara Halavik  
Andrea Sarrasin  
Linda Tammaro  
Jill Motte  
Debra Hughes  
Paula Childs

RSVP: Karen Pizzarusso  
401-295-1910  
pkpizz@verizon.net

RSVP by: Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

A Note about the By-Laws.

A copy of **By-Laws as Amended November 11, 2016** are what have been in Yearbooks since 2017.

In 2021 there were a few changes made to the By-Laws relative to allowing for Co-Presidents. The changes were voted on at the November 2021 meeting and are described as follows:

**Amendment Number 8**

Article III, Section 2 amended the Executive Committee to say it “shall be a **President or Co-Presidents**” instead of just “President.”

Article III, Section 6 amended to say officers shall serve one term of two (2) years “**unless otherwise stipulated during the nominations announcement.**”

Article VII, Section 1 amended to say **The “President or Co-President”** shall preside....

To avoid the expense of re-printing the full 17 pages of all the By-Laws to put in everyone’s Yearbooks, we have put the full **By-Laws as Amended November 9, 2021** on the PBGC website.

**Plum Beach Garden Club**  
**Established 1927**  
**By-Laws as Amended November 9, 2021**

**Article I**  
**Name, Affiliations and Legal Status**

The name of the club shall be the Plum Beach Garden Club (PBGC). We are Members of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Meetings shall be held eight (8) times a year.

**Section 2**

The Plum Beach Garden Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**Section 3**

In the conduct of all aspects of its activities, the PBGC shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin or gender, or participate in any political campaigns. In matters of conflict of interest, PBGC members may not promote a personal interest in a vendor of good or services to the Club.

**Article II Objectives**

**Section 1**

PBGC's purpose is to promote the beautification and environmental interests of the community, contribute to the preservation of the natural environment, and to participate in community service projects in the field of education while also

encouraging gardening for the enrichment of the lives of community residents.

## **Section 2**

The PBGC will foster relationships with other garden clubs to promote horticultural and conservational efforts.

## **Article III Officers**

### **Section 1**

The officers of the club, shall constitute the Executive Committee with full power to act for the club.

### **Section 2**

The Executive Committee shall be a President or Co-Presidents, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) Members-at-Large.

**Section 3** A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. 1

### **Section 4**

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the discretion of the President.

### **Section 5**

A vacant office will be filled by the Executive Committee.

## **Section 6**

The officers shall be voted on biennially at the November meeting, installed at the December meeting, and shall serve one term of two (2) years. Officers may serve in the same office for more than one two-year term, unless otherwise stipulated during the nominations announcement.

## **Section 7**

Any officer who fulfills an unexpired term shall be eligible for a term of two (2) years.

## **Article IV Membership**

There shall be three (3) classes of membership consisting of Active, Associate and Honorary members. Total club membership will fall within the National Federation of Garden Club's Category II Medium category, of 30-59 members. The PBGC Executive Committee shall, at its discretion, recommend the maximum membership size within this range. The membership maximum must be approved with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club membership. Honorary members will not be included in the count.

## **Section 1 Active Membership**

Active membership shall be open to any person interested in the objectives (reference Article II) for which this club is formed. He or she shall be interested in service to the club and community, be willing to hold office, serve on a committee, and share in the work of the club. It shall be required that he or she attend at least five (5) regular meetings yearly. If an Active member cannot attend the required number of meetings, it is their responsibility to contact the Membership Chair, who will in turn report to the Executive Committee. Extenuating circumstances can be reviewed by the Executive Committee. A former Active member of the club who wishes to return may request to be reinstated and will be placed at the top of the wait list, if one exists.

## **Section 2 Associate Membership**

Associate membership may be granted by the Executive Committee upon application by any member who is unable to fulfill the requirements of Active membership and has been a club member for seven (7) or more years. Associate membership may not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of total Active membership. An Associate member is expected to participate in club activities. Each year he/she must participate in a club fundraiser and attend a minimum of two (2) meetings in order to maintain Associate membership. An Associate member may vote, but only when in attendance at a regular club meeting when the vote is taken. An Associate member may remain in this category as long as they wish. An Associate member may request to be transferred to Active membership at any time by notifying the Membership Chair in writing. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

## **Section 3 Honorary Membership**

Longstanding club members may be offered Honorary membership status for their outstanding service to the club. An Honorary member is invited to attend meetings and to participate as desired in all activities of the club and is not subject to dues. The highest distinction the Executive Committee may bestow is Honorary membership.

## **Section 4 Resignations and Membership Status Change**

Request for change in membership status and/or resignations must be in writing and include reason for the change. A Change of Membership form is available from the Membership Chair. Requests should be sent to the Membership Chair for review by the Executive Committee.

## **Section 5 Sponsorship of New Members**

A candidate for active membership must attend at least two (2) meetings and become familiar with club activities via the club website. The candidate may then be proposed for membership only by an Active member who has at least two (2) years of membership in the PBGC.

## **Section 6 Application for Active Membership**

A candidate for Active membership must submit a completed application form and a letter of recommendation from their sponsor to the Membership Chair, and must be willing to fulfill requirements stated in Article V, Section 1.

It is the responsibility of the club member who proposes a new candidate for membership to discuss admission requirements with that candidate.

## **Section 7 Approval of New Members**

A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be necessary for the election of new members.

## **Article V**

### **Fiscal Year, Dues and Fees**

#### **Section 1**

The PBGC fiscal year is January 1-December 31.

#### **Section 2**

Yearly dues for all categories of members shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee with recommendations from the Finance Committee. Any changes must be proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of the membership.

### **Section 3**

All dues are payable on or before the first meeting of the calendar year. Any member failing to pay dues within sixty (60) days of this date may be dropped from the club membership at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 4**

Honorary members are exempt from annual dues.

### **Section 5**

As a member in good standing with the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs (RIFGC), our membership dues shall be paid yearly before May 1.

## **Article VI Elections**

### **Section 1**

The officers shall be elected by the membership every two (2) years by a majority vote.

### **Section 2**

A Nominating Committee of three (3) shall be appointed every two (2) years before the September meeting, with at least one selected from the membership at large, to nominate officers for the ensuing term. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chair. The names of the nominees shall be sent to the membership prior to the November meeting at which point nominations from the floor may be proposed.

### **Section 3**

In the event that an elected officer shall be unable to complete their term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a

member of the club to carry out the duties of the vacated office during the leave of absence or the unexpired term.

## **Article VII**

### **Duties of the Executive Committee**

#### **Section 1**

The President or Co-President shall preside, using Robert's Rules, at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee and shall perform all duties as regularly pertain to the Office. She/he shall appoint all Committee Chairs, for a term of two (2) years. The Chair, in turn, must select assistant(s) as required.

#### **Section 2**

The First Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in their absence and shall serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. She/he shall represent the club at the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Club meetings or obtain a substitute. She/he shall report back to the President of the club.

#### **Section 3**

The Second Vice President shall assist the President in all aspects of the club and shall serve as Program Chair and perform all duties in the absence of the President and First Vice President.

#### **Section 4**

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the club and shall serve as the Sunshine Chair.

## **Section 5**

The Recording Secretary shall record minutes of all membership meetings and Executive Committee meetings of the Club and distribute the same, respectively. She/he shall record attendance for each meeting.

## **Section 6**

The Treasurer shall collect dues, record financial transactions of the club, and present a yearly report at the December Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall appoint two (2) persons to conduct a simple audit prior to this meeting. She/he will also account for any PBGC funds held by any bank or financial institution for the purpose of any PBGC project. The Treasurer shall also prepare a finance report for the Finance Committee and obtain its approval prior to sending it onto the Executive Committee and presenting an oral report of the finances at each regular meeting. As a tax-exempt organization, IRS 501(c)(3), she/he shall file the appropriate state and federal forms.

## **Section 7**

The two (2) Members-at-Large are the membership's representatives at the Executive Committee meetings and may be called upon to assist or advise that group in any way possible.

## **Article VIII**

### **Duties of Standing Committee Chairs**

#### **Section 1**

Standing Committees are those necessary to fulfill the purpose of PBGC. Ad Hoc Committees may be formed as need arises, the Chair to be appointed by the President.

## **Section 2**

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

## **Section 3**

All Committee Chairs shall appoint a minimum of one (1) PBGC Active member to serve on their committee.

## **Section 4**

The Awards Chair shall be consultant to the club on award procedures and shall be responsible for filing of awards that the club may be eligible to receive.

## **Section 5**

The Birds and Conservation Chair shall take charge of all conservation work done by the club and bring to the notice of the club all outstanding state or local conservation work. She/he shall present to the club information from the Audubon Society, Wildlife Federation or any item(s) of interest to the club.

## **Section 6**

The Civic Beautification Chair shall present material to the club from statewide beautification projects and encourage the membership to participate in them. She or he shall be an ex-officio member over all civic beautification projects performed by the club.

## **Section 7**

The Design Chair shall propose opportunities to participate in local and Federation-sponsored flower shows, design classes and horticultural or floral design events. She/he shall also coordinate any donation and design of the wreaths or floral arrangements

for North Kingstown's community and municipal buildings, parks or PBGC-adopted gardens.

## **Section 8**

The Finance Committee shall be composed of the First Vice President as Chair, the current Treasurer, Ways & Means Chair, Past Treasurer, and one Active member. The Finance Committee shall oversee expenses, set a budget, and investigate any classification changes, modifications or additions to any financial accounts and report their findings to the Executive Committee.

**A** – Plum Beach Garden Club will sponsor, conduct and support various fundraising events throughout the year for the purpose of promoting the community, educating guests, participants and residents, and funding various civic and charitable efforts.

**B** – Any expenditure over \$250.00, not budgeted, must be approved in advance by the Finance Committee and benefit the general good of the PBGC, not that of any individual. All documented expense reimbursements paid to individuals must be for activities previously approved by the PBGC. Expenditure for social events may only be made if the event is open to all members of the PBGC.

**C** – No expenditure or series of expenditures must ever cause the bank account of the PBGC to fall below a balance sufficient to maintain the regular operations of the PBGC for a period of twelve (12) months after the next fundraising event. The annual funds necessary to maintain regular operations of the PBGC shall be defined as: an average of the annual expenditures for the regular yearly operations of the PBGC over the previous two years.

## **Section 9**

The Historian shall keep all minutes, records, clippings and programs of all events of the club, and preserve all material for

club member reference. She/he will work closely with the Corresponding Secretary and the Recording Secretary in keeping accurate, chronological archives of club history. Additionally, she/he will coordinate with the club Photographer who shall record all PBGC activities and meetings appropriate for publicity, awards, grants or archival purposes. These images may be in any form and must be catalogued as appropriate at the end of his or her term.

## **Section 10**

The Horticulture Chair may contact authorities and sources in the horticulture fields and provide the club with timely gardening and horticulture tips.

## **Section 11**

The Hospitality Chair shall recruit and schedule the hostesses for regular meetings and see that each month's committee appoints a Chair and RSVP contact person. The Hospitality Chair shall refer each Hostess Committee to the current yearbook for guidelines of their responsibilities and budgets. The Hospitality Chair will send detailed meeting announcements to the membership, including guest policies and fees, if any. She/he shall also maintain control of the hostess box and a hospitality handbook with descriptions of each meeting that have been submitted by the monthly Hostess Chairs, policies procedures, costs, etc.

## **Section 12**

The Membership Chair shall receive new member applications and present same to the Executive Committee. She/he shall notify new members of their election and present them to the membership at the next meeting. She/he will review the attendance records yearly, review the status of Associate members and report to the Executive Committee. The Membership Chair will be responsible for providing a permanent name tag for each new member accepted into the PBGC and a

guest tag for visitors. She/he will also be responsible for maintaining accurate membership addresses and for distributing them to any other officer or member in need of them.

### **Section 13**

The Program Chair/Second Vice President will be responsible for planning and organizing the presentations for the eight (8) meetings held during the PBGC year. She/he will make all arrangements with the presenter in regards to finances, time, equipment, travel expenses and any special requirements needed by the presenter. She/he will arrange for payment to the presenter. She/he will also provide members with directions and any special instructions in advance of any off-site meetings or programs.

### **Section 14**

The Publicity Chair shall send notices of PBGC events, civic plantings, charitable activities, monthly meetings and any other item the club shall deem worthy of publication to the local or regional press, radio or television. She/he will also work closely with the PBGC's webmaster and be responsible for posting PBGC news on the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Club's website or any other website determined appropriate by the Executive Committee. Additionally, the Publicity Chair will forward any media notices/clippings to the club Historian.

### **Section 15**

The Special Projects Chair shall solicit suggestions from the membership for civic improvements, determining a budget to submit to the Finance Committee that will be brought before the Executive Committee, then to the members for a vote.

### **Section 16**

The Ways and Means Chair shall provide means to obtain monies for club operating expenses and projects. She/he will also

work closely with the Finance Committee in planning and accounting for all PBGC fundraising activities.

### **Section 17**

The Yearbook Chair shall coordinate the efforts of her/his committee to update member contact information, annual program and hostess schedules, and any other pertinent information before publishing the club's annual yearbook. She/he will coordinate with the club webmaster to provide members with the most current and consistent club information.

### **Section 18**

The Youth Education Chair shall identify projects and opportunities which contribute to the promotion of gardening and increase environmental awareness among youth while encouraging membership participation in such endeavors. She/he will bring project plans to the Executive Committee for approval and funding, keep a record of project progress and account for money spent, and provide the membership with updates.

## **Article IX Indemnification**

### **Section 1**

The Plum Beach Garden Club shall indemnify and hold harmless each present and former Executive Committee member, officer, agent and employee of the PBGC against all expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, actually and necessarily incurred or paid by the Executive Committee member(s) in question in connection with the defense of any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding, criminal or civil, to which they are or may be a party by reason of being or having been an Executive Committee member, officer, agent or employee. No such indemnification may be made unless it is determined that the person to be indemnified:

(a) Was not and has not been adjudicated to have been grossly negligent or guilty of willful or wanton misconduct in the performance of their duty to the PBGC;

(b) Acted in good faith in what she/he reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the PBGC; and (c) In any criminal action, suit or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that their conduct was unlawful.

Such determination, if made, shall be made by the Executive Committee at a meeting at which a quorum consisting of all members qualified to vote on the Determination are present. Any Executive Committee member who is not a party to or threatened with any such action, suit or proceeding shall be qualified to vote.

The Executive Committee may obtain any policies of insurance that it may consider appropriate to insure any person who is serving or has served as an Executive Committee member, officer, agent or employee of the PBGC against liability and expense arising out of any claim of breach of duty, error, misstatement, misleading statement, omission or other act done, made or attempted by the Executive Committee member(s) by reason of their being such a member, officer, agent or employee. The cost of such insurance shall be a common expense.

## **Article X Amendments**

### **Section 1**

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Active and Associate members present, provided the proposed amendments have been sanctioned by the Executive Committee and read at the previous regular club meeting.

## **Section 2**

These by-laws are subject for review every five (5) years or as deemed necessary by a By-Laws Committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

## **Section 3**

Pursuant to Article X of the PBGC by-laws, the following amendment, Number 7, was agreed to by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Active members present on November 15, 2016.

### **Amendment Number 1 Dissolution:**

The Executive Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, may recommend that the club be dissolved. Such recommendation shall be submitted in writing to all members and voted upon at a special meeting called for that purpose. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present at this special meeting shall result in the dissolution of the club.

After all financial obligations have been paid, the remaining assets shall then be transferred to a Rhode Island non-profit organization dedicated to gardening, education and community beautification in North Kingstown.

### **Amendment Number 2**

Article V, Section 2, amended June 14, 2010.

### **Amendment Number 3**

Article III, Section 2, amended November 8, 2011.

#### **Amendment Number 4**

Article III, Section 1, amended April 10, 2012 Article IV, Section 1, amended April 10, 2012 Article X, Section 2, amended April 10, 2012 Article X, Section 7, amended April 10, 2012

#### **Amendment Number 5**

Article V, Section 1, amended October 9, 2012 Article V, Section 4, added October 9, 2012 Article V, Section 5, added October 9, 2012 Article V, Section 6, added October 9, 2012 Article V, Section 7, added October 9, 2012 Article IX, deleted October 9, 2012 Article X, renumbered IX October 9, 2012 Article XI, renumbered X October 9, 2012 Article XII, renumbered XI October 9, 2012 Article XIII, renumbered XII October 9, 2012

#### **Amendment Number 6**

Article V, Membership, amended December 9, 2014 Article VI, Section 2 Dues, amended December 9, 2014 Article IX, Section 4, Duties of Corresponding Secretary, amended December 9, 2014 Article IX, Section 5, Duties of Recording Secretary, amended December 9, 2014 Article X, Section 6, Hospitality Chair Duties, amended December 9, 2014

#### **Amendment Number 7**

Article I, recognition of 2009 change to a non-profit 501 (c) legal status. Approved November 15, 2016. Former Article III and Article IV combined to redefine the **Executive Committee** members. Approved November 15, 2016.

Article V renumbered Article IV, Membership. Section 4 amended on resignations. Approved November 15, 2016

Article V, amended to identify the PBGC **Fiscal Year, and Fees** . Approved November 15, 2016.

Article VI, amended to **Elections** now includes role of the

Nominating Committee. Approved November 15, 2016.  
Article VII, amended to **Duties of the Executive Committee**.  
Approved November 15, 2016.  
Former Article VIII deleted and renumbered into Article VII and  
Article VIII. Approved November 15, 2016.

Article VIII, amended to **Duties of the Standing Committees**  
includes minimum number of committee members, and the  
addition of the Design, Finance, Special Projects, Yearbook and  
Youth Committees. Approved November 15, 2016.

**Indemnification** renumbered to Article IX; **Amendments**  
renumbered to Article X Approved November 15, 2016

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Article VII, Section 1 amended to say **The “President or Co-  
President”** shall preside....

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