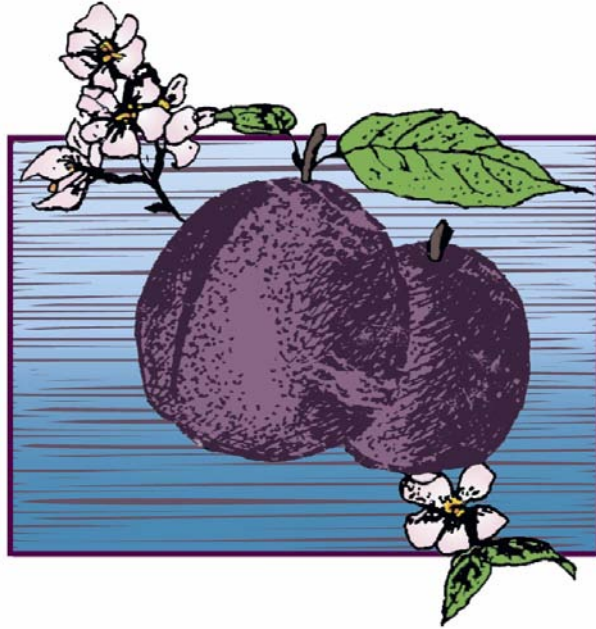


Plum Beach Garden Club

Established 1927



Mission Statement

The 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.



Matunuck Oyster Bar
Vegetable Pod
June 2016



Holiday Luncheon 2016
Handicraft Club, Providence



Avant Gardens
August 2016

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Website: plumbeachgardenclub.org
Membership Section Password: purpleplum



Plum Beach Garden Club was Organized in 1927 at
Plum Beach, Saunderstown, Rhode Island

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

North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce

Plum Beach Garden Club

North Kingstown, RI

2017 Officers

President.....	Donna Dufault
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2nd Vice President.....	Martha Parks
Treasurer.....	Ellen Abell
Recording Secretary.....	Sue Colby
Corresponding Secretary.....	Marsha King
Members at Large.....	Karen Pizzaruso Elaine Casey Lemieux

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Awards.....	Barbara Dawson
Birds/Conservation.....	Carolyn Armington
Brick Sales.....	Jane Brockway
Civic Beautification.....	Linda Sollitto
Design.....	Diane Devine
Historian/Photographer.....	Linda Tammaro
Horticulture.....	Brenda Johnston
Hospitality.....	Jocelyne Metivier
Membership.....	Mariann Callahan
Programs.....	Martha Parks
Publicity.....	Sharon Pickering
Special Projects.....	Cynthia Corbridge
Ways & Means.....	Jane Brockway
Webmaster.....	Kathy Barrette
Yearbook.....	Gail Stokes
Youth Education.....	Donnalee Fronce

Past Presidents

Mr. Charles Haslam 1927-1933	Mrs. G. Dickson Kenney 1978-1981
Mr. Willis S. Fisher 1933-1934	Mrs. Charles Lyons 1981-1983
Mrs. Abel Reynolds 1934-1936	Mrs. Robert C. Pease 1983-1985
Mrs. George R. Cogg 1936-1937	Mrs. James McDonough 1985-1987
Mrs. Art Hadley 1938-1940	Mrs. Urban Nannig 1987-1989
Mrs. Arthur Cate 1940-1942	Mrs. Robert C. Pease 1989-1990
Mrs. Charles Haslam 1945-1946	Mrs. Donald Miller 1990-1991
Mrs. Arthur Cate 1946-1947	Mrs. Alfred Dion 1991-1993
Mrs. Harry L. Steeves 1948-1950	Mrs. Thomas Walsh 1993-1995
Mrs. Frank Trumbul 1950-1952	Barbara Joyce Halavik 1995-1997
Mrs. Harry L. Steeves 1952-1954	Linda Sollitto 1997-1999
Mrs. Helen Gifford 1954-1956	Anne Worrell O'Neil 1999-2001
Mrs. Alice Brown 1957-1960	Ellie Ferguson 2001-2003
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 2007-2009
Mrs. Allen Williams 1968-1969	Sue Shriner 2009-2011
Mrs. Lee A. Worrell 1970-1971	Nancy Harrington 2012-2013
Mrs. Herman Ferrara 1972-1973	Barbara Dawson 2014-2015
Mrs. Arthur E. Clark, Jr. 1974-1976	
Mrs. David Duhaime 1977-1978	



Celebrating 90 Years

Plum Beach Garden Club

1927-2017

Once upon a time (back in 1927) a small group of gardeners in Saunderstown founded the Plum Beach Garden Club. Mr. Haslem and Mrs. Regnold gathered a small group of people dedicated to an appreciation for horticulture and environmental concerns who loved all things related to gardening.

The members started with flower shows and member garden tours. A garden tour of member homes included a horticulture show with refreshments costing \$2.



*Early Members l to r: Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Godfrey,
Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Horton,
Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Morrel, Mrs. Richardson*

Over time, their involvement with the community was expanded to include the Ladd school, Smith Castle, YMCA scholarships, landscaping the Saunderstown fire station, maintaining local green rubbish containers and planting daffodils on the islands at the entrance to Wickford (sound familiar?).

By 1980 the group had grown to 32 members. Members won awards from the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs and were recognized for their involvement in all aspects of the RIFGC.



Celebrating 90 Years



*Traffic Islands in 1980.
Later renamed
Blue Star Memorial Islands.*



Old Library Park in 1982.



*Plant and bake sale,
Old Library Park, in 1998.*

.....Fast forward to 2017.

Our membership has grown to fifty dedicated members. We have become a non-profit organization that supports many local organizations including the North Kingstown Food Pantry. We maintain the gardens of Old Library Park, the historic herb garden at the Gilbert Stuart Museum, the Blue Star Memorial Islands and more.

Recently, members designed and installed new landscaping at the Food Pantry. Our club has been involved in planting pollinator friendly gardens, extending our youth program, and introducing nursing home residents to the fun of making floral arrangements. The last forty years have seen our commitment to the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs expand to include many awards. Members participate in all areas of the Federation.

Our present day mission statement reflects the philosophy of early PBGC members. We continue the legacy of diligence and dedication to the environment, conservation and community beautification.

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.***
6. All receipts for reimbursement of expenses beyond \$25 per person shall be submitted to the Treasurer immediately following the meeting.

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.
4. Write a description of the Committee's activities and expenses to be added to a Hospitality Handbook maintained by the Hospitality Chair.

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: PBGC Bricks, 49 Concord Ave, Wickford, RI 02852**

Questions/comments: Email: bricks@plumbeachgardenclub.org

Your donation is sincerely appreciated. Proceeds fund community beautification projects by Plum Beach Garden Club.



Membership

2017 Membership

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Honorary 5

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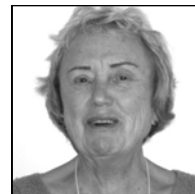
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Meet Our New Members

Lauren Peters

As an avid gardener, I am thrilled to be a new member of the Plum Beach Garden Club! My love of gardening comes from my Grandmother Gladys who taught me so many things.



She grew some very interesting plants like Chinese Lanterns and Silver Dollars – I always thought they were so neat! Since she lived only one house over from me growing up, I was able to help her with not only her flower gardens, but also her vegetable garden and apple trees.

I've always wanted to join a garden club and since I'm a Realtor and able to schedule my days, I'm thrilled that I am finally able to do it! It seemed like fate when Sharon contacted me looking to promote the Old Library Park Brick Fundraiser in the NK View. I asked her about the Club and how I could go about joining – she told me and the rest, as they say, is history!

I'm very much looking forward to spending time with and learning from everyone and helping with the various civic beautification projects around town!

Meet Our New Members

Sheila Skiffington

I have often asked myself where did my love of gardening begin? My earliest memories were of watching with fascination as my grandfather made manure tea in a big wooden barrel. The “tea” seemed to perform miracles on the plants in his small back yard gardens. I also have early memories of attending the Boston Horticultural Society’s Boston Flower Show at Horticultural Hall where my parents bought potted plants for me to care for. Walking through the woods with my mother and aunts and a Brownie troop to discover and identify the tiniest of flowers fascinated me too and stirred my interest in plants and their environments. As an adult, in my Massachusetts home, I designed, planted, and tended shade gardens, taking what was overgrown and taming it into an interesting, diverse hideaway garden at the end of a dead end street. I was delighted when neighbors discovered it and would walk through my backyard to visit the gardens. With my move to Wickford three years ago, and the purchase of Ricky McLaughlin’s (a former PBGC member) home, I acquired a property that offered large, established gardens bathed by ample sunlight. What a treat—thank you, Ricky! When gardening, I find that I forget time, the world’s troubles, and pressing tasks. My gardens provide my life with beauty, nurturing my soul and hopefully enhancing the neighborhood. My vegetables are fun to distribute to neighbors, friends, and family and they satisfy my need to cook and experiment with food. As a new member of PBGC, I am so grateful to its members—I have learned so much more about gardening, plants, and design and have made many new friends. I am particularly impressed by the club’s community spirit and its generosity. I am so very appreciative to be part of the group!



In Remembrance

Judith Henry Kohlsaat



Judy was an ardent member of Plum Beach Garden Club since 1994.

Having grown up in Wickford, she was especially proud of helping to keep the historic village beautiful. She was so pleased to see the results of our efforts to restore Old Library Park for enjoyment by the entire community. This allowed everyone to experience the beauty and peacefulness of the gardens as much as she did.

Judy eagerly assisted in our fund raisers by supplying many pints of her homemade chili for our famous plant and bake sales.

Judy was a sweet and gentle person with a winning smile and a genuine interest in everyone she met. We all miss her cheerful personality and her many thoughtful ways.

In Remembrance

Frankie Nannig

March 9, 1927- February 4, 2017

We are saddened that this warm, engaging woman with the beautiful smile will miss her shared 90th birthday with our Plum Beach Garden Club. We loved being around Frankie Nannig. In shared moments, she let you know how appreciated you were in her life. We admired her spunk and how she enjoyed being with us, always cheerfully dismissing any health set-backs.



Frankie joined the PBGC in 1979, serving as our President in 1987-1988. By 1991, she was 2nd Vice President of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs. During her years as the RIFGC President, 1995 to 1997, she promoted the 100th year anniversary of our state wildflower, the violet - chosen by schoolchildren in 1897 - by having young students plant them in their schoolyards.

She also encouraged Rhode Island's Garden Club members to participate in a book of poetry published by the National Garden Clubs. Four from our state were selected.

As chairman of Garden Day, she hosted Martha Stewart as the guest speaker. In 2009, a State proclamation honored her efforts and years of volunteer commitment to our community. The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce recognized her achievements at a ceremony that May.

A poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow captured our Frankie Nannig's spirit of life.

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits,
Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds,
Fill it with sunshine
Kind words and kind deeds.

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 & Prudence Spencer	2014
Barbara Dawson & Karen Pizzaruso	2015

Projects



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 18th century garden.



Daffodil Project

In the Fall of 2016, the PBGC planted 500 daffodils to kick off their new civic beautification project. This will be a long term effort, and over the years the club plans to plant hundreds of thousands of daffodils in highly visible locations throughout North Kingstown. The project will be led by PBGC and will involve a variety of civic organizations, merchants, students and interested residents.



Projects

Old Library Park



The beautiful park in the center of Historic Wickford has long been tended and maintained by Plum Beach Garden Club. It took many years for members to raise more than \$30,000 to pay for a major re-design and renovation that was completed in 2003.

Throughout the year, club members weed, prune, plant and care for the gardens. During the Christmas season, the club participates in the Wickford Village Festival of Lights by decorating trees in Old Library Park.

Commemorative Bricks

An important and ongoing fundraising project for PBGC is the sale of custom engraved bricks in the beautiful walk that runs through Old Library Park.



Historic Wickford Sign

Members coordinated the refurbishing of the Historic Wickford sign located near the Town Hall and maintain the landscaping of the space, including the planting of 500 daffodils in 2016.

Youth Education

Members work with students at local schools to involve them in gardening and conservation. In 2016, they taught the children at Hamilton Elementary School about how to help solve the Monarch butterfly's plight.



Projects

Blue Star Memorial Islands

The club has long maintained the three traffic islands at the intersection of Route 1 and West Main Street, considered the “Gateway to Wickford Village”. In 2009 the islands took on new meaning when they were dedicated and designated with a Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker. This honor was made possible because of the efforts of PBGC to raise \$50,000 to design and create the new award-winning gardens that now grace this space. 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.



Garden Therapy Workshops

PBGC members visit local nursing homes during the year to help the residents create flower arrangements for their rooms. In 2016, this outreach project received a Grow Hope Community Grant from the South County Women’s Club.

Pollinator Project

PBGC and the N. K. Groundwater Committee Collaborative cooperate in a common goal of publicizing the importance of using native plants to aid in groundwater conservation and to identify, design, and plant pollinator/butterfly friendly gardens. The first project has been a collaboration with Casey Farm to have such a garden ready for the spring of 2017.



Projects

Anne Wallau Garden



The charming garden in the corner of Updike Park in Wickford was funded by Anne's friends and family in her memory. Plum Beach Garden Club members planned and planted the garden in 1996, and continue to maintain it.

Holiday Decorations

Each year Plum Beach Garden Club decorates and hangs a wreath at the North Kingstown Police and Fire Headquarters.



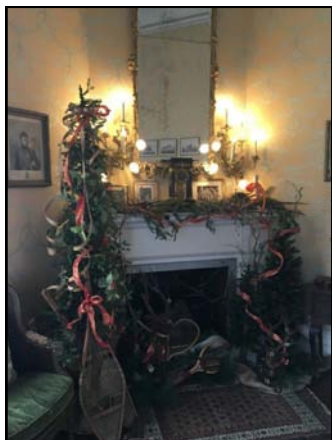
North Kingstown Food Pantry

In 2015, club members coordinated the design and installation of new landscaping at the Food Pantry. Members help maintain the gardens, and in Fall 2017 they will plant bulbs as part of the club's new Daffodil Project.

PBGC makes annual donations to:

RIFGC, Inc, Life Member Group	13 th year
NK Food Pantry	23 rd year
Gilbert Stuart Herb Garden	21 st year

Projects



2016

Newport Preservation Society

Marble House Holiday Mantle
"Harold's Room"

Honorable Mention:

Brenda Johnston, Diane Devine
and Kathy Romeo

Flower Shows

PBGC members regularly volunteer at the Newport and RIFGC Flower Shows. Many members have received recognition for their show entries over the years.

Accolades from the 2016 Newport Flower Show The Guilded Age

**Gilded Age Garden Urn
First Prize
Diane Devine**



Artful Gilded Recycling

Second Prize

Brenda Johnston

Projects

Newport Flower Show Awards from Prior Years

2015:

Crazy Quilt -First Prize

Marion Bartkiewicz,

America The Beautiful (mixed container) - First Prize

Brenda Johnston

Fern Division III - First Prize

Brenda Johnston

2014: Postcards From ... - Honorable Mention

Kathy Romeo, Brenda Johnston, Elaine Casey Lemieux,
Sue Colby

2013: Thai Floating Lantern Festival - Third Prize

Marion Bartkiewicz, Prue Spencer

2012: Mosaic Planter - Third Prize

Anne O'Neil, Barbara Dawson, Prue Spencer

2011: Picnic Basket - Honorable Mention

Sue Colby, Prue Spencer

2010: Morocco Tribal Drum 2010 - Second Prize

Betty Sue Reed, Sue Shriner

2008: Bicycles - Honorable Mention

Sue Shriner, Prue Spencer

2007: Succulent Obelisk - First Prize

Sue Shriner, Priscilla Green, Anne O'Neil

Succulent Obelisk also won the Mrs. Samuel MV Hamilton Horticulture Award for the most whimsical and creative entry of the entire show.

RIFGC Awards from Prior Years

2014: It's All About Time - Honorable Mention

Marion Bartkiewicz - The Automobile Age

Brenda Johnston - Victory Gardens

Programs



Programs

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017
9:30 AM**



Where: North Kingstown Free Library
Program: GOOD BUGS
Presenter: Pam Gilpin
Hostesses: Kathy Romeo, Chair
Sheila Skiffington, Priscilla Green,
Joan Ehrhardt, Elaine Lemieux

RSVP: Jan Lewis 401-294-3668
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RSVP by: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Programs

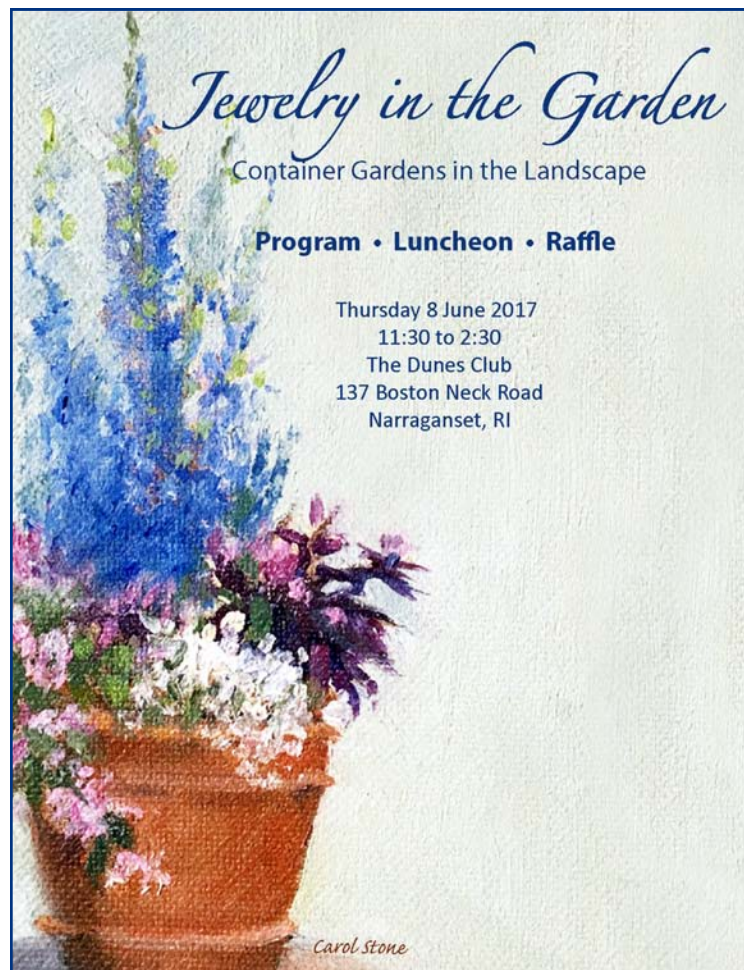
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
9 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church
Program: Farm Fresh Rhode Island
Presenter: Michelle Cruz
Hostesses: Marion Bartkiewicz, Chair
Lauren Peters, Diane Devine,
Sandy Secrest, Carol Gjelsvik
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RSVP by: Thursday, May 4, 2017

Programs

Thursday, June 8, 2017



Programs

Thursday, July 27, 2017
9 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church
Meet then carpool

Program: Guided Tour of Blue Garden in Newport

Hostesses: Betsy Ray, Chair
Ellen Grennan, Donnalee France,
Marsha King, Lee Karwoski

RSVP: Cynthia Corbridge 401-294-9151
ccorbridge@cox.net

RSVP by: Friday, July 21, 2017

Programs

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017
9 AM**



Where: Wickford Baptist Church
Program: Introduction To Orchid Growing
Presenter: Naomi Mittle, President,
RI Orchid Society
Hostesses: Sue Colby, Chair
Nancy Davey, Mariann Callahan,
Nancy Harrington, Betsy Coughlin
RSVP: Kathy Barrette 401-294-4079
katdevbar@gmail.com
RSVP by: Thursday, September 7, 2017

Programs

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
9 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church
Meet and carpool

Program: Rhode Island Resource Recovery in
Johnston at 11:30

Hostesses: Barbara Dawson, Chair
Brenda Johnston, Sharon Bickering,
Linda Oliver-Hughes, Judy Bitting

RSVP: Linda Brierley 802-272-6068
Linda_brierley@yahoo.com

RSVP by: Thursday, October 5, 2017

Programs

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017
9 AM (no guests)**



Where: TBA
Program: Festive Fruits
Presented by: Sue Shriner

Hostesses: Joan Peet, Chair
Karen Pizzaruso, Jill Motte,
Anne O'Neil Linda Tammaro

RSVP: Jocelyne Metivier 401-295-5047
jmetivier1@verizon.net

RSVP by: Thursday, November 9, 2016

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
10 AM (no guests)



Where: Wickford Yacht Club

Program: Holiday Party and New Officer Installation

Hostesses: Cathy Shippee, Chair
Jane Brockway, Martha Parks, Sue Shriner, Nancy Beck, Joann McDermott, Gail Stokes, Betty Sue Reed, Wanda Yelle, Linda Sollitto, Barbara Halavik

RSVP: Ellen Abell 401-294-3624
eabell@ellen-abell.com

RSVP by: Thursday, December 7, 2017



Bits and By-Laws



Plum Beach Garden Club

Established 1927

Some bits of history ...

1993—Early days of our work at the
Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and Museum

May flowers

MEMBERS OF the Plum Beach Garden Club are sprucing up the Gilbert Stuart Birthplace these days with a period herb garden featuring varieties from the 18th Century. At right is one herb called lady's mantle. At bottom are (l-r) Linda Sollitto, Barbara Halavik, Wanda Yelle and Anne O'Neil.



(Photos by Daniel G. Dunn)





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Some bits of history ...

Old Library Park in the 1980's

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

by

PLUM BEACH GARDEN CLUB

Our search for a Civic Beautification Project began in 1980 with an invitation to the Town of North Kingstown Planning Department Personnel to attend a club meeting. After a review of several possible beautification projects, club members selected a neglected piece of Wickford property as the target. The forborn property was located between the old library and the Davisville Credit Union.

A member of our club, Mrs. Jolli Popolowski, created an appropriate landscape design for the area. The plan was presented to the Town Council for final approval. Several delays prevented us from beginning our work. The major delay occurred with the re-building of a septic system under a portion of the area proposed for renovation.

During this hiatus, members began several projects in order to help fund this Civic Beautification Project. The major fund raiser was our Standard Flower Show held in 1981, "Boxes, Baskets and Broomsticks", where \$410.00 were raised. A Fashion Show in 1982 netted \$125.00. Other programs, such as open meetings, plant sales and bake sales added to the "kitty".

In 1983, the Town of North Kingstown laid the brick walk and the planting began.

With matching dollars from Bald Hill Nurseries, this vacant lot began to transform into a lovely park. Planting, watering and feeding continued through the fall of 1984 culminating in the fall planting of 1000 bulbs.

In 1985, members spring-cleaned, finished plantings and maintained the grounds with a bimonthly schedule of weeding and watering. Dedication of the park was held on April 30, 1985 with town personnel participating.

Donations of hose, sprinkler and other materials from local merchants, participation of boy and girl scout troops as well as all club members resulted in a delightful, beautiful park in the middle of Wickford.



Old Library Park circa 1982.

Plum Beach Garden Club
Established 1927
By-Laws as Amended November 11, 2016

Article I
Name, Affiliations and Legal Status

Section 1

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 goods 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, 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.

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.

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 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 ex-

pense 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