

Wednesday - July 11, 2018

Barnstable

Cape Cod Hydrangea Society: 2390 Main Street, West Barnstable

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society is delighted to have this quintessential antique Cape salt-box cottage and barn and lovely small garden areas on tour, located in West Barnstable. Created and nurtured by Gail over the past four years, there is much to enjoy. The front approach garden features Nantucket Blue Hydrangeas and red geraniums in window boxes. H.macrophylla 'Zorro', pink 'Knock-out' roses, and an herb garden fill one side of the property. The other more major side has a fenced kitchen / veggie garden and a significant stone wall, with many genera in residence - baptisia, Rosa rugosa 'Linda Cambell', skimmia, H.paniculata 'Angel's Blush' and 'Pinky Winky', creeping phlox, Darlow's Enigma roses, and several H.macrophylla cultivars. Behind the house you'll find kiwi vine and a sizeable H.anomala,ssp.petiolaris climbing hydrangea. **Directions:** This is an easy location to find on Route 6A. Take exit 6 (route 132) off the Mid-Cape Hwy and head north to Route 6A / Main Street. Turn right (east) and 2390 is approx. 0.6 miles on the left. Ample parking exists across the street in the elementary school site. The proceeds from the garden tours will benefit the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society.

Master Gardener Association of Cape Cod: A Bird and Butterfly Garden Oasis, 244 Rolling Hitch Rd. Centerville

Finding inspiration from her childhood, travel, pets, animals and her grandchildren, Pat, a retired Barnstable teacher, uses a color palette of soft pastels to create a welcoming atmosphere of peace and tranquility. With seasonal flowers, perennials, a lavender garden and vegetable plot complete with pumpkins, and over 30 hydrangeas, her garden is home to many birds and butterflies. Come relax in many garden rooms that include a water feature, whimsical garden statues, fire pit and more. **Join us for Master Gardener Tips in the Garden: How to Select the Right Hydrangea to Enhance Your Yard or Garden at 11 am and 2 pm.**

Garden Directions: From Rt. 6 (Midcape Highway): Exit 5. Take the roundabout to the service road (2nd exit off the roundabout). Take a right onto Old Stage Road. At the stop sign, turn left to continue on Old Stage Road. . Turn left onto Rolling Hitch Rd. Follow Rolling Hitch Rd to the end.

From Rt. 28: From the lights at the west end of the Centerville Shopping Ctr. Turn North onto Old Stage Rd. Follow Old Stage Rd for 1 mile. Turn right onto Rolling Hitch Rd. Follow Rolling Hitch Rd to the end. **Garden Parking:** Garden is located at the end of a dead-end street. Please park on one side of this narrow street. **Garden Handicapped Accessibility: Discretionary**

Brewster

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History: A Riot of Color & Texture, 69 Aunt Sophies Road, Brewster

Wander undisturbed through the colorful mass of a garden growing and maturing.

Dennis

West Dennis Garden Club: 1 Thirza's Way, Wrinkle Point, West Dennis

Please come visit this garden by the sea. The property is surrounded by hydrangea bushes...many of these bushes were planted by the original owner and they still bring much joy to the garden today. Photos of the garden can be found in Joan Harrison's book Hydrangeas Cape Cod and Beyond. As you stroll through the yard mixed in with the colorful bushes will be other perennials including the Patrick J.Cronin Day Lilies propagated by the present day owner's grandfather. As you journey to the backyard the owner's small but much-loved English Garden springs to view along with a wonderful view of Bass River and beyond. End your visit by sitting on the inviting deck with comfortable rocking chairs or venture down to the dock and enjoy the calm that only the sea can bring.

West Dennis Garden Club: 45 Garfield Drive, Wrinkle Point, West Dennis

This garden is an amazing accumulation of the designer's efforts. Her garden designs are well known in the world of enchanted gardens in CT. where she lives when she is not in her Cape garden. Many specialty trees greet you as you approach the property. The white flowering bushes cause you to stop as you walk through the Wrinkle Point neighborhood. Stroll to the back yard where you will be greeted by the garden designs that will make your visit to this enchanted garden complete.

Eastham

Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary Orleans Branch: Multiple Gardens in One, 60 Bearses Lane, Eastham

What a joy to visit these multiple gardens in one. As a guest you will certainly appreciate the large Fenced in vegetable garden filled with crispy beans, nutritious kale, juicy tomatoes and crunchy peppers. Delightful flowers such as marigolds, daisies, begonias and petunias will pop up along the way. And, a Cape Cod favorite, the beloved hydrangea, cannot be missed. At the back edge of the lawn stately sunflowers glisten in the golden light. The home owner is very proud of a particular leftover garden. This produces something different every year. A fire pit surrounded by ten comfy chairs invites one to savor the ultimate relaxation experience. The children's sandbox and the decorative dinner plates edging several of the gardens will make you smile. A real must-see!!

Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary Orleans Branch: Wood Duck Gardens - 11 Wood Duck Lane, Eastham

The lovely landscape of this Cape Cod charmer has been evolving for more than 25 years and will not give up. One enjoys the breathtaking view and changing light while sipping morning coffee or an evening cocktail. Wide open space allows for a fun game of bocce, croquet or just swinging on the swing. Various birds and bees cannot wait to visit this abundant haven, as they have their pick of golden sunflowers, frilly lacecap hydrangeas and snappy black-eyed Susans. Rodin's garden in Paris led inspiration to the statues, and elaborate hand-crafted cairns offer a nod to international influence. And don't forget to look for the whimsical garden ornaments and so much more. Wonderful!

Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary Orleans Branch: On the Way to the Beach, 2225 Herring Brook Rd., Eastham

This is one garden tour that you will not soon forget. A lovely hydrangea walk welcomes you to the front door. Many of mother nature's surprises appear as you approach two brick pathways, patios and a deck. Savor the stroll—so much to see, such as rosa rugose leading to the driveway lined with white hydrangeas and Kwanzan cherry trees. Be inspired by the wide array of rhododendrons, andromedas and junipers. Simply relax as you admire the azaleas, inkberry and Kousa dogwoods which add beauty to this tranquil spot. Finally, a side yard feathered with perennials and a variety of daylilies brings you back to the front walk and as promised, you are on the way to the beach.

Harwich

West Dennis Garden Club: 21 Oliver Snow Road, Harwich

Enjoy sunny center garden, perennial herb garden encircling the well, and wildflower gardens in the backyard of this 1824 Greek Revival, carriage house & playhouse! Four giant spruce trees line one side of the property and nature trails lead one out to a fairy house, bridge, Andrews River, bog & osprey nest! Flora, fauna & fun sittings abound!! Overflowing, colorful window boxes and potted flowers enhance this charming romantic 2 1/2 acre property. A 1940's Victory Garden site still exists past the lofty pines. Lilac, Forsythia, Hydrangea, Azalea & Rhododendron bushes surround the grassy yard. Wild Lilies of the Valley, daisies, tall phlox, Forget-Me-Nots, Hostas, & Myrtle further enhance this pretty property. Bring your sneakers or comfortable foot gear to fully enjoy this enchanting estate in Harwich Port

Orleans

Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary Orleans Branch: Pooh Corner, 111 Beach Rd., Orleans

Come visit the house at Pooh Corner. You will find the casual and colorful gardens typical of Cape Cod. The front lawn welcomes you with traditional white arbor draped with a trumpet vine. The rock wall lined with a long row of knock out red roses will certainly attract your attention. The back yard performs a wide variety of roles effectively with spaces for flower beds, restful sitting areas and a great lawn for outdoor fun. A tranquil memory garden borders one side of the back property. This shady spot contains many varieties of hostas, astilbe, sedum, and ferns. Large pots of coleus and sweet potato vine also adorn this area. Hydrangea bushes surround the back deck, the brick patio and line the split rail fence along the side yard. Pooh Corner offers a beautiful respite on a summer day.

Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary Orleans Branch: Back Yard Vegetables, 21 Cedar Land Rd., Orleans

This is a market garden where fresh fruits and vegetables are grown for the Orleans and Wellfleet farmers' markets. Perennials include asparagus, blueberries, raspberries and rhubarb. About 15 varieties of vegetables are grown. Flowers include bachelor buttons, cosmos, tithonia and zinnias—easy to grow and friendly to beneficial insects. Happy bees buzz and busy earthworms do their work.

Sagamore Beach

Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne: 343 Williston Road, Sagamore Beach

This lovely property offers lots to see. Work began in 2002 with only the mature trees on site. Since then the owner has built a series of small garden 'rooms': white garden, perennial garden, cottage garden, evergreen garden and the Hosta garden. Stroll through each room and down the sloped path through the Hydrangea garden or relax on the patio. Don't miss the unique Albizia julibrissin 'Summer Chocolate' also known as a mimosa or silk tree. **Club member and artist Jane Urso will be painting en plein air from 10 am -1pm.** (A restroom with limited accessibility is available.)

Aptuxet Garden Club of Bourne: 53 Nor'East Drive, Sagamore Beach, MA 02562

These gardens have evolved through the years by trial and error. A wooded area features shade loving perennials. The gardens behind the house provide an eclectic haven filled with perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs. An in-ground pool area and deck are surrounded by a riot of color with many perennials, and containers of annuals, mix herbs, and vegetable plants starts from seed by this frugal gardener. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Garden items crafted by our members will be available for sale. **A member of the Painted Ladies of Bourne, Maureen Bean, will be painting en plein air from 10am-1pm.**

DIRECTIONS TO SAGAMORE BEACH GARDENS (343 Williston Road and 53 Nor'East Drive)

FROM THE WEST: From I-495S and I-195E to MA-25E take EXIT 3-US 6 toward Bourne/Hyannis. Enter the US-6W/MA-28/Bourne Rotary Circle North roundabout, stay straight for the Scenic Highway/US-6E. Pass by McDonald's (on the right) continue

FROM THE NORTH: From MA-3S to US-6W take EXIT 1A toward Scusset Beach Road/Buzzards Bay/ Falmouth. Keep left to take the Scusset Beach Road ramp. Turn left onto the Scenic Highway pass by McDonald's (on the right) continue

FROM THE SOUTH: From US-6W/Mid-Cape Highway take EXIT 1A toward Scusset Beach Road/ Meetinghouse Lane. Get into middle lane, pass by McDonald's (on the right) continue

Straight on Meetinghouse Lane and follow for 0.6. Turn left onto Williston Road, Look for Hydrangea Festival Signs, continue straight (heading North) for 1.1 miles. **#343, is located on the left.** May park on either side of the road: in front of split-rail fence before the driveway, on the right across from the house (before the fire hydrant), or in the smaller driveway beyond the house on the left.

53 Nor'East Drive, continue North on Williston for 0.2 miles, turn left onto Robinson Road. In 0.2 miles turn left onto Clark Rd., follow for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto Old Plymouth and follow for 0.2 miles. Look for Hydrangea Festival Signs. Turn left onto Nor'East Drive stay to the left, #53 is on the right. Park on either side of the road.

Sandwich

Award Winning Shirley G. Cross Wildflower Garden Green Briar Nature Center, 6 Discovery Hill Rd, East Sandwich

The Shirley Cross Wildflower Garden and the gardens of the Historic Jam Kitchen will be a tour delight. A nest in nature, the gardens of Green Briar are a place to pause and appreciate the beauty of flowers in a unique setting. From shade to sun, from damp to dry many floral examples will be blooming- lobelia, thermopsis, baptisia oh my! Favorites of hummingbirds and butterflies, endangered and rare, plentiful and seedy, come learn about wildflowers. Tours of the Wildflower Garden will be going on throughout the day with complimentary refreshments. The gorgeous garden beds of the Jam Kitchen will also be in bloom. Jam will be available for tasting and the Thornton Burgess Museum will be open for learning. Facilities available and accessible. **Directions: Off of 6A / Old Kings Hwy, turn onto Discovery Hill Rd. Green Briar sign on 6A.**

Thornton Burgess Society: Hidden Garden - 9 Summer Street, Sandwich

A garden full of charm with a layout that understands display. Fondly known as the Hedge House, this garden is set in the quaint village of Sandwich. Dahlias of many shades, layers of morning glories, an old grapevine shading the pergola... Many different perennials and annuals will be blooming, as well as, several examples of hydrangeas in shades of pink to blue to deep purple. Hydrangea highlights - Abracadabra, Mop Heads, Smoke Bush and others. Combining form and function, the kitchen garden is a display ready for summertime eating. From the street the charm and blooms are secluded, hidden behind a tall privet hedge making this a secret stop along the tour garden and an absolute favorite. **Directions: Continue on Main St., right on Summer St.**

Thornton Burgess Society: Leonard Homestead Garden - 156 Main Street, Sandwich

Come wander the Leonard Homestead Garden in the heart of Sandwich. One will find that besides being old, with towering boxwoods going back more than a century, this property is deep-rooted, many-chambered, colorful, and evolving. Deep-rooted because trees love its good soil; arborvitaes, a honey locust, Japanese Junipers, a 90-foot tulip tree, and above them all a Metasequoia, the Dawn Redwood, one of the largest in MA. Ancestral gardeners divided the garden into many semi-hidden parts, creating not one garden but a dozen. And there's lots of color from rhododendrons, hydrangeas, clematis, roses, lilies, butterfly

bushes, rose of sharons, and long-blooming perennials. Years ago, when owner Jonathan Leonard was a child, the Leonard family came to Sandwich only in the summer. So Leonard's father made the garden burst into riotous bloom only in summer months. Impressed by this feat, the younger Leonard resolved to see that in rewarding ways this old, deep-rooted, many-chambered garden would continue to evolve. **Directions: At the intersection of Main St. and Jarves St.**

Thornton Burgess Society: Historical Wonder Garden, 3 Jarves Street, Sandwich *Open for Touring From 12-4pm*****

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this garden is best known for its thousands of snowdrops and other spring flowering bulbs, but it is also a garden of mature, rare trees and shrubs. Numerous rhododendrons, some hybridized by the owner, are throughout the garden. Along the driveway, on the east side of the house, is a very large Stewartia Koreana, planted by the owner about 60 years ago. Plant explorer and horticulturist J. C. Raulston said it was the largest specimen he had seen in the U.S. or Asia. On the eastern border of the garden are several mature witch-hazel cultivars. On the west side of the house stands a 160 year old female Gingko whose trunk is over 4 feet in diameter and may be one of the largest in MA. It was planted by the original owners of the house, John Jarves and his wife Mary Waterman, the present owner's great grandmother. Near the Gingko is a Paperbark Maple, admired for its peeling, red bark. Down a nearby winding path is a giant Metasequoia, also planted by the present owner about 60 years ago. Following the path to the back garden, one will find raspberries, an Asian pear, and a vegetable garden. Behind the vegetable garden, notice the columnar English Oak. American hollies edge the property to the rear. Blueberries, screened by a "cage" keeping birds out, are on the edge of the salt-marsh. Nearby a boardwalk takes one into the salt-marsh to see the Bald Cypress with its many hundreds of "knees." Return to the rear of the house over a small ornamental bridge.

Directions: Right off Main or Left off 6A. *This Garden is ONLY Open to Touring From 12-4PM*****

Thornton Burgess Society: 5 Village Drive, East Sandwich

This hillside property is planted with a mix of ground covers, wildflowers, perennials, edibles and herbs. Many of the plants are old friends that have moved with the owners over the years. The bleeding hearts come from the first home they purchased in Columbia County, New York. The irises - from her childhood in New Jersey and the rhubarb grew in her grandmother's garden during the Depression. Other plants have been swapped or gifted from friends and acquaintances that they have met here on Cape Cod. This garden not only tells of family, friends and memories but invites nature to imprint its own story - hummingbirds, butterflies, buzzing pollinators of varying size all feel welcome here. Design Highlights - fenced vegetable garden, potting area, composting bins, pergola, pollinator patch, monarch sanctuary. A garden portrait worth viewing. **Directions: Turn off Old County Road, first house on left.**

Thornton Burgess Society: 6 Janell Lane, East Sandwich

At this gorgeous hilltop home, one will arrive to a stunning display of color. Take the winding brick walkway to where many natives are planted among a variety of hydrangea. Follow the flowers and stone wall to where two large organically grown vegetable gardens grow. Included are some unusual plantings like warty pumpkins and Mexican gherkins, but the garden is also filled with various traditional expectations. Herbs are mixed into the plantings and include lavender, lemongrass, borage as well as all the herbal kitchen favorites. Patches of stinging nettle and purslane are also kept at the ready. Both considered weeds, but nutrient rich and full of vitamins used in salads and as cooked greens! A garden that entertains and teaches. Tree varieties include a Stewartia, coral bark maple and an Alaskan cedar. Hilltop home is must see sprawling display of garden, blooms and color. **Directions: Turn off 6A onto Torrey Rd., turn left onto Janell, first house.**

Yarmouth

Cape Cod Hydrangea Society: 181 Thacher Shore Road, Yarmouth Port

The Cape Cod Hydrangea Society welcomes you to this hydrangea-centric garden in Yarmouth Port. The Condon's were serious commercial hydrangea propagators and growers for 40 years. They purchased their Yarmouth Port property early in 2014 and have planted over (200) hydrangeas on the property. H. macrophylla is the dominant species with H. paniculata and H. quercifolia in the mix. The Condon's are serious veggie growers as well utilizing raised beds to produce a wide range of favorites. Fruit is in the mix too - berries and figs (hopefully), and a new orchard of peaches and plums is progressing. **Mal 'The Hydrangea Guy' and Mary Kay will be giving "Summer Pinch Pruning Demonstrations" at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.** This is an optional summer-time pruning technique for H. macrophyllas. Best done in July, this exercise creates a fuller plant, checks plant height, and best of all, increases the potential for more blooming the following summer. Be sure to note the start times; each session will last about 45 minutes.

Directions: From the Mid-Cape Hwy, exit 7; head north on Willow Street to Route 6A, turn right and continue past the Old Yarmouth Inn (on the right), just opposite the Yarmouth Port Post Office (also on the right), turn left on Thacher Street, continue to the end and turn right on Thacher Shore Road - '181' is 200 yards on the right. Please park on the south side of the road, along the conservation property. From the Mid-Cape Hwy, exit 8; head North on Union Street to Route 6A and turn left, at Church Street turn right, continue short distance and turn left on to Thacher Shore Road, '181' is the first home on the left.