

October Newsletter



Welcome to Autumn!

The leaves are turning to shades of yellow, orange, red, and brown and there is a crispness in the air...and Claritin and Flonase on my counter!

VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

Our website, at present, is not functional. Long story short: We have been having issues with our providing company which switched ownership and then claimed we had not paid (false) and then discontinued us as their clients.

This is not necessarily bad news and may, in fact, be a blessing in disguise. Kathy and Rick have been discussing using a different service provider and Rick had already begun exploring the alternatives before we were "dropped". In the long term, I believe we are going to end up with a far superior website. But! In the short term, we will not have a website and if you have questions that need answering, please first consult your yearbook which is full of pertinent information and then see which of our board members would be most likely to have the answers to your questions. Thank you all for your patience while we move forward.

While the weather was not cooperative for the garden club sponsored Flea and Craft Market, we still made a profit and we are very appreciative of the opportunity to hold this event at Westfall. Thank you to Terry for the organization, and to Bob and Carol Glanville for providing the space.

DAFFODILS! The Daffodil Project, under Hope's magnificent guidance, is well under way for 23/24. On Thursday, the 5th, with the help of the Bristol DPW, 2,000 bulbs were planted along Metacom.



Our fancy new auger has been well worth the expense, enabling our teams of helpers to plant those bulbs in one day!

On Saturday, the 7th, we were headquartered at the RI Veteran's Home Community Center's greenhouse. We sold bulbs, and the URI Master Gardeners did soil testing. We also had a booth at the MHF Farmer's Market to sell bulbs. Additionally, many volunteers came forward to help plant bulbs throughout town. Master Gardeners, Girl Scouts, club members and "voluntolds" planted 2,250 bulbs. Many thanks go to Pam Delaney for rounding up all those volunteers. It was a highly productive day!



While I do want to savor all the good things that happen during the fall and winter, I'm really looking forward to seeing the results of all this work next April! There will be thousands of daffodils everywhere!

This month's General Meeting was held at North Farm, where 23 members were given an interesting tour of the property's arboretum and a few hidden gardens, led by Martha Butler and Mike Gormly, and our general meeting took place at their Yacht Club with its amazing views of the bay.



Coming up:

As I write this, tomorrow we will be selling bulbs at the MHF farmers market, as well as at 99 State Street, 1/2 a block up from the State Street Fair.

Tuesday, October 17, more bulbs will be planted

Saturday October 21, we will be selling bulbs at MHF farmers market

November: our General Meeting will be on the 8th, at the library.

Also in November: we will be decorating and selling pumpkins as thanksgiving centerpieces. Workshop will be either 11/15 or 11/16, TBD. Maggie Rezendes will be leading this. Please let her know if you can help either create or sell the pumpkins. They will be sold at the 11/17 farmers market at MHF.

December: our Annual Holiday Luncheon will take place on the 13, at noon. We need a host! This is a lovely event; if you can be our host, please contact Bonnie Evans.

Also in December: we will be making boxwood trees, on the 15th, to be sold at the MHF Holiday Market, which will take place at Pivotal Brewery at Unity Park on the 16th. We are looking for someone to chair the tree making! It's fun! I promise!

Finally, looking ahead to spring, (and all those beautiful daffodils), the Garden Club is sponsoring a Daffodil Show at Blithewold in April. There will be judging and a preview party on Friday, the 19th, and the show will be open to the public that Saturday and Sunday. More details will be forthcoming, but you might want to put it on your calendars now.

My big debate right now is whether or not to buy a pumpkin or two or three...

Knowing that I will in reality be buying a tasty treat for my resident squirrels and their ringleader, a very fat ground hog. Odds are in their favor.

Happy Halloween!

Gail

