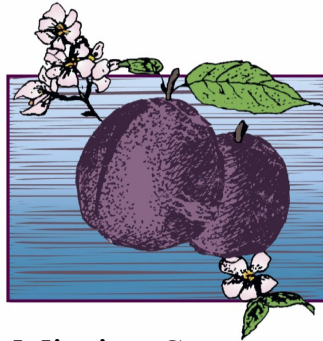


Plum Beach Garden Club

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.

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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

Website: plumbeachgardenclub.org
Membership Section Password: purpleplum

Plum Beach Garden Club

2018-2019 Officers

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2nd V. President	Linda Oliver Hughes
Treasurer	Ellen Abell
Recording Secretary	Diane Devine
Corresponding Secretary ..	Judy Bitting
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Brick Sales	Jane Brockway
Civic Beautification.....	Linda Sollitto/ Sheila Skiffington
Design	Betsy Ray
Historian/Photographer....	Linda Tamaro
Horticulture.....	Betsy Coughlin / Anne O'Neil
Hospitality.....	Jocelyn Metivier/ Martha Parks
Membership.....	Sharon Pickering
Programs.....	Linda Oliver-Hughes
Publicity.....	Karen Pizzaruso/ Kathy Barrette
Special Projects	Joan Peet (2018)
Ways and Means.....	Brenda Johnston
Webmaster	Kathy Barrette
Yearbook	Gail Stokes
Youth Education.....	Donnalee Fronce/ Ellen Grennan

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Mr. Charles Haslam 1927-1933	Mrs. G. Dickson Kenney 1978-1981
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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 Ferarra 1972-1973	Barbara Dawson 2014-2015
Mrs. Arthur E. Clark, Jr. 1974-1976	Donna Dufault 2016-2017
Mrs. David Duhaime 1977-1978	

In 2017 ...

... We received Grants and Awards to support our projects

South County Women's Club: \$300 for a new garden therapy workshop at local nursing homes. Club volunteers supervised residents who create their own floral arrangement using containers and flowers provided by our Club.

RI Federation of Garden Clubs Community Service Grant

Drawing: Awarded \$250 for our Daffodil Project. The grant helped to fund the purchase of over 3,500 daffodils which were planted in seven locations throughout the community.

Bayer Crop Science "Feed a Bee Pollinator Health Forage Initiative" \$2,500 grant. Funds will be used to expand the pollinator garden we developed in partnership with the North Kingstown Water Department at Casey Farm, and to provide educational materials for school children, and on-site signage explaining the importance of the garden.

... and acknowledgement for our efforts.



**PBGC Named Non-Profit of the Year by
North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce**

As reported in the North Kingstown View ...

... the Plum Beach Garden Club was honored at the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting and Business Excellence Awards Dinner. The Club received the award for Non-Profit of the Year - a non-profit who increased awareness of its cause and achieved its goals by making an impact in the community.

Karen Pizzarusso and Martha Parks attended on behalf of the Club to accept the honor and plaque. Governor Gina Raymond and Senator Jack Read also gave the Club citations. The Governor, who was the guest speaker, gave the ladies her personal congratulations.

Photo credits: Cindy Wilson

In 2017 ...

... We were inspired by our monthly Programs, like our guided tour of the Blue Garden in Newport in July



... We gathered to create a fitting setting for Mariann Callahan's Memorial Service



In 2017 ...

... We hosted a successful fund raising Luncheon at the Dunes Club with a record attendance of 320 Guests.



... We sold and installed 25 more bricks



We planted thousands of daffodil bulbs ...



... in the Fall at Rome Point, Wickford Junction, NK Library, NK Chamber of Commerce, Hussey Bridge Garden, and Fire Departments in Wickford, School Street and Saunderson. Pictured here are many welcomed helping hands at the Police and Fire Headquarters in Wickford.

In 2017 ...

... We celebrated Christmas



...applauded the
incoming Board



...acknowledged past Presidents



...received wonderful gifts



... celebrated a milestone

... and the gavel was passed.



In 2017 ...

... PBGC members voted to grant two scholarships
to students at URI in a course of study compatible to our mission. Recipients are Juniors chosen by URI Department heads based on need and academic standing. One has already been awarded to a student of Landscape Architecture for the Spring 2018 semester for \$2,500. His note of appreciation to the Club is below. The second will be awarded to a student of Plant Science for the Fall 2018 semester for \$2,500. We thank Martha Parks for facilitating this.

Dear Mrs. Parks,

My name is Chris McCormick, I am a Junior in the Bachelors of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Rhode Island. I am the 2017-18 recipient of the Plum Beach Garden Club Scholarship. I want to express my immense gratitude for your generosity, and give you a little background on who I am.

I am a first generation college student from Cranston, RI. Throughout high school I had no idea where I would end up or what I would study. I changed my intended major from entrepreneurship, to music education, to geography. After graduating high school and taking some classes at the Community College of Rhode Island, I knew I wanted to study architecture. I couldn't afford to study at local private colleges, or distant state schools, so I found my way to the B.L.A. program at URI. I quickly realized how lucky I was to wind up here. I have never felt like I belonged somewhere more in my entire life. Whether I am surveying land, identifying plants or spending 36 straight hours rendering a master plan, I feel like I am on the right path, and what more could I ask for?

Because of your generous supplement to my education, I will be taking out less money in subsidized student loans next semester. This will no doubt save me not only the amount awarded, but any interest that I would have built on the loan as well. Now that my financial burdens have lessened, I see really exciting opportunities ahead. Because I only have core requirements remaining before I graduate, I will be able to take a smaller amount of classes, and shift my focus towards internship opportunities. It's safe to say that I still don't know where I see myself ending up, but my dream is to live somewhere warm with my family, bring people closer to nature, and make music like the music that has inspired me along the way.

My fight for my education has been long but amazing. I have had to maintain a serious job managing a restaurant, commute two hours daily, and experience losing my home in the middle of it all. The sacrifices have been undeniable, and I am thrilled to say that they are finally paying off. To that, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to you and your colleagues at Plum Beach Garden Club.

Sincerely, Chris McCormick

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: PBGC Bricks, 223 Wickford Point Rd. , Wickford, RI 02852

Questions/comments: Email: bricks@plumbeachgardenclub.org

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

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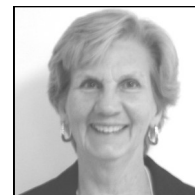
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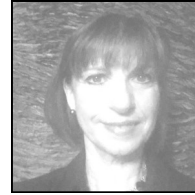


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Meet Our New Members

Janet Fernie

I was born and raised on a farm in Ireland. My father grew a wonderful selection of fruits and vegetables and my mother loved her flower garden, so it seemed as natural as breathing to want to grow things.



After college I worked for Shell Oil in London and married an oil engineer. We moved around the world, living in places like Bahrain and Dallas, which are hostile environments for growing anything. I went back to college and qualified as a librarian and then worked for a time at the Federal Reserve Bank library in Dallas.

So, when we finally retired to Rhode Island this was my golden opportunity to establish a garden. Not only that, I discovered from my friend and neighbor Jane Brockway, that there was a thriving garden club which had many resources to help me learn and become involved in community projects to beautify our town.

It seemed obvious that I would enjoy the company of such people and I am so happy that I have been accepted as a member!

Meet Our New Members

Sandra Bemenderfer

Although I have always been a 'lifelong learner', I am a late 'bloomer' in the gardening world.

Most of my time and energy, up until my retirement in 2006, had been spent on my family as well as a teaching career.



It was not until my retirement that I took time to explore my many interests and passion for artistic expression which included gardening, watercolor painting, stainedglass, silversmithing, photography, as well as writing.

After completing the 2006 Master Gardener Program at URI, I continued to pursue and learn skills in my other areas of interest, as well.

In 2013, I moved into an older home which demanded my full attention and focus. My learning curve reached new heights in the past four years while developing the landscape that surrounds my entire property. During this time, Mariann Callahan introduced me to the Plum Beach Garden Club. While attending the monthly meetings, I felt inspired by the dedication of the members to enhancing their own properties as well as beautifying the community that surrounds them with sustainable, native plantings. I consider it an honor and privilege to be a part of this group and share any skills I have in any capacity to complete their dedicated mission.

Meet Our New Members

Darlene Vincent



Growing up in Massachusetts during my numerous visits to Nantucket to visit my friend Jill, who resides on the island, I began to appreciate the beauty of the flowers, gardens and window boxes that I saw there.

Jill is a member of the Nantucket Garden Club and over the years that I visited, I accompanied her to various events, shows and the famous annual Daffodil parade. I would often come home excited to recreate some of the beautiful window boxes that I saw when I visited the Island.

Having lived in North Kingstown now for over 25 years, where my 3 children have gone through the school system, I realized I would love to be a part of the Plum Beach Garden Club - to help create and maintain our very special contributions that brighten our community.

In Remembrance

Mariann Callahan



Mariann was a dedicated member of Plum Beach Garden Club since 1994.

The following, written by Nancy Harrington and read by Nancy at Mariann's Memorial Service, beautifully captures why she was so loved and respected .

“Friends are Like Flowers in Life's Garden”

Our friend, Mariann, in so many ways reflected, in fact embodied her meticulous garden.

She displayed the determination of the small and wily marigold.

She personified the complexity and uniqueness of the orchid.

The aster, Latin for star, mirrored her enlightened kindness to others.

Like the hardy pansy, she stood her ground and survived long bouts of inclement challenges.

In her garden a weed, a token of mourning, was dealt with careful and precise exclusion, an example of her pragmatic nature.

She mirrored the steadfast and loyal dependability of the daisy.

The peony is regarded as the omen of a happy marriage which Mark and Mariann celebrated for forty-five years.

Mariann sowed the seeds of friendship and memories for all of us to enjoy and cherish.

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
Donna Dufault	2017

Projects

Hussey Bridge Garden



In November 2017, after a year of planning, members of Plum Beach Garden Club started work on one of their newest projects - the Hussey Bridge Garden at the corner of Brown Street. A thoughtful landscape plan for this very visible corner was created by Linda Oliver Hughes, and the project will continue to be shepherded by Donnalee Fronce. This is a RIDOT Adopt-A-Spot location.

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.

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 garden.



Daffodil Project

In the Fall of 2016, the PBGC planted hundreds of daffodils to kick off a new community beautification project. This will be a long term effort, and over the years the club plans to plant tens of thousands of daffodils in highly visible locations throughout North Kingstown.

The project will be led by PBGC and a variety of organizations, merchants, students and residents will be encouraged to participate.



Projects

The Pollinator Rescue Project



The Pollinator Rescue Project of Rhode Island is a collaboration of organizations dedicated to protecting and encouraging the proliferation of pollinator species that are endangered.

Through education and demonstration, they show how the simple

principles and methods of establishing a pollinator friendly garden can be accomplished on any scale.

Members of the collaboration include Plum Beach Garden Club, North Kingstown Water Dept., N.K. Groundwater Committee, Casey Farm/Historic New England, Rhode Island Wild Plant Society and Blue Moon Farm Perennials.

So far, three pollinator habitats have been established— the North Kingstown Senior Center, the Slocum Water Tank, and Casey Farm.



Historic Wickford Sign

Members coordinated and paid for the refurbishing of the Historic Wickford sign near the old Town Hall on Route 1A, and the Club maintain the landscaping around the sign. This was one of the first locations that benefited from the Daffodil Project in 2016.

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 Wickford Historical Society.

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.



Projects



Garden Therapy Workshops

PBGC members visit local nursing homes during the year to help the residents create flower arrangements for their rooms. In 2017 this outreach project received a Grow Hope Community Grant from the South County Women's Club.

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 2017 donated a power lawn mower. In Fall 2018 they will plant bulbs as part of the Daffodil Project.

PBGC makes annual donations to:

RIFGC, Inc, Life Member Group	14 th year
NK Food Pantry	24 th year
Gilbert Stuart Herb Garden	22 nd year

Projects

Old Library Park

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

First dedicated in 1985 ...

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 PBGC in 2005.

Throughout each year, Club members weed, prune, plant and care for this park that is enjoyed by so many.



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

Projects

Flower Shows



Some of the volunteers at the 2017 Newport Flower Show

Accolades from the 2017 Newport Flower Show



Still Life With Plants: Venus — Honorable Mention

Plum Beach Garden Club

Created by Marion Bartkiewicz and Diane Devine

Creative Outdoor Containers:

Planter Succulente

First Prize

Marion Bartkiewicz



Projects

Newport Flower Show Awards from Prior Years

2016:

Guilded Age Garden Urn -First Prize

Diane Devine

Artful Gilded Recycling - Second Prize

Brenda Johnston

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

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

9:00 AM



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: A brief address from our URI scholarship recipient.

The Worm Ladies: Learn all about vermicomposting.

Hostesses: Karen Pizzaruso, Chair
Sharon Pickering, Kathy Romeo,
Betsy Coughlin

RSVP: Jan Lewis 401-294-3668
kingcoo@cox.net

RSVP by: April 5, 2018

Programs

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018
9 AM**



Where: Wickford Baptist Church
Meet then carpool

Program: Guided Tour: Garden in the Woods,
Framingham, MA. Trillium Week and
Spring Ephemerals.

Hostesses: Cathy Shippee, Chair
Diane Devine, Sheila Skiffington,
Betty Sue Reed

RSVP: Ellen Grennan 401-295-5580
ellengrennan@yahoo.com

RSVP by: May 3, 2017

Programs

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018
9 AM**



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Shade Gardening: Beyond Hostas

Presenter: Betsy Polhemus, URI Master Gardener

Hostesses: Sue Colby, Chair
Cynthia Corbridge, Carol Gjelsvik,
Nancy Harrington

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

RSVP by: June 7, 2018

Programs

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018
9 AM**



Where: Wickford Baptist Church
Meet then carpool

Program: Blue Moon Nursery
All About Hydrangeas

Hostesses: Judy Bitting, Chair
Donnalee Fronce, Marsha King,
Joanne McDermott

RSVP: Priscilla Green 401-294-4567
priscillagreen145@gmail.com

RSVP by: Friday, July 5, 2018

Programs

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018
9:30 AM**



Where: North Kingstown Library
Program: Meet A Bird of Prey.
Presenter: Falconer Jim Gwiazdzinski
presents the world of falconry.
Hostesses: Barbara Dawson, Chair
Lee Karwoski, Betsy Ray
RSVP: Kathy Barrette 401-294-4079
katdevbar@gmail.com
RSVP by: September 4, 2018

Programs

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018
9 AM - No Guests**



Where: Wickford Baptist Church

Program: Create Fall Decorations. Linda Oliver Hughes teaches how to make mod podge pumpkins.

Hostesses: Linda Tamarro, Chair
Nancy Davey, Jill Motte, Brenda Johnston

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

RSVP by: October 4, 2018

Programs

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018
9 AM - No Guests**



Where: Wickford Baptist Church
Program: Creating Winter Arrangements.
Bows, swags and more.
Presented by: David from Secret Garden in Jamestown
Hostesses: Joan Peet, Chair
Wanda Yelle, Linda Sollitto,
Anne O'Neil
RSVP: Martha Parks 401-294-6362
maparks10@gmail.com
RSVP by: November 8, 2018

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
10 AM - No Guests



Where: Safehouse Eatery, 195 Old Forge Road,
East Greenwich/Warwick line

Program: Holiday Luncheon

Hostesses: Ellen Abell, Chair
Donna Dufault, Nancy Beck, Sue
Shriner, Linda Oliver Hughes, Elaine
Lemieux, Joan Ehrhardt, Barbara
Halavik, Gail Stokes

RSVP: Jane Brockway 401-294-2532
janebrockway@verizon.net

RSVP by: December 6, 2018