

Plum Beach Garden Club

North Kingstown, RI

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Mission Statement

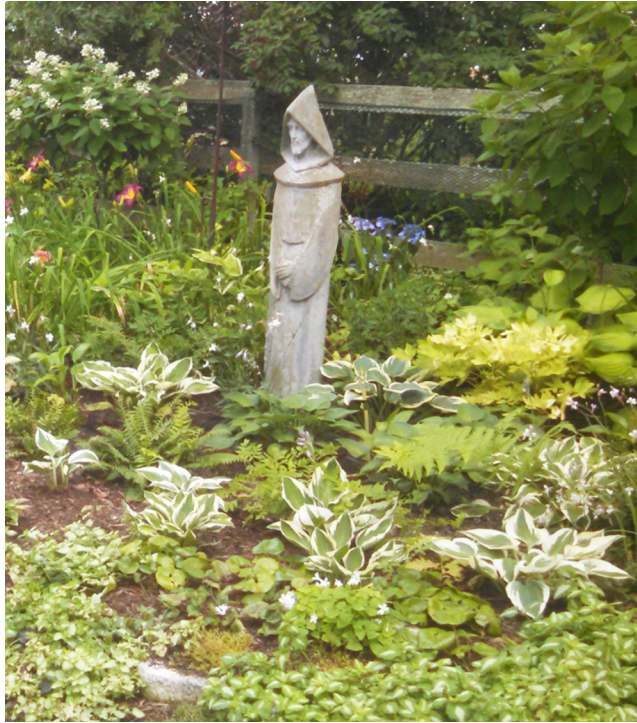
The Plum Beach Garden Club is a group of gardeners who share a common interest and love for horticulture, floral design and landscaping. We are dedicated to improving and sharing our knowledge of these interests. Through education and a commitment to the value of environmental conservation, we seek to establish and maintain civic beautification in the community.

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Plum Beach Garden Club



Organized 1927 at Plum Beach
Saunderstown, Rhode Island

2016

Active	47
Associate	2
Honorary	7

Member

Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rhode Island Wild Plant Society
The Nature Conservancy
Rhode Island Tree Council

Plum Beach Garden Club

North Kingstown, RI

2016 Officers

President.....	Donna Dufault
1st Vice President.....	Marion Bartkiewicz
2nd Vice Presidents.....	Martha Parks
Treasurer.....	Ellen Abell
Recording Secretary.....	Sue Colby
Corresponding Secretary.....	Marsha King
Members-at-Large.....	Karen Pizzarusso Elaine Casey Lemieux

2016 Committee Chairpersons

Awards.....	Barbara Dawson
Birds/Conservation.....	Carolyn Armington
Civic Beautification.....	Linda Sollitto
Historian/Photographer.....	Linda Tammaro
Horticulture.....	Brenda Johnston
Hospitality.....	Jocelyn Metivier
Membership.....	Mariann Callahan
Programs.....	Martha Parks
Publicity.....	Sharon Pickering
Ways & Means.....	Jane Brockway
Youth Education.....	Donnalee Fronce

Ad Hoc Committee Chairpersons

Brick Sales.....	Joan Ehrhardt
Design.....	Brenda Johnston Diane Devine
Webmaster.....	Kathy Barrette
Yearbook.....	Sue Colby
Special Projects.....	Cynthia Corbridge



Standing Rules

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

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 hostesses 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.

2016 Membership



2016 Membership

Ellen Abell (2013)
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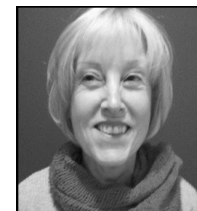
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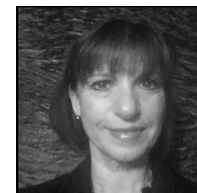


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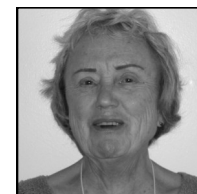
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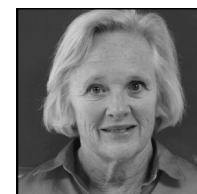


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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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2016 Membership

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Meet Our New Members



Linda Brierley

My interest in gardening was sparked in childhood by my father's vegetable garden. I started my own little flower and vegetable garden when I lived in a third-floor tenement in Providence many years ago. I eventually made my way to Vermont where my husband and I had a large vegetable garden, a root cellar, fruit trees, berry bushes, bee hives, and an herb garden. Our chickens free ranged in the orchard, keeping everything weeded and fertilized. My gardening pursuits initially focused on all things edible. After growing herbs for culinary use, I soon became interested in medicinal herbs and undertook an herbal apprenticeship with Rosemary Gladstar at Sage Mountain. As a new member of PBGC, I am looking forward to learning more, contributing to civic projects, and enjoying time spent with other gardeners.



Joanne McDermott

My husband started a garden when we moved to Wickford 40 years ago and he got me interested in growing every vegetable possible. I learned as the "weeder-in-chief." I did pull out all of his Brussel sprouts one year as they looked like weeds to me!! He decided to save me some room to grow flowers, hoping I'd pay more attention. And I did and loved doing that. I continue to plant new flowers every year and delight in my discoveries. I look forward to learning from other members and to continue to participate in Club events.

Meet Our New Members



Gail Stokes

Being a member of an active garden club has been on my "when-I-retire" bucket list for many years. In 2012, my husband and I moved to Rhode Island from Connecticut. Cathy Shippee was our new neighbor. We discovered our mutual love of gardening and she invited me to attend some of the Plum Beach Garden Club events. I was impressed by this productive and well-organized group, and delighted that I was invited to apply for membership. It is wonderful to "dig in the dirt" with such nice people, and continue to learn and share with other enthusiasts.

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 Tatso	1983
Lee Forte	1984
Alberta Miller	1988
Betsy Coughlin	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

In Remembrance Darlene Heard



Darlene (Dee) Heard became a member of Plum Beach Garden Club in 2015. She supported all of our Club projects for many years and gave our members singing praises for all of our endeavors to beautify our town. Becoming a member of PBGC was very important to Dee.

She fought her battle with cancer with extraordinary grace and courage that inspired everyone who knew her. From Dee's obituary: "Darlene touched every person she met. She will always be remembered for her endless affection, compassion for all, and her willingness to help those in need. She had such a positive energy and love for life that she shared with all of us. She will always be remembered for the difference she made in so many lives and for that we are very grateful."

A brick has been placed in the walkway at Old Library Park in Darlene's memory.

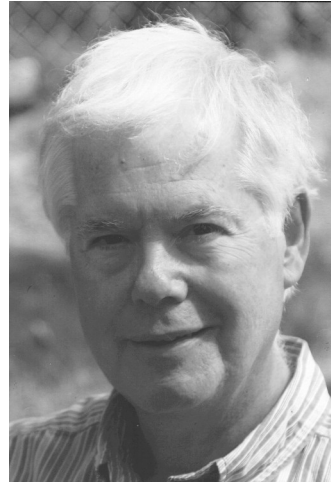
In Remembrance Victor Morgan

“Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.”

Plum Beach Garden Club Guru, yearbook committee member, techie, and Prue’s partner are only a few of the hats Victor Morgan wore. Victor was introduced to PBGC through his long-time partner and beloved garden club member, Prue Spencer. He was soon “adopted” by Club members. Victor became the Club’s resource for computer problems and questions of a technical nature. A half dozen ladies would surround him while he sat at his computer patiently fulfilling their requests for organizing pages for our annual yearbook.

A guru is described as a “revered teacher or mentor”. Victor certainly fit this description in the myriad ways he aided our Club members. His patience was over shadowed (at times) only by his sense of humor as he dealt with the challenges he so willingly accepted.

Victor, who was made on Honorary Member of our Club in 2015, took advantage of the small opportunities that surround us every day by being generous in both spirit and knowledge. We will miss him and dedicate this yearbook to his memory.



Projects



North Kingstown Food Pantry
The Club matches monetary donations made by the members every November. Additionally, in 2015 Club members coordinated the design and installation of new landscaping at the Food Pantry.

2015 Newport Preservation Society
Marble House Mantelpiece
Honorable Mention
Brenda Johnston & Kathy Romeo



The Blue Star Memorial Islands Project
The Club maintains the three traffic islands located at the intersection of Tower Hill Road and West Main Street in North Kingstown.

Considered the ‘Gateway to Wickford Village,’ it is identified by its landscaping and a National Blue Star Memorial By-Way marker. The project was approved under the RI-DOT’s Adopt-A-Spot program in April 2009.

Projects

Maintenance of Old Library Park



Throughout the year, members weed, plant and care for Old Library Park, the park in the center of Wickford Village created by the Plum Beach Garden Club.

Holiday Decorations

Members participate in the Wickford Village Festival of Lights during the Christmas season by decorating trees in Old Library Park. They also donate, decorate and hang a wreath at the North Kingstown Police and Fire Department.

Maintenance of the Gilbert Stuart Herb Garden

Members weed, plant and care for the historic herb garden recreated by Plum Beach Garden Club at Gilbert Stuart Birthplace.



Welcome to Wickford Sign

Members coordinated the refurbishing of the Welcome to Wickford sign located near the Town Hall and maintain the landscaping of the space.



Youth Education

Members worked with students at Stony Lane Elementary School, educating them on the Monarch butterfly's plight. In 2015, the outreach project garnered a Grow Hope Community Grant from the Women's Club of South County.

Projects

Donations

RIFGC, Inc., Life Member Group 12th year
 NK Food Pantry 22th year
 Gilbert Stuart Herb Garden 20th year
 Donation to the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce for a new Updike's Newtown sign in Wickford (2015).

Flower Shows

PBGC members regularly volunteer at the Newport and RIFGC Flower Shows. Several have received recognition for their show entries. Accolades from the 2015 Newport Flower Show:



Crazy Quilt

First Prize
 Marion Bartkiewicz



America the Beautiful (mixed container) - First Prize &
Fern Division III - First Prize
 Brenda Johnston

Newport Flower Show Awards from Prior Years

2014: Postcards From ... - Honorable Mention

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

2013: Thai Floating Lantern Festival - Third Prize

Marion Bartkiewicz, Prue Spencer

2012: Mosaic Planter - Third Prize

Annie 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 12, 2016
9 AM



Where: Baptist Church
Program: Great Plants for the Garden
Presenter: Jane Chase, Blue Moon Nursery
Hostesses: Brenda Johnston, Chair
Cathy Shippee, Jan Lewis, DonnaLee
Fronce, Anne O'Neil, Betty Sue Reed
RSVP: Betty Sue Reed 295-1985
bettysuereed38@gmail.com
RSVP by: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Tuesday May 10, 2016
9 AM



Where: Meet at Baptist Church to carpool
Program: Swan Point Cemetery Walking Tour
Highlighting Specimen Trees
Presenters: Kelly Perry, Greenhouse Manager
Hostesses: Sandy Secrest, Chair
Kathy Romeo
RSVP: Kathy Romeo 294-9014
Kathleen@schartner.com
RSVP by: Thursday, May 5, 2016

Thursday June 14, 2016
9 AM



Where: Baptist Church; carpool after meeting

Program: Matunuck Oyster Bar Vegetable Pod

Hostesses: Cynthia Corbridge, Chair
Linda Brierley, Linda Tamarro, Marion
Bartkiewicz, Lee Karowski, Diana
Geisler

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

RSVP by: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Tuesday August 9, 2016
9 AM



Where: Meet at Baptist Church to carpool to
Avant Gardens, North Dartmouth

Program: Tour of Nursery and Succulent
Arrangement Demonstration by
Katherine Tracey, Owner

Hostesses: Diane Devine, Chair
Mariann Callahan, Carol Gjelsvik, Betsy
Coughlin, Nancy Harrington

RSVP: Nancy Harrington 294-3452
wildgoose@aol.com

RSVP by: Thursday, August 4, 2016

Tuesday September 13, 2016
9 AM



Where: Baptist Church for meeting, carpool after
Program: Rhode Island Mushroom Farm, West Kingston
Hostesses: Kathy Barette, Chair
Carole Stone, Priscilla Green, Marsha King, Sue Colby, Jocelyne Metivier
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Tuesday October 11, 2016
9 AM



Where: Baptist Church
Program: Floral Arrangement Demonstration
David Urban, Secret Garden, Jamestown
Hostesses: Sharon Pickering, Chair
Carolyn Armington, Nancy Davey, Elaine Casey Lemieux, Linda Oliver-Hughes, Ellen Grennan
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RSVP by: Thursday, October 6, 2016

Tuesday November 15, 2016
9 AM



Where: Jamestown Art Center
18 Valley Street, Jamestown

Program: Holiday Door Treatment

Presented by: Polly Hutchinson
Robin Hollow Nursery

Hostesses: Joan Peet, Chair
Karen Pizzaruso, Barbara Dawson, Jill
Motte, Joan Ehrhardt, Judy Bitting

RSVP: Judy Bitting 294-5572
harborview@cox.net

RSVP by: Thursday, November 10, 2016

Tuesday, December 12, 2016
9 AM



Where: Meet at Baptist Church. Transportation
provided for Holiday Luncheon at
Handicraft Club, Providence

Hostesses: Sun Shriner, Chair
Martha Parks, Nancy Beck, Betsy Ray,
Wanda Yelle, Ellen Abell, Jane
Brockway, Barbara Halavik, Linda
Sollitto

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