

# January 2020

Flowers: Carnation & Snowdrop

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
						<i>National Bird Day</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					<i>National Houseplant Appreciation Day</i>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<i>National Squirrel Appreciation Day</i>				<i>National Seed Swap Day</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

*Nature has undoubtedly mastered the art of winter gardening.*

- Vincent A. Simeone

*Focus on growing the good and beautiful in life and the weeds get crowded out.*

--LeAura Alderson

# February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>National Groundhog Day</i>	<i>National Feed the Birds Day</i>	<i>National Primrose Day</i>				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Floral Design Day

*Surely as cometh the Winter, I know  
There are Spring violets under the snow.*

- R. H. Newell

*"If you want to be happy for a lifetime, be a gardener."*

— Chinese Proverb

# March 2020

Gardening Newsletter: "Planting a Native Garden"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Return of Daylight Savings</i>				<i>National Plant A Flower Day</i>		<b>"LET'S GET GARDENING" @ Rockport PL See Below</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				<i>First Day of Spring</i>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				<i>National Weed Appreciation Day</i>		

*Winter slumbering in the open air,  
Wears on his smiling face a dream of spring.*

— Samuel Coleridge

**Saturday, March 14 - Rockport Public Library Presents:**


*"Let's Get Gardening! Let's Get Started!"*

**SPEAKER:** Lizzy Fotouhi, Rockport Garden Club

**2:00** in the Brenner Room, Rockport Public Library

# April 2020



Gardening Newsletter: "Organic Vegetable Gardening in a Small Space"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>National Dandelion Day</i>	<b>RGC MEETING</b> See Below					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<i>International Plant Appreciation Day</i>					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			<i>Earth Day</i>		<i>Arbor Day</i>	<b>Earth Day Celebration @ Community House</b> See Below
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	<b>OPEN DOOR</b> See Below					

<p><b>Monday, April 6 - Meeting at the Community House</b></p> <p>12:00 LUNCHEON</p> <p>1:15 <b>SPEAKER:</b> Mary Korslund, "<i>Back Protection Principles Before, During and After Gardening</i>"</p> <p>Hostesses: RGC Board</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 27 - Cape Ann Open Door</b></p> <p>4:30 Preparation &amp; serving of food</p> <p>Co-chairs: Sonja Anciello &amp; Barbara Arnold</p>
<p><b>Saturday, April 25th - The Rockport Conservation Commission presents:</b></p> <p><b>Earth Day Celebration!</b></p> <p>8 am -1 pm at the Community House</p>	<p><i>Spring is Nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!"</i></p> <p>— Robin Williams</p>

# May 2020

## Gardening Newsletter: "Protecting Your Back in the Garden"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 	27	28	29	30	1 <i>National Garden Meditation Day</i>	2 <i>National Monarch Butterfly Day</i>
3	4 <b>RGC MEETING</b> See Below	5	6	7 <b>DEN MAR SERVICE WORKSHOP</b> See Below	8	9
10 <i>National Public Gardens Week &amp; Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>PLANT SALE 2020</b>
17	18	19	20 	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>
						<i>National Water a Flower Day</i>

<p><b>Monday, May 4 - Meeting at the Community House</b></p> <p>12:00 LUNCHEON</p> <p>1:15 <b>SPEAKER:</b> Betsy Szymczak - "<i>Gardening with Dahlias</i>"</p> <p>Hostesses: TBA</p>	<p><b>Gardening Workshop:</b></p> <p>TBD</p>
<p><i>"The air is like a butterfly with frail blue wings. The happy earth looks at the sky and sings." - Joyce Kilmer, Spring</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 7 - Den Mar Service Workshop</b></p> <p>2:00 Preparation of Mother's Day floral baskets</p> <p>4:00 Visit with residents in Den Mar Activities Room</p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 16th - Plant Sale</b></p> <p>9 AM -12 PM DPW Parking Lot</p> <p><b>Plant Sale Committee:</b> Janet Heintz, Mary Korslund, Mary Moorby, <b>Beth Renner, Eileen Saunders, Holly Yasatis, Carol Rowe</b></p>	<p><i>Hail, bounteous May, that dost inspire Mirth, and youth, and warm desire! Thus we salute thee with our early song, And welcome thee, and wish thee long." John Milton, Song on a May Morning</i></p>

# June 2020

Gardening Newsletter: "Weeds, Nature's Problem Solver"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 	1 <b>RGC MEETING</b> See Below	2	3	4	5	6 <i>National Gardening Exercise Day</i>
7 <i>National Garden Club Week</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <b>Scholarship awarded at Rockport HS Graduation</b>	13 <i>National Weed Your Garden Day</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19 First Day of Summer Tomorrow!	20 <b>Arts &amp; Flowers at Rockport Art Assn.</b>
21 <b>Arts &amp; Flowers at Rockport Art Assn.</b>	22	23	24 <b>Rockport Senior Housing</b> See Below	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

<b>Monday, June 1 - Meeting at the Community House</b> 12:00 LUNCHEON 1:15 <b>SPEAKER:</b> Bill Hamilton - 'Black Birch Farm Apiaries' Hostesses: TBA	<b>Wednesday, June 24 - Pigeon Cove Ledges</b> Flower Arranging
<b>June - Gardening Workshop:</b> TBD	<i>It's beautiful the Summer month of June            When all of God's own wildflowers are in bloom            And sun shines brightly most part of the day            And butterflies o'er lush green meadows play.            — Francis Duggan, June</i>

# July 2020


Home Gardening Newsletter: "Gardening in a Seaside Community- Lessons Learned"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
				<b>Fireman's Parade</b>		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>National Farmer's Market Week</i>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<b>RGC MEETING @ Rockport Art Assoc. 6:30 PM See Below</b>					
19	20	21	22		24	25
	<b>OPEN DOOR 4:30 PM See Below</b>			<i>Rockport Garden Club</i>	<b>GARDEN TOUR 2019</b>	<b>GARDEN TOUR 2019</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

<b>Monday, July 6- Evening meeting at the Rockport Art Association</b> 6:30 PM <b>WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION</b> 7:00 PM <b>SPEAKER: Dan Jaffe</b>	<b>FRI &amp; SAT, July 26 &amp; July 27 - Rockport in Bloom Garden Tour</b> 10-4 rain or shine. <b>Garden Tour Chairs: Michela Tobin, Kate John Shaw &amp; Elinor</b>
<b>Monday, July 20 - Cape Ann Open Door</b> 4:30 Preparation & serving of food Chair: Jane Hughes	<i>"The dandelions and buttercups gild all the lawn:            the drowsy bee stumbles among the clover tops,            and summer sweetens all to me."</i> — James Russell Lowell

# August 2020

Gardening Newsletter: "Creating Privacy in the Garden"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ANNUAL PICNIC See Below					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						National Honey Bee Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

**Monday, August 3 - ANNUAL PICNIC**  
Noon-2:00 PM  
Details will be emailed  
Bring a chair, lunch and beverage.  
Rain site: Community House

*Fairest of the months!  
Ripe summer's queen  
The hey-day of the year  
With robes that gleam with sunny sheen  
Sweet August doth appear."*  
— R. Combe Miller



# September 2020





Gardening Newsletter: "The Spring Garden"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>National Indoor Plant Week</i>	14 <b>RGCM MEETING</b> See Below	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <i>First Day of Fall</i>	23	24 <b>Rockport Senior Housing</b> See Below	25	26 <i>National Johnny Appleseed Day</i>
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

<p><b>Monday, September 14 - Meeting at the Community House</b></p> <p>12:00 LUNCHEON</p> <p>1:00 <b>SPEAKER:</b> Mary Ellen Lepionka - <i>'Algonquian Foodways and Medicinal Plants'</i></p> <p>Hostesses: TBA</p>	<p><b>September- Gardening Workshop</b></p> <p>TBA</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 24 - Pigeon Cove Ledges</b></p> <p>Flower Arranging</p>	

# October 2020

Gardening Newsletter: Book Review- "[The Hidden Life of Trees](#)"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 	28	29	30	1 	2	3
4	5 <b>RGC MEETING</b> See Below	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15		17 <b>HARVEST FEST 2020</b>
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <b>OPEN DOOR</b> See Below	27	28	29	30	31

<b>Monday, October 5 - Meeting at the Community House</b> 12:00 LUNCHEON 1:15 <b>SPEAKER:</b> Hostesses: TBA	<b>Thursday October 3 - Gardening Workshop</b>  Nunan Florist & Greenhouses, Georgetown
<b>Monday, October 26 - Cape Ann Open Door</b> 4:30 Preparation & serving of food Co-chairs: Pam Lane & Jill Solomon	<b>Saturday, October 19 - Harvestfest</b> 10 AM to 5 PM Downtown Rockport, T-Wharf

# November 2020

Gardening Newsletter: "Growing Phalaenopsis Orchids"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 
8 <i>Last year's first freezing weather</i>	9 <b>ANNUAL MEETING 11:30</b> See Below	10 <i>National Forget-Me-Not Day</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

6	7	NOTES
<b>Monday, November 9 - Meeting at the Community House</b> 11:30 LUNCHEON 12:00 BUSINESS MEETING 1:15 SPEAKER: TBA Hostesses: TBA		<i>When the squirrels hide their acorns,            And the woodchucks disappear;            Then we know that it is autumn,            Loveliest season of the year."</i> - Carol L. Riser, Autumn

# December 2020

Flowers: Narcissus & Holly

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 	30	1	2	3 <b>HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</b> Details TBD	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <b>DEN MAR SERVICE WORKSHOP</b> See Below	11	12 <i>Poinsettia Day</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

<b>Thursday, December 10 - Den Mar Service Workshop</b> 2:00 Preparation of Christmas floral baskets 4:00 Visit with residents in Den Mar Activities Room	<i>Gardens are a form of autobiography.</i> —Sydney Eddison, Horticulture magazine
<b>Thursday, December 3 - Holiday Party</b> 1:00-4:00 Luncheon Hostesses: RGC Board	<i>"The gardening season officially begins on January 1st, and ends on December 31."</i> —Marie Huston