

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>		"Let's Get Gardening!" Rockport PL See Below
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				<i>First Day of Spring</i>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						<i>National Weed Appreciation Day</i>
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

<p><i>Winter slumbering in the open air, Wears on his smiling face a dream of spring.</i></p> <p>— Samuel Coleridge</p>	<p>Saturday, March 14 - Rockport Public Library Presents: <i>"Let's Get Gardening! Let's Get Started!"</i></p> <p>Cancelled</p> <p>SPEAKER: Lizzy Fotouhi, Rockport Garden Club 2:00 in the Brenner Room, Rockport Public Library</p>
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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 <i>National Dandelion Day</i>	6 RGC MEETING See Below	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>International Plant Appreciation Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 <i>Arbor Day</i>	25 Earth Day Celebration @ Community House See Below
26	27 OPEN DOOR See Below	28	29	30	1	2

<p>Monday, April 6 - Meeting at the Community House</p> <p>Sorry, cancelled</p> <p>12:00 LUNCHEON</p> <p>1:15 SPEAKER: Mary Korslund, "<i>Back Protection Principles Before, During and After Gardening</i>"</p> <p>Special Presentation via Email Delivered</p>	<p>Monday, April 27 - Cape Ann Open Door</p> <p>Sorry, Cancelled</p> <p>RGC donated \$500</p>
<p>Saturday, April 25th - The Rockport Conservation Commission presents:</p> <p>Earth Day Celebration!</p> <p>Sorry, Cancelled</p>	<p><i>Spring is Nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!"</i></p> <p>— Robin Williams</p>

May 2020

Gardening Newsletter: "Creating Privacy in the Garden"

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

<p>Monday, May 4 - Special Meeting on the WEB!</p> <p>1:00 SPEAKER: Betsy Szymczak – "<i>Gardening with Dahlias</i>"</p> <p>Special ZOOM Meeting</p> <p>Check your Email!</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 5 - Gardening Workshop:</p> <p>Sorry, cancelled.</p>
<p><i>"The air is like a butterfly with frail blue wings. The happy earth looks at the sky and sings."</i></p> <p>- Joyce Kilmer, <i>Spring</i></p>	<p>Thursday, May 7 - Den Mar Service Workshop</p> <p>Sorry, cancelled.</p>
<p>Saturday, May 16th - Plant Sale</p> <p>Sorry, cancelled.</p> <p>Last Year's Plant Sale Video:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smqTtgBpKZc</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."</i></p> <p>John Milton, <i>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 RGC MEETING See Below	2	3	4	5 Scholarship awarded at Rockport HS Graduation	6 <i>National Gardening Exercise Day</i>
7 <i>National Garden Club Week</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>National Weed Your Garden Day</i>
14	15	16	17	18 Gardening Workshop See Below	19 First Day of Summer Tomorrow!	20 Arts & Flowers at Rockport Art Assn. Cancelled
21 Arts & Flowers at Rockport Art Assn. Cancelled	22	23	24 Rockport Senior Housing See Below	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

<p>Monday, June 1 - Virtual Meeting</p> <p>1:15 SPEAKER: Bill Hamilton - <i>'Life Cycle of Bees and Their Importance as Pollinators'</i></p> <p>Virtual Meeting--Check your email.</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 24 - Rockport Senior Housing</p> <p>Sorry, Cancelled</p>
<p>Thursday, June 18 - Gardening Workshop:</p> <p>Sorry, cancelled</p> <p>'Fantastic Plants for Fall'-</p> <p>a tour of Long Hill & Sedgwick Gardens</p> <p>with the Head Horticulturist, Dan Bouchard</p>	<p><i>It's beautiful the Summer month of June</i></p> <p><i>When all of God's own wildflowers are in bloom</i></p> <p><i>And sun shines brightly most part of the day</i></p> <p><i>And butterflies o'er lush green meadows play.</i></p> <p>— Francis Duggan, <i>June</i></p>

July 2020


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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 	29	30	1	2 Fireman's Parade	3	4
5 <i>National Farmer's Market Week</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11 Gloucester Garden Tour
12	13 RGC ZOOM MEETING See Below	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 OPEN DOOR Cancelled	21	22	23 	24 GARDEN TOUR 2020 Cancelled	25 GARDEN TOUR 2020 Cancelled
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

<p>Monday, July 13- Evening ZOOM meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM- Mingle 7:00 PM- Presentation</p> <p>SPEAKER: Dan Jaffe, 'Landscaping for Life'</p> <p>Dan Jaffe Wilder Presentation</p>	<p>FRI & SAT, July 26 & July 27 - Rockport in Bloom Garden Tour</p> <p>Sorry, cancelled</p> <p>Last Year's Garden Tour Video:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VP04gJEQ8zI&t=848s</p>
<p>Monday, July 20 - Cape Ann Open Door</p> <p>Sorry, cancelled</p> <p>RGC \$500 Donation</p>	<p><i>"The dandelions and buttercups gild all the lawn: the drowsy bee stumbles among the clover tops, and summer sweetens all to me."</i></p> <p>— James Russell Lowell</p>

August 2020

Gardening Newsletter: "Protecting Your Back 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: Inside at Picnic Site

*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 RGC EVENING MEETING See Below	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <i>First Day of Fall</i>	23	24 Rockport Senior Housing See Below	25	26 <i>National Johnny Appleseed Day</i>
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

<p>Monday, September 14 - Evening Meeting via ZOOM</p> <p>6:30 Mingle</p> <p>7:00 SPEAKER: Mary Ellen Lepionka - <i>'Algonquian Foodways and Medicinal Plants'</i></p>	<p>Thursday, September 10- Gardening Workshop</p> <p>Canceled</p> <p>'Leaf Bird Bath Making' at Long Hill</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 24 - Rockport Senior Housing- Canceled</p> <p>Flower Arranging at Pigeon Cove Ledges</p>	<p><i>The morrow was a bright September morn;</i></p> <p><i>The earth was beautiful as if newborn;</i></p> <p><i>There was nameless splendor everywhere.</i></p> <p>— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow</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 RGC MEETING See Below	6	7	8 Gardening Workshop See Below	9	10
11	12	13	14	15		17 HARVEST FEST 2020
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 OPEN DOOR See Below	27	28	29	30	31

Monday, October 5 - Meeting 12:00 Mingle 1:00 PM SPEAKER: Suzanne Mahler - <i>"Native Plants Versus Invasive Species"</i> Hostesses: TBA	Thursday, October 8 - Gardening Workshop: Canceled 'Succulents on a Log' at Nunans
Monday, October 26 - Cape Ann Open Door- Canceled 4:30 Preparation & serving of food Co-chairs: Pam Lane & Jill Solomon	Saturday, October 19 - Harvestfest Canceled Downtown Rockport, T-Wharf

November 2020


Gardening Newsletter: "Growing Phalaenopsis Orchids"

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

6	7	NOTES
Monday, November 9 - ZOOM Meeting 12:00 Mingle 12:30 BUSINESS MEETING 1:00 SPEAKER: Eileen Saunders - 'Decorating for the Holidays' 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	4	5
6	7	8	9 DEN MAR SERVICE WORKSHOP See Below	10 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 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

<p>Thursday, December 9 - Den Mar Service Workshop Cancelled</p>	<p><i>"Gardens are a form of autobiography."</i> —Sydney Eddison, Horticulture magazine</p>
<p>Thursday, December 10 - Holiday Luncheon Cancelled Speaker! Stay Tuned.</p>	<p><i>"The gardening season officially begins on January 1st, and ends on December 31."</i> —Marie Huston</p>