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It looks like spring has finally arrived bringing the chance to get down and dirty while thinning and potting plants for the Plant Sale. Don't forget to weed out your white elephant treasures for the Tag Sale. More information will follow.

Upcoming Programs:

Evening Program – April 28 – 7:00 pm
Senior Center, Mural Room, Ground Floor

Gardening with Native Plants and Why it Matters – Claudia Thompson, President, Grow Native Massachusetts. She will explain the differences between native, naturalized and invasive plants and the co-evolution between plants and animals. Native plants are increasingly recognized as important to our gardens and landscapes. Claudia will give us an overview of their essential role in the health of our ecosystem and explore the relationships linking insects, birds, wildlife and humans.



Day Program – May 11 – 10:30 am
St. John's Episcopal Church



Development of a Low-Maintenance Lawn Seed – Jackson Madnick, President, Pearl's Premium Lawn Seed. We will learn about the research behind the development of this alternative grass seed, and its eco-friendly benefits.

From Our President :

Bliss – Rapture - Exhaustion

All brought to you free of charge on May 21

Yes, folks it is Plant Sale Time and we want you to volunteer to pot plants, bake goodies, comb through your attic and basement for tag sale treasures, re-gift that holiday present that, yes was nice, but you don't want it, set up on sale day, sell plants and tag items, pack up unsold items and general clean up at end of the day. Noooooo, we don't expect you to do everything - just some things. It's a rewarding day, filled with laughs, some great stories to tell at your next dinner party, and a good excuse to drink lots of wine that Saturday night and reward yourself for working hard for a good cause.

See the guidelines later in this issue.

Jason Russell House Seeking Herbs –Juliette Avots:

The Jason Russell House Herb garden group has come up with a new garden design to reflect three aspects of a typical colonial garden: culinary, medicinal and household herbs. Now we'd like to ask our members to consider making contributions from their own gardens to help us populate the new beds. If you have any of the following herbs that you would like to contribute, please contact Carol Nahigian, our committee co-chair at 781 648-6219 or Patsy Kraemer who will be helping to coordinate the new planting at patsy@patsykraemer.com. We will be transplanting later this spring when the beds are ready and the weather is willing to help the plants thrive.

Eventually we hope to develop a brochure explaining the use of each of the herbs in the garden to help visitors to the Jason Russell House understand more about life in colonial America.

Thanks for helping us to make the new herb garden grow!

Angelica
German/Roman
Chamomile
Elecampane
Feverfew
Hollyhock
Hyssop
Lady's Mantle
Lungwort

Peony
Solomon's Seal
Tansy
Valerian
Clove Pinks
Sage
Sweet Cicely
Wild Strawberry
Rosemary

Santolina
Foxglove
Horehound
Winter Savory



Environmental Corner – Mary Stack

Just a reminder about monthly recycling collections. There are monthly collections on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the DPW yard, 51 Grove Street. These collections are a good chance to get rid of all the Styrofoam and plastic packaging that accumulate from our purchases. Although many of the items collected on Saturday can also be brought to the Community Collection Day (May 14) or dropped off at the DPW during the week, these extra collections give you a chance to dispose of big, bulky items that take up a lot of storage space. So for those of us who can't make it to Community Collection Day or to the DPW during the week, this is a good opportunity to recycle items we might otherwise throw in the trash. For details about what can be recycled, go [here](#).

The last round of button battery collection brought in \$845.00 for the Garden Club! There are collection boxes in several locations in Town and more boxes are available, if you'd like to set one up somewhere.

Civic Development – Jane Foley:

Janet Pagliuca is looking for someone responsible to water the planters at Broadway Plaza. Pay is \$10.00 an hour and there is water available on site.

Three islands are available for adoption: Park Avenue at Cedar Street, Park Avenue Extension at Branch St. and Pleasant and Venner Streets. Rather than holding a contest, this year a different island will be featured in the Advocate periodically, thus encouraging the gardeners to keep the islands beautiful.

Work on the gardens at the Town Hall has begun with another session being held this Friday from 1 – 4. There will also be an opportunity to learn the proper way to take soil samples to send off to UMass Extension Service. This is always a good idea before laying down fertilizer.

The Council on Aging has adopted the island at the Senior Center. However, they are looking for groups or individuals who can help design and maintain it. Valerie Maxwell will be contacting Susan Carp, Director, Council on Aging for more detailed information,

Website Development:

Great progress has been made on the website. It should be up and running within the month.

Program Planning:

Janet Pagliuca is researching possible programs for next year and welcomes members' suggestions. If you have any ideas for programs or speakers, please contact her.

Plant Sale, Tag Sale and Bake Sale Guidelines are below and the plant labels for potted plants are attached.

Please consider signing up for one of the tables by contacting the Chairs. Many hands do make light work!



GUIDELINES FOR OUR PLANT, TAG AND BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
9 – NOON RAIN OR SHINE

Plant Sale

- **Plant categories:** Donate well rooted perennials, small shrubs and house plants in individual pots. Young annuals, vegetables and herbs will also be accepted.
- **When and where:** Plants should be delivered to the lawn at the end of the driveway at the Jason-Russell House between Monday, May 16 and Thursday, May 19. The driveway is accessible from Jason Terrace.
- **Labels:** Label all plants you donate with plant's name, size, growth conditions and a brief description. Plant labels and pots will be available at the April daytime meeting or can be obtained by contacting Stephan Miller. I can also provide you with an electronic version of the plant labels in Word or PDF file formats.
- **Pricing:** The Plant Sale Team will price all plants
- **Help/Questions;** I'd be glad to help you if you have problems or questions about digging, dividing, labeling or transporting your plants. You can contact me at either steffmiller@mac.com or leave a message at 781-641-2845.

Bake Sale

- **Categories:** Preferably homemade baked goods of brownies, cookies, muffins , etc. individually wrapped or in amounts of 2-6 per package. Banana, nut and fruit breads cut into individual slices and packaged.
- **Packaging:** use clear wrap and label. If frosted, please use clear take-out containers.
- **Labels:** All items must be labeled. Designate category (kind of cupcake, muffin, etc.) Clearly identify foods that are gluten free, contain nuts or that contain no nuts.
- **Pricing:** The Bake Sale Team will price all items.
- **Delivery of baked goods:** Drop off at Jason Russell House by 8 a.m. the day of the sale.
- **Contact/Questions:** Ginger Tower

Tag Sale

- **Items**
 - with a garden/nature theme: tools, pots, vases
 - general household items that are in good repair
 - NO books or clothing
 - Boutique items/special treasures such as crystal, vintage jewelry, antique items. Never used presents? "Re-gift" them here.
 - Please clean items as necessary. Dirty pots and dusty items aren't appealing.
- **Delivery:** Donations can be left at Nancy Pike's house, 32 Mount Vernon Street from April 15 through May 15. Please do not wait until the last minute as we have hundreds of items that need to be sorted and priced. Please call Nancy beforehand to be sure she is home.
- **Pricing:** The Tag Team will price all items
- **Contact/Questions:** Nancy Pike 781-646-4121

