



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Club Members,

When I reflect on the fact that this is April, and again we have not been able to have our usual Annual Meeting and Luncheon with Installation of Officers, I think back on what we have been able to accomplish over this past year. So many things were changed and yet so many things remained the same. Instead of an annual luncheon, we are gathering to host a tag sale tomorrow, instead of a Christmas party we hosted a wreath sale, and instead of monthly meetings we gathered in groups for knitting, playing cards, zooming, discussing books, sharing gardening ideas, selecting scholarship recipients, enjoying the outdoors at the Lighthouse and walking with friends in new places.



Carole Clifford
President, MWC

We learned that the strength of our Club is in the members and their commitment to Educational, Philanthropic, Civic and Social ideals. We are strong and resilient women and I am proud to be a part of this group.

Carole Clifford
President, MWC



Mattapoisett Woman's Club Executive Board Meeting: April 8, 2021 via Zoom

Recording Secretary Meeting Summary

The Executive Board met on the Second Thursday of the month to discuss fundraising events, various projects we are working on and ideas to retain as well as increase membership. As this is a very unusual year due to the pandemic and we are unable to get together as a group on a regular basis, we've decided to publish a summarized version of our meeting in "Ladies Choice" as a means of keeping the members up to date with what's going on in the club.

Historian's Report: Jan Hubley, our resident Historian created a lovely book that highlights our accomplishments during this crazy year. A list of the accomplishments will be published in the next edition of "Ladies Choice." We will share the book at our next in-person meeting which will hopefully be in September.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer, Sue Mitchell noted that despite the fact that this has been a very unusual year, we were able to raise approximately \$13,000 from various activities which resulted in an \$8,000 profit. The board agreed that this was a remarkable accomplishment!

Tag Sale: The date for this event is Saturday May 1st with a rain date of May 8th. The location will be in front of the old "Bowlmor" building. Any member wishing to sell non used clothing related items should price them and bring their own tables to display the items. They will be expected to clean up after the event and take home any items not sold.

Garden Tour: Our Biennial Garden Tour will be held on June 26th. We have 6 gardens signed up for the tour with a possibility of a few more. We are working on getting approval from the town to hold this event.

Pathway to Planting: The Board is planning on conducting this initiative again this year as it advertises local garden shops which helps to boost their sales and helps the members with their spring planting. Eleven businesses have agreed to participate and we are working on creating the booklets

Spring Activities: Hopefully, the weather will be warmer soon so we're discussing out door opportunities to get the club together at Ned's Point. The Recruitment/Retention is planning a "Pop-Up" event at Ned's Point where club members can come together and have fun blowing bubbles.

Respectfully Yours;

Sherry Hoines

Recording Secretary

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club Executive Board Meeting: April 8, 2021 via Zoom

Corresponding Secretary Report

A letter was sent to longtime member Alice Williams awarding her honorary lifetime membership in our Club.

A letter of appreciation was received from Club member Pat McCarthy for hand deliveries of her Blue Book, Christmas card and packaged tea bag with fortune cookie.

A thank you was received from the Mattapoisett Library for donation made in memory of Frances Cairns.

Retirement congratulatory letters were sent to Melody Pacheco and Barry Denham, longtime and valued Town employees, who were always ready to help out with our Club's endeavors.

Letters and checks were sent to the 14 local organizations we support: Child & Family Services, Fairhaven Neighborhood News, Gifts to Give, Mattapoisett Council on Aging, Mattapoisett Museum, Mattapoisett Land Trust, Mattapoisett Library Trust, ORCTV, Showstoppers, Sister 2 Sister, The Women's Center, YMCA, YWCA and Veterans Transition House

Thank you letters were received from: YMCA, The Women's Center, ORCTV, Child & Family Services, Mattapoisett Land Trust, YWCA, and Sister 2 Sister.

The Spring issue of The Heron was received from the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

Elaine Grant
Corresponding Secretary

Please note:
Our next Executive Board Meeting
is May 13th at 10:00am

Mattapoisett Woman's Club 2021 Scholarship Awardees

The Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships to the following students:

Kara LeBlanc - She is a student at Old Colony Regional Technical High School and plans to attend Johnson and Wales University to expand her baking and management skills. She was a camper at the YMCA from a very young age and has progressed to become a staff member for the past three years.

Emma Williamson - She attends ORR and plans to attend Northeastern University with a double degree in Mathematics and Political Science. In addition to honors in school, she interned with the Sippican Historical Society as an archival researcher. She is also part of an organization (MCEO) to mandate climate justice.

Serena Jaskolka - She is a graduate of ORR and Worcester State University. Currently, she is pursuing an M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of New Hampshire.

Excerpt from 2020–2021 Historian Report

2020-21 was a very unusual and challenging year for the Mattapoissett Woman's Club due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Mandates effective late March 2020 to limit in-person contact severely hampered our ability to meet and gather to fulfill the civic, social, educational and philanthropic objectives of the MWC.

Creative alternatives emerged to keep the membership informed and connected throughout this pandemic year.

Ladies Choice provided 9 expanded issues for a total of 139 pages of informative and entertaining content with photos

The Facebook page has grown to 40 + members and provided updated information on club activities, photos and other relevant content

The MWC website provided up to date club information on events & news, club history and current & past issues of Ladies Choice. Volunteer opportunities and Member to Member were 2 new features added to the site

The recruitment and retention committee delivered holiday cards with candy canes in late December and also delivered homemade fortune cookies with tea bags in January to all members

MWC Walks were started in August providing an opportunity for all members to meet and take a planned walk at various points of local interest while maintaining safe Covid protocols. These continued weekly (weather permitting) through November and resumed in March 2021. Approximately 17 walks were planned for the group.

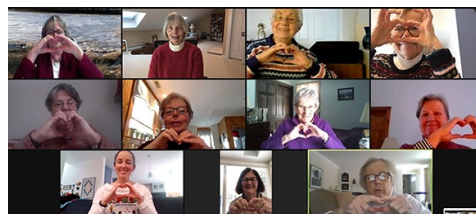
MWC meetings were paused but members were invited to gather at Ned's Point bringing chairs and food to safely enjoy club fellowship when weather permitted.

MWC members were invited to participate in **Christmas Bingo** and **Valentine's Bingo** on Zoom. Prizes were awarded!

The Social Cocktail Group invited all members to a Zoom get-together in June

MWC meeting for all members took place via Zoom on February 18 with Neil Rhein's informative presentation on trash and recycling

The Bells of Remembrance event was held in November with a substantial turnout following safety protocols of distance and masks.

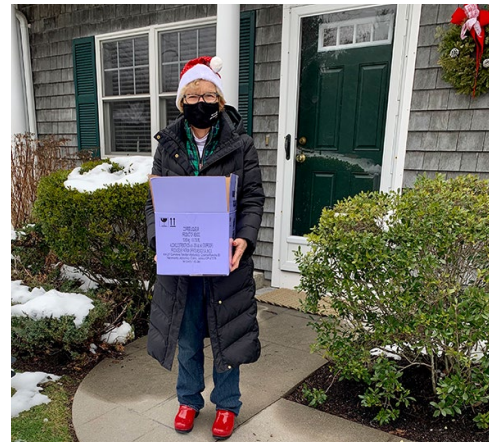


The Literature Group continued to meet via socially distanced outdoor gatherings when weather permitted and switched to Zoom meetings during colder months. All MWC members were welcome to attend and participate in the discussions of 7 books from September to March



The Knitting Group invited all interested members to meet (safely-distanced) outdoors when possible and utilized Zoom for meetings during the winter months.

Bridge Group members carried on wearing masks, safely distancing and keeping windows open for a safe card playing experience. Approximately 2500 cards were printed from members' photos to create packages of **notecards & postcards** that resulted in the sale of approximately 320 packets.



The Garden Group held monthly zoom meetings and continued the planting & maintenance tradition at 7 village locations providing beautiful planters and gardens to enjoy all summer. Additionally planters were filled at the Post Office, Museum and Library for the holidays.



Great Decisions was held via Zoom this year starting on 2/3/21 for an 8-week period with 26 members participating.

Daffodils are blooming! See more pictures on page 19!



MWC News & Information

WORDS OF THANKS

Submitted by Elaine Grant

Thanks to our membership, our charitable giving continued during the pandemic year.

Here are some comments from the recipients:

Mattapoissett Library Trust:

We look forward to seeing you at the Library, hopefully soon, where your generous support makes a difference.

YMCA Southcoast:

Thank you for your wonderful gift.

Child & Family Services:

We have seen many lives changed because of your generosity.

YWCA:

Your gift ensures that the YWCA's participation in the movement for Black lives is steadfast and unwavering.

Sister2Sister:

Your donation will make the difference in the lives of the girls we serve.

Mattapoissett Museum:

Please extend our gratitude to the Woman's Club for all the work they do.

ORCTV:

Your contribution is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with your group as life returns to normal.

Veterans Transitions House:

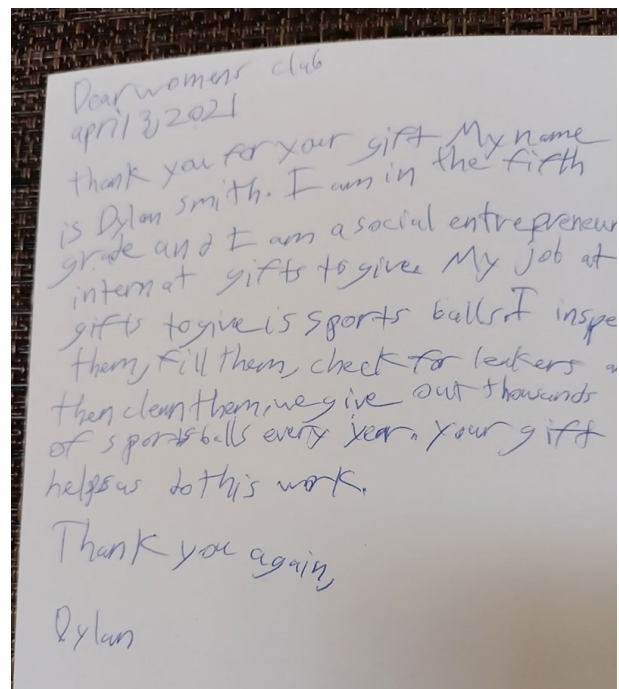
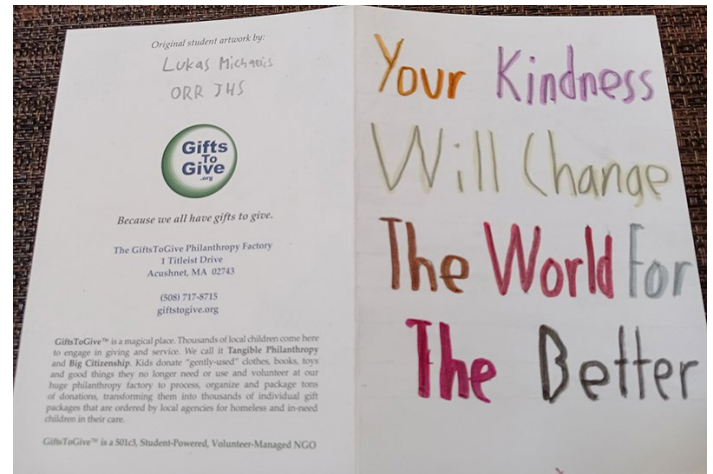
We are able to fulfill our mission to ensure that every veteran has a home...as a result of your generous support.

Gifts to Give:

Who would have ever imagined a pandemic! Thank you for supporting us, especially now.

(See the sincere thank you by a fifth grade boy, written on a notecard designed by a youth from ORR/JHS.)

As you can see, our Club has a significant effect on our community. This past year our normal fundraising events succumbed to the pandemic, but we met our responsibility to continue to serve these worthy causes.



MWC Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these events!

MAY



Tag Sale

MAY 1 10AM - 2PM RAIN DATE: MAY 8

Ladies, mark your calendars...Saturday, May 1 from 10AM-2PM, there will be a Tag Sale at the BowlMor parking area to benefit the Scholarship Fund and sponsored by this Committee. *Stop by; it should be great fun!!*

Pathway to Planting

MAY 21, 22, 23

Pathway to Planting is an event we did two years ago, The Club sells booklets that are a passport to local businesses offering discounts on plants etc. The garden places are such fun to visit; we help them get new customers and it happens in time for Memorial Day.



JUNE

MWC 2021 Garden Tour

JUNE 26

The fabulous Garden Tour is coming June 26th! *Mark your calendars!*



Upcoming Events in surrounding towns

The Wareham Garden Club's spring plant sale, "Spring into Bloom" will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 9 to 1 pm at the Methodist Meeting House, 495 Main Street, Wareham.

Honeywort, sedum, penstamon, vegetables and a variety of annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets, used tools, yard sale items will be offered. Many items will be outside. CDC and state guidelines regarding Covid protocols will be followed.

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The Greater New Bedford Garden Club's annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 15th, from 9AM - 1 PM, at 146 Alden Road, Fairhaven (NBC building), rain or shine. Gorgeous geraniums, coleus, perennials, tomatoes and much more will be available at sell-out prices! All proceeds go to the GNBGC scholarship fund. Masks required.

MWC Member Celebrations, Milestones, Birthdays & More!

Happy Mother's Day to All!

Hopefully more families will be able to get together this year thanks to the vaccine. I'm sure many of you have your own Mother's Day traditions, but I thought I would share one that we have celebrated since I was a child.

Every Mother's Day, my Grandmother would give each daughter in our family, a corsage to wear when we went out for dinner. Our ages ranged from 1 to 88. These corsages reminded us of generations of mothers in our family. My Grandmother explained that the "true" Mother's Day Flower is a carnation, not a rose. Additionally, a red or pink carnation was given if our mother was alive and a white carnation if she had died. For years, we all wore pink carnations except for my Grandmother who proudly wore white in memory of her mother, Susanna (my namesake). At one time, we had 5 generations in our family. This tradition has carried on and we now have 4 more daughters and nieces receiving pink carnations, and sadly 3 more receiving white.

Above is a picture of my Mom and I proudly wearing our Mother's Day corsages a few years ago. My Mom now wears a white corsage in honor of her mother (my Grandmother). I am wearing a pink corsage in honor of my Mom.

I hope you all have a wonderful Mother's Day and many happy memories of the Moms in your life.

~ Sue Mitchell



A Good Day for our member Bethany Couto!

To the right is a screenshot from MWC member Bethany Couto's Facebook page. We are thankful for all Bethany brings to the Club and our town!



Bethany Bertrand Couto

April 19 at 9:56 PM · 🧑

Today was a good Marathon Monday despite there being no marathon. I got my 1st Covid vaccine, my acceptance into the 2021 Boston Marathon (10/11/21), a new Peloton PR, sushi from Turk's and this cool outfit as an early birthday present from Ryan! Definitely the best day I've had in a very long time!



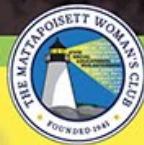
TAG SALE SPECIAL!

The first 50 Passports sold will include a **FREE Small Ice Cream*** from the Oxford Creamery!



Oxford Creamery

*CONE OR CUP



Pathway TO Planting

MATTAPOISSETT WOMAN'S CLUB SPRING FUNDRAISER

Support the MWC on
May 21 - 23, 2021
and enjoy savings on your
Spring gardening needs!

**Local Garden Centers & Nurseries
are offering discounts to those holding a
*Pathway to Planting Passport!***

Always in Bloom Flower & Gift Shoppe, *Marion*
Blossoms Flower Shop, *Mattapoissett*
Crystal Lake Garden Shop, *Carver & Plymouth*
Eden Florist & Garden Shop, *Marion*
Great Scapes Nursery, *Mattapoissett*
Lawrence Family Greenhouses, *New Bedford*
Nessralla's Farm and Greenhouses, *Wareham*
Roseland Nursery, *Acushnet*
TomCat Daylily Farm, *Mattapoissett*
Village Gardens, *South Dartmouth*
Williams' Trading Post, *Middleboro*



**Great Gift for
Mother's Day!**
Only **\$10** each

Discounts are per customer per passport

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
MWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND.***

Woman's Club Walks

On Monday, April 19th, a small group departed the Brew Fish parking lot to walk from Marion toward Mattapoissett on the future bike path. Instead, they encountered many forked paths while avoiding large muddy puddles. The intrepid walkers found daffodils that had lost their way, a rusted car door, a fitness course, and tower cable supports from The Marconi Wireless Telegraph station.



Woman's Club Walks

Six women of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club combined their love of walking in nature, interest in art, and an educational book with beautiful illustrations about Monarch butterflies on April 26th. Where can you combine these various interests in less than a two-hour walk? The Mattapoissett Land Trust's Grace Preserve is the place.

We met at the end of Bowman Road, parked our cars and began our walk. The Outdoor Art Exhibition begins immediately. The ORRHS Visual Design students created art to accompany the book, *"The Monarch and the Milkweed"*, by Helen Frost and Leonid Gore, presented story-walk style next to the student's creative works. We walked on to Grace Pond, then through the woods to the end of the trail where we looped back to our cars via the Old Slough Road trail. A lovely combination of nature, art and education through a lovely illustrated book and fantastic original art by 15 of our local students!

This walk can be enjoyed by almost everyone. If you limit your walk to the art and book trail, you won't need boots as the terrain is mowed and the walk is short. Grace Pond is a lovely spot to sit on the bench and reflect and is easily accessible after you finish the art walk. Going on through the woods required boots as we had rain the day before. The trails are clearly identifiable, simply turn left when you reach the MLT kiosk to begin the Old Slough Road trail or retrace your steps to get back to the parking area. The Exhibit will be on display until the end of the summer.

Woman's Club walks is a new program of the MWC. We post our walks every week by Friday on the MWC website posts. Currently, we are conducting two walks per week, Monday at 1:30 PM and Tuesday at 9 AM. Please check the website weekly to find the location of the walks. We welcome all members to our walks for conversation and a good time outdoors. Details at www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org



L to R: Melissa Soule, Judy Sullivan, Sherry Hoines, Cindy Turse, and Erin Burlinson.



Protect Yourself from Ticks

Adapted from article posted on www.mass.gov/info-details/tick-borne-disease-prevention

Ticks are tiny bugs most likely found in shady, damp, brushy, wooded, or grassy areas (especially in tall grass), including your own backyard.

Different kinds of ticks feed on the blood of mammals (including people, dogs, cats, deer, and mice), birds, or reptiles (snakes and turtles, for example). In Massachusetts, certain kinds of ticks can bite you and spread diseases like Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis, tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, *Borrelia miyamotoi*, and Powassan virus.

Ticks do not fly or jump. They attach to animals or people that come into direct contact with them. Deer ticks and dog ticks are found throughout Massachusetts; Lone Star ticks are also found in some places in Massachusetts.



Black-legged Ticks

Black-legged ticks, sometimes called deer ticks, are responsible for spreading Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis, *Borrelia miyamotoi*, and Powassan virus. Both nymph (young) and adult black-legged ticks will bite humans. The highest risk of being bitten by this kind of tick occurs throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons. However, adults can also be out searching for a host any time winter temperatures are above freezing. Black-legged tick nymphs are the size of a poppy seed and adults are the size of a sesame seed.

Dog Ticks

Dog ticks are responsible for spreading Rocky Mountain spotted fever and certain types of tularemia. In general, only the adult dog tick will bite humans. The highest risk of being bitten by a dog tick occurs during the spring and summer seasons. Adult dog ticks are about the size of a watermelon seed.

Lone Star Ticks

Lone star ticks are not a significant source of human illness in Massachusetts at this time but are capable of spreading tularemia, ehrlichiosis and southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI). Lone star tick saliva can be irritating but redness and discomfort at a bite site does not necessarily indicate any infection. Exposure to Lone Star tick saliva has been shown to cause an allergy to red meat in some people. The nymph and adult females most frequently bite humans.

Tick removal from skin with tweezers

One of the most important things you can do is check yourself for ticks once a day. Favorite places ticks like to go on your body include areas between the toes, back of the knees, groin, armpits, and neck, along the hairline, and behind the ears. Remember to check your children and pets, too. Remove any attached ticks as soon as possible.

Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks after coming inside:

- Inside and behind the ears
- Along your hairline
- Back of your neck
- Armpits
- Groin
- Legs
- Behind your knees
- Between your toes
- Ticks are tiny, so look for new “freckles”



If you find a tick attached to your skin, don't panic. Use a pair of fine point tweezers to grip the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull straight out with steady pressure.

You should not apply kerosene, petroleum jelly, nail polish, or a hot match tip to remove the tick. These measures are not effective and may result in injury.

Circle the calendar date and note where on the body the tick was removed. You may want to save the tick for identification.

Your physician may choose to treat you following a deer tick bite. Notify your health care provider if you have been bitten by a deer tick or if you develop a rash or other signs of illness following a tick bite

Talk to your doctor if you develop a rash where you were bitten or experience symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, or sore and aching muscles.

When going outside to an area likely to have ticks:

Stick to main pathways and the center of trails when hiking.

Wear a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt with long pants and tuck your pants into your socks. This may be difficult to do when the weather is hot, but it will help keep ticks away from your skin and make it easier to spot a tick on your clothing.

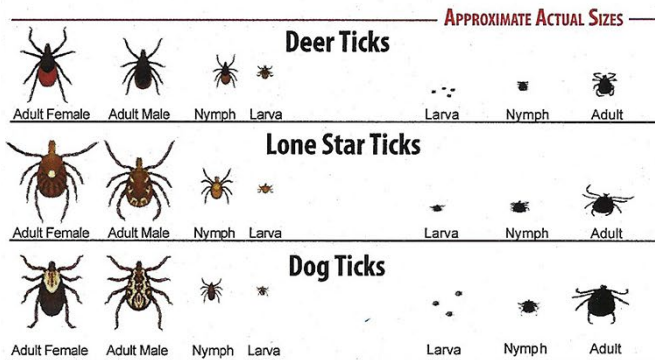
Use bug repellents. Repellents that contain DEET can be used on your exposed skin. Permethrin is a product that can be used on your clothes. Always follow the product instructions and use repellents with no more than 30-35% DEET on adults and 10-15% DEET on children. Never use insect repellents on infants. See our fact sheet on Tick Repellents.

Talk to your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your pets and livestock from ticks

ONE BITE CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

TICK-BORNE DISEASES ARE PREVENTABLE

The Blacklegged Tick, also called Deer Tick, is abundant throughout Massachusetts. They can carry the organisms that cause Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis, and relapsing fever. While tick-borne illnesses can be very serious if untreated, they are **preventable**.



Understand Your Risk

Plymouth County Cooperative Extension can identify ticks for you and discuss prevention recommendations.

Call 774-773-3404 for information.

Nymph Stage Deer Ticks

- Are active from early May through early August
- Are about the size of a poppy seed
- Due to their small size pose the highest risk of getting a tick-borne disease
- Nymph stage ticks are found mostly at ground level.

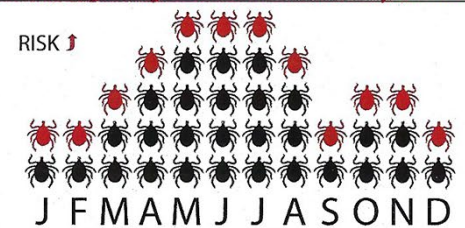
⦿ **About 1 in 4 nymph stage Deer Ticks carry Lyme disease.**

Adult Stage Deer Ticks

- Are active from September through May
- Are about the size of a sesame seed
- Adult stage ticks can be found up to a couple of feet off of the ground on vegetation.

About 1 in 2 adult stage Deer Ticks carry Lyme disease.

⦿ **The risk of getting a tick-borne disease is year round.**



Ticks can be active, even in winter, when temperatures are above freezing.

Tick Facts

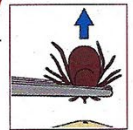
- Tick habitat is in shady, damp, brushy, wooded areas including shrubs and gardens.
- Ticks cannot jump or fly. They attach to people, pets, or other animals that brush up against them.

Tick Bite Prevention

- Do a tick check after coming inside and tumble-dry clothes for 20 minutes.
- Wearing light-colored clothing makes it easier to see ticks.
- Use repellents; read and follow all label instructions. There are two types of repellent:
 1. Products containing DEET may be used on skin.
 2. Products containing Permethrin may be used on clothing, not skin. Use Permethrin to treat clothing (active through six washings), or purchase pre-treated clothing (active through seventy washings).

Tick Removal

REMOVE TICK IMMEDIATELY and CORRECTLY



- Using pointy tweezers, grasp tick by the head (as shown) and pull straight up. Avoid twisting.
- **DO NOT USE:** matches, cigarettes, petroleum jelly, gasoline, nail polish remover, etc.
- After removing tick, apply antiseptic to bite area.
- Note date when tick was removed.
- Save tick for identification and testing.

Tick Testing

Laboratory of Medical Zoology: www.TickReport.com

Testing can be performed for all major diseases.

Useful Resources

- ▶ MA Department of Public Health: www.mass.gov/dph
- ▶ University of Rhode Island: www.tickcounter.org
- ▶ Don't get bit program: www.dontgetbit.net
- ▶ Insect Shield: www.insectshield.com

Inclusion does not constitute an endorsement by the Plymouth County Commissioners

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Plymouth County Cooperative Extension



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Help Needed Desperately!

For our Club to continue, we need a member to step up and fill the office of Treasurer. Sue would be happy to have a shadow for a time before passing the books. Spreadsheet or Quicken experience = a plus, but not necessary.

Traditionally, the terms have been for two years for most offices, but please think creatively so we can negotiate this challenge together - one-year term, shared position.

PLEASE consider shadowing the **Treasurer** so she can retire from that office.

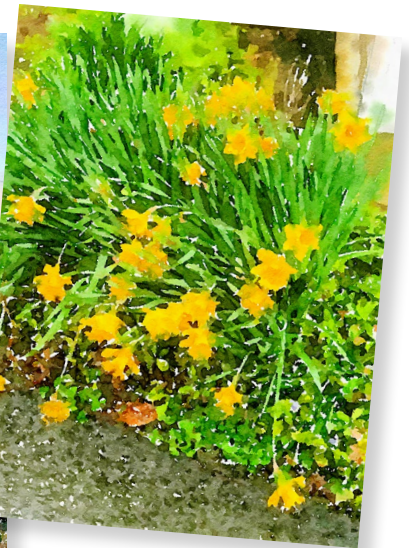
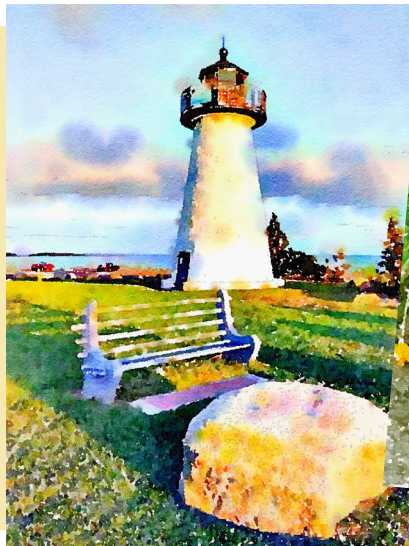
Officers are necessary for the future of the Club.

No one wants the educational, philanthropic, civic, and social traditions of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club for 80 years to end.

Call for photos!

Cindy Turse needs photos of spring and summer in Mattapoissett for the next set of cards. Please email your shots to her at mahina@turse.org

Limit the number of photos to no more than five please. You can also contact her to be on a temporary committee to select the designs for the new cards.

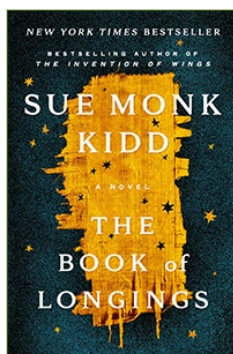


GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Literature Group

Wednesday, May 12, 10:00 am

The May meeting of the Literature Group will be on Wednesday, May 12 at 10 am. Weather permitting, we will meet in the back yard at Alice Openshaw's home at 3 Channing Road. Please dress for the weather, bring a folding chair, a beverage and your mask. If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be a Zoom meeting and announced the evening before. The discussion book for May is "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd. This will be the last group meeting until September. There will be suggestions for Summer Reading and a discussion book for September chosen at this meeting. Hope to see everyone there and visitors and new members are always welcome.



In her mesmerizing fourth work of fiction, Sue Monk Kidd takes an audacious approach to history and brings her acclaimed narrative gifts to imagine the story of a young woman named Ana. Raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, she is rebellious and ambitious, with a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. She engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes narratives about neglected and silenced women. Ana is expected to marry an older widower, a prospect that horrifies her. An encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything.



Peg Olney

*Literature Group Chair,
Ladies Choice Editor
1998 - 2018*

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

Thursday, May 27, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Zoom

We were not able to connect to knit on zoom this month. There were a variety of reasons, and I am sure that we will be able to connect in the upcoming

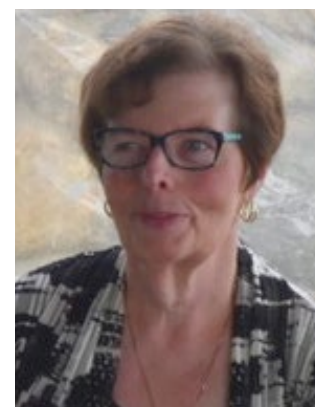


months. I plan to continue to schedule the zoom sessions once a month on the fourth Thursday of the month.

I know that I have not been spending as much time knitting as before. There seem to be some happenings that have been distracting me, and maybe it has with the other members of our group.

First, there have been a few special days over the past few weeks. Those days, and sometimes the temperatures, have resulted in being able to see where the earth is starting to wake up after the winter season.

On our daily walks, there are trees with blossoms, and green plants



Marie Rottler

Knitting Chair, Website

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Garden Group

Wednesday, May 5th, 10:00 am Zoom

With the weather improving, it is a perfect time for gardening. The Garden Group is scheduled to meet on May 5th at 10 AM and as vaccinations have been plentiful, there is a chance that we can meet in person this month, the last month of the spring when we typically meet. Please stay focused on emails for updates. In the past, we have created May Day baskets for friends and club members who cannot get out, and had a lovely luncheon with pot luck salads and desserts, but this isn't the year for that yet, but the hope to sit in a backyard and have our meeting there, without zoom is very appealing and hopefully, weather permitting, will happen. This is the meeting where we talk about our summer plantings, and distribute the watering schedule for the summer, so hopefully you will join us.

In the meantime, the Mattapoissett Woman's Club daffodils are beginning to wane, and this means it is time to deadhead the blossoms to prevent them from wasting energy by making seeds. Any club members that see our club's daffodils that are past their prime beauty should feel free to remove the dead flower and the developing ovary below the flower. Just leave the foliage so the bulb can gather strength for next year. Thanks to all for helping our daffodils thrive and multiply for future years!

The Pollinator Pathways program continues to progress. Sandy Hering has registered her small lot on the website of the program discussed at the Garden Group meeting and in the last Ladies Choice. Go to www.pollinator-pathway.org for more information how you too can add your yard to this program.

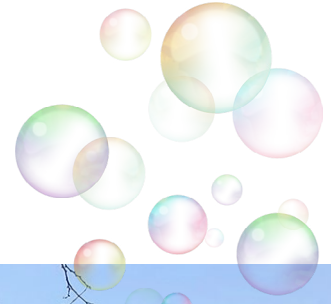
Sandy Hering,
Garden Group Co-Chair



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Spring Fun
Bubbles, Daffodils, and Doughnuts, oh my!
Spring Frolic
Spring in the Air



Daffodils are blooming!



Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

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sprouting from the ground on the side of the road. Now there are daffodils in abundance around town, planted by our members. Each year, in my gardens, we plant the bulbs of tulips and lilies we purchased for Easter and a couple of weeks later the ones we planted in previous years, are popping up in our various border beds. It is always like a surprise when we see them each spring. I am so looking forward to planting, weeding, and prepping for the mulch we will be purchasing once the beds have been prepared.

Another distraction from knitting has been making potholders. It was something I enjoyed as a child and I found a new version of that. It is larger and results in the creation of larger potholders that can be placed under a warm dish on your table.

In addition, I have found a couple of other ways to connect with knitters in person. I have been joining the knitters who meet at the COA on Mondays at 10 AM. You have to sign up by calling by the Friday before to reserve a spot, as there is a limit on how many can attend at a time.

Now that I am fully vaccinated, I have had a friend over to knit together in person, and I am hoping that can be expanded to knitting outside in a group. We did some of that last year at Ned's Point, and it was lovely. So enjoy expanding your reach into other venues as we continue to be able to be with others more and more. The Knitting Group will meet, via Zoom on May 27 from 2 to 4. If you are interested in attending, please email Marie Rottler at mjrotter@comcast.net so she can email you the Zoom link for the meeting.

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