



# LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

June is a lovely month, the beginning of the lovely summer season, and this is our last Ladies Choice publication until September, full of good information about all our summer activities.

In just a few weeks, the Woman's Club Garden Tour will be held on June 24, rain or shine. Be sure to read the article about this on page 3.

July brings two activities of the Woman's Club to our attention. First we will have our famous Taste of the Town evening in Shipyard Park on Tuesday, July 11th. Our town's finest restaurants offer a limited menu under the big tent in the park while the Showstoppers entertain us all. The Woman's Club volunteers do a lot, everything from setting up the tables with covers, to arranging the flowers, to taking the tickets from our guests, to cleaning up everything at the end. There is one woman from our Club who has already worked endlessly for this year's event and who supervises all of these activities year after year, and that is Lois Ennis. She is asking for your help for this big event and, even if you have a friend or family member who wishes to help who isn't a MWC member, encourage them to see the fun in volunteering with you at this event! To add your name to our lists of volunteers please call or email Lois Ennis.

If you find yourself suddenly available on the day of the event, just come to the park at 9 AM to help organize, or 4:15 PM to help serve, or 6:45 PM for cleanup. "Many hands make light work" is the expression we like to use for big events such as the Taste. If you're unable to offer your services, come with your friends and family to support and enjoy the evening.

Finally, following the Taste is the famous MWC pie sale. When I first learned of our pie sale I thought, "Hmm, rather old fashioned," and then I volunteered for Betty Parker's pie party and learned how much fun it was to make pies together. The fun actually starts right now, if you are fortunate enough to have access to fresh rhubarb that we can freeze to use in our famous Strawberry Rhubarb pies that we will make. Should you have any to harvest, please give me a call and I will gratefully come to pick them up! Then as we get closer to the sale date of Saturday July 15th during Harbor Days, we need volunteers to help make the pies, then bake the pies, then box the pies and, finally, sell the pies. All of these tasks are coordinated by member Robin Lepore, and you will see more details in her article on page 6.

So we have several fun events coming up. It's a great way to see your Club friends and to meet new ones. I hope to see you volunteering this summer!

Best wishes,  
Sandra Hering  
*MWC President*



**Sandra Hering**  
*President, MWC*

## HOW DID I GET TO THE MWC?

Can you ever imagine sailing into Mattapoisett as the first time you ever saw or entered our beautiful town? This was the experience of Susan Perkins, the Woman's Club featured member this month. A native of Leominster, Massachusetts, Susan met her husband Barry in Florida, and after sailing up the East Coast, she first saw Mattapoisett from the water on a beautiful summer day, greeted by a regatta of colorful Hobie Cats racing from Shining Tides. She describes her first impression of Mattapoisett as "Magical".

This is appropriate, for Susan is one of the leads in the Garden Group, making Mattapoisett look Magical with her selections of plant combinations in all the gardens that our Garden Group plants and maintains. She first got involved in the town's plantings when we celebrated our Sesquicentennial in 2007, along with several other MWC members, Lorraine Rodrigues, Blanche Perry, Christine Voss, Elaine Botelho, Marilyn Flood, Ellen Flynn, Marsha Perez and Sandy Hering. She then joined the Woman's Club to help us with the various town plantings. Along with other Garden Group members she has represented the MWC in various floral displays and competitions such as the Rotch-Jones-Duff House, Preservation Society of Newport Flower Show, as well as Holiday decorating in the mansions in December. As of late, she co-chaired the Woman's Club Holiday Wreath and Christmas sales along with club member Sharon Doyon and Cindy Turse. Creative, talented and full of energy!

In talking with Susan over coffee, she notes that what she enjoys the most about becoming a member of the Woman's Club, are the many friendships that she has made with fellow club members. As a working woman, she lived in our beautiful town with her husband for over 15 years and hadn't had the chance to connect and make friends with others until joining the club. Now retired, she not only throws herself into activities of the Woman's Club but she is a member of the Mattapoisett Tree Planting Committee, and an active Pickleball player and sailor. In the winter she and Barry enjoy their home in Florida where she continues her gardening and pickleball activities.

Susan worked with other club members to organize and implement the club's 75th anniversary tea back in 2016. She prepared Club storyboards from the treasure trove of photos archived from our past, displayed lovely artifacts such as Betty Parker's carefully preserved wedding dress, and of course, Susan coordinated the flowers and decorations for this lovely tea in Reynard Hall.

Thanks for contributing so much to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Susan!



*Flower arranging for MWC 75 anniversary tea. From Left: Susan Perkins, Sandy Hering, Erin Burlinson, Kathy Saunders, Barb Van Inwegen, Madeline Reid, Ellen Flynn, Mary O'Keefe, Kathy McAuliffe.*



## June in Bloom 2023 Garden Tour

Dear Members of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club,  
We are very excited to host the "June in Bloom" garden tour on June 24th.

The gardens have been chosen; the owners have added more floral and shade plantings; lawns have been manicured and everything is ready for the big day! This is a very happy event that welcomes summer and where you meet up with friends you haven't seen all winter.

We encourage all our members to volunteer for a few hours at a garden, or at the tent to sell tickets and distribute the garden tour maps.

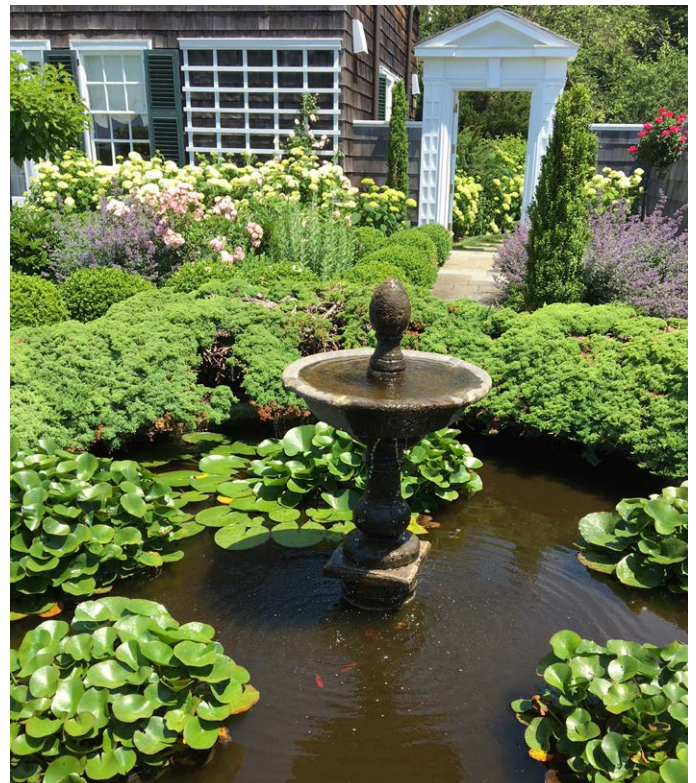
A raffle for a double-seat Adirondack bench will also be held on the day of the tour and you could volunteer to sell chances.

This is a good time for new members to get involved and meet those who have enjoyed being part of past tours. They will be happy to share and answer any questions you might have. Please contact Mary O'Keefe to sign up for the Garden Tour: cell 978-314-9206.

Tickets for the tour are on sale now for \$30. You are urged to buy ahead and ask family, friends and neighbors to purchase theirs now, as the cost will be \$35 on the day of the tour.

See you on the 24th!

*~ Kathy McAuliffe and Members of the Garden Tour Committee*



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MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB'S

# Taste of the Town

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**



### 19th TASTE OF THE TOWN AT SHIPYARD PARK

On Tuesday, July 11, from 5-7 pm, the Club will host its annual Taste of the Town event under the Lions Club's Big White Tent at Shipyard Park. This fundraiser benefits our Scholarship Fund, public programs and community outreach.

The crowds come to enjoy the delicious creations of local restaurants, roam the quaint village area and discover the historic wharves that are part of the Park.

This rain-or-shine event features Mattapoisett's finest dining locations, offering their delectable signature dishes. The crowd-pleasing Showstoppers provide entertainment throughout the evening. To avoid parking problems, free shuttle bus service will be running from 4:30 to 7:00 pm between the parking lots at St. Anthony's Church and the Town Beach to/from Shipyard Park.

All of this cannot take place without the help of our Club members who set up, serve and clean up! Your involvement is crucial to the success of the evening. Please contact Lois Ennis to ask what you can do. For those who cannot help out, plan to come with friends and family to support and enjoy the event.

### MWC Scholarship Committee

The MWC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of two \$2,500 scholarships for Mattapoisett residents who are graduating high school this year.

The winners are Corinne Robert and Isabella Bianca Russo.

Corinne Robert will be graduating from ORR High School. She plans to attend Endicott College's nursing program, with a specialty in Labor and Delivery. Her long term goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner and Midwife. Corinne has excelled academically and shown leadership in community activities and sports.

Isabella Bianca Russo is a Mattapoisett resident who will be graduating from Wareham High School. She plans to attend U Mass Amherst and major in biology on a path to medical school. In addition to academic excellence, Isabella has been very involved in local TV broadcasting, and hopes to some day create local programming related to health care.



*Left to right: Isabella Russo, Roberta Oakley of the Scholarship Committee, Corinne Roberts.*



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### Fundraising Steering Team

Most people shudder when they hear the word fundraising, which isn't surprising since it can bring images of being stuck selling hotdogs at a PeeWee baseball game or going door-to-door selling candles. That's why we're out to rid fundraising of such notions at the MWC, and to make it fun rather than frightful!

This summer, I'm hoping to put together a planning team, exclusively for coming up with new and different ideas for the fundraising that is very much part of our mission. This is NOT necessarily a "doing" team, although some of the events we come up with might sound like fun enough you'll want to get involved at that level, too.

So, how about planning to come to my house, beach towel, bathing suit, and sunscreen in hand, to sit on the deck with other like-minded, creative, albeit somewhat inexperienced, fundraising planners. I see us working together to come up with original ideas for raising money for the Scholarship Fund, our civic outreach efforts and public programming, plus a bit of fun for us members thrown in to boot that we need to continue to move ahead. The MWC is currently in good shape, but we'd like to at least ensure that the financial picture remains stable if not grow even better with time.

Bring the kids if you want, and let them have the pool until we declare an "Adult Swim," which has always been how we do it around here! Works well for us and it's great for them, too, as we get done what we need to do, and they have fun while we do our thing.

I'm envisioning mid-to-late-June for a starting date with probably two or three more meetings before the summer ends. If you're intrigued, give me a call (508) 758-3229 and I'll get out a rubber duckie for you, too, plus a glass for a cold drink of whatever you prefer on a hot summer afternoon. I do hope to see a good number of you, especially those with kids and the newer members, to try out the Fundraiser Steering Team for size this summer!

~ *Kate Brown*

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### Highlights from the Treasurer's Annual Report FY 2022-2023

For those of you who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting, I want to give you an update on all the fundraising we did this past year. We raised over \$25,000 from our various fundraisers. We awarded 3 scholarships for a total of \$5000, made donations to over 20 organizations, and provided flowers and plants to beautify the Post Office, Town Wharf, Library, and Town Hall. Our scholarship fund now has over \$10,000 and we have rebuilt our "rainy day fund" (which turned into a "pandemic" day fund) by setting aside \$5000 in a CD "just in case" of another emergency.

How did we do this? It takes a village - and our village is known as the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Each and every one of you contributed to our success. Whether it was helping at Taste of the Town, paying your dues, decorating wreaths for our Holiday Sale, you helped raise this amount. Perhaps you helped with Pathways to Planting, Great Decisions, monthly speakers, or planted flowers around town. You made a difference. Many of you baked pies, bought notecards or lace collars and it all added up. Thank you all for your generosity. This Club couldn't function without you!

~ *Sue Mitchell (former Treasurer)*

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### MAH JONGG

Our new partnership on Mah Jongg with the Mattapoisett COA is off and running. Participation has been strong as players of all skill levels have come together to enjoy playing this captivating game. We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at the COA, 17 Barstow Street. Instruction, for those who are new to the game, is being provided by new MWC member, Mary Dermody. No commitment is needed and drop-ins are always encouraged. Just come whenever it suits your schedule. All are welcome, including spouses, partners and the general public. A lesson for beginners will be held on Wednesday June 7 with practice play continuing on Wednesday June 14. To sign-up contact Mary Dermody at 610-937-7455 or [marydermody@me.com](mailto:marydermody@me.com)



### HARBOR DAYS PIE PARTIES--SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We have an initial list of volunteers to sell pies and baked goods on July 15th and a few who've signed up to assemble and bake pies on the days beforehand, but we can definitely use others to lend a hand. Please send an email to Robin Lepore at [thomaslepore@yahoo.com](mailto:thomaslepore@yahoo.com) or text or call 616-584-2795 if you can help out.

#### The jobs are:

**Pie Party Hostess:** We need one more to organize a group of about 7 people to cut up fruit, roll out dough, and assemble the pies for an afternoon. We use the Congregational Church's kitchen, so you don't have to host at home. We'll provide you some experienced volunteers and help with ingredients. You don't have to be a baker at all! It's a fun afternoon with fairly little preliminary work.

**Pie Makers:** Let us know that you are available on the afternoons of July 12 or 13, morning of July 13, or some part of the day of July 14 (baking day for those not baked earlier).

Pie and Goodies Sales: For a 2-hour stint on July 15.

**Home-Baked Goodies:** Please bring cookies, brownies, or whatever you like to bake in individual portions (like snack baggies) around 9:00 am to our table at Harbor Days. Just let us know ahead of time that you'll be gifting us with them.

**SEEKING RHUBARB!!** Now is the time to harvest rhubarb, not July. If you have any growing in your garden, please let Sandy Hering know. She'll cut it and freeze it so we can make lots of strawberry rhubarb pie. They always sell out first!

~ Robin Lepore



# MWC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By Mary O'Keefe

[ **VOLUNTEER:** a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task. ]

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is reaching out to many different entities for volunteering opportunities in our community. Below are a few with more in upcoming Ladies Choice issues. Please contact Mary O'Keefe if you're currently volunteering, or have in the past, we'd love to hear of your experience.

## **The Mattapoissett Council on Aging**

The Mattapoissett Council on Aging offers a variety of in-person and/or telephone-based services. Currently we are looking for Friendly Callers, Friendly Visitors, Medical Visit Companions and Personal Shopping Support.

### **Friendly Connections Caller Program**

Friendly Connections Caller Program offers social and enrichment opportunities for those who choose to "meet" over the phone. This requires a weekly commitment of a call, the date and time agreed by you and your callee. Friendly Connections Visitor Program matches volunteers with individuals for one-on-one weekly visits providing companionship and support. This requires one weekly visit. Volunteers meet the last Thursday of the month, in person or via zoom, for ongoing support and resources pertaining to their volunteer activity.

### **Medical Visit Companions**

A COA passenger who would benefit from a volunteer to accompany them on a ride, walking with them into the building and/or sitting with them while they wait for their appointment. The volunteer is not a medical chaperone nor a caregiver nor a driver. The role is simply a companion to wait with the person in the waiting room only. CONFIDENTIALITY is required. Days and times will vary. You would be contacted as early as possible to request your availability.

### **Personal Shopping Support**

The COA provides rides for residents on Monday at 12:00 pm to Walmart/Dollar Tree/ Ocean State/ Walgreens. On Tuesday at 9:00am to Market Basket, and Trader Joe's the 2nd Friday of the month. Some passengers require assistance with the task of shopping. The volunteer would ride with them on the bus and assist them with their shopping, helping in store and carrying bags.

All volunteers are required to sign a volunteer service agreement and a CORI check is conducted.

For more information, please contact **Donna Smith**, *Volunteer Coordinator*, by email at [donnadownsesmith@gmail.com](mailto:donnadownsesmith@gmail.com), or at the Mattapoissett COA Tuesday and Thursday 10-1pm @ 508-758-4110.



## April Luncheon Meeting

The Annual Luncheon meeting was held on April 20 at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. It was arranged by the Board of Directors, comprised of Roxanne Bungert, Carole Clifford and Linda Clifford.

President Sandy Hering presented our newly "retired" treasurer, Sue Mitchell, with a lovely shrub plant for her garden as a thank you for her many years of service as our Club's treasurer.

Over forty members of our Club enjoyed the camaraderie of our congenial membership who gathered at dining tables in the historic building. Following the meeting, an installation of officers was held with Beth Inglis joining the slate of officers as our new treasurer.



*Past President Roxanne Bungert administering the oath of office to Sandy Hering, President; Kate Brown, Vice President; Sherry Hoines, Recording Secretary; Beth Inglis, Treasurer; Lois Ennis, Asst. Treasurer, and Elaine Grant, Corresponding Secretary.*









## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### It's a Wrap!

The Garden Group celebrated the end of the year with a potluck luncheon at the Friends Meeting Community Room. It's always fun to gather for conversation, food, and collaborative flower arranging. Eighteen arrangements were delivered around town to share a little "May Joy." Of these, six were delivered to Village Court for some lucky residents. A special thank-you goes to Tim Brown (Kate's hubby) who parted with some treasures from his pottery collection. The small vases were perfect for our purpose.

Mary O'Keefe's grandchildren were inspired by Fairy Gardens displayed at the Roger Williams Botanical Garden and allowed their grandmother to share their own creations with the group. See photos on page 9

Peg Olney celebrated her "real" birthday with us by blowing out all of the candles on her cake - an Orange Chiffon cake baked by Sandy Hering. It's Peg's recipe and is shared with all of you on page 15 of this issue of Ladies Choice.

~ Cindy Turse





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### Garden Group

**June is here!** Our Garden Group members are busy tending the public areas by weeding, watering, and planting annuals. You'll find flowering beauty at the Town Beach, Town Hall, public library, and post office all summer.

On June 24th our gardening gals will be hosting the **"June in Bloom" Garden Tour**. There are some exceptional gardens that haven't been open for public visits before. Please encourage your friends, family members, and neighbors to join us for the tour. As always, this is a fundraiser. All members of the MWC are invited to volunteer as garden sitters on that day. If you have time and enjoy meeting people and sitting in a garden, please contact Mary O'Keefe for a shift of 2-4 hours.

**Daffodil Fundraiser** - Yes, the Garden Group will be heading up the daffodil fundraiser. This is a club fundraiser and all MWC members are invited to help pack and sell daffodils in the fall. The Pistil Packin' Mommas will bring their good humor and expertise to the packaging activity. For this fall, the bags will contain mixed varieties with different heights, colors, and blooming seasons. Debbie Ward and Beth Inglis will be coordinating this venture.

Members of the MWC are always welcome to join the Garden Group or visit a meeting. Please contact Cindy Turse for more information - [mahina@turse.org](mailto:mahina@turse.org)



*The Garden Group completed the summer plantings and the Post Office looks particularly nice.*

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### Literature Group

**Wednesday, September 13 9:30 am**

For our May meeting, several members of the group went on a field trip to the **Cape Cod Museum of Art** in Dennis followed by lunch at **Scargo Cafe**. Thank you to Kristen Henriques for making the arrangements. See pictures on page 11.

The first meeting of the 2023-2024 club year will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. We will be planning our meetings for the year and choosing books for discussion so suggestions will be welcome.

**Here is a list of the ten most popular book club books of 2022:**

*"Lessons in Chemistry"* by Bonnie Garmus  
*"The Lincoln Highway"* by Amor Towles  
*"Horse"* by Geraldine Brooks  
*"The Personal Librarian"* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray  
*"Hamnet"* by Maggie O'Farrell

*"West With Giraffes"* by Lynda Rutledge  
*"Cloud Cuckoo Land"* by Anthony Doerr  
*"The Maid"* by Nita Prose  
*"The Four Winds"* by Kristin Hannah  
*"Klara and the Sun"* by Kazuo Ishiguro



**Peg Olney**

*Literature Group Chair,  
Ladies Choice Publisher  
1998 - 2018  
& Current Editor*

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### Knitting & Hand Crafts

As an early Mother's Day gift, Colby took me to one of my favorite places! I know you are thinking what does this have to do with a knitting article for Ladies Choice. But this trip took me somewhere I have not gone since before Covid. The destination was WEBS, the largest knitting shop in the United States, located in Northampton, Mass. The first time I went there I was overwhelmed with the volume of what was available to purchase.

They not only sell a large variety of yarn brands, but have their own brand, Valley Yarns. After that first visit, I have never gone there without a list of projects that I want to start, as well as a list of yarn types to make the items which I continually create for friends who ask for them, like basic dishcloths.

Beyond yarn, there are all the things that are used in different knitting or crocheting projects. I have bought various sets of knitting needles, as well as row/stitch counters, patterns to try, cable needles and various odds and ends. They have the largest button display I have ever seen!

Now that I have discovered a variety of yarns that I love to use, I can order on line from their website to be shipped to my home. But nothing compares to seeing everything in person.

~ Marie Rottler

Contact **Marie Rottler** for more information about the group at [mjrottler@comcast.net](mailto:mjrottler@comcast.net) or call 508-828-8091



**Marie Rottler**

*Knitting Chair, Website*



Literature Group field trip to the **Cape Cod Museum of Art** in Dennis in May!





## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### The Lunch Bunch (Ladies Who Lunch )

As a way to stay in touch over the summer and early fall, Kate Brown is starting a new group — The Lunch Bunch, a.k.a. Ladies Who Lunch.

Membership is open to everyone in the Club . . . young, not so young, new, not so new. The only requirements are that you like to talk and laugh, eat and try new restaurants, don't mind a bit of summertime jostling, and are looking for a break from lunch at home with other ladies who feel the same.

Meals will be individually paid so that there are no hurt feelings about who ordered what and who paid what for what. Tips will also be paid individually.

Kate will make the first decision about the choice of dining spots for the first outing; after that, another member will need to take on the role.

REMINDER: It's summer so choose a restaurant that can (happily) handle a party of 12.

Because summer seating for large groups can be such a p.i.t.a., for the summer, participation will be limited to the first twelve (12) ladies who contact Kate — by phone or email as Kate does not text — by the third Wednesday of the month.

Notice of the date and restaurant will go out to all members on the first Wednesday of each month for that month's LB get-together. The get-together itself will happen on the last Wednesday of the

month with reservations due by the third Wednesday of that month. (Wednesdays were chosen only because that's midweek; sometimes company have gone home by Wednesday; and because most restaurants are closed on Monday or Tuesday. However, going forward, Wednesday is open for discussion.

MAJOR POINT: If you make a reservation and don't show up, or worse, don't even call by 48 hrs. before take-off, you will lose the opportunity to participate in the next month's Lunch Bunch get together. No exceptions!

To get things rolling and the buzz spread over a longer period of time, here's the debut of the Lunch Bunch: a lunch outing to El Mariachi Restaurant in Wareham on June 28. Ole! Reservations for this first outing of the LUNCH BUNCH should be in to Kate by JUNE 21.

If you're interested in becoming a member of the Lunch Bunch itself, get in touch with Kate by phone or email by June 15. Sorry, no texts.

Maybe, if this works the way it may, at least for the summer and early fall we could wind up doing two lunches a month to double the fun . . . hope it does, and meanwhile, we hope to see you at El Mariachi!

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**JOIN NOW!**





## Orange Chiffon Cake

AKA Peg Olney's Favorite Birthday Cake  
1956 "Betty Crocker's Picture Cook Book"

For a 10x4" tube pan or 13x9" oblong pan.  
Do NOT grease the pan you are using.

2 1/4" cups sifted Softasilk flour  
OR 2 cups sifted all purpose flour  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
3 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup salad oil such as canola  
5 egg yolks, unbeaten, if you use Softasilk OR  
7 egg yolks, unbeaten if you use All Purpose  
flour  
3/4 cup cold water  
3 tbsp. grated orange rind  
1 cup egg whites (7 or 8)  
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into large bowl. Make a "well" and add in order, oil, egg yolks, water and orange rind. Beat with spoon until smooth.

Beat room temperature egg whites and cream of tartar in a large bowl on high until whites form very stiff peaks. Pour egg yolk mixture gradually over beaten whites, gently folding with rubber scraper just until blended. Pour into ungreased pan.

Bake tube pan at 325 for 55 minutes, then at 350 for 10-15 minutes. Or, bake oblong pan at 350 for 45 to 55 minutes. Bake until top springs back when lightly touched. Invert tube pan, if using, until cold.



### Orange Butter Icing

1/2 cup butter  
4 - 4 1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar  
About 4 tbsp. orange juice  
1 1/2 tbsp. grated orange rind

Blend butter and confectioners sugar.  
Stir in grated orange rind and juice for desired consistency.



## Tag Sale Success

On Saturday, May 6, a bright sunny day was reflective of the mood and involvement of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club members, shoppers, vendors, volunteers and husbands who participated in the wildly successful 2nd (not-so-annual) Tag Sale.

\$1505.31 was contributed to the Scholarship Fund. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in any way. See pictures on page 16.

A fun successful day was had by all and this Committee is grateful.

~ Linda Clifford, Carole Clifford, Marianne Hickey, Mary O'Keefe, Christine Voss





## The Triangle Garden

The Woman's Club has been caring for the Triangle Garden at the intersection of Rt. 6 and Church St. Ext. for many years. In checking through the boxes of MWC stored records at the library, I found some pictures and comments about the garden as far back as 1967.

**Below are a few excerpts from Presto Press articles :**

*"Unexpected Beauty"*

*"Colorful diamond of flowers' - One of the brightest spots on route 6 is this garden planted by the Woman's Club to make the trip through Mattapoissett a pleasant one for the traveler."*

*"Flowers Pleasing to the Eye: The flowers you have probably noticed in the triangle on the corner of Route 6 and Church Street Extension were planted there early this summer and carefully tended by some of the women of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club. The petunias and dahlias are now in full bloom and present to the townspeople and to the traveler on this way through Mattapoissett a pleasing picture - a splash of color in an unexpected spot. The extra bit of thought and work that has gone into this garden is appreciated by those of us who drive by there frequently; and possibly this project and another one handled by the Woman's Club, that of filling and tending to window boxes at the Post Office, will inspire other local organizations to do something similar in other parts of our town."*

From an article in the Standard Times, 10/19/68: *"In considering plans for the triangle at Route 6 and Church Street extension, which was planted last summer by members of the American Home and Garden Group, it was suggested this project be more of a shared effort. For this purpose, each member is asked to bring to the meeting Thursday several Spring bulbs such as tulips, daffodils and hyacinths."*

In the summer of 1969 the Triangle was completely planted with red, white and blue flowers. That was a very large area to take care of! A decade later, in 1979-80, flowers from the Triangle Garden were sold for a total of \$40.

### **Recollections from Peg Olney:**

"I joined the MWC and the Garden Group in 1995. At that time there had already been a garden at the triangle for many years. When I was involved, it was a circular garden, not as large as the area now. There were some spreading juniper and perennials with daffodils in the spring. We added annuals in the summer. For several years we had a barrel with cannas. As time went by, members got older and it became harder to maintain the garden so by the time younger members joined the club and the group it was pretty much derelict. With the help of husbands, newer members properly dug up the area and planted what is there now. I contributed some spreading plants from my garden like Shasta daisies. As for daffodils I remember that Priscilla Hathaway donated bulbs from her yard and Madeline Grader and her husband planted many bulbs before they moved to Florida."

About eight or nine years ago a group took on maintaining the Triangle Garden again. We dubbed ourselves "the flower floozies." We pulled weeds, neatened the perimeter, and lugged gallons of water all summer to



## Triangle Garden *Continued from page 17*

keep the annuals alive. A few years later having learned there was a water connection there, we asked the Water Department to add a water spigot for us. That addition made watering a lot easier. We laid down soaker hoses and bought a timer so we could weed and tend the garden while the water was feeding the plant roots. A few years ago the Water Department decided we should pay for water usage so we did not plant annuals and gave away previously donated peonies to any member who would come and dig them up. We added more native plants that only need Mother Nature's watering. Last summer the cone flowers and gaura were prominent.

Earlier this spring Mary O'Keefe raked leaves off the beds. The daffodils bloomed beautifully and Sharon Doyon and I cut back the dead stems of sedum, weeded and defined the edge again. Although we've tried to eliminate some tasks, maintaining the garden is a project for more than one or two of people. New design ideas incorporating more native pollinators and drought tolerant plants would make the task less daunting if we want to continue to oversee this garden. Perhaps we could meet one morning a month from June to September. Any volunteers?

~ Barb Van Inwegen

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