



The Crystal Garden Club Newsletter

October 2022

THIS MONTHS MEETING

October 13, 2022

Thursday — 7:00 PM (opens at 6:30)

Members Only

Note Location: Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill Street, North Reading

Fifty Shades of Shade

Five Garden Clubs Joint Meeting

Andi Ross, owner of *It's Nature's Way*, will tantalize you with gorgeous shade gardens, reveal guaranteed easy design secrets, and present must-have plants. Take this opportunity to mingle with other local garden club members.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING

November 8, 2022 — 7:00 PM

Members Only

Starting off the Holidays with a Candle Top Arrangement

Bring your own candlestick to this workshop. Ellen Mastracola from Crystal Garden Club will show you how to create an elegant fresh floral arrangement using fall flowers, Thanksgiving décor and winter greens. The greens should last through Chanukah and Christmas when you can add additional flowers to suit your holiday scheme. **please bring your own candlestick, floral scissors/knife/cutters, and most importantly - a box to carry candlestick arrangement home.**



Hostesses: Coordinator—Pauline Bergstrom, Diane Chapin, Michele Clopper, Marlene Cohen

UP COMING EVENTS

West Concord Green Thumbs Garden Club

BULB SALE

Oct 15, 2022 9:00am - 3:00pm

At New Leaf parking lot, Commonwealth Ave, West Concord

HORTICULTURE & CONSERVATION

By Marlene Cohen

The Mother of Thousands

This plant is so much fun to have as part of your indoor plant collection.

Its Latin name is *Kalanchoe Daigremontiana*. It is formerly known as *Bryophyllum Daigremontianum* and commonly called Mother of Thousands, Alligator Plant, Devil's Backbone, Crown of Thorns, or Mexican Hat Plant.

It is in the succulent family, slow-growing and is native to Madagascar.

I recently learned that its medical benefits are:

- May prevent premature labor
- Has anti-cancer properties
- Has anti-inflammatory properties

It grows fairly well indoors in the winter. In the summer my plants are kept outdoors in moderate sun.

By mid-July the mother plant grows little plantlet babies on its edges. Once the plantlets look pretty well-formed, which means they may have small hair-like roots, they drop down from the mother plant and form new plants in the same pot. I often take some of the babies off and place them on the scratched surface of a pot that needs filling. They are lightly misted to help acclimate them to their new homes. Within a month, new plants are happily growing. Often times, the mother plant dies off. The same cycle repeats itself next year, hence its name!

