

Dear 2025 Provisional Members,

Welcome to the Nantucket Garden Club's Provisional Class. I am writing to give you important dates for this summer's schedule so you might be able to mark your calendars now! Please do not hesitate to contact me, as Provisional Chair, if you have any questions. Working with you promises to be a great pleasure for me as I love introducing new members to our club. As a member since 2008, I have had many jobs and worn many hats while making lasting friendships and learning about our beloved island of Nantucket. Our members consider themselves stewards of the island and we work to preserve its natural beauty and educate ourselves by learning about the island's horticulture, conservation and preservation. I look forward to working alongside you and getting to know each of you as you bring unique talents to our club. Listed below are some of your responsibilities as Provisional Members and important dates.

**1. Working in the Hadwen Garden.**

Starting Monday, June 23, at 8 am. Please see the attached letter from the Hadwen Garden Chairs for specific instructions. I will meet you there each Monday along with Hadwen Chairs Sarah Ann Miller and Robin Youngman. Please be prompt as we have only one hour and we need to make the most of our time together. This is a long standing tradition in our club. We may also be joined by some Active NGC Members. The goal is to get to know one another as we work in this historic garden at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. Please note: If you cannot be with us one Monday, please contact me by email or text well in advance and arrangements will be made for you to make-up the time by working at the Saltmarsh Garden the following Thursday. Also, please don't assume that we won't be there if there is a light drizzle! If there is inclement weather, we will let you know.

**2. NGC General Meetings.**

Attending Wednesday's General Meetings in the Lower Group Instruction Room of Nantucket High School is required. Our meetings start promptly at 9:30 am. Our Program Chair has been working hard this winter to arrange for wonderful speakers this summer. Be sure to sign-in with the Corresponding Secretary at the top of the stairs, wear your lanyard and make time to introduce yourself to members. You will be invited to a special luncheon for Provisionals following the first meeting on June 25 at noon — a Paperless Post invitation will follow with details.

Please be prepared to stay throughout the meeting as it is a good way to learn about what we do and how you might become involved.

**3. Saltmarsh Garden.**

**Thursdays, June 26 and July 17.** Mark your calendars for these two dates to meet at the Saltmarsh Senior Center Garden, an NGC Horticulture Project, located at 81 Washington Street. NGC Member Paulette Boling will tell us all about this garden of native plants and their importance to Nantucket. If, for some reason, you cannot attend, please call me or Paulette (508 843 8001).

**4. "Art with Blooms" Preview Party.**

**Friday, July 11, 5 pm, Hadwen Garden.** We ask that you attend, bring your spouse or significant other, if you like, and an hors d'oeuvre. The Provisionals are asked to help set up and serve. Hospitality Chairs will be in touch with us with the details so more information to follow. This is a fun cocktail party to kick-off our "Art with Blooms" weekend.

**5. "A 'Sconset Summer Stroll" — the annual NGC House Tour on Wednesday, August 6th, 11 am to 4 pm. THIS IS AN ALL HANDS ON DECK EVENT!**

Provisionals are responsible for setting up and serving the tea. We will have two shifts that day and a sign-up will be circulated through Sign-Up Genius starting May 1. Robin Youngman and I will be with you the entire day.

The Tea Chair this year is Abby Harding Lipsky. The tea and cookies will be provided. We depend on the Provisionals to be there to help set up in the morning around 8:30 am and to work a shift and also to help take down the tables at the end of the afternoon. Many hands are required to make this, our only fundraiser, a success so please count on working — one shift at the tea and one in another capacity — as a hostess in one of the houses, a flower arranger, or ticket seller.

**6. Annual Meeting. August 20th, Great Harbor Yacht Club.**

Your presence is required as this is when you will hopefully become a full-fledged member of the Nantucket Garden Club. Most of you attended last summer and probably remember that the Provisionals create a skit!

I hope you will enjoy all of these activities and welcome any questions at any time now or all summer long. Please see the attached notes from Robin and Sarah Ann.