

The Perennial



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We've turned the corner toward spring now that the winter solstice has passed. The second January thaw is upon us although some moderation between extreme cold and warmth would be most welcomed, not only by us but by our plants as well. The birds in my yard are grateful for the seed heads left behind this past fall and for the holly bushes where they shelter from the snow and cold.

Garden Tip of the Month:

Time to order seed catalogs and begin planning our gardens.

*February's Program: February 14th, 10:30 am
St. John's Episcopal Church 74 Pleasant St. Arlington, MA*

Greening Arlington

Theresa DeBenedictis, Assistant Director, Arlington Department of Public Works and Charlotte Milan, Arlington Recycling Coordinator will describe the role of the DPW and how the Garden Club and DPW work together to enhance Arlington's horticultural attractiveness. Through the AGC's local beautification projects, we work closely with and benefit from the assistance and cooperation of Arlington's DPW. Charlotte will keep us up-to-date on the town's recycling efforts and how our members can do their part



Hospitality Committee – Nancy Pike and Donna McGowan

February is our second brown bag luncheon. Don't forget to pack your favorite sandwich or salad to enjoy while chatting with fellow members following the program. Drinks and desserts will be provided by the Board.



Snow Closings

If the weather is questionable, be sure to check for Arlington School closings. If the schools are closed, we will not have our meeting.

Open Positions for the Garden Club Board

The following positions will be available for three-year terms beginning June 1, 2018. Please consider filling one of the vacancies. This is a way that you can have an impact on future Club activities and programs. If you would like more information on a position, please contact the current board member listed in your yearbook.

Vice-President of Programs
Recording Secretary
Civic Development
Hospitality (2 positions)
Perennial Editor

Upcoming Garden Club Events:

Plant Sale - Saturday, May 19

This is a major fundraiser for the Garden Club. We need a Chair for the event as well as individual Chairs for plant, bake and tag sales as well as committee members. Please contact Janet Pagliuca if you are able to serve in one of the positions.

Fall Garden Tour – September

This will be our second fundraiser for the year. Patsy Kraemer has agreed to be a Co-Chair for this event. Please contact her if you are able to work on the planning committee. Also, if you have or know someone who has a garden that could be shared that day, please let Patsy know.

Message from the Webmaster, Sally Naish

I would like to find someone who could act as a back-up for me in the event that I am unable to update the website. Much of what I do involves little more than copying and pasting information. If you are familiar with WordPress or are interested in learning the basics, please let me know.

Town Hall Gardens

Stephan Miller has put together a list of invasive and aggressive plants that have become established in the garden. These are the plants that the Garden Club members and the Master Gardeners have worked diligently to remove. Stephan's list is a wonderful resource not only for the Town Hall gardeners but for anyone who would like to familiarize themselves with these plants that may just show up in our home gardens. To see the list, please go to the Friends website at <http://friendsofrobinstowngardens.org>

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Scholarship

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. offers scholarships for undergraduate students (including high school seniors who will be freshmen in the Fall) and graduate students who will be attending accredited colleges and universities. Applications are due MARCH 1. For more information on eligibility and the application process, you can go their [website](#), and use the Education tab on the drop-down menu.

Kokedama –Moss Ball Planter Workshop – Emily Snyder

Karen and Deb, co-owners of Classic Kitchen and Bath and Karen's mother, JoAnn Wagner, are offering a workshop on making these unique natural planters on Saturday, March 24 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm at their showroom for a fee of \$18.00. Please contact Emily at ells.ells@verizon.net for more information.



Environmental Corner – Karen McKinnon

Karen will continue collecting batteries at our meetings. She is presently reaching out to the schools to determine how they would like to use the money for gardening projects received from last year's collection.

Pennies for Pines

We raised the requested \$68.00 and sent off a check to the GCFM to support reforestation in areas damaged by natural disasters.

Programs of Interest

Grow Native Massachusetts offers “Evenings with Experts,” programs focused on the use of native plants in our gardens. These are held at the Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. For more information please visit their [website](#).

- ◆ February 7 - The Beautiful Adaptations of Native Plants: Inviting the Wild into our Gardens with Dan Segal, Owner of the Plantsmen Nursery
- ◆ March 7 - Lessons Learned when Field Botany Meets Design with Uli Lorimer, Curator of the Native Flora Garden at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden

Members Corner;

We welcome new members, Karen Costa and Susan Sullivan.

