

The Perennial



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After five years of being editor of *The Perennial*, this will be my last issue. Many thanks for all the suggestions, articles, photos and events you've shared. Emily Snyder will be your new editor beginning in September.

Garden Tip of the Month:

Now is the time to consider pinching plants that may grow tall and leggy. One member pinches hers on "Mother's Day, Father's Day and the Fourth of July" to ensure they stay compact and still flower.

June Program: June 13th at 6:00 pm
Arlington Town Hall



Join together to celebrate another successful year, share memories and meet new people. Beaujolais will once again be catering the dinner. Our hospitality chairs, Nancy Pike and Donna McGowan are the contacts for reservations. Be sure to let them know by June 1st if you are planning to attend.

Garden Therapy – Robin Watkins and Barbara Neenan

The Garden Therapy program on May 2 began with a May Day craft and concluded with a Memorial Day sing-along. Agnes O'Donnell provided the project and a banana bread snack for 24 residents of the Park Avenue Health Center. The project consisted of adhering bright flowers, dragon flies and butterflies to a foam flower and writing the resident's name in the center. The program concluded with everyone waving American flags and singing patriotic songs, accompanied on the piano by Florynce Bornstein. The Garden Therapy members and residents wished each other a good summer until we meet again in the fall.



A Tree-mendous Fall Garden Tour

Co-chairs: Patsy Kraemer, Eliza Burden, Garden Club

Beth Locke, Chamber of Commerce



The Garden Tour, co-sponsored by the Arlington Garden Club and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. A poster has been developed for the event using the logo on the left, designed by Edwige Raimbault. Committee members are reaching out to potential hosts to open their gardens. Members will be asked if they can be available for a 2-hour shift during the tour to be chaperones at the various gardens. Tickets will be available online and through our members beginning in August.

Membership Reminder: Jackie Keshian

Membership chair, Jackie Keshian reminds members to renew their club membership for the 2018-2019 year. The annual membership fee is \$45.00. An application is available at the website ArlingtonGarden.org. You may send a check with the application to Jackie by June 1st

Civic Development – Jane Foley

The Beautification Committee, which oversees management of many of the town's traffic island gardens, continues to look for adoptees for a few islands. Co-chair, Marilyn Sullivan will be happy to hear from you if you want to adopt or help out on an existing island. New signs are being made for the islands and will be put in place when they are ready. The Jason Russell House herb garden is being evaluated as to what survived the winter and what would be good to add.



Town Hall Gardens are being continuously looked after. Watch emails for the next open date to help! Things are looking better every week. With the mulch delivery, we are finally able to prepare for the season ahead. Reconstruction of the Reflecting Pool, funded by the Community Preservation Act, will be starting in June with a finish date for this fall.

Broadway Plaza is no longer under the aegis of the Garden Club with the town now taking responsibility for its maintenance.

Jane Foley is looking for a few early risers who might be interested in helping plant the Heights planters on the spur of a moment. After her successful appearance before the Select Board, Jane received final approval for new planters. If you are able to help out with planting on short notice, please call Jane. She could use a few more gardeners to make it a quick job!

New Sound System – Emily Snyder

Emily researched a wireless microphone and small foldable packing sound system. This will allow for much clearer presentations by our speakers and for clearer audience participation. Thanks to Emily for enhancing our programs!

Garden Help Available – Janet Pagliuca

The young man who provided watering for Broadway Plaza is looking for gardening work. Please contact Janet if you are interested in hiring him.

Another Successful Plant Sale – from Nancy Pike

Despite the weather forecasts, one of which predicted that May 19th would be “ugly” spirited members of the Arlington Garden Club held our annual Plant/Bake/Tag sale on May 19th. Fortunately, the rain held off until after noon. At first a steady flow and then an ebb and flow of customers streamed onto the grounds of the Jason Russell House to see what was being offered. And here’s what they saw: tables brimming with plants of all kinds, tables filled with home-baked goods that were soon sold out, a table with Master Gardeners and another with a local organic gardener, booths with two of the four local compost companies, and a large, impressive tag sale under the big yellow and white canopy. We made a profit of nearly \$5,000, enough to start planning programs for next year’s meetings, hold our two annual catered meals (the December luncheon and our upcoming June dinner) and support our many civic programs. We thank all those who contributed in any way, and look forward to another successful fundraiser next year.



Wally and Flo



Stephan & Carol



Irene and Joan



Our Fearless
Leader



Donna, Juliette &
Lolly



Nancy the
Cashier

More photos will be available on our website: arlingtongarden.org
Thanks to Jane Foley and Nancie Richardson for photos

Have a wonderful summer...see you in September!