

# *The Perennial*



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## **Welcome to the Garden Club's New Year!**

And thank you for the welcoming introduction I've received in my new role as your *Perennial* editor. I've been happily inundated with photos, ideas and articles from many of you. Following in long-term editor Jan Ford's shoes will not be easy, but I will have no excuse for any blank space with all the material you've given me. Keep it all coming!

### *Garden Tips of the Month:*

*To spruce up your fall garden, you can cutback perennials that are looking shabby. For example, snip the stalks on hosta that have already flowered and enjoy the foliage through the fall.*

*Keep new perennials shrubs and trees watered until mid-December.*

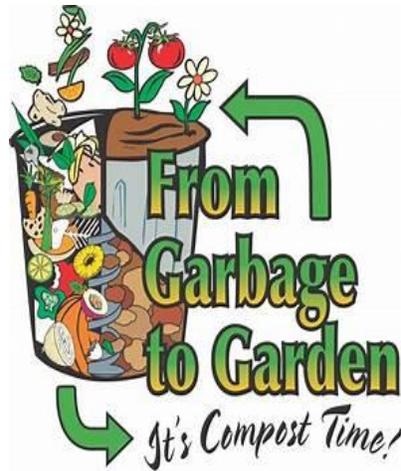
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*Time to buy tickets for the AGC/Chamber of Commerce Garden Tour - Sunday September 23rd - 12 - 4 pm...See more information below.*

September Program: September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am  
St. John's Episcopal Church 74 Pleasant St. Arlington, MA

## **COMPOST: Why It Can Be the Only Fertilizer You Need**

Adam Jankauskas – Founder, City Compost



Motivated by the limited access to clean, healthy food, and problems facing the industrialized food system, in 2013 Adam left his role in technology to pursue soil. He works to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, return nutrients to the soil and live an overall more sustainable life-style.

**~You will be able to pick up your new 2018-19 Yearbook at the meeting.~**

### *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 will be Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12 noon to 4 pm. A poster has been developed for the event using the logo on the left, designed by Edwige Raimbault.

Members are still being sought to be available for a 2-hour shift during the tour to be chaperones at the various gardens.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting: \$25 now, \$30 on the day of the Tour. Buy your tickets soon!

## *Beautification Committee*

*Marilyn Sullivan & Marie Doughty*

Calling all photographers. The Beautification Committee is looking for photos of islands, containers, and other samples of Town beautification from the 2018 season for our Robbins Library display this Fall. Please forward to Joan Robbio at [jrobbio@verizon.net](mailto:jrobbio@verizon.net).

## ***BUTTON-CELL BATTERY COLLECTION PROGRAM***

*Karen MacKinnon, Environmental Chair*

With a new Garden Club season upon us, I'm reminding everyone of our participation in the Button-cell Battery Program.

The goal of the program is to remove mercury containing button-cell batteries from our municipal solid waste system. The Button-cell Battery Program is part of a larger Mercury Recovery Program which aims to divert any type of mercury-containing products from entering the system. Exposure to Mercury can cause serious health problems. More information on Mercury's effect on the environment and health is available on the following link: [www.keepmercuryfromrising.org](http://www.keepmercuryfromrising.org)

Along with many other communities in the area, Arlington, through the Garden Club and in conjunction with the DPW, has been involved in this program for many years. Each participating community receives a rebate of \$100 per pound of batteries collected, up to a maximum of \$1000.



Two years ago the Garden Club formed a partnership with the Arlington schools' Green Teams. Of the \$1000 rebate received by the Garden Club, \$500 remains with the club and \$500 goes towards Green Team projects. The Green Teams are made up of students, teachers and parents at each school. This partnership

enables the Green Teams to have funds to put toward the maintenance, renovation and development of gardens and landscapes at the schools in town.

By collecting button-cell batteries we are helping the environment in two ways – by removing mercury from our local waste system as well as helping out the local schools' green efforts. Please bring any button-cell batteries you collect to our monthly meetings. The collection box will be on the table near the sign-in area. Thank you!

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Signing off with a stunning photo from Joan Robbio –  
a reminder of a sun-filled summer ....

