

The Perennial



2018-2019

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Facebook: [m.facebook.com/
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May Program: May 10th at 10:30 am

St. John's Episcopal Church 74 Pleasant St. Arlington, MA

Birds in Your Backyard



Betsy Grecoe, who presented her chocolate workshop to our Club, will speak to the subject "Birds in Your Backyard." Through colorful digital images, lecture and demonstration, this program will reveal interesting facts about the birds you can expect at your feeder, how to feed, house and care for them, and especially how to landscape and plant to attract those birds.

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**Garden Therapy – Robin Watkins and Barbara Neenan**

*April's Garden Therapy program celebrated spring renewal. Marcia de Rosas and Robin Watkins brought a project and snack for 24 residents of the Park Avenue Health Center. The project was to cover a box containing scrunchy "grass", Hershey kisses, gumdrops, and a stretchy Bugs Bunny with stickers of dragon flies, tulips and lady bugs.*



*After making their projects, residents and Club members enjoyed sour cream coffee cake and sang old favorites, led by Donna McGowan and accompanied by Florynce Bornstein on the piano.*

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**The Robbins Town Hall Gardens Reflecting Pool
restoration is complete ~ Come celebrate its dedication!**

Saturday, May 18th - 6:30 pm

Tickets will be on sale at the Club's May 10th meeting

\$25 or \$30 at the event

Club Officers 2019-2020

In April members voted on the Nominating Committee's slate of nominations for the 2019-2020 year. As there were no additional nominations from the floor, the vote in favor of the slate was unanimous.

*The following members were elected as officers for 2019-2020.
Congratulations to everyone!*

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| President | Janet Pagliuca |
| Vice President -
Operations | Lolly Bennett |
| Vice President -
Programs | Nancy Pike |
| Treasurer | Kathy Creedon |
| Recording Secretary | Janet Ford |

Chairs of Standing Committees

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| Civic Development Chair | Nancie Richardson |
| Environment Chair | Karen MacKinnon |
| Garden Therapy Co-
Chairs | Carol Nahigian &
Carmen Torres |
| Hospitality Co-Chairs | Zohreh Damghany &
Bronwyn Dillon |
| Membership Chair | Ginger Tower |
| Publicity Chair | Flo Dunlap |

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***A new name for an old organization...***

*The New England Wildflower Society is now [The Native Plant Trust](#)*

## **The Club's Involvement with School Gardens**

### **Karen MacKinnon, Environmental Chair**

*With funds received from recycling all the button batteries you have donated, our Club has once again been able to support the Arlington schools' Green Team.*

*Here's how the Green Teams used their grants:*

- ~ \$80 to Brackett School to be used for soil for the vegetable garden, pebbles and small stones for the sensory garden and mulch for the quiet reading area.*
- ~ \$120 to Thompson School [pictured below] to go toward their new garden curriculum that is starting this spring.*



- ~ \$100 to Hardy School for compost to amend the soil for a new bed to be installed near a new stairway. The bed will be planted with ground cover and perennials to help prevent erosion.*
- ~ \$200 to Gibbs School (the new home for Arlington's 6<sup>th</sup> graders) for soil amendments and other needs in order to get their new vegetable garden up and running this year.*

# **The Club's Annual Plant Sale - Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 9 am - 1 pm**

*Thanks to all of you who signed up at the April meeting.*

## ***What else can you do?***

*~ Split & dig up your plants (call for help if needed) ~*



### **PLANTS – Chair Stephan Miller**

- Donate your excess perennials, small shrubs and house plants to the Plant Sale.
- The sooner you dig up the plants, the better condition they will be in on the day of the sale.
- Plants should be in pots or flats and labeled with the plant's name and growing conditions. Labels are available from Stephan or at the [Club website](#).
- Potted plants can be dropped off at the Jason Russell House from Tuesday, May 13 – Thursday, May 16.
- Pots are available from Stephan, who can also help with the digging if you need it.
- Plants' condition and selection have improved every year, so keep up the good work!

*~ Start sorting out your treasures for the Tag Sale ~*



### **TAG SALE – Chair Nancy Pike**

- Items can start being collected now. They will be stored in Carol Nahigian's garage.
- Out of courtesy, please call Carol before dropping things off. She will let you know when & where to leave items if she is not at home.
- Items must be clean and of good 'consignment quality.'
- Only books relevant to gardening, sustainability the environment and / or , cooking will be accepted.

- Jewelry, small antiques and special household items will also be accepted.

*~ Bake goodies for the Bake Sale ~*



### **BAKE SALE – Chair Ginger Tower**

- Package muffins and scones as singles; cookies, brownies, bars, etc., in numbers of 2's, 4's, or 6's depending on size.
- Wrap baked goods in clear packaging if possible – a nice presentation increases sales.
- Label items and note if they contain nuts. Please specify kind of nuts.
- Gluten-free items welcome
- Drop off baked goods by 8:15 am morning of the Plant Sale.
- Bake Sale Committee will price all items.
- Thank you for all home-baked donations and your continued support.

**ALSO**

**Herbs & Annuals ... Garden gloves ... Compost companies ... Ask-a-Master-Gardener Table**

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**The last lecture for the 2019 Grow Native Massachusetts
Evenings with Experts lecture program will be**

**A Grassland Restoration Tale of Weeds, Wildlife, and Renewal
Wednesday May 1, 2019
Jenna Webster, Senior Designer, Larry Weaner Landscape
Associates**

**The lecture will be held at
Cambridge Public Library | 449 Broadway | Cambridge, MA
7 - 8:30 pm
Lectures are free and open to the public.**


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## ***April's Pressed Flower Workshop***

*Flo Dunlap captured floral artists hard at work*

