



The Perennial - November 2019

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The Club's new meeting day is the 3rd Monday of the month

November Program

Monday 11/18/19 – 10:30 am

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

"Botanical Art: Then and Now"

Speakers: Diane Piktialis & Joyce Westner

The speakers are members of the New England Society of Botanical Artists as well as numerous other botanical institutions. As lovers of art and gardening and the art of

gardening, they will provide demonstrations to accompany their talk.



Environmental Corner

~ **Upcoming event at Arlington Town Hall –**

Wednesday November 6th

7:30 pm to 9 pm - Charles Lyons Hearing Room, Floor 2

“Single Use Plastic Reduction: Local and Global Perspective”

Join YSEALI (Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative) sustainable international development Fellows Jolly Nguyeb and Dwi Jayanthi for a lively discussion. Free and open to the public.

~ Did you know that Arlington has two locations where citizens can drop off **household food waste**? The program is called **Feed FiDO** (Food Scrap Drop-Off) The locations are:

- 51 Grove St. (DPW, under the tree next to the visitor parking
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- 422 Summer St. - actually on Ryder St. at the corner of the skating rink building, across from the basketball court

For details about the program [click here](#).

Rescuing just **25%** of the
food we waste each year would
save enough to feed
25 million
Americans.



MOVE
for
Hunger.

Garden Therapy – October Program

On October 7th, the Garden Therapy committee celebrated Autumn with residents of the Park Avenue Health Center.

Carole Crowley brought a craft project, and Agnes O'Donnell provided a snack for 24 residents.

We helped residents personalize bookmarks using Halloween-themed stickers.



Carole also applied seasonal appliques to windows in the dining room to help orient residents to the time of year.

After enjoying a snack of banana bread, residents joined Garden Club members in a songfest which was enthusiastically led by Donna McGowan.



!!! NEWS FLASH !!!

Florynce Bronstein, who is not a Garden Club member, has been a volunteer pianist during Garden Therapy meetings for the past few years. Unfortunately, her work commitments have increased and she is no longer able to lend her enormous talent and delightful personality to our visits. Everyone greatly appreciates how much she contributed to our garden therapy program and will miss her. We wish her well.

So Garden Therapy needs a pianist! Music helps us connect with the residents so we're eager to find a musician who can accompany our singalongs.

We meet on the first Monday of the month six times a year. If you're interested, please contact Carol Nahigian or Carmen Torres.

You are invited...

To the art exhibit reception at Town Hall for the garden photos
by photographer Joan Robbio

Thursday, November 14th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
in the Garden Corridor at Town Hall

Post your group's events at our SWAPPO table

Many of us have shared announcements at meetings about programs and activities that are non-garden related but may be of interest to our membership. The Board encourages this information sharing but feels it is taking up too much time in the business section of our meetings, so starting in September we will have a 'Swappo' table available for members to leave brochures, flyers, etc. on such events. There are only 2 "rules" – nothing politically related and please do not use table to sell anything

"Save the date" for Books in Bloom

A joint Garden Club / Friends of Robbins Library event

Friday, March 27, 2020

Robbins Library

If any members would like to join the planning committee, please be in touch with Co-Chairs Patsy Kraemer or Sally Naish.

They plan to have their first meeting in December.

Still looking

for an Assistant Tour Director

Emily Forshay-Crowley has ably led several visits to scenic, picturesque gardens for the Club for the past few years – including a trip to the Rockport Garden Tour this summer. She is ready to hand over her tour flag and will happily pass on her tips for running successful group tours.

Would you like to step up? Talk with Emily at a meeting or contact her directly.

~ Seasonal Gardening Tips ~

- -Enjoy the fall colors
- -Plant bulbs
- -Keep new plants (especially new trees and shrubs) deeply watered until the ground freezes.
- -Prune evergreen branches at end of month and use for holiday decorations.

New Members' Corner

Two new members joined at the October meeting.

Margo McMahan,

Barbara Psichos,

That brings our total membership up to 95!

Photos from Club members' gardens ~ please share yours!

This native bumblebee managed to find one of the last flowers in Jan Ford's garden feasting on obedient plant (*physostegia*). Still pollinating!



Can you find the Katydid? It's the pale green "leaf". On the holly. You can see where it's nibbled the holly leaves



Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*) tree radiating its vibrant fall color

