



# ***The Perennial - December 2019***

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## **December Holiday Program**

**Monday 12/16/19 – 10:30 am**

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



**Season's Greetings, Arlington Garden Club members !**

**Our holiday luncheon will be December 16<sup>th</sup> , 2019, 10:30 am, and  
will be catered by Beaujolais of Arlington.**

**We have 60 members planning to attend this festive event.**

**If you can join us and have not yet signed up, please email us by  
December 9<sup>th</sup> so we can give a final count to Beaujolais.**

**Bronwyn & Zohreh, Your Hospitality Committee Chairs**

**Wait, there's more...**



**As well as the wonderful catered holiday luncheon, we will have a “Getting to Know You Better” game, free raffles for door prizes and floral table decorations. And we’ll auction off some specialty food baskets.**

**So abandon the mall for a day -- but still bring your checkbook for your winning auction bid -- to share friendship and laughs with your garden club buddies.**



**Now a few words regarding lunch for upcoming meetings...**

**January and February are "brown bag" lunch meetings with dessert provided by the Club's board.**

**For March, April and May meetings members will provide lunch.**

**The wonderful lunches we enjoy are compliments of the members whom Hospitality asks each month. A sign-up sheet will be posted at each meeting. When you do sign up, bring one of your favorite dishes to share at one of our Spring meetings. We request salads, sandwiches, and desserts. Because our membership has grown, please be sure to bring enough of your food choice for 20 people. This way, we will all be assured of enjoying a delicious lunch with friends.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Garden Therapy – November Program

The November Garden Therapy program celebrated the bounty and beautiful colors of fall.

Beverly Miller and Irene MacKinnon provided the project and snack for 24 residents of the Park Avenue Health Center.

The project consisted of filling a variety of ceramic vases with sprigs of boxwood and fall flowers, pinecones and acorns. After the project was complete, residents enjoyed delicious cookies



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As always, the program closed with a sing-along of old favorites.

We greatly missed our pianist of the past two years, Florynce Bronstein, who brought such energy to the music and residents.





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**A reminder...."Save the date" for Books in Bloom a joint Garden Club /  
Friends of Robbins Library event  
Friday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ~ Robbins Library**

**The first meeting of Books in Bloom planning committee will be held on  
Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at the Robbins Library  
(Note: The library is closed to the public until 1 pm on Thursdays.)  
Committee members will receive an email reminder.  
Many thanks to all those who have signed up!**

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***Holiday House Tour – Beverly, MA***

Dear fellow Garden Club members: Our next tour is a holiday house tour in Beverly, MA on December 14<sup>th</sup>, where we will tour 5 homes that are holiday decorated – see below for more information.

**Tickets are \$35 for the event.**

**There will be time to break for lunch at a local restaurant (place to be announced).**

If you are not too busy trimming your own tree this is a nice opportunity to get some holiday decorating ideas, view some charming homes and socialize with our garden club members.

If you are interested, please contact me by December 5<sup>th</sup> by phone or email and indicate if you are willing to be a driver. I will then follow up with you with details on how to purchase tickets online or by check and the car-pooling.

Yours truly,                      Emily Forshay-Crowley



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## ***Environmental Corner***

~ As always, bring in your button batteries to Club meetings! ~

### **Upcoming film screening at the New England Aquarium**

#### **Saving Sea Turtles – Thursday Dec. 12 - 7pm**

This free event is part of the [Aquarium](#) lecture series. Registration is required. See attached link. Some of the previous lectures have been recorded and are available to watch for free.



**~ Arlington's Recycling Center Open Days (weather permitting) ~**  
**51 Grove Street**

**Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 12 noon**

**Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 12 noon**

**Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 12 noon**



### ***~ Seasonal Gardening Tips ~***

**~ Prune evergreen branches and use for holiday decorations ~**

**~ For holiday color, nothing beats the stunning holiday flower display at the [Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum](#) Courtyard, all of December and January**

## **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 have set up 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



**Looking forward to seeing you at our Holiday Luncheon!**