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# Bloom



*Our First General Meeting of the 2018-2019 season was amazing! The Board Committee Chairs offered a wonderful lunch while we welcomed both new and existing members to the beginning of another exciting season.*



## Our Next Meeting

October 17th

## *Fall Seasonal Designs*

Board Meeting: 10:15

Members arrive: 11:15

Lunch & Social time: 11:30

Club Meeting: noon

Program: 12:30

Location: St. Eulalia's Parish – 50 Ridge Street

## Urn Planting

Historic Winchester Common

Designed by Kristen Ward



## WH&GC

Thanks to all of the members who have already submitted their annual dues! Liz Darby reports an impressive increase in member dues payment. Over 70% collected, thanks to our new and convenient online PayPal option. If you would like to mail your dues, Kindly send your \$50.00 check payable to WH&GC and mail to:

Liz Darby 26 Eaton Street FRONT  
Winchester, MA 01890



*Save the date  
of our next  
meeting...*

October

Wednesday

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*So glad that you  
chose to join  
us...*

## Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest members: Ellen White & Karen Dirkse. We hope to see you at the October meeting, our membership thrives on sharing our common interests.

Oh how our membership has grown! Since the end of our last year - in May - we have admitted 10 new members. WH&GC now has 161 members, including 16 honorary members. Even our attendance has grown! At our first meeting on 9-26-2018, we counted 86 people in attendance. According to Liz's records, this is higher than the attendance at our September meetings in both 2017 and 2016.





## Around Town

### *Pantone Color of the Year: Ultra Violet*

The Pantone Color Institute is recognized around the world as a leading source of color information; seasonal trends and global color forecasts. The Institute shares the impact, power, psychology and emotion that color inspires to the worldwide market.

This is true of ultra violet; which is often associated with mindfulness practices and is thought to offer a respite from daily stressors. Ultra violet may also motivate people to make their unique mark and push their creative boundaries.

Kristen Ward harnessed the true essence of ultra violet in this spectacular fall design. Her plant list is impressive; heather, leucothoe, celucia, kale, aster, Heuchera 'wild rose', pansy, ornamental millet and gourds.

This is just one example of how to use the Pantone Color of the Year to compliment your outside containers. But don't forget to bring ultra violet inside too.

As we say farewell to the bright colors of summer and embrace the richness of Fall, take a minute and look around at this lovely hue surrounding us and notice how ultra violet impacts your day.



## Gardening

A shout out to Misty Florez for organizing the lovely Garden Gallery at our September meeting. She inspired us to cut the blooms in our gardens and display them as a unique tablespace. This exercise shows that we are surrounded by beauty and how just one bloom, a single leaf or a lovely plant can transform an otherwise bare table into an extraordinary display.

Thank you Misty for encouraging us to think outside of the floral arranging box!



## Honorary Membership

Honorary Members of the Winchester Home and Garden Club are no strangers to serving our community. They have selflessly given back to our Club and the Winchester community and have dedicated their time and effort to our many initiatives and beautifying our town.

On any given day you could find Karen Beals, Fleur Hynes, Charlotte Richardson and Fenton Stirling organizing, planning, planting, photographing, judging, designing or lending a hand all over town. .

Their service to our Club has earned them the Honorary Member status. An elite group of WH&GC members that have been active participants for at least 15 years *and* have served on the executive board for a minimum of 10 years.

Congratulations to our newest Honorary Members and Thank you for sharing your many talents over the years!



Fenton



Charlotte



Karen



Fleur

In receiving her honorary status, Fleur Hynes made a few remarks. She talked about when she had joined the club and knew few people in town. Now, many years later, she is grateful to have made so many strong friendships with other club members. (A few hoots and hollers from the crowd made it clear the feeling was mutual!)



## *New Site Garden*

Have you noticed the gardens that are at each end of the new bridge on Mt. Vernon Street (across from the Fire Station)? After the completion of the bridge the Town planted these beautiful and highly visible gardens but find that they do not have the manpower to maintain them properly.

This is where YOU can help!!! Would you like to be part of a team (or even form your own team) to help lovingly care for these gardens? Four people could beautify each end garden with weeding, deadheading and adding annual, seasonal flowers.

Just an hour or two over the week is all that is needed and the town takes care of the watering. So, it is not a job that needs a big commitment of time, but it is one that would be greatly appreciated by your Club and by the Town of Winchester.

If you are interested in helping with this important garden, please contact

Susan Mitchell at

[susan.mitchell1@comcast.net](mailto:susan.mitchell1@comcast.net) or

781-729-1903. Thanks!

Please consider helping with all of our sites and pull a weed when you're walking by, sometimes they need a little help!!!



## *Yearbooks*

It's hard to believe that this is Maureen Conway's first year at publishing the WH&GC Yearbook...because it is just fantastic!

What a great job getting all of the member's photos, updating all of the important club information, sharing all of the monthly presentations, adding our newest Honorary Members, reminding us of GCFM activities, highlighting our civic involvement and much more.

Thanks to Maureen for making it easy to stay on top of all things WH&GC!



## Luncheon

The Hospitality Committee would like to remind you to check your membership booklet on pages 22-24 for information regarding monthly hospitality donations. As you know, our delicious lunch tables are filled each month by member contributions. Thank you in advance for all your tasty treats!

Bringing an item once a year to a meeting is something that everyone participates in and it helps bring joy to our monthly meetings. *Now*, sometimes we can't make a meeting or are unable to make or bake our joyful contribution...

In this case, we invite you to donate \$20.00 via check or our PayPal link and we will be sure that we have enough food for all. This guilt-free option is appreciated; but nothing compares to homemade selections!



The Hospitality Committee is seeking *donations* of kitchen supplies. We are looking for: 2 small-medium pitchers (for milk & cream), 2 large non-glass serving bowls (ie, to serve large salads), several general serving spoons, 2 salad tongs, and a container that could hold silverware on the buffet table. If you have any of these items that you are willing to part with, please email Carrie Fiore ([carrielfiore@comcast.net](mailto:carrielfiore@comcast.net)). Thank you!

## Centerpieces

Jessica Lohnes is heading up a new initiative that invites members to sign up to create the centerpieces for the lunch tables at our monthly meetings. No worries if you don't feel like a floral designer, as Dot mentioned, centerpieces can be of any Home or Garden theme.

Your inspiration may come from the current season, designs you've seen in a magazine or online, or even from our monthly presentations listed in your membership booklet. It's always fun to get together and let the creativity blossom!

Just click the Sign Up Genius button below to sign up. Thanks so much!



**SignUpGenius**





## Meeting Recap

Let's tell it like it is...the September meeting was *fabulous*!

The ladies of Seasonal Door Designs, Elaine and Linda, were a comedy team that just happen to be extremely creative floral designers. They're journey into Garden Club presentations began as members of the Belmont Garden Club, where they became quick friends.

As they create, they are also finishing each other's thoughts...always ending in a chuckle. We were fortunate to watch them build door décor using some traditional and unusual objects. They were quick to share that much of their inspiration comes from everyday items; many found in your attic...or a quick trip to the TJ Maxx housewares department.

New to many was the use of a Lomey to adorn wreaths and such with fresh material. This small, half-round cage is filled with floral foam that is soaked and then wired to your object. With this floral mechanic embellishing with fresh flowers is a cinch!

Thanks to Nickie Sakorafos for planning another great presentation.



## *New Member Luncheon*

WH&GC New Members were welcomed at our Fall New Member luncheon, beautifully hosted by Dot Butler. New members in attendance were Ellen White, Joan Bissonnette, Monica Driggers, Margaret Moynihan and Tullie Wahshauer.

Everyone was excited to see the Fall decorations that complimented a wonderful assortment of pastries and fresh coffee. Dot's house was filled with chatter as the group shared stories and many laughs.

Each of the new members left with a smile and a package of lovely Fall inspired notecards designed by Christine Donahue.

Thanks to all for helping us welcome our newest members.



L-R front to back: Margaret, Monica,  
Ellen, Joan, Tullie





## *Other Gardening Interests*

### 2019 Master Gardener Training Course

The Massachusetts Master Gardener Association (MMGA) is comprised of amateur and professional horticulturists with a mission to promote horticultural knowledge to the public through volunteering. Master Gardeners become certified based on successfully completing the Master Gardener Training course (MGT). Training consists of fourteen classroom and lab modules, including soil science, botany, entomology, plant pathology, pruning and propagation. Classes are taught by academic and industry professionals.

The MGT course is offered at Massachusetts Horticultural Society's The Gardens at Elm Bank in Wellesley, MA and at the Worcester County Horticultural Society's Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, MA. Students can choose their preferred location when they register.

The 2019 MGT course begins in April 2019 and runs through October 2019. Click on the tree for more information.



#### Important GCFM Update:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Environmental Studies School scheduled for November 3 and 4 has been cancelled.

As soon as the school has been rescheduled, we will send out a notification.

Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Betty Sanders

Chair, ESS



## *Friendly tidbits*

If you incur WH&GC expenses and require reimbursement, please mail your receipts to:  
Courtney Peschel – 16 Lorena Road, Winchester, MA 01890

Did you know that all members are invited to submit home and garden tips, tricks and terrific hacks? Please help keep our newsletter interesting with your thoughts and ideas. Send along your submissions by the last day of the month and we will do our best to include it in the next publication.  
Email to: whgclub18@gmail.com

A thank you to Joan Maio who thoughtfully donated her garden books at our meeting. She invited members to share her love of gardening by offering her collection for their enjoyment. Joan's books will be inspiration for another beautiful garden.

*Auto-correction*—please make a note of Jackie Burchard's correct email address in your membership booklet: j.burchard@comcast.net



Succulent Plantings  
Historic Winchester Center  
Designed by: Kristen Ward

If you enjoy our monthly meetings, get inspired by the presentations and want to invite a friend to join our Club, please print the form on the next page and pass it along...we're 160+ members strong and growing!





## Winchester Home & Garden Club New Member Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone to reach you at (that you check for messages): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about WH&GC? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us your current Gardening/Home interests:

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What might you be interested in learning about?

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Do you have any special skills or talents that you would like to share?

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We are proud to be a long established and active organization in Winchester. Our members look forward to welcoming you and we request your participation to help us further our mission. There are many ways that you can be involved for just a few hours on one or a few occasions throughout the year. Reach out to any board member to volunteer. Please check off ALL that apply to your interests.

***I'd like to help WH&GC meetings and events run smoothly:***

☐ Hospitality ☐ Programs ☐ Workshops ☐ Ways & Means ☐ Luncheons

***I'd like to help the club run smoothly and inform the public about our activities:***

☐ Yearbook ☐ Newsletter ☐ Website ☐ Membership ☐ Treasurer

☐ Correspondence ☐ Publicity ☐ Archives ☐ Recording Secretary

***I'd like to play in the dirt, improve our community and engage with the public:***

OUTDOOR: ☐ Civic Beautification ☐ Fountain Cleaning ☐ Site Gardens ☐ Plant Sale

INDOOR: ☐ Community Service ☐ Garden Therapy      IN & OUT: ☐ Horticulture

**For much more information, visit [WHGCLUB.org](http://WHGCLUB.org).**

Please send this form and check of \$50 made out to "WHGC" to  
Liz Darby, 26 Eaton Street Front, Winchester, MA 01890