

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Our Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 2. Be on the lookout for your invitation later this week!**



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**  
<http://whgclub.org>

If you have an item for the newsletter, please email Maureen with "WH&GC newsletter" in the subject line:

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# WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB NEWS

**April Meeting ~ Wednesday, April 25**

**Kristen Ward: "Creative Spring Containers"**

We are *delighted* to have our very talented Civic Beautification Chair, Kristen Ward as our program speaker. Kristen will feature the latest and greatest container garden ideas for spring. Kristen is a Master Gardener who is obsessed with all things plant, art and design and it shows in her beautiful container creations.

[www.kristenwarddesigns.com](http://www.kristenwarddesigns.com)

**Hospitality: ROSENBERGER - WILSON**

### GARDEN QUESTION FROM LIZ DARBY

48 hours ago, I bought lovely hydrangea at Wilson's. I brought them home, cut the stems and put them in a full vase of water. In 24 hours, two of the three stalks had wilted beyond hope, there was plenty of water in the vase and the ends of the stems were wet. In the first 24 hours they were far from many heating vents.

Now 48 hours later, the third stem is wilting before my eyes. What am I doing wrong? How can I help them thrive for longer?



An email was sent out to all members on April 3 regarding committees for next year. Would you consider being on a committees or a chair for the next WH&GC season.? If you have any questions, feel free to email Dot Butler (and she will talk you into something!).

### SAVE THE DATE

Did you know that this past March was the second snowiest in Boston's history? We are pushing our **Winchester Home & Garden Club Plant Sale** a few weeks later this year so we have some nice looking items to sell (and maybe good weather too).

**Please mark your calendars for SATURDAY, JUNE 9 when we join the first Farmer's Market of the season!**

Christine and Mai are our plant sale co-chairs again this year, and they will be organizing plant donations and volunteers, so stay tuned. This sale is a great event for our club and the town, but we can't shine without you—**SAVE THE DATE!**

## News from the Reading Garden Club:

We have planned three lectures with the Reading Public Library. All programs are listed on the Library's website and are co-sponsored with the Reading Garden Club. Please save the dates and spread the word!

- 1.) 10:00am - 12:00 Weds, April 4, 2018: [Opening Your Garden with Liz McCarron](#) (registration required, 28 people per class)
- 2.) 7:00pm - 8:30 Wednesday May 16th 7pm-8:30: [Design Tips for a Naturalistic Garden](#) with Lauri Johnson (registration required, 28 people per class)
- 3.) 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Thursday, April 26, 2018: [Claudia Thompson of Grow Native Mass](#) (150 per class, no pre-registration necessary):

Claudia Thompson from Grow Native Mass will lead a discussion about the need to grow native plants indigenous to our area, and how important it is for the birds and animals that live here. She will focus on the importance of native plants, creating ecological health and bird habitat in our gardens (She has some super photographs!), some principles for landscaping with native plants and working within ecological systems, as well as resources for how to learn more.

## From the GCFM:

**There is still time for you to sign up for GCFM Gardening Study School, April 12-13, 2018 at Tower Hill Botanic Garden. Here is the link to the form. If it doesn't work, just go to [gcfm.org](http://gcfm.org) and look under the "education" tab.**

<http://files.constantcontact.com/6c224ab0101/bb5d36e4-dddf-44ee-bcbf-04608b3da413.pdf>

# Grow Spring!

# EXPO

Farmers' Marketplace  
 Wine and Beer Tasting  
 ARTISAN TRADERS  
 Horticultural Experts Essex County Beekeepers  
**Giant Pumpkin Growers**  
*Baked goods and Food Trucks*  
 Fun for Kids Local Fashion  
 Crafters and More!

April 7th, 2018  
 10:00-3:00

## Topsfield

93 East Common Street  
 The Emerson Center, Gould Barn, and The Commons  
**Free Admission**

Sponsored by: The Topsfield Senior Club, www.topsfieldseniorclub.org  
 The Topsfield Historical Society • The Commons • The Congregational Church of Topsfield



## 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:***

- Civic Beautification
- Community Service
- Fountain Cleaning
- Site Gardens
- Garden Therapy
- Horticulture
- Plant Sale

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

**~ LUNCHEON DONATIONS REQUESTED ~**

**Our Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 2 at the Winchester Country Club. We will have our fabulous raffle table, but not without your help. Please consider donating an item for the raffle and coordinate drop-off with Becky Kuhlman at [rbkuhlman@gmail.com](mailto:rbkuhlman@gmail.com)**

**THANK YOU!**

The Garden Club Federation of MA. Inc.  
**Ruth A Wallack Fund Presents**

**“A Floral Journey From Afar”**  
With Francine Thomas

**International Designer Extraordinaire!**  
**Award winning designer and World renowned teacher**  
From New Zealand

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:00 AM**  
Regis College Fine Arts Center, Weston, MA  
“LIMITED SEATING – DON’T MISS OUT”  
**Tickets \$20.00**

**Send stamped, self-addressed envelope & check**  
**Made out to: GCFM**

**To: Penni Jenkins, 241 Elm Street, Walpole, MA 02081**

**For Ticket Information Call or Email:**

Helga Frazzette – 508-255-6664 or frazz@comcast.net

Sue Kaplan – 781-444-6085 or suekflowers@yahoo.com

Diane Bullock – 207-361-1818 or dbull29441@aol.com

Yvonne Capella – 508-947-5806 or ycapella@comcast.net

There will also be a **hands-on workshop** with our designer, Francine Thomas on **May 1st, 2018, 10:00 AM**, at Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Ave., Needham, MA 02494. We will be doing two distinctive designs; including a light lunch at a cost of \$157.00 per person all materials will be supplied. Please reserve your space by April 15th, 2018, make check payable to GCFM/Workshop and mail to Helga Frazzette, PO Box 853, Eastham, MA 02642 or Sue Kaplan, 219 Highgate St., Needham, MA 02492.





## Special Events

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

**Explore on Your Own**  
5-10 pm  
Discover this year's spectacular arrangements paired with art.

**Private Art in Bloom Guided Tours**  
5-7:30 pm  
Bring your group of ten or more\* for a private guided tour of this year's Art in Bloom.

\* 10 to 15 people per private guided tour group; \$25 per person; advance reservation required.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

**Joseph Massie Master Class I**  
10:30 am-12:30 pm  
**Joseph Massie Master Class II**  
2-4 pm  
Contemporary twist on classic floral design from one of Europe's top botanical artists; create arrangements to keep. Reserve in advance: Members \$275, nonmembers \$270.

**Celebrate Art in Bloom with Ikebana**  
3-4 pm  
Join floral designers as they create arrangements showcasing Ikebana design principles.

**Member Night**  
6-9 pm  
Enjoy a members-only viewing with tours, shopping in the MFA Art in Bloom Market, and dining.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29

**Art in Bloom Community Day**  
10 am-5 pm  
Celebrate with family-friendly programs and entertainment.

**The Art of Classic and Contemporary Costume Floral Design**  
1-3 pm  
Floral demonstrations of innovative, contemporary designs and lecture by Joseph Massie, one of Europe's top botanical artists and winner of five consecutive Gold Medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Members \$40, nonmembers \$50.

### MONDAY, APRIL 30

**Creating Memorable Moments**  
11 am-Noon  
Presentation by Bryan Robarelli, sharing his experiences, inspirations, and unforgettable memories from exceptional events he has designed around the world. Members \$40, nonmembers \$50.

## Daily Events

**NEW! MFA Art in Bloom Market**  
10 am-5 pm  
Shop for unique gifts and treasures.

**Group Reservations and Private Guided Group Tours**  
10 am-3:45 pm  
Bring your group of ten or more to explore the galleries on your own, or opt for a private guided tour. Advance reservation required.

**Art in Bloom Café**  
10 am-4 pm  
Enjoy lighter fare among masterpieces. A portion of proceeds support Art in Bloom. Member discounts do not apply.

**Art in Bloom Tours**  
10:30 am-3:45 pm  
Tour arrangements throughout the galleries.

**Designing with Flowers**  
Noon-3 pm  
Demonstrations of flower arranging for your home.

**Outdoor Walking Tour**  
1-2 pm  
Discover the MFA's architecture, outdoor sculptures, and neighboring gardens.

## Get Tickets

On sale February 22, at 10 am.  
[mfa.org/artinbloom](http://mfa.org/artinbloom)  
1-800-440-6975  
Members save with discounted tickets!

**Group reservations**  
For Group Reservations (10 or more people) and Private Guided Group Tours (10 to 15 people per private guided tour group), visit [mfa.org/artinbloom](http://mfa.org/artinbloom).

**For more information**  
Call 617-369-3169.

**Limited paid parking available.**  
Please carpool or use public transportation.

**Accessibility**  
The MFA is committed to accessibility for all visitors. Learn more at [mfa.org/access](http://mfa.org/access), [access@mfa.org](mailto:access@mfa.org), or 617-267-9300 or 617-369-3188 (TTY).

\*Group events are free with Museum admission and do not require a ticket or advance reservation. Reserve in member events and tickets for free or discounted member tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Member and non-member tickets are available for purchase. Member and non-member tickets are available for purchase. Member and non-member tickets are available for purchase. Member and non-member tickets are available for purchase.





## MFA Art in Bloom Events:

#1 - Come see Kristen Ward's Art in Bloom design at the MFA.

Joseph Massie from Liverpool, England will be our Featured Speaker. He is considered to be one of Europe's top botanical artists. Joseph has earned seventeen national and international competitions and awards, including five consecutive Gold Medals at the Chelsea Flower Show! He is a young, dynamic and innovative designer.

Joseph will lead two Master Classes where he will share his contemporary couture design processes. The classes will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and 2:00PM-4:00 PM.

On Sunday, April 29th from 1:00-3:00 PM Joseph will demonstrate "The Art of Classic and Contemporary Couture Floral Design" in the Remis Auditorium.

Interested in Ikebana? Please join us on Saturday for "Celebrate Art in Bloom with Ikebana" from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM.

"Creating Memorable Moments" with Bryan Rafanelli is a special event as he shares his experience, and inspirations from exceptional events he has designed around the world on Monday, April 30th.

Group reservations and Private Guided Group Tours are available from 10AM - 3:45PM each day.

Consider bringing a group from your Club! Please visit [mfa.org/artinbloom](http://mfa.org/artinbloom) for advanced reservations.

We hope that you and your Club will join us for a very exciting Art in Bloom!