



*"Bloom Where
You're Planted"*



*Welcome
New
Members!*

Lanie Higgins

Joan Bird

**Jennifer
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Fall 2015 / Winter 2016

Hello to All Garden Club Members

We hope you have had a very enjoyable and relaxing summer digging in your gardens and keeping them watered and nurtured. As we enter our second year of co-presidency, we would like to give a shout out to Rose Beecher, Susan Mitchell, Martha MacDonald and Fleur Hines for your tutelage over the past year. Although our styles may be different, our message and interest are the same— we love the WHGC and its wonderful members.

2015-2016 will prove to be a very fun, interesting and interactive year. Rose Beecher and her committee have secured some amazing programs for our enjoyment and learning. These programs will now take place in the St. Eulalia's auditorium. We think you will be very happy with the amount of available parking for your use and in addition access to an elevator to bring you to the lower level. Once again we will be enjoying our monthly LUNCHES at round tables with a wonderful array of food offerings donated by our membership. Our first meeting will be September 16th at 11:30. Bill Graham will kick off the season with his fun filled presentation —bring a friend or two!!

Please note, the WHGC and the WGC will be joining together to plant over 500 bulbs in the Healing Garden at the Center for Cancer Care. We hope you will join us on this day (TBD) to plant hope for the patients who use the Center. We look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Our Best,

Cathy and Dot, Co-Presidents



Civic Beautification

We had an extremely dry summer in Winchester but managed to keep everything looking good thanks to volunteers Karen Beals, Cheryl Curtin, Meredith Conway, Susan Mitchell, Rose Regan, Mary Lou Ferriero and myself. We added succulents to the mostly sunny locations on the Common that thrive in dry drought-like conditions! Soon we will be adding Autumn inspired material like gourds, kale and mums. We hope to see some new faces :) !

Thank you all for your your willingness to help keep the common looking great !

Susan Mitchell has been instrumental in her goal of creating and implementing her "site teams" concept which she and Cheryl Curtin will speak about at our October meeting. They and Karen Beals did a beautiful job updating and cleaning up the Nutile Field sign this summer.



Some of our projects

Planting seasonal flowers in the large central urn and pots on the town common

Cleaning the fountain on the common each week in the summer

Helping to maintain the shade garden at Wright Locke Farm and donating money for the purchase of the new wooden planters at the barn doors

Renovating the area around the Nutile Field sign

Providing flower arrangements to the library and the hospital

“Site Teams” off to a good start!

Many club members regularly show up on the town common to assist with the seasonal plantings in the urn and the pots that adorn the common. It is wonderful to see so many active happy gardeners working together and having fun. We thought why not beautify some other sites? So we came up with the idea of “site teams” to “adopt a site” and then fix it up and maintain it. The first team of Karen Beals, Cheryl Curtin and Susan Mitchell went to the wildly overgrown and weedy Nutile field sign and weeded, trimmed back bushes, mulched, built a rock border and added 5 new



Before



After

perennials. Then they watered over the summer. Many people stopped by to thank them. Other site volunteers included Linda Bartol who helped to weed and tidy up the shade garden at Wright Locke Farm. Would you and some of your garden club friends be interested in being a “site team” to help beautify another site around Winchester? If so, contact Cheryl Curtin at cdcurt@comcast.net. Imagine how gorgeous our town could be if we had even a few more site teams having fun around town!!! Talk with your friends now and form a team. It is fun and rewarding.

HORTICULTURE MORNINGS

Monday, September 28, 2015: ‘Saving the Pollinators’ by speaker Len Giddix of Prides Corner Farm in Lebanon, Connecticut. Len is a nurseryman and co-host of the popular radio program Garden Talk. He will discuss ways to help native pollinators prosper by envisioning our gardens the way Mother Nature meant them to be.

Thursday, November 5, 2015: ‘Growing Gardeners: Children, Schools and Gardens, by John Forti, Director of Horticultural, Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Members of the GCFM and guests welcome.

Donation \$5/\$10 (guests) at the door

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In the event of bad weather, call to confirm 781-237-0336

Please refer to the Summer edition of The Mayflower at the GCFM home page for many other events and talks to be enjoyed this fall.

FOUNTAIN

We got off to a slow start but then the calendar filled up quickly and we had no further issues until the water got turned off, making cleaning a bit difficult. But it is back on and we don’t expect any more problems. We do know that the acorns are children magnets as many end up in the fountain. Want to thank all of you who volunteered. It really makes a difference in the overall look of the common.

Chair, Linda Bartol



7TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

This year our Garden Club decided to hold our Annual Plant Sale the day before Mother's Day, which was earlier than previous

years that had been held during the first Farmer's Market. While it's risky to make a change, when previous year sales have been successful, the switch proved to be the key to *our most lucrative sale yet*. We enjoyed having the Common all to ourselves and really branched out, all while spending some time with the public and sharing our love of plants. The whole environment felt intimate and genuine and it made us feel proud of our community. While we would like to mention all the people who helped us in every aspect of the day—from donating plants to helping with set up and tear down and selling,

selling, selling—we would run the risk of forgetting someone. There were THAT many helping hands!!! Kristen and I could not have made this plant sale happen, without the help of our membership. You all make the hard work worth it!



With much appreciation, Kristen Ward & Nickie Sakorafos

Garden Therapy

Garden Therapy is a coordinated effort between Garden Club Volunteers who meet with residents of prospective Nursing Homes, Senior Care or Assisted Living Centers, to spend quality time working together on a craft or project. Emphasis is placed on individual attention given to the residents as opposed to the "task" at hand. It's an opportunity to make an interpersonal connection with members of our community and

make a positive impact on their day. It is a most appreciated by the residents and a rewarding experience for our volunteers.

There will be a minimum of two Garden Therapy Sessions in the fall and two sessions in the spring. Dates have not been finalized so please be on the look out for information to follow.

Chair, Nickie Sakorafos

Workshops!

October 13, 6:30 -8:30 pm

The Winchester Home & Garden Club's award winning designer; Kent Porter-Hamann will present a **Fall Floral Design Workshop**. We will gather at the stunning Wright-Locke Farm to create a beautiful gourd filled with flowers and herbs. Plan to be inspired in the historic barn with the crisp Fall air swirling through. Warm cider and cinnamon donuts will be served.

**December 3, 2015,
10am - noon**

Time to find a fresh approach to traditional greens by adorning them with seasonal color and holiday decoration at our **Boxwood Centerpiece Workshop**. Snip, clip, twist and tie; join with friends at First Baptist Church on Mt. Vernon Street and create your unique boxwood centerpiece to proudly display throughout the season. Baked goods and beverages served.

January 28, 2016 6:30 - 9 pm

Plant the seeds of creativity at our **Paint Night Workshop** hosted by ArtLounge in Arlington. Follow along as a local artist guides us from canvas to masterpiece with easy to follow step-by step instructions.

April 2016 10am - noon

Let your creativity flourish while enjoying an evening with friends. Lite fare and beverages available. Let's get personal by creating a personalized, long lasting wreath at the **May Day Door Workshop**. Start with a grapevine wreath and watch the beauty unfold as we layer greens, ribbon, flowers and then bring it over the top with a monogram initial.

March 2016 10am - noon

Magic dust will fill the air at our **Fairy Garden Workshop**. Watch a child's imagination fly as they create a miniature dream world filled with life. Little rocks will tumble while dirt filters between their fingers, planting seedlings in the loam; ready to welcome a fairy home. Suggested age 6+ due to small pieces.

WH&GC members, family and friends are welcome!

Workshops are \$35.00 each and may have limited seating. To reserve your spot please email your name, telephone # and selection(s) to Gail at: gmorlock415@gmail.com. Please mail checks payable to: Winchester Home & Garden Club c/o Gail Morlock



Kent Porter-Hamann

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES AGAIN

Our new garden club year has started and it is time to pay your dues again. Dues are payable between September 1 and December 31 of 2015. Dues are \$50. The board voted to raise dues by \$5, the first increase in 8 years. You can bring your cash or check to any general meeting or send your check to PO Box 492, Winchester, MA 01890. Make check payable to WH&GC.

Our club is a 501(c)3 organization so any donations to the club (above the \$50 dues) are tax deductible. Please consider making a donation to help fund our civic beautification projects and programs. Thank you!!!

Please enclose this slip of paper when paying your dues:

MEMBER NAME: _____

AMOUNT PAID: _____ Dues) _____ (Donation)

Has any information changed from what is published in our yearbook? If so, what?

The Spring Luncheon



Our 80th Anniversary Luncheon,

held at The Winchester Country Club, was enjoyed by 68 of our members, family and friends. Many were adorned with cherished heirlooms and they shared stories of their vintage accoutrement. It was a fashion show of personal style: a hooded gown, strings of pearls, lovely purses, hats with veils, charms filled with memories and earrings worn at the prom long ago.

The room was enhanced with music of the thirties. Vases filled with peonies and roses, designed by Misty Florez, complimented the classic theme. A warm lunch of chicken piccata with all the accompaniments was enjoyed on this delightful, sun filled day. Susan Mitchell's thoughtfulness and eye for detail shined throughout the day. Committee members, Nickie Sakorafos, Maureen Conway and Gail Morlock, were thrilled with the enthusiasm that filled the room.

Kent Porter-Hamann graciously accepted the Norma Zettler Award for Creativity. Her heart-felt speech was inspiring. And, recognized for her dedication and commitment, Linda Anderson was named our newest Honorary Member.

Congratulations to Kent and Linda.

The unique raffle trays were well received as were the silent auction items. Together we happily added \$300.00 to help fund the many WH&GC charitable programs. **Thanks to all...**



Meet the 2015-2016 Board

Presidents: Dot Butler, Cathy Alexander

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Garden Therapy: *Chair:* Nickie Sakorafos;

Committee: Pat Byrne, Florence Gosselin

Civic Beautification: *Chair:* Kristin Ward;

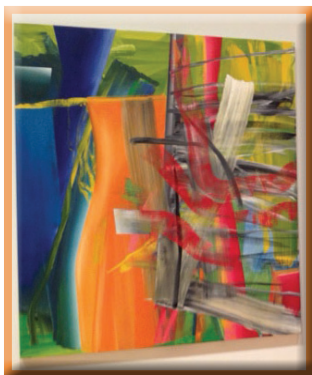
Assistant: Karen Murphy; *Committee:* Cheryl Curtin

****Additional members needed**

at the MFA

Art in Bloom

in Winchester



Kent Porter Harmann, assisted by Diane Davies, represented us at the MFA event this year and interpreted an abstract painting by Gerhard Richter, called *Vase*. Using a her own contemporary vase as the container, Kent used blue delphiniums, orange lilies, red antithuriums, yellow mums, and white gravellia to capture color and movement. *It was a showstopper!*

Nickie Sakorafos

Nickie used white hydrangeas and white daisies with dried white spheres and dried black pods. "I painted lemon leaves black to represent the cross-section images of fruit in the print." The vessel was mercury glass to mimic the frame and the placemat was black lacquered wood circles to mimic the print.



Kristen Ward

Kristen was inspired by the colors of a lovely still life and wanted to create with succulents because they are unusual and interesting. "I decided to capture the color of the blue vessel, the oranges, and the grapes in the painting."



Kent Porter-Hamann

Kent's lost her magnificent 80-year-old Norwegian maple this summer. When she saw John McConnell's beautiful tree painting she decided to do a tribute to her tree. She combined bare branches from the tree with various greens, catmint, cala lilies and white cymbidium orchids to vary texture and line in the spirit of the painting.

WHGC Members. Looks What's in Store for Fall and Winter!

Meetings are held at Saint Eulalia's Church • Social Time 11:45am; Business Meeting 12:30pm
Program starts immediately after the Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Bill Graham "The Little White Shirt"

The immensely popular Bill Graham returns with another fashion program that includes the wonderful versatility of this fashion icon with flower arrangements and designs to suit a variety of occasions. All arrangements will be available for raffle.

Hospitality Responsibility Agnew through Contes

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Ellen Fador and Sue O'Connell
"Decorating with Color"

Ellen Fador, designer and Sue O'Connell, colorist are talented local decorators. Their program will incorporate their best color and design tips for creating beautiful spaces.

Hospitality Responsibility Conway through Fermery

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Brian Milauskas "Holiday Arrangements"

Brian Milauskas is the Creative Director of Kidstock! Theater and an extremely creative and gifted floral designer. We will observe Brian create five holiday arrangements. All will be available for raffle.

Hospitality Responsibility Fichera through Katsulis

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Liz Barbour
"Cooking and Gardening with Herbs"

Liz will teach us how to use every inch of a small garden to maximize its beauty and its bounty using herbs as part of an edible landscape. Following her presentation will be a cooking demonstration and sampling of three delicious recipes featuring fresh herbs.

Hospitality Responsibility Kawa through McLucas

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