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Bloom



Mai, Dot, Cathy and Adrienne at the Holiday Luncheon

Our Next Meeting

January 23rd

“Designing Edible Centerpieces”

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

December's Holiday Happenings



December was ushered in with the 3rd Annual Wreath Festival. The WH&GC event was attended by more than 100 guests at the Opening Gala.

Thank you to all of our Club members who helped make this fundraiser a wonderful success.

Designing a wreath, attending the gala, visiting the gallery, purchasing tickets and inviting family and friends all contributed to a festive start to the holiday season.

Shortly thereafter we celebrated together at our Holiday Luncheon "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

Again, members enthusiastically attended, donated raffle items, invited friends and family and made a day full of memories.

It is with much appreciation for your generosity that we welcome the New Year; sending wishes of good health and much happiness in 2019.



Festival Promoters:

Dot Butler, Nickie Sakorafos & Cathy Alexander

Festival of Wreaths



Thank you to our generous sponsor: Carole Kitchens

Holiday Luncheon

If every picture tells a story, then this one begins with Mai Harrison and Adrienne Spignesi's zest for fun! This dynamic duo planned and organized a sensational luncheon to end the year with the hopes of spreading good cheer into the New Year!

The WCC luncheon room was beautifully decorated in luscious reds and complimentary greens. Fresh flowers adorned the table in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" theme. An eclectic menu offered a heart warming meal that was enjoyed by all.

Special surprises filled the air as members played games, rang bells and sang songs.

Of course the raffle table, bursting with delightful donations, was the focus of those ready to take a chance to win one of the displayed treasures.

The giving season was felt by all as the live auction brought excitement as generous members and guests kept the bidding alive.

Grateful sentiments to all who volunteered, donated raffle items and purchased a chance to win.

Thank you Mai and Adrienne for creating happy memories that we can all carry into the new year.



HAPPY
New Year

Holiday Luncheon ... Bells will ring!



Norma Zettler Award - Rose Beecher

The prestigious Norma Zettler Award for Creativity is awarded to members who make outstanding creative contributions to the Club.

This year, Rose Beecher was awarded this honor for her continued support in all Club related activities.

Rose is long standing Board Member, an award winning arranger in our local Art in Bloom exhibit, she attends and volunteers at GCFM horticulture meetings, participates in the Wreath Festival and Garden Tours, hosts new member gatherings, assists in site planting and maintenance and has held many leadership roles. Rose happily mentors and encourages any member seeking to improve their skills.

At the luncheon, Rose excitedly scanned the room waiting to congratulate the award winner...only to learn that *she* was being recognized for the wonderful work she has shared with the Club for all of these years.



Congratulations Rose!

Civic Beautification



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

January

Wednesday

23



A festive arrangement custom designed by Kristen Ward to welcome the season. Thank you Kristen for sharing your talent throughout town all year!

Amaryllis Bulbs



Misty Florez was kind enough to offer Club members an opportunity to purchase Amaryllis bulbs in early November. I was thrilled to purchase four bulbs as hostess gifts for Thanksgiving. Little did I know this gesture prompted a friendly competition with my in-laws. Here is an update on the progress in my family.

My mother-in-law, Marie, had the Christmas Day bloom that brought her much holiday cheer.

Julie's bloomed second with extraordinary Amaryllis flowers blooming up and down the stalk in a vibrant red.

Elaine's is a New Year's Day bloom and shows much opportunity for additional red flowers.

My stalk is just beginning it's upward projection which is guarded by the nutcrackers. I will patiently await my blush colored Amaryllis in January.

This was a fun way to stay connected with family through the crazy holiday season.

Please send along your pictures and we can continue to bloom together during the winter months!



Meeting Lunch Buffet

As you know, our delicious monthly lunch buffet is provided by member contributions.

But, if you find yourself unable to attend or unable to bring a joyful contribution during your assigned month, there is no need to worry...

The Hospitality Committee invites you to donate \$20.00 via check or our PayPal link and they will purchase additional food and will be sure to fill the buffet table.

This guilt-free option is appreciated; but nothing compares to homemade selections.

Information regarding the monthly hospitality donations can be found on page 22 of your membership booklet.

January's Buffet Member Assignment :

Fichera through Katsulis

Thank you.



Centerpieces

Thanks also goes out to our December centerpiece designers:

Eileen Bickenbach, Jackie Burchard, Cheryl Curtin and Rose Beecher.

The "Twelve Days of Christmas" arrangements were displayed on the luncheon tables each depicting a verse in the timeless holiday classic. A lovely and unique design that brought a festive and colorful flair to the beautifully decorated room.

You're invited to share your tablescape vision by clicking the Sign Up Genius button and volunteer to create our January meeting centerpieces.



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



That's All Folks

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:

What might you be interested in learning about?

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

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.

Please send this form and check of \$50 made out to "WHGC" to
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