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Issue 10



**“An Afternoon in Paris”
WH&GC Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 8th
11:30 am
Winchester Country Club**

Paris is the “City of Light” and the fashion capital of the world,
please consider dressing in Parisian style by adding a special accessory such as a beret, scarf,
jewelry...

There is still time to sign up, please mail your check as soon as possible to:

Alice Lombardo, 666 Main Street, Apt. 308, Winchester, MA 01890

If you prefer, below is the PayPal link for sign ups until Monday, May 6th:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick&hosted_button_id=VYWB24BWPBWZ2&source=url



****Alice invites you to donate to the “opportunity drawing”, please email her at:**

allielombardo@yahoo.com

Wild Birds Unlimited

Dawna Blum, franchise store owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, was as entertaining as she was informative during our May meeting. Her enthusiasm shone through as she presented her array of bird feeders and food.

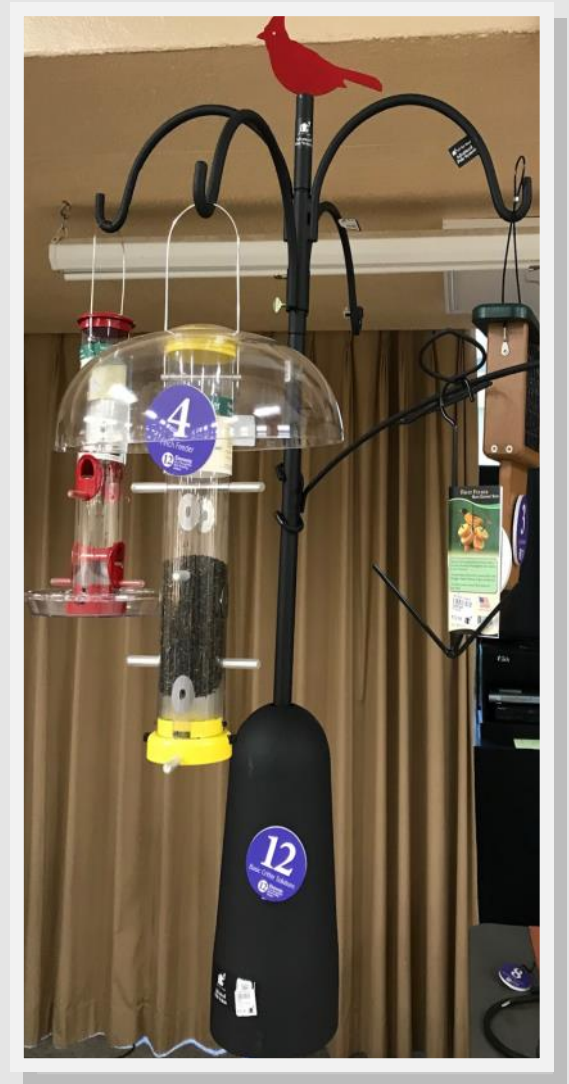
We learned that birds are a bit finicky and familiarity is their friend. In fact, some birds may not visit a new feeder for a couple of weeks if the feed was changed.

It was news to me that cardinals have weak legs and they need a place to perch when eating.

Another surprise, our beloved goldfinches stick around all winter. Our little friends change from bright yellow to brown in the winter seamlessly camouflaged in the bare trees. Check out this link to see their plumage cycle:

<https://www.sibleyguides.com/2012/05/the-annual-plumage-cycle-of-a-male-american-goldfinch/>

Lots of discussion around the newest trend in bird feeding: hot pepper! Evidently, birds can tolerate the heat, but squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents will not eat hot foods. Investing in hot pepper suet and bark butter may be the answer to our deterring any unwanted visitors at the table.



When purchasing food for our feathered friends be sure to buy seed that has a nice sheen as proof of freshness. Avoid dirty and dusty seed.

Think about the birds you want to attract and select a feeder that they will easily find, a place for them to perch, where you can see them, at a good height, placed where they will be safe from critters with trees and bushes giving them a place to hide. Provide year round fresh water, and if you want to spoil your visitors a heated bird bath!

Birds bring life to your garden, invite them in and enjoy the show.

MFA Art in Bloom 2019

MFA Art in Bloom designer, Maureen Conway and her assistant Cristy Walsh brought life to a challenging art piece for the Art in Bloom Exhibit at the MFA; the Egyptian Shawabti Box.

The flowers were thoughtfully arranged in a vessel that echoed both the hieroglyphics painted on the box and the deep blue of the chair. In addition to the muted color pallet, which honors the age and color profile on the box, Maureen carefully chose regionally appropriate plant material.

Her decision to include seeded eucalyptus and fig branches shows her dedication to include a historically important components in her interpretation.



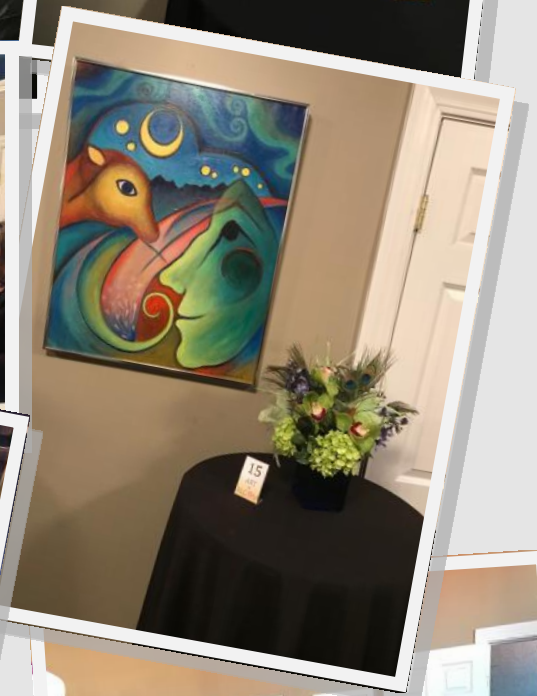
Maureen & Cristy!



Cathy Alexander proudly poses with the WH&GC arrangement at Art in Bloom @ the MFA

Thank you to Maureen and Cristy for representing the Winchester Home and Garden Club at the MFA's Art in Bloom Exhibit. The arrangement matched the drama of the Egyptian Funerary Arts Gallery and paid tribute to the ancient Egyptian Shawabti Box.

Art in Bloom—Winchester 2019



The flowers, bursting with color, transported visitors to a long awaited early Spring.

Seventeen designers met the challenge of presenting their interpretation of a chosen piece of art with their unique floral vision.

Thanks to all of our members who participated and stopped in to view this wonderful fundraising exhibit at The Next Door Theater.

Winchester Home & Garden Club

PLANT SALE



Saturday, June 8

9:30-12:00 Town Common

Alongside the Farmers' Market

Annuals, Perennials, Herbs, Flower Arrangements

Come get a bargain - most plants under \$10



Hello Winchester Home and Garden Club Members, the countdown has started!

Our annual plant sale is fast approaching and we would love your help! In past years your time and generosity has made this not only a success but a wonderful tradition!

As always, reach out to Mai, mai_harrison02@hotmail.com
or Christine, me@christineschmitt.com with any questions.

Please consider volunteering by clicking the link below and sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4caea728a46-whgc1>

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

Swaping Books, Pots & Vases



Thanks to all of our members who participated in the swap. We had an awesome selection of home & garden goods.

Enjoy your “new to you” finds!



Yearbook & Membership Information

Please review your personal information in the WH&GC yearbook for accuracy. If you have made any changes to your name, telephone number, mailing address, or email address, kindly email Maureen, maureenconway@yahoo.com, and she will be sure to update the booklet for the next printing.

Additionally, at the last Board meeting the idea of providing members an opportunity to pay their membership dues early was discussed. This would help us expedite the distribution of yearbooks as well as offer an added convenience to our members.

Early submission will allow you to receive your Club Book as soon as Club season begins in September. Look for more information to come in our next newsletter.



Local Happenings



The Belmont Garden Club has an upcoming tour, check out their site for more information:

<http://belmontgardenclub.org/>

The Lexington Field & Garden Club has a couple of activities listed on their site:

<https://www.lexgardenclub.org/>



June 5th GCFM Annual Meeting, Dedham Hilton Keynote Speaker: Doug Tallamy - *Creating Sustainable Landscapes*

Doug Tallamy, a professor in the Department of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, will present the compelling message of how the choices we make as gardeners profoundly impact the diversity of life in our yards, towns and on planet earth. We will learn the remarkable benefits of removing those invasive plants from our public and private lands and why it is important to bring back our native plants.

'Live' registration and payment is available through the GCFM website.

Click here: www.gcfm.org

You DO NOT need to be a PayPal subscriber to use the PayPal module.

Room rates at the Boston Dedham Hilton are \$169/double occupancy. The rate will be honored until Wednesday 5/1. However, it may be possible to find a better rate via Expedia.com, Travelocity.com, Kayak.com, etc.



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
Liz Darby, 26 Eaton Street Front, Winchester, MA 01890