



# *Bloom*



## *Next General Meeting*

**February 26, 2020**

**“Gardening Survival”**

*by* **Andi Ross**

**Social Time & Lunch: 11:15**

**Program: 12:30**

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

*Hospitality Buffet Table Contributors*

**Kiernan thru Muir**

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## General Meetings

March 18 –WH&GC Clubers Got Talent!

April 15 –Spring Container Mash Up

**May 6-Save the Date!!! Spring Luncheon**

## Hospitality Buffet Table

Our Club is so fortunate to enjoy a monthly luncheon with friends.

This potluck lunch buffet relies on each member to contribute a dish to be shared.

Donating a dish to the buffet, once per season, is the only requirement of our members.

To ensure that we have enough food for our seven meetings, the membership is divided, alphabetically into monthly Hospitality Buffet groups. Each person in the group is asked to bring a dish that will feed 24 at the meeting.

If contributing a dish is not possible, kindly donate \$25.00 to the Hospitality Committee and they will purchase a dish for you.

Donate with 

Contact Carrie Fiore for more information: [carrielfiore@comcast.net](mailto:carrielfiore@comcast.net)

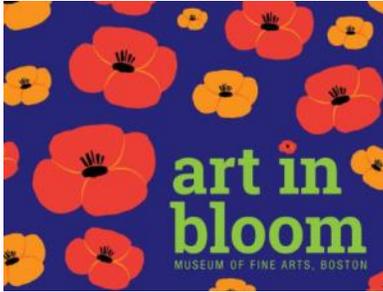
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## Newsletter

We hope you enjoy our new “Tidbit of the Month” section where members are invited to send along a nagging question for the membership to answer, an interesting article or original tip to share.

Send to [whgclub18@gmail.com](mailto:whgclub18@gmail.com)

Kindly submit before the last day of the month.



Save the Date: April 26 thru April 29th and support our WH&GC designer Cristy Walsh and assistant Nickie Sakorafos as they interpret a piece of fine art to create an inspired and unique floral arrangement.

“Celebrate the return of spring with Art in Bloom, the Museum’s annual festival of fine art and flowers..”

For more information:

<https://www.mfa.org/programs/special-event/art-in-bloom>

Allie Lombardo kindly submitted an article from AARP “Your Brain on Houseplants” to share. Evidently an indoor garden is more than just pretty, research shows that maintaining plants can boost your health too.

1. Peace lilies help purify air by removing toxins such as those found in paint and varnish.
2. Orchids are good gifts for hospital patients because seeing plants during recovery can reduce pain and anxiety.
3. The scent of rosemary may assist with memory by increasing neurotransmitter activity.
4. Lavender in the bedroom can be relaxing and helpful to improve sleep.
5. Spider plants help remove formaldehyde from your home’s air.



[Here is the link to the full article for you to enjoy.](#)

*Thanks Allie, you are always so thoughtful.*

**Amaryllis Tips** – *Thanks to Rose Beecher for sharing her expertise.*

## Want to enjoy amaryllis blooms all winter?

With a little planning you can enjoy amaryllis all winter long. Some varieties come into bloom more quickly than others.

If you purchase bulbs based on when they bloom, you can have flowers opening over a period of months rather than weeks. Bulbs that are produced in the Southern Hemisphere bloom in December while bulbs from the northern hemisphere typically bloom late January into March.

You can stagger planting times for long blooms too. Its not too late to plant! Below are some helpful links and an excerpt from the first link of bloom times of some popular amaryllis

Early-blooming (for the holidays): Bolero, Charisma, Denver, Ice Queen, Mandela, Olaf

Early winter: Minerva, Cherry Nymph, Magic Green and Evergreen

Mid-winter: Appleblossom, Splash, Double King, Exotica and White Nymph

Late winter: Red Pearl, Red Lion, Spartacus, Nymph, Christmas Gift and Lagoon



Rose Beecher's blooming windowsill



Gail Morlock's towering blooms

<https://www.longfield-gardens.com/article/When-Will-Your-Amaryllis-Bloom>  
<https://blog.longfield-gardens.com/amaryllis-all-winter-long/>

## Want your amaryllis to bloom again next winter?

If you follow a two-step process you can enjoy your amaryllis again next winter. When your amaryllis is done blooming, cut the stalk to within one inch of the neck and treat it as a houseplant. Keep up the regular weekly watering. Enjoy the beautiful leaves. After the last frost when the weather is warmer, you can bring the amaryllis outside. It can be kept in the pot or planted in the ground. Bulbs usually grow larger when planted in the ground. Areas with morning sun are best.

### Step one — Create or simulate a dormancy period

Around mid- August or early September bring in the pot or dig up the bulb. Pot up the bulbs that were planted. Groom off any yellow, dead or ugly leaves. Green leaves can stay, they will continue to feed the bulb. Give them one good watering and then leave them for 6 to 8 weeks in a dimly lit area that stays around 55 degrees, like a basement.

### Step two— Bring out of dormancy

At the mid or end of October water them and put them in a bright spot. Once they start consistently blooming you can water them weekly. They should bloom in around six to eight weeks.

### Bloom time tips

Try to keep in a bright spot, blooms won't last as long if they are in direct sun. Moving it to a cool location after bloom will make the blooms last longer.

Enjoy!



Mary Grassi's amazing bloom!



Charlotte Richardson's ready to bloom again.

## ZEN GARDEN PARTY

Please join us for a community gathering to benefit the WHS Zen Garden Club

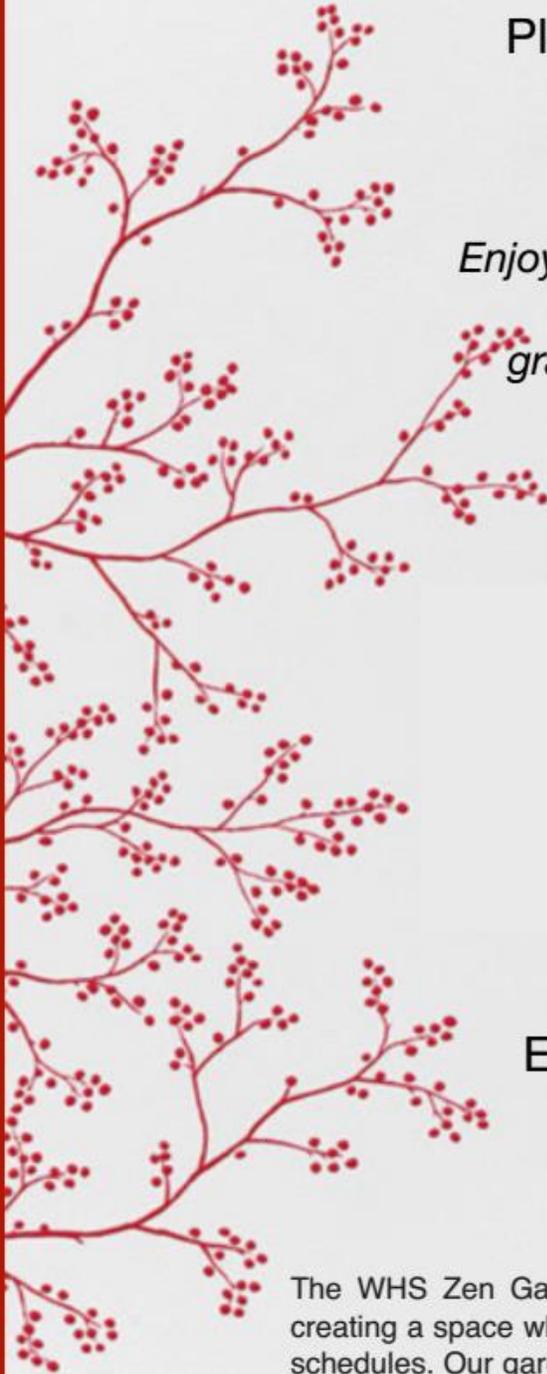
*Enjoy dessert and cordials with friends while taking in the beauty of this gracious Winchester estate and find your way to winter zen!*

Thursday, February 6th  
7:00-9:00PM  
The Schrafft Estate  
80 Myopia Road

Raffle: Diamond Necklace  
from Simms II valued at \$2,475  
\$100 for 1 raffle ticket  
\$200 for 3 raffle tickets

Event Tickets: \$25 in advance  
\$30 at the door  
To purchase tickets  
contact [emilyehl@mac.com](mailto:emilyehl@mac.com)

The WHS Zen Garden Club was founded with the intention of creating a space where students can take a break from their busy schedules. Our garden would provide a safe space for students to reflect and recuperate, allowing them to return to their classes feeling refreshed and ready to take on the rest of the day.



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## Landscape & Plant Design

Christie Dustman entertained us with her landscape design stories and left us with a few tips to consider when embarking on a new project.

- Great gardens are planned
- Determine your landscape layout before shopping for plant material
- Deal with problems before planting
- Solutions become part of your plan
- Think about how you will use your space—the function must be useful
- Borrow a view to create an expansive illusion



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## Centerpieces

Reminiscent of the decorated trees around town this time of year, Liz Darby and Mary Grasse created these sweet centerpieces for our January meeting.

The paper hearts were individually cut from colorful cardstock and hung by the thinnest needlepoint thread. Liz and Mary put their whole “heart” into each centerpiece.

Thanks for spreading some early Valentine’s Day cheer!



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*A friendly reminder that guests are always welcome to attend WH&GC meetings, please invite a friend to join you. A \$10.00 guest donation is greatly appreciated.*

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**Please note:** We will not be sending individual email blasts announcing the Garden Club Federation of MA due to their extensive offerings.

Links to GCFM latest offerings:

[Gardening Study School](#)

[Flower Show School](#)





## 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  
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