



# WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

## MEETINGS 2021

Please join us on Zoom!

**April 28** - Bespoke of  
Winchester, Melinda Guglietta  
**May 19** - Michele Schuckel,  
Natural Selections Gardens,  
"Composting How to: Hands  
in the Dirt"

## Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening By Gretel Anspach

Our March Presentation was brought to us by Gretel Anspach, a lifetime Master Gardener of the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, who spoke on Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening. Below you will find the handouts from the presentation.

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## HAPPY SPRING!

We are missing our monthly gatherings but walking through Winchester Common and seeing the daffodils lining the walkway reminds us of WHGC and the many wonderful times we have shared. So glad we all got together that beautiful



Fall day in 2018 and planted so many bulbs to brighten the landscape of the Common. We look forward to more days like that in the future.

You may have noticed that the urn and pedestal have been removed in the Common. There was a bit of vandalism, but fear not our new beautiful urn should be arriving shortly. However, a big shout out to our Civic Beautification Chairs, Kristen Ward & Cristy Walsh, who jumped right in and cleaned up the base and planted some beautiful pansies to brighten that spot. It looks great Gals!

*Best, Dot and Cathy*

## 2021 MFA Art in Bloom

On Sunday Evening, May 2nd at 6pm, we will be having a showing of the 2021 MFA Art in Bloom. This is not a complete showing but one that highlights the group that Jessica and Rose participated in. We have an idea, that with weather permitting, we may be able to gather while social distancing in the beautiful garden of Rose Beecher and view the Presentation on a large outdoor screen. For those of you who may not be comfortable gathering yet, the presentation can be viewed in your home and the link will be provided to you. We are working on firming up these details, so stay tuned and look for a special invite for this event.



# WHGC COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rose Beecher, Chair of Community Service, was also busy this month making a beautiful piece for the Winchester Library. We are told you put a smile on so many faces with your beautiful arrangements!

In addition, Mary Grassi designed a very unique Fairy Garden for the Children’s Room at the Library shown on the right. Everyone is enjoying it and keeping it alive! The Fairy Garden is filled with miniature indoor foliage plants, figurines, sea shells, marbles and other decorations - it’s a little bit of an “I SPY” adventure. WHGC Community Service hopes to provide different Fairy Gardens to the library in the upcoming months. If you are interested in doing one, contact Rose Beecher.



Jessica Lohnes and Rose Beecher, partners-in-crime (after practicing for the MFA Art in Bloom), made beautiful arrangements and delivered them to the Winchester Public Schools seven nurses who have worked endlessly during this pandemic. They were a complete surprise and truly appreciated!

*Thank You Ladies!*



## Martha MacDonald's Tip: Dahlia Staking

Martha MacDonald sent in a tip to *Fine Gardening Magazine* a couple of weeks ago, and they are planning to publish her idea in their next issue. She thought of sharing with the Garden Club ahead of time, especially since the magazine may not come out in time for planting time. She came up with the idea last Fall when trying to come up with a way to stake the dahlias she ordered for this Spring. Dahlias are notoriously hard to stake because they can be so heavy.

She went to Home Depot and purchased several 5 foot lengths of electrical conduit, which usually comes in 10 foot lengths, but the store had conveniently had a supply already cut to 5 feet. At home, She cut them to appropriate length with a hack saw. The lengths are to the expected finished height of the dahlias, but driven into the ground with a mallet so the finished height is 3/4 the finished height of the dahlia. I wrote the names of the 8 dahlias on the stake, and placed the stakes last Fall, so in the Spring, I will know exactly where to plant the tubers in the chosen places in my perennial border. The stakes made it through the Winter, still perfectly vertical, and with the names still clear. The stakes will never rust and are more than strong enough to support full grown dahlias. The hollow tube also helps in keeping the stake vertical during freezing weather. ENJOY!



Coming Up: April 28 presentation by Melinda Guglietta from Bespoke Kitchens in Winchester Center. She will be sharing with us current trend in kitchen design, how to make simple easy changes and the latest style in cabinetry design.

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WH&GC is still up in the air and unsure as far as meetings go. We are in touch with St. Eulalia's and hope we will be able to resume our luncheon style meetings and presentations. We encourage all our members if you are comfortable, to get vaccinated so once again we can gather and enjoy one another's company. We will keep you posted as plans start to unfold and hopefully have dates to share.



In the meantime, if you know of a specific program you would like to have presented to our club or other activities you would like to see club participate in, please send them our way.