



WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

MEETINGS 2021

Please join us on Zoom!

March 17 - Raised Bed
Vegetable Garden, Gretel
Anspach w/ MMGA

April 28 - Bespoke of
Winchester, Melinda Guglietta

May 19 - Michele Schuckel,
Natural Selections Gardens,
"Composting How to: Hands



Flowering Quince heralds the coming of Spring. *Chaenomeles* (ky-anom-aleez) branches are often cut and used in arrangements to celebrate the Lunar New Year. They can be purchased at Trader Joes, Wilson Farms and Whole Foods.

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Hello March!

As we prepare this for your preview, the sun is shining bright, the snow is melting and we will be turning the calendar to MARCH! Reflecting, it really has not been a bad winter, just a couple of snowy weeks but since we are rather house bound anyway, it was probably easier to cope with. However, the days are longer, day light savings time is soon and if we look really close we can see new growth sprouting up (just a little!).

Thirty-six members enjoyed a presentation on "Beauty and the Bees" by Deborah Trickett owner of the Captured Garden. Her presentation covered beautiful landscapes, gardens and flowers all planned with our friendly "bees" in mind. Deborah has sent along handouts for our enjoyment (link on the following page).

For those of you who came to the drive-by "Valentines Delight" we hope that you enjoyed your treats. It is always fun to see your smiling "eyes" and chat for a few minutes about how you are doing. Speaking of "smiling eyes", be on the look out for the next "drive-by" flyer when we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and hopefully some "Irish Eyes!" that will be smiling as well.

February brought us two new members Erin Dagenais and Marion Crandall. We welcome them midyear and invite them to participate in all that we are able to offer.

Also, I want to thank another new member Ghina Sahagan who has taken over our website and brought us to a new level. Winnie and Ginny will continue to maintain our website in partnership with Ghina who takes care of all that is happening in the back of the site. Ghina, we are very grateful for your expertise and welcome to Winchester Home and Garden Club.

We miss seeing all of you in person, we are grateful to so many of you who come on zoom and share in our programs!



Best, Dot and Cathy

Beauty and the Bees:

A Different Way of Looking at Garden Design

By Deborah Trickett

Deborah Trickett, Owner of The Captured Garden, shared with us how, with a few tweaks, we can create spaces that are not only beautiful but beneficial to bees and other pollinators.

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WH&GC SPRING AUCTION

First the bad news: While the COVID situation is improving daily, we are not out of the woods yet, and we will not be able to get together in person for our annual Spring Plant Sale.

Instead, we are hoping to have our Plant Sale this September. *Now here is the good news:*

In the meantime, we are going to have an ONLINE Garden Auction this May!

We've already got some great pieces for you to bid on, but we need some more to make this really fun. Do you have something you can donate for the Auction? Things don't have to be new, but we do want them to be in good shape. We are looking for auction-worthy items such as:

- Garden statues, bird baths and chimes
- Garden carts, urns, vessels, beautiful pots
- Benches, planting boxes, trellises
- Special houseplants

Here's a few examples of some of our current items:



HELP US MAKE
THIS ONLINE AUCTION
A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Contact
Christine Schmitt @
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with any items you'd like
to donate.

THANK YOU!



WHGC COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Library has been so thankful for our arrangements. They especially enjoyed the fairy garden that Mary Grassi, Fleur Hynes and I did last March. I think it would be fun to provide different fairy gardens for each of the coming months. It could be a great family project. If anyone is interested in doing a fairy garden for the library for March, April or May?

Please contact Rose Beecher at beecherboys@verizon.net

Yankee Dahlia Society A New Dahlia Club

by: Misty Florez

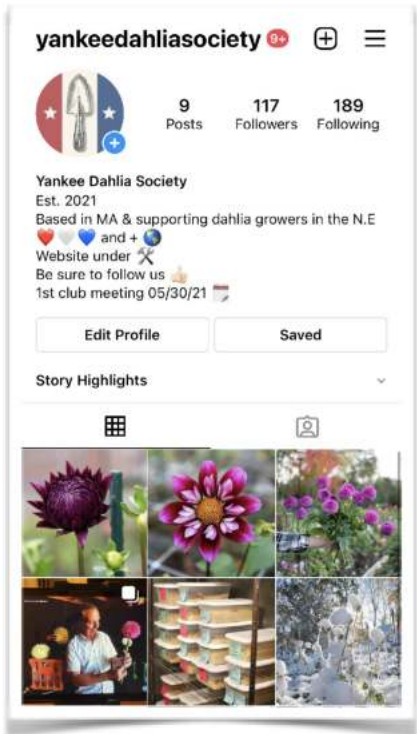
Misty Florez, a WHGC member since 2014 has shared her love of dahlias with the club over the years. She got together with her friend Carol, whom also loves growing dahlias and they both decided to start a new dahlia club in 2021. The new dahlia club based in Worcester and Middlesex county in Massachusetts and they invite dahlia growers all throughout the New England area. The club will be part of the national club, the American Dahlia Society, supporting and connecting clubs around North American.



Over the past few months we have been busy organizing and preparing. Misty's husband created the club's logo and is working to help build the club's website. They will have their kick off meeting May 30th outdoors at one of our Growing Partners, Maple Brook Farmstead in Sterling, Massachusetts. This local farm will grow around 400 dahlia plants and will feature 200 dahlia varieties. This partnership will provide cut flowers for the farm and the tubers produced at the end of the growing season will help to supply the clubs spring 2022 tuber sale. The club is excited to sharing our dahlia expertise for both the very new dahlia grower who would like to try to grow a dahlia plant from a tuber and even the more experienced grower, who would like to try dahlia cuttings to increase stock to trade and share, hybridizing dahlias to collect dahlia seeds and possibly even introduce a new dahlia variety. We look forward to garden trips, flower arranging with dahlias and learning about growing and showing dahlias for a show. Membership will open soon, but whether or not you grow dahlias we would like to invite everyone to follow the club's journey us on Facebook and/or Instagram.



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FERRISS AND PHILLIPA'S | 2021 FLOWER CSA

To Our Community,

We know it has been a long year and so much has been undone in all of our lives.

We continue to want to extend our energies toward the light and the way we know how to do that is by growing low impact seasonal flowers. We love growing flowers, picking flowers, arranging flowers and selling flowers.

Growing flowers on our small suburban lots without using industrial greenhouses, great amounts of water or fertilizer but instead just compost and as much rain water as possible is our greatest everyday "think about" or dream. Our desire is to provide you and others a floral source grown by nature with no preservatives or chemicals, have never been flown or trucked and whose carbon footprint has a low impact right down to the use of recycled paper to wrap our beautiful bouquets.

We grow flowers that do not need pampering and that come back year after year as perennials or self seeders. Our motto is "let nature do all the work" since we learned that nature does it so well that why bother to compete!

The 2021 Flower CSA begins in April and ends in October. A subscription is \$125 per month and you get weekly bunches of healthy local flowers to then arrange and enjoy all week or to gift to others. Each bouquet is picked that morning and comes with all kinds of different flowers that are not available at local markets such as violets, primroses, Solomon seal, cosmos, bleeding heart to name just a few.

With every single share you are supporting the soil, the worms, the birds, the biodiversity of the land extending right into the community through healthy flowers and into the larger community through supporting us as local flower growers as we support people in their endeavor to have smaller footprints, healthier living in a community they support and ultimately a healthier planet.

Our Flower CSA also makes a wonderful gift to others on birthdays and holidays as an alternative to buying things not needed or that will end up in a landfill or underutilized in our already full lives so even if you are not local you might consider supporting us by gifting our Flower CSA to a loved one in the area.

To sign up please contact me at ferriss.donham@gmail.com or 339.368.1391.

Your support truly means the world to us.

Thank you,
"FBD"

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