

WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

Member New Decor



Cheryl Curtin's new front doors



Marge Estridge's new slipcovered furniture and rug



Hello to All Garden Club Members:

What a year this has been. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for staying with us in whatever fashion met your needs. Some of you attended presentations, some of you participated in the drive-bys, some of you played bingo, and some of you volunteered making arrangements for the Library and The Gables which were very much appreciated. No matter how you participated or not - we want you to know we so look forward to Fall of 2021 when we can meet in person with big SMILES and HUGS!

April presentation was brought to us by Melinda Guglietta from Bespoke Kitchen Design right here in Winchester Center. Melinda walked us through what is new in the kitchen design world, shared ideas on how to update and make changes with our existing kitchens and encouraged us to visit her showroom any time to see in depth what Bespoke has to offer. Also, Carrie Fiore had the idea of sharing a change in our homes some of us might have made during Covid with some extra time on our hands. See the photo submissions from Members and maybe it might inspire you to do a little home or garden facelift here and there!



Cristy Walsh's new Sunroom/Office decor



Christine Donahue's Living Room new entry and decor



During April Bernadette Kearney created two beautiful centerpieces for the Mt. Vernon House residents and the other for of The Gables residents. We always receive such beautiful thank you notes from these places letting us know how appreciated the thoughtfulness is.

Thank you Bernadette.

Art In Bloom 2021

On May 2nd many of us gathered at the home of Rose Beecher to watch the video presentation of *MFA's 2021 Art in Bloom* in which Jessica Lohnes and Rose Beecher created a magnificent arrangement and interpretation. Approximately 35 were in attendance enjoying one another's in person company, a glass of wine and some charcuterie while we sat and watched in awe of what the two of them created! Jessica and Rose made the Winchester Home and Garden Club proud! Here are some snapshots of the arrangement and the viewing!











Composting How to: Hands in the Dirt

Our May presentation was given by Michele Scuckel, Natural Selections Gardens, "Composting How to: Hands in the Dirt". Michele was full of how to and why information and below is a copy of her power point presentation for your review. So many wonderful takeaway tips!

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Thank You!

We want to take this opportunity to thank Program Chair - Mary Grassi and her Committee of Diane Davies and Susan Borges. You brought us some very fun, informative programming and you kept us going each month with something worthwhile.

More Important Information from Dot & Cathy...

Spring highlights the beautiful blooming of our wonderful daffodils in the common as well as the flowing of the Home and Garden Fountain located in the Saltmarsh Pavilion. On any given day, one will see children enjoying the water in the fountain, tossing in coins for good luck but also sticks and other debris. Which brings me to the reminder that Mai Harrison has put together a sign up genius (below) for the volunteer cleaning of the fountain. Mai and I have done a few weeks of the cleaning and you will note below - it is something that truly needs to be done weekly! Once you sign up, the equipment will arrive at your door with instructions and expectations. Thank you for volunteering!

Here is the link to the Fountain Clean Up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4CAEA728A46-whgc2

The Winchester Home and Garden generously donated to the completion of the Zen Garden at Winchester High School and the Winchester Chamber of Commerce Hanging Basket Campaign. The Zen Garden is a much needed area for our students to spend some quiet, reflective time in the Garden and the Hanging Baskets always brightens our center. So glad to help out with these initiatives.

Speaking about brightening up areas - Cristy Walsh and Kristen Ward, Chairs of the Civic Beautification Committee, are working on identifying volunteers for the various site gardens we have committed to working on throughout the town. Please contact Cristy or Kristen if you would like to get involved in one of these sites.

Lastly, we wish you a very happy, mask free Summer! We hope you get to enjoy your friends and family you have missed, the activities you yearn to do and just the freedom and good feeling to know most of Covid-19 is behind us.

We will spend the Summer planning for 2021-2022. We hope to kick off the year with a very fun luncheon, hopefully in someone's garden, a plant sale on Winchester Common and a years' lineup of some wonderful presentations.

Please keep in touch and if you have any ideas you would like to share, please know we are willing to listen. Best to all of you - like we tell everyone in town - it's the best organization to belong to.



Tickets are \$30 and on sale at BookEnds (cash and check only)

Once again, the Winchester Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual Garden Tour. This year's tour has a bit of a twist incorporating "Out Door Living Space" into the mix. The tour is on June 19th from 12-4 rain or shine. Tickets can be purchased at Book Ends.

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