



Bloom



Next General Meeting

March 18, 2020

“WH&GC’s Got Talent”

By: WH&GC Members

Social Time & Lunch: 11:15

Program: 12:30

Location: St. Eulalia’s Parish – 50 Ridge Street

Hospitality Buffet Table Contributors

Murphy—Sakorafos

General Meetings

March 18 –WH&GC Clubbers 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

Newsletter

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

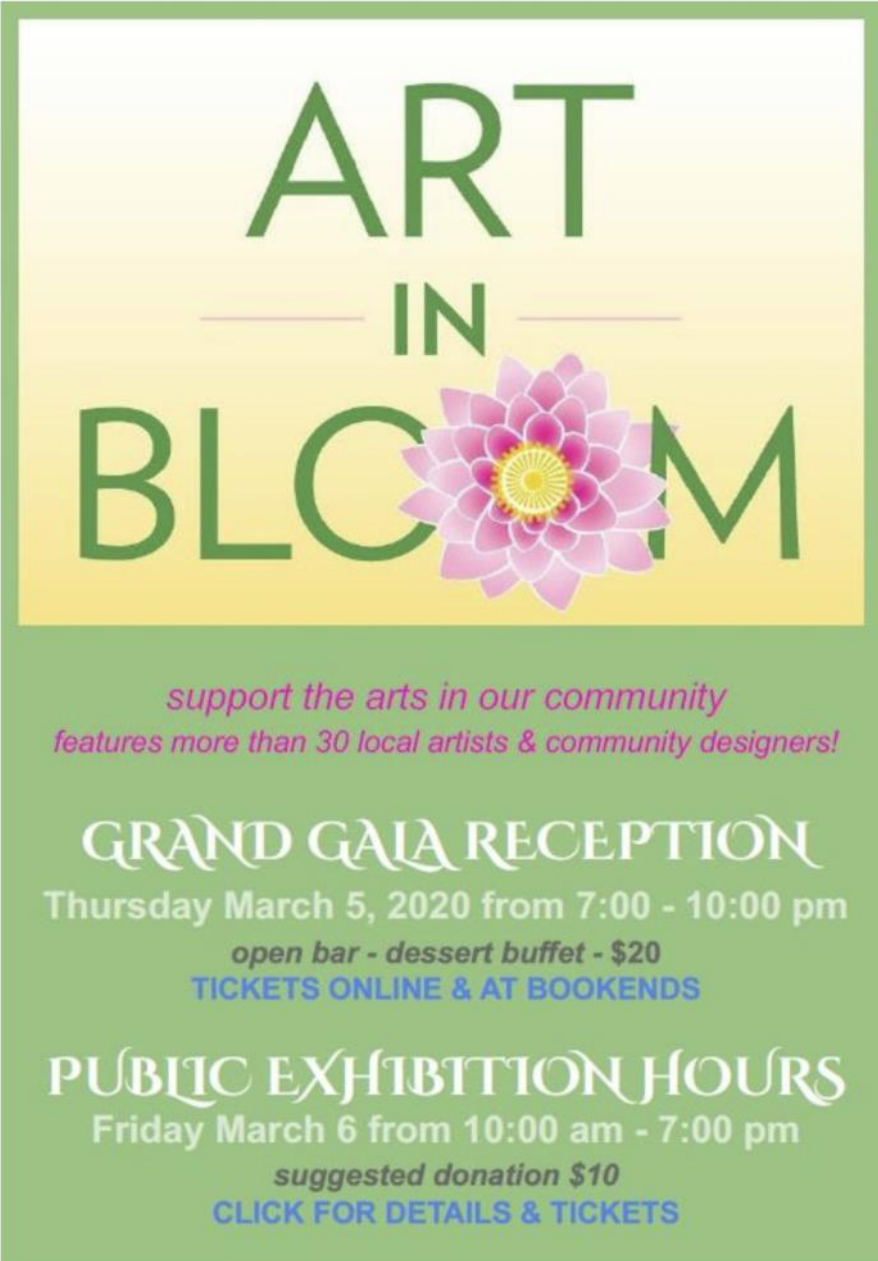
Send to whgclub18@gmail.com

Kindly submit before the last day of the month.

All are invited, please bring your family & friends and support the many WH&GC floral arrangers and local artisans that are displaying their work for this wonderful evening of creativity.

Opening Grand Gala Reception is Thursday, March 5th at 7:00pm.

Click the flyer or visit BookEnds for tickets.



ART
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*support the arts in our community
features more than 30 local artists & community designers!*

GRAND GALA RECEPTION
Thursday March 5, 2020 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm
open bar - dessert buffet - \$20
TICKETS ONLINE & AT BOOKENDS

PUBLIC EXHIBITION HOURS
Friday March 6 from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
suggested donation \$10
CLICK FOR DETAILS & TICKETS

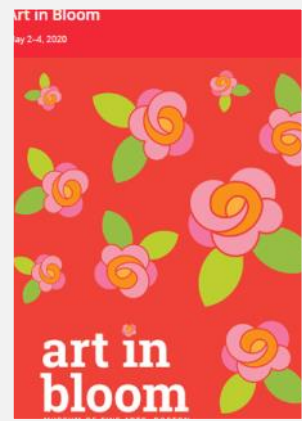
WH&GC Has Got Talent!

Join the fun during our March Program

Ready to be Wowed?! Over the years I've learned so much from the wonderful members of this club, half of which has nothing to do with flowers. On March 18th, we're asking if you would like to volunteer to share with us a special skill or talent you have. This could be anything from a "famous, secret" recipe to jewelry making, or playing water glasses. Whether your talent is a hobby or a profession, all are welcome.

Click on the Sign Up Button Today





Save the Date: May 2 thru 4th 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>

.Hmmm... now that is a piece of art !

Lynda Benglis Wing, cast aluminum sculpture is the piece that Cristy Walsh will reference as she designs the Art in Bloom floral arrangement at the MFA.

Together with assistant, Nickie Sakorafos, Cristy’s first impression was that of wonder, but as she began to explore the art, ideas were churning and the excitement settled in.

What will she create? How will she choose a color pallet? How big or how small? A vessel must be selected? The opportunities are endless!

What do you see in the sculpture?

Hopefully you will grab a friend or two and visit the museum during the Art in Bloom exhibit and support our talented members.

One thing is for sure...this arrangement will be created with careful intention to delight the eye.

Save the date—May 2—4, 2020



Community Service



Winchester Library's Children's Room.

Full of whimsy, the fairy garden design created by Rose Beecher was met with many curious eyes.

So much to discover hidden among the miniature trees, a secret door a mysterious red chair, a crystal path and an inviting hedgehog.

Although the Children's Room is filled with books and stories of all sorts, how fun to make up a magical tale inspired by a fluttering fairy.

Thanks Rose, your thoughtful arrangement is a treasure for all who visit.

Winchester Library Main Entrance

They captured my attention with the word "pave". A pave design gets its name from the proximity of the flowers to one another in a lush, luxurious arrangement.

Designed in collaboration, it will wow! you at the front entrance of the Library.

When you look closely, you will find a touch of Rose and a bit of Mary Grassi with a piece of Fleur delicately placing each carnation, mum, daisy, Hypericum and Honey bracelet greenery.

Thanks ladies, for sharing this wonderful design.



February Program
Member Contributor: Merily Swanson

Andi Ross certainly set us straight when it comes to caring for our garden which in turn helps care for our environment.

Thanks to Courtney Peschel for our “**Tidbit of the Month**” by sharing Andi’s book recommendation “Silent Spring” by Rachel Carson; a great read that can be enjoyed by all who seek to learn more about this extraordinary woman who was an environmental visionary.

Many thanks to Merily Swanson for sharing your notes and tidbits to include here.

Non-toxic fertilizer, Neptune’s Harvest is available from the Gloucester Fertilizer Company

When choosing plants: Winchester is Zone 5

Native Hydrangea that are best for sun: Paniculata which have a lace cap look, start white and will slowly change to the light mauve in the Fall.

Quick Fire Hydrangeas are easy to grow

Pick native plants to attract pollinators:

Autumn Joy sedum is a good choice

Remember to plant in mid-Spring or early Autumn

Do NOT plant in the summer.

Conserve water, be mindful of water run off

Improve your soil and you will improve your garden

Drought tolerant plants must first be watered well to establish roots

Reconsider your mulch, be sure to use natural wood product for best results

Thanks Andi for reminding us of how our daily practices impact our environment.



Thank you Cristy for adorning our tables with these beautiful floral centerpieces.

The complimentary posy cup was the perfect choice to accent the lovely spring blooms.

Your choice of delicate color paled with dried seed pods and textural pussy willow is representative of your creative and unique flair.



Master Gardener's Newsletter

M is for March -And for misunderstood Mountain Mint Many gardeners are wary of plants with the word "mint" in their common names because of the culinary herbs' reputation as invasive plants that will overrun your garden and be impossible to eradicate.

Learn more in the Master Gardener's Newsletter "The Dirt".

[Click here to sign up for the Massachusetts Master Gardener's Association Newsletter.](#)

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.

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:

[GCFM Newsletter](#)

[Horticultural Morning](#)



Garden Club Federation

Please click on each GCFM logo to learn more.



All club members, board members and officers;

Here is the Schedule for the Amateur Horticulture division at the Boston Flower and Garden Show on March 11-15, 2020.

This is a great opportunity to display your favorites.

[Read the schedule here:](#)



GCFM President Bonnie Rosenthal's Project is her *Native Plant Challenge!*

In support of this goal, the Landscape Design Council pleased to present a lecture "Designing with Native Plants" by Landscape Architect Amanda Sloan. The lecture will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Parkman Room, 900 Washington Street, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Light refreshments will precede the lecture.

This lecture is open to all and is only \$15!



Flower Show School

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Course II April 14-16, 2020
Place: Double Tree by Hilton
11 Beaver Street
Milford, MA 01757

Exit 19 off 495
Suggested Accommodations:
508-478-7010

Did you know? Even if you don't want to be a flower show judge, you can still come to Flower Show School and learn valued information.



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