

April 2020

Issue 7



*Bloom*

Dear Garden Club Members,

We wanted to reach out and let you know we are thinking of you.

These past few weeks have been strange for so many of us. It's so hard to believe, the sun is shining (most of the time) the birds are chirping and the flowers blooming and we are in the middle of a pandemic!

Being quarantined, and seeing the words "Stay Home" posted everywhere only reminds us how vulnerable we all are. But let's not let it get us down. Think of the great programs that were presented to us, the great luncheons we were served and the awesome Holiday celebration we were all a part of.

It is these memories that put a smile on our faces and a kick in our step. Every month there was something to look forward to as we all gathered together in Manion Hall. We just sent in a request for the 2020-2021 dates and can't wait till we can all meet again.

We are sad to say the April 15th luncheon/program is cancelled as well as the Spring Luncheon at the Winchester Country Club. We have a feeling the annual Plant Sale on the common will not be happening either.

Now we did not want to send this note as Debbie Downers. We did want to share that all the hard work in the fall planting the daffodil bulbs proved very worthwhile. The common is decked out with daffodils blooming everywhere. Members are starting to work on the "site gardens" and these beautiful sunny days are letting many of us get out into our gardens and play.

Thank you to those who sent your "blooms" our way. We are including some of your "April Blooms" photos in this edition. There's something about flowers that can help brighten our day.

Stay in touch, we are only an email, text or a note away. Can't wait till we all can meet again.

Best,  
Cathy and Dot

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## Event Cancellations

~~April 15 – Spring Container Mash Up~~

~~May 2 thru 4 Art in Bloom @ MFA~~

~~May 6 – Spring Luncheon~~

~~June Plant Sale~~

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## Do It Yourself Project



Now is a good time to look around your house for a few craft supplies. This petite package of copper painted eggs filled with sweet Lily of the Valley is a perfect DIY project. [Here is a link](#) to this and a few more ways to focus your creative energy.

If you prefer to order a seasonal arrangement, please consider

[Pondview Florist](#) for local delivery.

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## What Your Garden Wants Now

The Farmer's Almanac says that April is a good time to plant rosebushes. They often do best if planted before growth starts and buds swell. And if you want to increase their fragrance, surround them with parsley.

<https://www.almanac.com/gardening/tips/MA/Boston/04#>

## Garden Interest

The sun is out and the weather is warm and our gardens are beginning to bloom.

If you are considering adding some plants, please consider native plants. They provide shelter and food for wildlife and support pollinators.. Native plants attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

**Here is a good article** from the National Wildlife Federation on the importance of native plants. For your convenience, **Mahoney's** is offering phone orders and curbside pick up.



## Garden Club Federation of MA

**[Click Here for the GCFM President's Project](#)**

**[Click Here for Native Plant Finder](#)**

**[Click Here for the Complete Newsletter and Doug Tallamy Video](#)**



## U Mass Extension Newsletter



Hort Notes: "Clippings from the Garden"

**[Click Here for the April 2020 Newsletter](#)**



*Webinar*

**SAVE the DATE**  
**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**FREE LIVE WEBINAR**  
**"Designing with Native Plants"**

**The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts is pleased to announce a FREE webinar led by Landscape Architect, Amanda Sloan, on "Designing with Native Plants"**

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

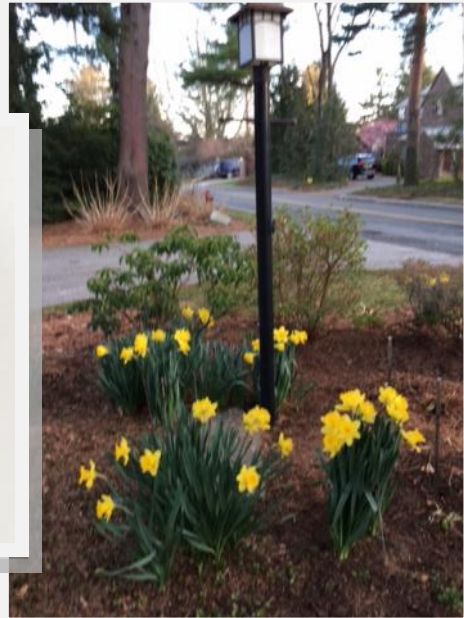
Details will be available next week with information on how to join!

Also details will be published on [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org).

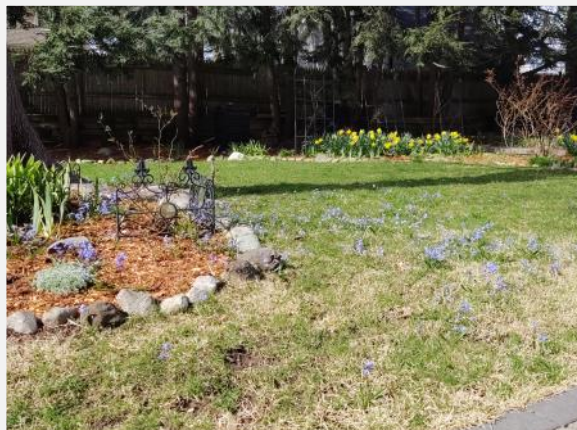
## *April Blooms*

Thanks to all of the WH&GC members who sent along  
a little ray of sunshine.

from their early Spring gardens.



**Fleur Hynes**



**Anne-Marie Scholer**

*April Blooms*



**Deb Fichera**



**Marjorie Berger**



**Ruth Trimarchi at the Winchester Common**



## 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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