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<http://whgclub.org/>



Bloom



A wonderful General Meeting welcoming Tony Tedesco's "Fall Seasonal Designs" was sure to spark a new season of creativity.

Thank you to all of the member volunteers who donated a delicious lunch buffet.

Our Next Meeting

November 14th

"Holidays with Style"

Board Meeting: 10:15

Members arrive: 11:15

Lunch & Social time: 11:30

Club Meeting: noon

Program: 12:30

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



October Presentation

The Winchester Home and Garden Club hosted Tony Todesco for their October program in which he designed 7 beautiful fall arrangements, all highly sought after during the raffle.

Tony is a repeat presenter of our club who's colorful style and expertise make him a popular lecturer and designer.

He not only interprets design trends but helps create them with his use of unique materials. We're always happy to see Tony and his creativity at work.



Civic Beautification—Help Needed



Please Join Our Newest Civic Beautification Project:

Daffodils

Dear Winchester Home and Garden Club Members,

Many green thumbs are needed this **Friday morning November 9th** to plant daffodils and scilla at Wildwood Cemetery. We've got three large boxes of bulbs ready to beautify the area.

No prior knowledge of gardening is needed--just lots of enthusiasm and energy! Hot coffee, donuts and conversation will be awaiting you. Be sure to bring gardening gloves, trowels and friends.

Please save the date and look for a separate email with the specific times and location.

Cristy



WH&GC

Thanks to all of the members who have already submitted their annual dues!

If you'd like to renew your membership, please try our new and convenient online PayPal option. If you would like to mail your dues, Kindly send your \$50.00 check payable to WH&GC and mail to:

Liz Darby 26 Eaton Street FRONT
Winchester, MA 01890



*Save the date
of our next
meeting...*



Community Service



Kent Porter-Hamann continues to work her magic adorning the Library with season floral designs.



Festival of Wreaths

The WH&GC Community Fundraiser of the Season

Please join in the fun as our Club presents the third annual Festival of Wreaths. This our major fundraiser for the holiday season and supports our goals to refurbish the historic fountain on the Common and to continue our beautification initiatives.

The Festival of Wreaths is a community event that features an array of wreaths from traditionally decorated to unconventional materials, beautifully crafted by WH&GC and community members.

You are cordially invited to join the festive fun at the Grand Gala opening on November 29th at 6:30 pm. The wreaths will be displayed with a seasonal backdrop at The Next Door Theater, 40 Cross Street Winchester.

All are welcome! Please invite your family and friends to our Gala evening and enjoy the beginning of the holiday season.



THIRD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS EXHIBITION 2018



Free admission

Opening Reception

Thursday November 29 at 6:30

Exhibition & Raffle Hours

Friday November 30 10-2 and 7-9

Proceeds will benefit the WH&G Club's renovation project of the Fountain on the Common and support the continual beautification of our community.

Event Details and Participation Info online at **WHGCLUB.ORG**

nextdoor THEATER

40 Cross Street
Winchester, MA 01890

do you know what is going on nextdoor?
www.nextdoortheater.org

Save the Date

Festival of Wreaths Designer Information

Let the excitement begin...in the spirit of membership, all WH&GC club members willing to share a little creativity, please volunteer to design a wreath donation for our Festival of Wreaths. All of the details are outlined on next page. Please enjoy a small selection of photos from last year's Festival for a bit of inspiration!



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**DESIGNERS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
3rd ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS EXHIBIT!**

This Community Event will feature an array of wreaths from traditionally decorated to unconventional materials, beautifully crafted by WH&GC & community members.

Wreath Specifications

- Materials
 - Non-Perishable items only; Dried, silk, persevered artificial, yarn, etc... use your imagination!
- Durability
 - Must be sturdy. Be sure all materials are securely fastened to withstand moving, handling & hanging.
- Mounting
 - Provide a permanent, sturdy wire hanger on the back.
- Wreath Style
 - Any theme or design. Use your creativity. Year-round designs welcome. Fall wreaths not recommended. Designers are invited to submit a title for their
- Drop off Dates
 - Monday, November 26th - Between 9:00am & 11:00am and 2:00pm & 4:00pm

To Sign Up or for any additional information, please mail:

Nickie Sakorafos - nsakorafos@comcast.net

Dot Butler - butlermaild@gmail.com

Save the date for the Opening Reception on Thursday, NOV 29th at 6:30pm.

***Refreshments will be served* Convenient parking behind the Next Door Theater**

Wreath Donations will directly benefit the renovation project of the Fountain on the Common and support the Winchester Home & Garden Club's continual beautification.

General Meeting Lunch

The Hospitality Committee would like to remind you to check your membership booklet on pages 22-24 for information regarding monthly hospitality donations. As you know, our delicious lunch tables are filled each month by member contributions. Thank you in advance for all your tasty treats!

Bringing an item once a year to a meeting is something that everyone participates in and it helps bring joy to our monthly meetings. *Now*, sometimes we can't make a meeting or are unable to make or bake our joyful contribution...

In this case, we invite you to donate \$20.00 via check or our PayPal link and we will be sure that we have enough food for all. This guilt-free option is appreciated; but nothing compares to homemade selections!



The Hospitality Committee is seeking *donations* of kitchen supplies. We are looking for: 2 small-medium pitchers (for milk & cream), 2 large non-glass serving bowls (ie, to serve large salads), several general serving spoons, 2 salad tongs, and a container that could hold silverware on the buffet table.

If you have any of these items that you are willing to part with, please email Carrie Fiore (carrielfiore@comcast.net). Thank you!

Centerpieces

Thanks so much to our September designers: Eileen Bickenbach, Jackie Burchard, Cheryl Curtin and Rose Beecher. A shout out also goes to Christine Donahue and Kirsten May for designing the centerpieces for the October meeting.

Jessica is hoping more enthusiastic member(s) will be inspired to click the Sign Up Genius button for to volunteer to create our November meeting centerpieces.



Site Garden Spotlight

LEONARD FIELD SITE GARDEN (submitted by Susan Mitchell)

Various members of the WHGC plant and maintain beautiful little gardens around our lovely town. One of the gardens is at Leonard Field on Washington Street. As I was looking at this garden one day I read the brass plaque on the rock and came to learn that Private Leonard died 100 years ago (1918) on the battlefields of France. I wanted to know more about him so I “Googled It” and found his story and the story of the rock. I thought our members would be interested in knowing more so here is what I found:

Biographical Information: Augustus M. Leonard was born on August 27, 1895 to parents Mark Leonard, and Catherine Crowley in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and moved to Winchester soon after his birth. A popular member of Winchester High School class of 1914, “Gus” commenced work after graduation in the real estate field, where he was known for honesty and integrity.

Community Engagement: Leonard enlisted in the military May of 1918, joining the 314th Infantry Regiment of the 79th Division. Despite being given the option of staying in the States, Leonard decided that he would rather serve his country directly and went to fight on the front lines. For a time, Leonard was stationed at Fort Slocum, and later Fort Mead, where he received his training as a soldier. Leonard was sent to the front lines of WWI after just two months. Leonard’s time in the Army was cut short, as he died on September 28, that same year, due to fragmentation from a shell blast. Mercifully, the fragment that killed Leonard passed through him so quickly that he was only alive for a few seconds after, allowing him a painless death. When Leonard died, the 314th was pushing for more ground in the area of Meuse Argonne, in Nantillois, close by to one of the sites of the battle of Verdun. Even though he may have died, Leonard’s fellow soldiers, fighting alongside the 313th and 316th regiments were able to advance the furthest into the front lines, past the Meuse River. Leonard was buried where he died, but later, his body was brought back to Massachusetts and reburied in Winchester.

Commemoration: Leonard was given a true military funeral when his remains returned to Winchester. Leonard had a field dedicated in his honor by the Legion Post, a society dedicated to honoring those of Winchester who fought in wars. Although the field was dedicated in Leonard’s honor, it was several years until the field received a plaque mounted on a granite boulder for all to see. Attractions at the field include soccer, tennis courts and a playground. Previously, the field was adjacent to a swimming area that was made out of an old flood expansion area for the Aberjona River. However the swimming area was closed in the late 1980s due to water quality issues. There was also an annual Italian Festival held on the field for many years.



Two club members, Deb Fichera and Sally DerVantianian, recently updated the fall plantings at the rock and it looks gorgeous. What a wonderful way to honor this fallen Patriot!

Friendly tidbits

If you incur WH&GC expenses and require reimbursement, please mail your receipts to:


Courtney Peschel – 16 Lorena Road, Winchester, MA 01890

Did you know that all members are invited to submit home and garden tips, tricks and terrific hacks?

Please help keep our newsletter interesting with your thoughts and ideas. Send along your submissions by the last day of the month and we will do our best to include it in the next publication.

Email to: whgclub18@gmail.com

One Day Workshop on Ikenobo Ikebana
Saturday, November 17, 2018 First Parish Church, 50 Church Street, Waltham MA 9:30 am – 3 pm



The Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Boston invites you to learn the principles of Ikenobo

Bring a shoka container (for example, see illustration), kenzan (pinholder), pebbles for the container if needed, scissors, small bucket, and a paper bag for trash. Bring your own lunch.

Send check in the amount of \$40 (includes floral material for two arrangements), payable to Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Boston, by November 7th, to Joanne Wimberly, 264 Main Avenue, South Hampton, NH 03827 (jmdwimberly@gmail.com)

Please include your email and phone information.



If you enjoy our monthly meetings, get inspired by the presentations and want to invite a friend to join our Club, please print the form on the next page and pass it along...we're 160+ members strong and growing!



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
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