



WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

Meetings 2021

10/20 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall
Presentation by **Laura D. Bibler**,
Landscape Designer on
Perennials in The Garden

11/17 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall
Presentation by **Michele Fronk
Schuckel**, Certified Master
Gardener on **Winter Blooms:
Amaryllis & Paperwhites**

12/8 - WCC Holiday Luncheon

1/19 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall

2/16 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall

3/16 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall

4/27 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall

May - Luncheon TBD



Happy Fall WHGC Members!

We were so pleased to see so many of you at our outdoor luncheon hosted by Rose Beecher in her beautiful garden. It was such a pleasure to be with so many of you in person, and share such a beautiful day. Rose, you truly are the hostess with the mostest and you made it all happen for us and we are very grateful. Of course it did not hurt that the Sun Gods were watching out for us as well.



A big shout out to Christine Donahue for generously donating one of her beautiful Nantucket Baskets for our raffle. Dot tried really hard to stuff the raffle box with her name but in the end Mai Harrison was the lucky winner! Mai was thrilled and Christine enjoyed the excitement only Mai can share!

As well a thank you to Misty Florez for setting up a beautiful display of her incredible dahlias. Misty also orchestrated a group photo of the membership. Thank you for making that happen Misty! Not an easy task!

Following our opening luncheon, Christine Schmitt and Mai Harrison (co-chairs) help to put on a spectacular **Pop Up Plant Sale** during the September Town Day.

Located in front of CVS, our display of containers, plants and garden accents were uniquely displayed for shoppers. *(Please read Christine and Mai's summary on the following page.)*



Happy Fall WHGC Members! (Continued from Page 1)

So, as you will see, we are off to a great start. Next up is our monthly meetings. Once again, we will be meeting in Manion Hall at St. Eulalia's. At the September Luncheon, Carrie Fiore put out a Hospitality Survey asking membership their feelings about how meetings will be held. She received over 55 responses. Included in the survey were suggestions 1) *purchase brown bag lunch*, 2) *bring your own lunch*, 3) *drink and an individually wrapped dessert*, 4) *No food at all*. The Board met recently and had great discussion on how to move forward with these suggestions considered.

After much deliberation, it has been decided that the **MONTH OF OCTOBER WILL BE OUR TRIAL MONTH** and the following will be tried:

1) A brown bag lunch at cost will be offered - RSVP required or bring your own lunch. Those interested in lunching before the meeting will be asked to arrive at 11:45 and lunch time will be honored through 12:15 - MASKS ARE REQUIRED to be put on at 12:15 2) We ask members who are coming only for program to arrive at 12:15 masks on and 12:30 our presentation will begin.

We are trying to limit the amount of time members are not wearing their masks, respecting ALL that are concerned about exposure. Friendly reminders will be shared throughout the time period making sure we all comply with what has been put forth. There is some concern that the mask mandate will not be honored accordingly by all but we truly feel that if our little kiddos can wear a mask for 6 hours a day our great ladies will be willing to honor these requests as well. If we find that these challenges are too great, our November meeting will be strictly a presentation. Winchester Health Department has a Mask Mandate in place and we will follow all of their guidelines.

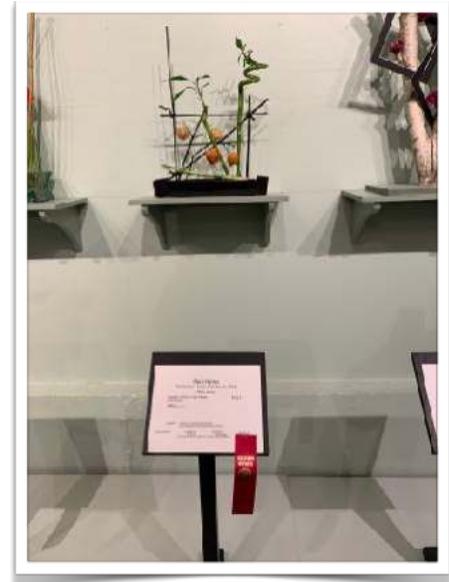
Look forward to seeing all of you on the 20th!

Thank you Cathy and Dot



Honoring Maureen Cabral

Liz Darby presents
Maureen Cabral a
planter in celebration of
25 years in Winchester
Home and Garden Club



Lordy, Lordy look who participated in a flower arranging competition at the Topsfield Fair! Member Cathi Flaherty and her husband Michael came upon this award won by our very own **Fleur Hynes**. As always, Fleur does our Club proud in all she does!!

WHGC POP UP SHOP at Town Day

It was truly a wonderful event--many of you went above and beyond in supporting our Club's **Pop Up Shop!** The items you gave us--beautiful containers, delicious pies, lovely plants and garden items--were the eye candy of Town Day. Many people commented that our booth looked like a real shop! Despite foot traffic less robust than normal for a Town Day, we were able to raise over \$2,180 for the Club, which supports our beautification efforts throughout Winchester.

Beautiful Fall Containers were generously donated by Kristen Remondi, Kristen Ward, Cristy Walsh, Nickie Sakorafos, Rose Beecher, Mai Harrison, Dot Butler, Liz Darby, Maureen Conway, Christine Schmitt, and Christine Donahue. Garden decor was a huge hit and donated by Christine Donahue, Janet Senna, Mai Harrison, Mary Grassi, Jo Ricciardelli, Christine Schmitt. And many a smiling face walked off with a home baked Apple Pie thanks to Kristen Remondi, Mai Harrison and Liz Darby. And thank you to the any who brought down wonderful perennials from their own gardens they included Karen Murphy, Rose Beecher, Mary Grassi, and Winona Moeller. Please if we have left anyone off these lists accept our apologies, it was not intentional,

A special shout-out to our indefatigable shift workers--Dot, Jo Ricciardelli, Maureen Conway, Liz Darby, Kristen Remondi, and to our honorary members for the day, David Harrison and Steve Remondi, who jumped in with clean-up and were a huge help.

*This event was a joy because all of you made it that way--
you are THE BEST!*

With Gratitude, Mai & Christine

Friendly Reminder

Our club booklet will be available at the October meeting and it is suggested that distribution is based upon payment of dues!

Once again our yearly dues will be \$50. These funds cover the expense of the hall and our presenters. You can pay in advance by going on our website - whgclub.org and make your payment in advance. Thank you!



Mary Grassi and committee has been working hard on programming. Below you will find a description of the next few programs coming up.



October 20 Program

Speaker: **In The Garden**, Laura D. Bibler,
Landscape Designer

Program: **Perennials in The Garden**

Proper placement and selection of perennials presents a unique challenge even to the inveterate gardener. This presentation addresses those challenges and provides a photographic survey of select perennials and how best to place them in the garden. October is a great time to plan for next spring. A handout of blooming sequence and pleasing combinations is provided.

November 17 Program

Speaker: **Natural Selections Gardens**, Michele Fronk Schuckel, MBA, BS,
Certified Master Gardener

Program: **Winter Blooms: Amaryllis & Paperwhites**

In this demonstration you will Learn about the origin and history of amaryllis and paperwhites, tips for forcing and care, and creative ways to pot for beautiful arrangements from start to finish.

We are happy to say that the **Festival of Wreaths** will be returning again this year and we have decided to keep it in the virtual form. This year we are adding a bit of a twist to the event. We are inviting designers to design/decorate live wreaths, table top trees and table top centerpieces as well as an array of wreaths made from artificial materials and themes do not have to denote the traditional holiday. Hope you all will get your creative juices flowing and be willing to participate. Be on the look out for our invite to design and our flyer to promote.

Hope you have your calendars marked for December 8th when we will enjoy our Holiday Luncheon at the WCC. Kristen Remondi has agreed to chair this event.

In Remembrance of Jill Kennedy

Jill has been an Honorary member at the Garden Club and started her membership back in 1973. For the past five years she's lived in Reading, a couple minutes from her daughter Maura. Her daughter checked her email with the updated news from the WHGC and printed it out for her to know the latest happenings. Maura said she thoroughly enjoy reading what is happening in Town as well as her mom.

Jill passed away on May 21st—just three months after her husband, William (Bill). Maura mentioned she been going through paperwork and bins of saved treasures and memories of the Garden Club keep popping up.

The family has given a monetary gift to WHGC in her name. Thank you to the Kennedy Family for your generosity.

And in the spirit of the Halloween Dot wanted to share her container purchased at our Pop-Up Shop designed by Nick Sakorafas! She loves her new friend!

