

# WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

#### Meetings 2021

11/17 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall Michele Fronk Schuckel: Winter Blooms: Amaryllis & Paperwhites

**12/8** - WCC Holiday Luncheon

1/19 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall Aberjona Initiative: Restoring our Beautiful Aberjona

2/16 - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall

3/16- St. Eulalia's Manion Hall

**4/27** - St. Eulalia's Manion Hall **Jana Milbocker** from **Enchanted Garden** 

May - Luncheon TBD



Thank you to Cheryl Curtin for this beautiful arrangement for our Town's Library

#### Hello Fellow Garden Club Members:

It was so great connecting with many of you last month at our first official meeting. The vibe in Manion Hall was so wonderful. For those of you who were not able to attend, those interested in lunching together arrived at 11:45. Some members ordered lunch in advance and others brought their lunch, but we all gathered and ate together. One of the nice parts about that was we were not necessarily with our "group" which allowed visiting with other members – maybe even some we did not know! Once lunch was finished, members put on their masks as other members started to arrive. All and all, things went very smoothly.

Thank you, Mary Grassi, for a wonderful presentation on perennials by Laura Bibler. Laura was a wealth of knowledge on the subject and our members were truly engaged. A description on our November presenter, Michele Fronk Schuckel on "Winter Blooms" is attached.

Winter Blooms conjures up thoughts of Holidays and that is exactly where we are headed. Coming very soon is our annual "Festival of Wreaths" which once again will be held virtually. Thank you to Ghina Sahagan for helping make this come to fruition! The FOW included in this newsletter has all the information on viewing, buying raffle tickets and how to participate. We hope you will share the poster with all the people in your contact list. Let them know that proceeds raised from this fundraiser go towards the many beautification projects we participate in around town.

Speaking of Holidays, Kristen Remondi is planning a wonderful luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Winchester Country Club. One of the fun events that usually happens on this day is the "little bag raffle" where donated items are placed on display and your raffle tickets get placed into the bag/bags of the item you would love to win. A clipboard will be passed next week at the meeting, and you

will have the opportunity to sign up to donate an item or two for the raffle. So many of you come up with such clever ideas, can't wait to see what will be up for grabs this year.

Once again, the Winchester Home and Garden Club continued the tradition of honoring our Veterans by making corsages for the veterans who have served our country and attended the Veterans parade. Under the tutelage of Adrienne Spignesi and Mai Harrison, Anne and Sioban Murray, Kate Stakes, Alice Lombardo, Charlotte Richardson, Meg Wingerath, Nancy Girard and Ann Muir, gathered at Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon to assemble the corsages. Members, Cathy Alexander and Susan Borges helped pin the corsages on our veterans before they marched. Veterans Winona Moeller and her husband were among the crowd and it was a pleasure to pin a corsage on them. This is such a wonderful tradition to continue.

Membership books are available for all and you will receive upon paying your \$50 dues. Liz Darby willingly waits at the check in table to greet you and check you in and Maureen Conway accompanies her to make sure you get your book.

We are so happy to be back and person and hope you are too. Please if you have any ideas for programming, we would love to hear from you. See you next Wednesday 11/17 – and once again 11:45 for those who will be having lunch and 12:15 who will be coming for the program.

### Thank you Cathy and Dot

#### **November Meeting's Lunch Options**

Enjoy having lunch with your WHGC friends before our meeting begins. We will be eating in Manion Hall from 11:45-12:15, before putting our masks back on at 12:15. If you'd like to join us for lunch, feel free to bring your own bagged lunch. Or you can sign up for our WHGC served lunch. This month, we will be offering hot Panera soup, fresh bread, a yummy cookie, and a bottle of water.

If ordering lunch, follow these 2 steps:

1. Use the signup link so we know how much soup to order. Please order by Noon on Monday, 11/15



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E45A4A623A46-november2

2. Bring \$7.00 cash or check to the meeting. We will not be offering Paypal for lunch this month.

If you wish to eat at home, we'll be finished with Lunch and masked back up by 12:15, so please plan to arrive then. Our speaker will begin at 12:30.

On Veterans Day, WHGC honored our Veterans with corsages for their service, dedication, and valor and we are forever grateful for their sacrifice.





November 22-29th | Online Viewing festivalofwreaths.whgclub.org

All proceeds benefit the WHGC's continued support of beautification of our Community.



Raffle Tickets Purchased Online

Winner's Drawing Dec. 1st

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## Civic Beautification Committee

The Civic Beautification Committee is retiring the small spruce planters scattered around the Town Common (most are next to benches). Members are welcome to bring them home to use in your gardens. Please bring home both the spruce tree and the container. They are available until Dec. 1.

Members will have the opportunity to help decorate the Town Common's urn for the holidays.

Look for an email later this month to sign up.



### **Honoring Nancy Girard**

Nancy Girard was given a planter in celebration of being a member of the WH&GC for 25 years!



#### November 17 Program: Michele Schuckel from Natural Selections Gardens, Winter Blooms: Amaryllis & Paperwhites.

In Michele's demonstration, enhanced with the use of slides, we 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.