



# WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

## Meetings 2022-2023

**10/19** - Rebecca Warner-Easy First Steps to an Earth Friendly Garden\*

**11/16** - Demetra Tsekares-Wreath Making Demonstration\*

**12/7** - Holiday Luncheon at WCC

**1/18** - Stephanie Brown, Chef/ Owner of North 43 Bistro in South Portland, Maine\*

**2/15** - TBD\*

**3/15** - Peter Coppola-Spring Gardening: Taking time to Make Time\*

**4/19** - Thelma Shoneman-Say It With Flowers\*

**May** - Spring Luncheon at WCC



*Monarch Butterfly in Fleur Hynes' Garden*

## *Hello WHGC Friends:*

Cathy and I are looking forward to seeing you at **Manion Hall** on **October 19th!** We will once again begin our potluck luncheons as we have always enjoyed in the past. The Members whose names begin with **Agnew - Conway** will be responsible for lunch. Please see the signup genius link below to sign up for food items that are needed for that day.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E45A4A623A46-october>

Our year began with a Lunch/ Meeting in the beautiful garden of Rose Beecher. It was a beautiful fallish day and sixty members were in attendance. Thank you again Rose for being so willing to accomodate our Club in your beautiful yard. We had a fun presentation by Demetra Tsakares on 'How to Attract Birds to your Garden'. Demetra shared so many fun anecdotes and Members really got into a dialogue with her!





Kristen Ward has been busy turning the Town Urn into a Fall theme. Thank you Kristen for all your attention to the urn and surrounding pots. They all look beautiful.

As I type this, Cristy Walsh is getting ready to plant bulbs in the Town Common. A sign up genius went out on Saturday inviting Members to join her in this fun endeavor.

We are happy to announce that we have secured Wright Locke Farm Barn as our venue for this year's "Festival of Trees"! We have changed things up a bit and rather than doing wreaths we will be doing table top trees. The Event, which is a fundraiser for our Club, as well as a wonderful Social Event, will be held on Wednesday Evening, November 30th. Hopefully you and/or some of your friends will be willing to participate. More details on this to follow.



Today, October 11th, a group of members gathered at McCue's for a Sugar Pumpkin Workshop! Members arranged fresh fall flowers inside a fresh pumpkin. It is just so amazing that we all started off with the same size pumpkin, same size bouquet and not ONE of the arrangements looked alike. A big thank you to Eileen Bickenbach for organizing the fun morning. I snapped a bunch of pictures for you to enjoy. Some are on the last page of the newsletter and they will also be posted on our website. Please take a minute to see them!

We have tried a new way of inviting you to our meetings. An evite will be sent to you telling you the day, time and speaker information. Also we are requesting that you RSVP to the meeting. The process is pretty simple and this gives us an idea how many people are attending. If it is your month to sign up for food selections and you cannot attend, can you please let Dot Butler know by emailing [butlermaild@gmail.com](mailto:butlermaild@gmail.com). Correspondence does not go to Christine Donahue. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you next week in Manion Hall. Board members, please arrive at 10:45 for a brief board meeting.

*Thank you Cathy and Dot*





## Winchester Town Green Pollinator Garden

By *Cristy Walsh*

The Pollinator Garden at the Town Green continues to delight both passersby and bees! The new container gardens nestled between the three sets of benches compliment the garden and provide pops of color. Many thanks to you who helped plant these in the spring. This week, a handful of members will plant spring bulbs to provide early season interest and color.

*Would you like to plant something similar in your garden?* Our inspiration for this garden were the existing coral bells, salvia, lady's mantle and ornamental grasses which are split complimentary colors (violet/yellow green/yellow orange). We chose additional perennials that had either flowers or foliage with these colors. *See color wheel photo for reference.*

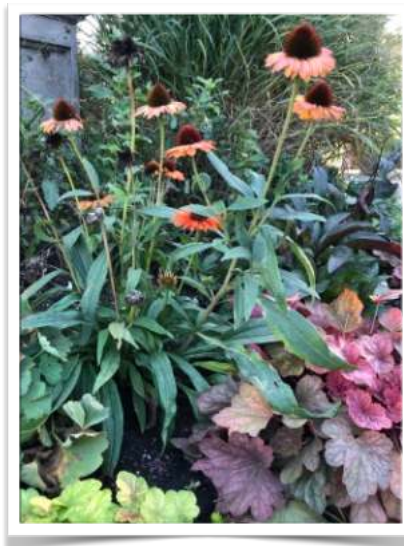


A color wheel is a helpful tool to create a garden that is cohesive and successful. By spinning the wheel to the color you like, you can instantly discover what other colors will create either a dynamic combination (blue with orange, for example) or a calming combination (blue, blue/violet, white/gray).

Another rule of thumb is to split your colors into 60%, 30%, 10% ratios. For example, you could have 60% of your flowers or foliage be violet; 30% of your flowers or foliage be yellow orange; 10% of your plants be yellow green.

### Pollinator Garden Plant List

Panicum 'Heavy Metal'  
 Echinacea 'Ginger'  
 Salvia 'Violet Riot' or similar  
 Heuchera 'Plum Pudding' or similar  
 Heuchera 'Caramel' or similar  
 Heuchera 'Lime Rickey' or similar  
 Penstemon 'Husker Red'  
 Sedum 'Angelinas Teacup'  
 Lady's Mantle  
 Nepeta 'Cats Pajamas'  
 Geranium 'Biokovo'  
 Verbena Bonariensis



The Pollinator Garden sign can be found at [www.GardenSigns.net](http://www.GardenSigns.net).

# Container Gardening Tip for the Fall

By Kristen Ward



Don't be too hasty in dismantling your summer pots. Leave what looks good—be it ivy, creeping jenny or other filler or spiller. Let that determine your new additions for Autumn. Here I've left the variegated heartleaf ice plant.



In the window box I've filled it with sedum, kale, heuchera and even a few hydrangea cuttings. The other the swedish Ivy in it's glory in the urn was left and added some lovely echinaceas. Happy Planting!

Kristen Ward Design

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*WHGC Site at the Police Station Entrance*



*McCue's Sugar Pumpkin Decorating Workshop (see website for more photos!)*



## WH&GC PROGRAMS 2022-23

**Sept 21, 2022: Demetra Tseckares–  
Birds & Plants**

**October 19, 2022: Rebecca Warner–Easy First Steps To An Earth Friendly Garden:** Rebecca will recount her journey toward sustainable gardening and how she settled on her new methods. She will discuss earth-friendly ways to prepare annual and vegetable beds, simple methods for improving soil, making compost, mulch and non-peat potting mix for containers.

**Nov 16, 2022: Demetra Tseckares–Wreath Making Demonstration:** Demetra will demonstrate how to easily make wreaths using greens and other botanical materials.

**January 18, 2023: Stephanie Brown–Chef/Owner of North 43 Bistro** in South Portland, Maine.

**February 15, 2023: TBD**

**March 15, 2023: Peter Coppola–Spring Gardening: Taking time to Make Time:** You placed your orders and shipments are in the mail, are you ready to turn soil? Peter will talk about tasks to consider before you break ground for the growing season and activities to do now that will save you time, energy and cussing when planting and maintaining the garden during the summer. Landscape planning, soil augmentation, tool maintenance, climate change, water conservation and chemical reduction will be discussed.

**April 19, 2023: Thelma Shoneman–Say It With Flowers:** A floral design presentation in which Thelma creates 5 expressive designs featuring flowers with meanings in a variety of different design types. Thelma will point out the elements and principles of design and demonstrate fun design techniques and leaf manipulation.



*Misty Florez's prize winning  
Dahlia's on display at Rose Beecher's  
home and later brought to the Town  
Library for everyone to enjoy!*



*Rose Beecher's Sugar Pumpkin  
Arrangement generously donated to  
the Town Library.*