



# WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

## Meetings 2023

### 4/19 - "Say it with Flowers"

Award-winning floral designer **Thelma Shoneman** will create inspired and expressive floral designs at St. Eulalia's Manion Hall

### 5/3 - Spring Luncheon at WCC



*Thank you Rose Beecher  
for the beautiful arrangement  
for our library.*

## *Dear Garden Club Members:*

Happy Spring! It's so rewarding to see all the plant's little heads peeking up through the winter garden cover. It tells us things are really going to start to happen soon! I think that is what Mr. Coppola was trying to tell us last month about getting our gardens ready for Spring!?

We are truly looking forward to Thelma Shoneman's presentation this month entitled "Say it with Flowers".

*Award-winning floral designer Thelma Shoneman will create five (maybe six) inspired and expressive floral designs, explaining the symbolism and meaning of flowers and the messages they send.*

Thelma's talents with floral design will be a nice segway into the end of month when Elisa O'Hara and Dana Diamond participate in the MFA's "Art In Bloom". Hope you have that marked on your calendar. The dates are Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30, 2023. Hope you all can make it and cheer Elisa and Dana on.

Please note, your book may say the next meeting is on 4/26. Originally we had the meeting scheduled for that date but when the luncheon was planned we felt the meeting and luncheon were too close in days, so we were able to change the date of the meeting.

Our hospitality committee invites members from **Semmes - Zander** to participate in the signup genius (*link below*) for it is



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your turn to bring something for the luncheon.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45a4a623a46-april1#/>

Next up, is our Spring Luncheon chaired by Eileen Bickenbach and Alice Lombardo. See the note below from Eileen:

The Spring Luncheon is set for May 3rd at the Winchester Country Club. Allie and I were inspired to think about our gardens, the beautiful flowers that will be popping up and the sweet bees and butterflies that help us out! We will be having a raffle table and if you would like to contribute please email Eileen at ebickenbach@gmail.com.

We will be offering PayPal and Venmo at the meeting on April 12th in addition to paying by check.

Please join us .. come wearing your favorite florals, or favorite jewelry, brooches, and hats to celebrate with each other until we meet again in September! And please be on the lookout for the special invite in your mailbox.

Cathy and I hope you have enjoyed the presentations this year and we would like to thank Mary Grassi for all her hard work in planning the programs. We would like to hear from membership if there are any topics they would like to have programs cover or if they are aware of any speakers that you might feel our membership might be interested in hearing. Also, if you have any ideas for workshops, we would love to hear about them as well.

In addition, please let us know if there are any committees you would like to participate on. We are always looking for members who would like to get involved.

*Best, Cathy & Dot*

*A new local community project needs volunteers*

## **Gardens For Good**

### **Growing food locally for our neighbors**

**Gardens for Good** is a newly formed community who have committed to turning parts of our lawns into gardens and/or volunteering our time to grow fresh produce for neighbors who are patrons of the Council for Social Concern, the En Ka Food Pantry and the Crawford Memorial Church Food Pantry.



*Another beauty by Rose  
for last meeting's raffle.*

**Gardens for Good** is a project of the Winchester Farmers Market Community Hub and is supported by Wright-Locke Farm. *We aim to:*

- Increase the availability of fresh, local, healthy food to the diets of local food pantry patrons
- Emphasize regenerative growing practices to increase awareness for growing food in an ecologically sustainable way that recarbonizes the soil
- Foster a more communal effort in food production

*We need volunteer gardeners of any experience the weekend of April 1 to help spread compost and install fencing in 15 newly created gardens. Please sign up for a time via [this link](#).*