



WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

Greetings Garden Club Members:

What a glorious weekend! Finally, we were able to get out in our gardens and reap the benefits of all you worked so hard on the year before. Winchester and surrounding towns are all in bloom. Even though the rain last week was a bit much, it did put a spark in all that bloomed around us.

A big shout out goes to **Eileen Bickenbach and Alice Lombardo** for putting together a wonderful Spring Luncheon at the Winchester Country Club. The room was buzzing with all the wonderful details they brought to the event. Thank you for all your hard work. You really have a knack for bringing a theme alive.

We also want to share that we honored one Honorary member at the Luncheon and she is **Rose Beecher**. Rose, we thank you for your never ending commitment to WHGC. Your participation on the board for all these years in so many different positions does not go unnoticed. Honorary Member Requirements: *Minimum membership of 15 years and Service on executive board for a minimum of 10 years.*

Also, the Norma Zettler award for creativity was given at the luncheon and we are proud to say **Eileen Bickenbach** was the 2023 recipient. Norma Zettler Award for Creativity is awarded to members who make outstanding creative contributions to the club. Norma was a long time member of WHGC and also an En Ka Society member, avid bird watcher, author, mathematician and an exceptionally creative person. Eileen, Norma would be proud!!

On Tuesday evening we honored the **44th Citizen of the Year** and the honor was given to **Cathy Alexander**. Many members attended and we are so proud to have Cathy as one of our leaders. Some members participated in a skit "*Cathy in Bloom*". The group designed an arrangement with various flowers that depicted Cathy at her best - the Daffodil which Cathy wants to cover Winchester with,



Winners Table at WHGC Luncheon





the Peony which is the flower dogs like to pee on and shows the desperate need of the dog park Cathy has been asking for, and the yellow rose which is the flower of friendship and love, so beautiful and like Cathy "*not just a pretty face*"! Ladies, you were awesome!

I hope you will feel the same way that we just ended a very successful Garden Club year. Thank you to **Mary Grassi** for her hard work and many amazing programs. With that said, we are beginning the planning of programming for 2023-2024 and would like your feedback. We are hoping you will take a few minutes to fill out the survey below to share with us your ideas for programming going forward.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9WM7KSZ>

Please mark your calendars for June 15 from 12-4 rain or shine for the annual Chamber of Commerce Garden/Outdoor living space tour. This year two of our garden club members: **Jen Pagan and Cheryl Curtain** will participate in the tour. Tickets can be purchased at Book Ends or online at **www.winchesterchamber.com**

Thank you for all your participation this year and we hope you will continue to be active members. Remember, there are plenty of board positions or committee positions we welcome you to join. Let us know if you are interested.

Until September, have a wonderful summer - keep those flowers blooming, and please don't forget to fill out the survey.

Best, Cathy & Dot



Thank you to Bernadette for the beautiful arrangements for the Aberjona and The Gables.



Thank you again to Elissa O'Hara and Dana Diamond for representing us at Art in Bloom!



Thanks to the club members who joined Cristy and Kristen at the town green on April 28th to add pansies to the sea of daffodils adorning the circle garden this spring. As the weather warms up, the perennials we planted last year will begin to emerge and our pollinator friends will be happily buzzing around.