



WINCHESTER HOME & GARDEN CLUB

MEETINGS 2024-2025

January 15 - St. Eulalia's
Manion Hall **Maureen Conway**
- "WHGC Has Talent"

February 12 - St. Eulalia's
Manion Hall **Johan Gyllenkrok**
- "RETURNS"

March 19 - St. Eulalia's Manion
Hall **Jessica Zander** - "Garden
Prep"

April 30 - St. Eulalia's Manion
Hall **Sandra Sigman** - "Les
Fleurs in Andover" A Floral
Home and Garden Shop
specializing in Vintage French
Decor

May - Spring Luncheon at
Winchester Country Club



Dear Garden Club Members:

November meeting was a wonderful preparation for the holidays to come. We were 101 strong with members and guests in attendance. Thank you to our hospitality committee for once again providing us with a beautiful buffet!

Our tables were beautifully decorated with pineapple turkeys by the team of **Susan Borges, Carol Moriarity, Deb Bardi, Nancy Bigelow, and Natalie O'Connell**, thank you for taking on this task. The turkeys were raffled off and twelve lucky winners had an automatic centerpiece for their holiday tables.

We were honored to have a wonderful presentation by **Emily** from **Rouvalis**, the new florist on Thompson Street. Emily introduced us to flowers we never would have thought to add to our bouquets and greenery that can be used to enhance each arrangement. We encourage our members to visit the shop and have Emily show you how to put together an arrangement using the flowers from their flower bar.

Pictured on the following page is **Sue O'Connell**, one happy winner of our monthly raffle. How lucky she was to have such a beautiful arrangement for her Thanksgiving table.

A shout-out to **Bernadette Kearney** who made two beautiful arrangements (see photo on left) for the Thanksgiving Holiday and delivered one to the Gables as well as to the Mount Vernon House. Thank you Bernadette for brightening up their Lobbies.

The month of December brought us to two amazing events. We started the month with our **Annual Festival of Trees, Wreath and Tablesapes**. Thank you to the following designers for making the event a success: **Maura Fredey, Meg Steele Wingerath, Eileen Bickenbach, Becky Tellefsen, Laura Doherty, Mary Grassi, Maureen Conway, Dot Butler, Rose Beecher Kristin Ward, Charlotte Richardson, Kathleen Davis, Susan Borges, Cathi Flaherty, Majorie Estridge, Ann Muir and Marie Rose, Allison Gaiko, Nickie Sakaforas, Jessica Lohnes, Fleur Hynes, Kent Porter Hamman, Sunne Savage, Diane Davies and Emily Montany, Mary Agnew, Linda Durant,**

November Meeting Presentation by Rouvalis



and Rose Anne Krutt. Your designs were amazing and many raffle tickets were purchased by those who hoped to be lucky enough to bring home one of them. We also want to thank **Maura Fredey of Carroll Kitchen Design** for supporting our refreshment table. Also, a thank you goes to the many attendees who supported us by attending our event and purchasing raffle tickets.



Last but not least, thank you to **Jessica and Paul Lohnes** for offering up their home in order for us to hold our event. Your warmth and hospitality is truly appreciated. We are happy to report that we did very well financially which allows us funds to donate to the beautification in our lovely Town.

Next up on **December 11th**, there were 100 attendees who participated in our **Annual Holiday Luncheon** at the Winchester Country Club. **Mai Harrison**, as always, had all under control with a beautifully organized and decorated raffle table. The team of **Rose Beecher, Cheryl Curtin and Eileen Bickenbach** out did themselves with absolutely beautiful “**Winter Wonderland**” floral arrangements for the center of the tables. A surprise visit was enjoyed by all who attended from the Winchester High School Symphonic Orchestra led by teacher **Mary Costello**. As the curtains opened the students began the entertainment with a rendition of “Home Alone” which brought many a tear to our members eyes. They continued to play holiday tunes and if you closed your eyes you would think you were at Symphony Hall listening to the Boston Pops. Mai, thank you for arranging such wonderful entertainment. The students truly put us in a Holiday Mood!!

Mai led us in a fun game of “Christmas Trivia” and awarded little prizes to winners. But then came the RAFFLE! Thank you to all the members who generously donated items to our Holiday Raffle. Your generosity leads to the purchasing of an abundance of raffle tickets!! It is always so much fun seeing who wins, how often they win and what they win! The beautiful centerpieces also add to the raffle experience and I am happy to say I was one of the lucky winners. Each time I walk through my foyer a smile appears on my face. It is just such a beautiful arrangement.

Special Awards were given out during the festivities. **Jessica Lohnes** was awarded the “**Norma Zettler Award for Creativity**”, **Mary Agnew** was honored for her **25 years in our Club** noting all she has done while she has been a member and **Carrie Fiore** was recognized for “**Hostess with the mostess**” ability to organize and execute our lovely lunches each month.

A special note and shout-out goes out to the **Staff at the Winchester Country Club**. The team was led by Raina Tessier. The staff makes all of us feel so special and no “ask” is ever turned down. It is a pleasure having our events there for that reason.

Our next meeting is on January 15th. **Maureen Conway** will be heading up “**Winchester Garden Club Members Have Talent**”. If you would like to participate, we are looking for 8 Members who would like to share with us something special. Maureen can be reached at **maureenconway@yahoo.com**

Hospitality will be provided by members **Fiorentino - Laats**, for January. Be on the look out for the signup genius about a week before the meeting. Remember, you have the option of bringing something or donating \$25. Here’s the signup for the following months:

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| January | Fiorentino - Laats |
| February | LaGatta - O’Reilly |
| March | Olson - Tierna |
| April | Trimarchi - Zander |

Well it’s time to wrap up 2024. Thanks go out to all the Members who make the Winchester Home and Garden Club one of the best Clubs to belong to. We are just the best group of WOMEN around.

We hope all our Members had a wonderful holiday and we look forward to so much more in 2025.

Fondly, Cathy and Dot









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