



NEVER DONE!

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARVARD
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January 28: Organic Herb Gardening

Rita Wollmering, along with Brooke Finn, runs the HERB FARMacy on 10 acres of old New England farmland in Salisbury, Mass. Their farm has become one of the top growers of organic herbs in the Northeast, as well as being a retail plant nursery with native plants, old-fashioned flowers, heirloom veggies, and a source of eggs and honey.

Founded in 1998, The FARMacy propagates nearly all its own plants from seeds and cuttings, enabling the selection of specific varieties for outstanding qualities and suitability for our climate. Rita and Brooke have been committed to growing organically from the start because they believe that is the best way to ensure healthy plants, nutritious food, and a sustainable environment.

Rita will describe the best conditions – soil, sunlight, water – for growing an organic herb garden and the timing and techniques for harvesting herbs, both culinary and medicinal.

January 21: Board meeting at Kathy Jackson's

President's Ponderings



Happy New Year! January is typically a time of resolutions, new activities and resurrecting old lost favorites. Let me share a few such initiatives, last first. Possibly you have read the Kondo book and are re-organizing your garden stuff, and realize your pots and vases have multiplied in the dark recesses of storage. Some you may not even remember, but they certainly no longer “spark joy”! Pack them up and bring them to our next meeting, where we will have a good old fashioned swap, enabling you to leave your discards and bring a new one home at a good price of free!

While you are at it, mark that new calendar for March 2 when the Lions will have their first ever Winter Fest at Community Harvest across from Fruitlands from 1 to 7. Activities abound, there will be trail walks, food and fun -details will follow!

Finally on Saturday February 9 from 2-4pm the Woman's Club is hosting its annual Valentine's fundraiser, a lovely traditional tea with china, flowers, and music in a magically decorated Congregational Church meeting room in Harvard. This has quickly become a day to remember spring is indeed en route, albeit slowly, and a wonderful time for visit with friends and family.

Look forward to seeing you soon as our club winter break ends!

Margaret Murphy

Reminders for February

Library flowers

Feb.4 Connie Grabowy

Feb.11 Maribeth Marcello

Feb.19 Mary Maxwell

Feb.25 Ann McCoy

**PLEASE SEND IN A PICTURE OF
THE ARRANGEMENTS! THANKS!**

FEBRUARI 18

BOARD MEETING AT SHIRLEY BOUDREAU'S

Bloom N Art

Shirley Boudreau



Bloom N Art will be upon us before we know it.

To date, we have 23 arrangers.

If you would like to make an arrangement and have not had a chance to sign up yet, please let Deb Dowson know by our regular January meeting – Jan 28th.

Please don't be deterred because you have never "formally" arranged before. We have many first time arrangers. If you'd like to work in a team, that's fine,

too. There will be plenty of support from other members. The more arrangers we have, the more pieces of art we can include in the show.

During the first week of February arrangers who have volunteered will hear from Deb Dawson, our teacher liaison, who does a superb job pairing student art with our arrangers.

We will be having a "How To" workshop on February 11th at St. Theresa's from 9:00-11:00

We will have a hands on workshop in early March (date and time to be announced) **The final piece arranging workshop will be on Friday, March 15th in the morning** at Volunteers Hall and we will set up the exhibit that Friday afternoon. Or you may choose to arrange your piece at home and deliver it to the Hall.

Right now, we need volunteers to be greeters and docents during the 3 day event. We also need a set up and clean-up crew and one or two people to help water and tend to the arrangements on Sunday and Monday. Sign-ups will be at the January 28th meeting.

So save the dates: Saturday, March 16, Sunday, March 17, and Monday, March 18th at Volunteers Hall in the Harvard Public Library

Shirley

HARVARD WOMAN'S CLUB
VALENTINE'S DAY TEA
FUNDRAISER for SCHOLARSHIPS



SAT., FEB. 9, 2019, 2-4pm
Snow Date: Sun., Feb. 10
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of HARVARD

\$30 Adults, Children 12 and under, \$10.00
Make checks payable to Harvard Woman's Club
P.O.Box 438, Harvard, MA 01451
Please include phone and e-mail address for Confirmation

Library Flowers

Info: Bobbie Taylor



Denyse Cox

ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Hard to believe, but it's just a bit more than four months until our annual garden tour.

And, of course, we need gardens!

While we have several members always willing to share their wonderful gardens, it would be fun to explore some new spaces. The tour is not a competition, nor is it a showcase. Rather, it is a friendly stroll through gardens of friends whose gardens, like all of ours, are works in progress. We are all in this together—none of us has the time and energy to have a perfect garden. What fun would that be, anyway? The tour is a chance to get ideas, meet new plants, and learn something you never knew. Along those lines, we're looking for at least one person whose garden really needs help and to whom touring members could offer suggestions and advice.

It may seem early, but we feel the need to get things rolling.

Please help by trying to fit into one of the categories below and let Suzan Osborn (suzanosborn@gmail.com) or Carlene Phillips (carphillips@charter.net) know your response by February 1.

- A. Yes, this year.
- B. Maybe.
- C. Not this year but next.
- D. Been there, done that, no.

Thanks everyone,
Suzan and Carlene

Garden Therapy at Nashoba Park

Mary Maxwell



Nashoba Park in December

Holiday Greens Workshop: a THANK YOU Card

Members made arrangements for home-bound people in town

Malus 'Donald Wyman'

'Donald Wyman' Crabapple

This disease-resistant ornamental tree is interesting to look at year-round. Long lasting red fruit attract birds in winter. Raspberry pink buds in springtime give way to white flowers.



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*Dear friends,
John and I thank you for the festive arrangement you gave us. Although the carnations have died away, the greens remain fresh, and the red decorations - little apples and a bow - continue the cheerful decor.
We appreciate your thoughtfulness warmly,
Audrey & John Beall*