



# NEVER DONE!

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## April 29 Our Grandmothers Knew What They Were Doing! Speaker: Laura Bibler

Laura Bibler, a landscape designer, firmly believes that, at least when it comes to gardening, our grandmothers – or great-grandmothers – knew what they were doing. Her program captures the horticultural wisdom handed down from their time. It brings to life the design approach and sage advice of prominent garden writers of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

“Their pearls of wisdom continue to inform us on color blending, cultural consideration, and plant placement,” writes Laura. For the past 20 years Laura has been using some of that wisdom to create and direct the installation of landscape designs at private homes and historic estates.

Now she will show us how we can apply “those pearls” to our own gardens.

**April 22 Board meeting at TBD**

# President's Ponderings



Hello gardeners!

As I write this, I can actually see some of my ground, with a few brave plants peeping up tentatively – a very welcome sight! Speaking of which, a standing ovation to Shirley Boudreau, under whose leadership a fabulous third BLOOM N ART blew away the grey snowiness outside with a breathtaking show of paired Bromfield artworks and garden club arrangements. This event is truly complicated to pull off, and I would like to thank every single one of the members who participated. The list is long and to avoid overlooking anyone, I will identify the many roles and responsibilities here: set up and cleanup crew members, floral designers, publicity

designers, hospitality team members, greeters, docents, photographers, writers, poster distributors, waterers, art department teachers, school administrators, library staff, and Local Cultural Council funders. It's complicated and full of unseen/unsung heroes – thank you to each and every one of you!

Cold and hard as the ground is, Kathy Hewitt is hard at work with her plant sale team planning this year's sale at Westward Orchard. Their list of functions is even longer than BLOOM N ART, and a great opportunity to get to know other members in a new setting while discharging each member's contribution responsibility. Please be sure to sign up for your preferred task!

Thank you again for all you do for the club – enjoy every minute!

Margaret Murphy

# Membership: annual membership dues

Info: Ana Maria Nanra

It's that time of year again; can you feel spring in the air? Warm weather will be here before we know it and we will all be busy bees outside, tidying up our yards and gardens after winter, inspecting where the first sprouts will appear, turning soil in anticipation of new plantings.

So before we get consumed with all that work (and fun!) why don't we take care of our annual membership renewal to the Garden Club? If you attended the last general meeting on March 25, you hopefully picked up your renewal form. If not, you can get it at the next general meeting or contact me and I will send you one (AnaMaria Nanra, [chinni806@yahoo.com](mailto:chinni806@yahoo.com)). The deadline for submitting your dues is June 4th.

## Bloom N Art - More pictures



# Rose Beds at Fuller Gardens by Jamie Colen

Interesting! Program March 25

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“Feed the soil, not the plant” because soil is the most important factor in the garden.

“You can’t grow a good rose without a good Cow!” That’s what Jamie’s grandfather said; Jamie uses dehydrated cow manure in the Fuller Gardens. But compost is good food too!

A pH meter is a useful tool for a gardener. In New England the pH should be between 5.8 and 6.8

Add lime to the compost pile. Don’t add bark mulch

Roses need a lot of nutrients and don’t mix well with perennials

Snow is the poor farmers’ fertilizer

A couple of varieties: Diamond Jubilee, Angel Face, Electron

David Austin varieties: Charlotte, Sweet Juliet, Olivia

End of July: stop fertilizing the roses

Beginning of September: stop deadheading

November: do not prune in the fall, but tie the canes

To keep the plant frozen mound soil, compost on center part of the rosebush

March: when the crocuses begin to bud is the sign that the soil can be worked...so remove the winter protection around the plants

Plant so that the bud union is at soil level, even a little below

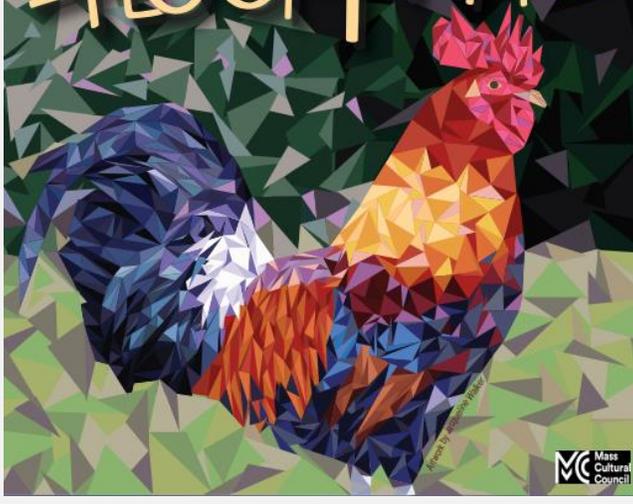
Forget about the 45 degree cut, cut straight.

Interesting book: Step by Step Organic Garden by Shepherd Ogden

Green Cure: recommended fungicide to spray on your roses

Student Artwork with Floral Interpretations

# BLOOMNART



Practice Workshop on Wednesday, March 6, at Friendly Crossways, 247 Littleton County Road

Workshop to do the arrangement, Volunteers Hall, Harvard Library, March 15





**Bloom N Art Show  
Volunteers Hall, Harvard Library  
March 16-17**



**Pictures on Sunday: Maribeth Marcello  
Others: Marijke Vallaeys**

# Library Flowers

Info: Bobbie Taylor



Cindy Dumser



Pat Cooper



Barbara Heim



Nancy Gasser

# Marty Green and Joan Eliyesil Award for two of our Garden Club members for their 2018 reporting about the new school plans

Excerpt from the Harvard Press  
February 22, 2019

## Press wins first-place New England press award for 2018 coverage of new school plans and debate

*by John Osborn*

The Harvard Press won first place at the New England Newspaper & Press Association Convention in Boston Saturday night in a three-way final contest for best government reporting among small-circulation weeklies.

The reporting award is a first for the 12-year-old paper and recognizes the work of reporters Marty Green and Joan Eliyesil as well as editor John Osborn for the dozens of articles they wrote about the \$53 million project to replace Hildreth Elementary School in the months leading up to its approval at 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

## Passes



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## IKENOBO School



It is with great pride and pleasure that I let you know that this photo of our sunanomono, plus two other photos of us making the arrangement, have been posted on the Headquarters website in Kyoto. Go to [www.ikenobo.jp/](http://www.ikenobo.jp/) and scroll to News and you will see the photos. There is a brief write up as well.

According to Dan, our professor Of the Ikebana Ikenobo Society of Boston, who knows everything about Ikenobo, having our work posted on the website is a great honor and shows just how pleased the school is with our work.

Maria Day

## Love Monarch Butterflies? Here is new research on helping them

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/14/monarch-butterflies/3143484002/>  
info provided by Maria Day.

If all goes well, Jessie Panek will provide some seedlings at the plant sale! It depends on two things, whether they survive winter in pots and two, whether they are showing any growth by the date of the plant sale. They are very late risers!

# Garden Therapy

Mary Maxwell

*Maria Day, Maria Walton and Mary Maxwell celebrated St Patrick's Day with residents at Rivercourt.*



# Iris Society of Massachusetts



Barbara Heim, member of the ISM, is sharing news of the upcoming Iris Sale this summer. This is held only every other year.

**Saturday, July 27 - ISM Iris Sale to the Public.**

The sale will be from 11AM - 3PM (unless we sell out early) at Verrill Farm (11 Wheeler Road, Concord, MA).

[http://www.massirises.org/pdfs/IRID-ISM\\_Winter2018-19.pdf](http://www.massirises.org/pdfs/IRID-ISM_Winter2018-19.pdf)

Photo by Stephanie Markham - Siberian iris 'Black Joker'

## The Botanic Garden of Smith College – Spring Bulb Show

In the beginning of March Janice Rusiecki visited the Spring Bulb Show. It is an uplifting display of spring blooming flowers!

