



Never Done!

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARVARD
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Here's What Bill Thinks

Bill Loehfelm

The plant sale...

Thirty or so club members, many in GCH aprons and/or hats, smiling, happy, ready to help. The reward for four weeks of potting and organizing.

1500 plants in 1500 pots, sorted by purpose, genus, and individually priced.

Lion's club members helping in parking places; Harvard Health Department setting up to help folks manage ticks, recycling, and more; Harvard Alpaca Ranch selling their 'magic bean' fertilizer.

And then...

Gardeners of all ages and interest come streaming in... **And what did I see?**

I saw a community event, at a time when they can be hard to find. I saw people talking to other people. I saw people asking questions and asking for advice; people moving quickly to get their favorites. I saw families showing their children the fun of gardening..." pick one for your room; you have to carry it." I saw a long, long line at check-out when we had internet issues and nobody seemed to mind. I saw gratitude when we solved it quickly.

I saw older gardeners enjoying the experience that they have attended for many years. I heard neighbors talking with neighbors; introductions being made; questions from out-of-towners, and a general good 'feel' to the day. I heard laughing and parenting and happily greeting.

What I did not see...phones (except to check a plant), anxiety, unpleasantness, worry or concern.

This is the Garden Club of Harvard...a collection of caring individuals that contributes to the community and culture of this town.

Well done.

General Meeting and Program: Growing Dahlias Speaker: Gayle Joseph

We met at the senior center on April 28.

Gayle Joseph, past president of the New England Dahlia Society, was a very enthusiastic speaker who was generous in giving advice... and tubers!

Dahlia growing is not for the faint of heart. Start small. A row with maybe 10 or so plants of strong cutting varieties will be enough to get used to the care and feeding of these addictive plants. Bunnies and ground hogs love the fresh shoots. Voles love the tubers...



Membership

Info: Nancy Hartshorne and Pat Jennings

WELCOME Susan, Regina, Brian and Willi!

 <p>Susan Tarrant</p> <p>36 Oak Hill Road cell 508-397-3183 starrant13@gmail.com</p>	<p>Regina Durga</p> <p>30 Woodside Road cell 617-999-615 reginadurga@gmail.com</p>	<p>Brian & Willi Wickman</p> <p>111 Depot Road brianwickman76@aol.com 978-652-634</p>
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Who's who



I'm Maura Visconsi. My family and I recently moved to Harvard and absolutely love it!

I'm inspired by the natural beauty all around us and am eager to learn as much as I can about ways to preserve and enhance our environment.

I'm very excited to join such a wise and enthusiastic group of gardeners!

Going Once, Twice, Three Times...

2025-2026 Annual Membership Drive Ends Soon!

The Garden Club of Harvard Membership Renewal Form

An **Active** member attends Garden Club meetings, participates on a service committee, serves on one hospitality committee per year, and helps with the annual plant sale. An active membership may include a second family member living at the same residence.

A **Supporting** member may attend meetings but need not take part in other activities, although many volunteer to do so.

Please check the level of membership you're interested in:

Active \$35 _____ **Family** \$40 _____ **Supporting** \$50.00 _____

Name(s) _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Address _____
Street Address AND Post Office Box, if applicable. Town and Zip Code

Email Address: _____

Information in the Yearbook is used for intra-Club correspondence only.

Please make your dues check payable to **The Garden Club of Harvard**.

Send your check AND this completed form to:

Garden Club of Harvard Membership
c/o Nancy Hartshorne
160 Prospect Hill Road
Harvard, MA 01451

ACTIVE MEMBERS REQUIREMENTS (Optional for Supporting Members)

Club activities and service projects give members hands-on opportunities to meet new people, learn, be creative and give back to our community. Our Garden Club thrives best when everyone is involved.

Hospitality: All active members are expected to provide refreshments and to help with set up/clean-up at one meeting each year. Please circle your preferred month. If blank, you will be assigned as needed. Sept. Oct. Nov. Jan. Feb. March April

Plant Sale: All active members are required to help with the Plant Sale, our major fundraiser. Helping opportunities include donating plants, digging, potting, pricing, setting-up, and picking up annuals/vegetables/herbs from suppliers, as well as working on the day of the Sale.

Service Committee and Project Involvement: Active Members should choose at least one additional way to serve our community or our members. Time commitment ranges from 'one & done' to coordinating a year-long activity. Please choose at least one Service Committee to PARTICIPATE in OR one Service Activity/Project to LEAD or Co-LEAD.

*Can it be — another year of Garden Club is coming to a close? And, you know what this means: **now is the time to renew your membership as the final deadline of June 9th is almost here!***

If you haven't yet renewed, please fill out the form (also as attachment) and mail it to Nancy or bring it with you to the Annual Meeting Luncheon and Garden Club tour on June 9th. We will have the card reader at the meeting in case you wish to pay with a credit card. Extra forms will also be available.

Thank you everyone for all that you do to make this garden club vibrant, welcoming, and lively!

It is this way because of you!! I read this African proverb earlier this morning in an email from the Native Seed Project: "sticks in a bundle are unbreakable".

We, the Garden Club, are strong because of the support of You, our individual members. Thank you!

Service Committees to PARTICIPATE IN:

__ **Bloom N Art:** Arranges flowers for, helps with planning or publicity, and/or volunteers at the annual (March) exhibit showcasing artwork from the Bromfield School students paired with flower arrangements created by our club members.

__ **Civic Beautification:** Participates in planning, planting, upkeep, and watering of public landscapes and containers in Harvard.

__ **Garden Therapy:** Works with groups of elders at assisted-living facilities, using plant materials and garden projects as therapy.

__ **Graduation Flowers:** Helps make floral decorations for Bromfield graduation.

__ **Holiday Greens Workshop:** Participates in a workshop creating winter arrangements for homebound residents.

__ **Library and Fivespark Flowers:** Provides an arrangement/plant for a week at the Harvard Public Library, Garden Club meetings, or special events for Fivesparks.

Service Projects and Activities to LEAD or CO-LEAD:

__ **Programs:** Plans and organizes speakers/programs for monthly Garden Club meetings.

__ **Special Activities:** Plans and organizes a variety of field trips of interest to members.

__ **Annual Luncheon:** Secures luncheon site and coordinates the June annual meeting.

__ **Garden Tour:** Organizes a tour (for members) of local gardens to visit after our annual meeting in June.

__ **Historian:** Saves appropriate materials for Club Archives at the Harvard Public Library.

__ **Horticulture:** Shares information about plant cultivation at meetings and/or in newsletters.

__ **Library Books:** Works with the director of the Harvard Public Library to choose books related to horticulture or nature for the Club to donate to the Library.

__ **Membership:** Keeps records of members, provides name tags, organizes the annual membership drive, greets and provides outreach to new members.

__ **Nature Trails:** Leads nature walks on trails, usually on Thursday mornings. **Newsletter:** Publishes/distributes a monthly Garden Club of Harvard digital newsletter.

__ **Nominating:** Nominates new officers, committee and project chairs to fill vacancies. (one member-at-large needed to assist Board)

__ **Publicity:** Provides information to the public about the Club's meetings and special events via the Harvard Press, the Federation website, and social media (e.g. Facebook and Nextdoor.)

__ **Webmaster:** Maintains the official website of the Garden Club of Harvard.

__ **Yearbook:** Publishes the yearly program and membership contact information.

Any special skills like finance, technology, graphic design, desktop publishing, grant writing, proofreading, book club coordinator, etc.?

Nature Trails

Info: Pam Durrant



We discovered early spring favorites such as Spicebush, Marsh Marigolds , Windflower (Anemone quinquefolia) and some early saxifrage (Micranthess virginiensis).



So unexpected to find a rocky bench on top of a hill! Of course, Pam knew all about it! Lee, Carole, Eileen, Kathy D., Mary, Pam and Marijke



Marsh marigold and the flower of the sassafras tree. Pictures by Patrick Vallaeys and Eileen Gorss

GARDEN CLUB OF HARVARD TREASURER'S REPORT

April 30, 2025

CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENSE	INCOME	NET
Affiliations / gifts	\$ 1,225.00			\$ -
Annual Luncheon	\$ 300.00			\$ -
Community Support: Bloom N' Art	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (942.75)		\$ (942.75)
Community Support :Civic Beautification	\$ 950.00	\$ (393.45)		\$ (393.45)
Community Support: Garden Therapy	\$ 500.00	\$ (225.96)		\$ (225.96)
Community Support:Graduation Flowers	\$ 200.00			\$ -
Community Support: Holiday Greens	\$ 350.00	\$ (181.85)		\$ (181.85)
Community Support: Library Books	\$ 325.00			\$ -
Community Support:Library Flowers	\$ 50.00			\$ -
Contributions/Donations to GCH	\$ -			\$ -
Correspondence	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Federation Dues	\$ 550.00	\$ (511.00)		\$ (511.00)
Flower Arranging	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Fundraisers	\$ -		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Garden Tour	\$ 200.00			\$ -
Grants:Educational	\$ 500.00			\$ -
Historian	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Hospitality	\$ 100.00	\$ (50.95)		\$ (50.95)
Insurance	\$ 675.00	\$ (669.25)		\$ (669.25)
Interest Income	\$ -		\$ 1,102.49	\$ 1,102.49
Membership Income	\$ -		\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00
Membership Maintenance (for Our Club)	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Paypal	\$ 350.00	\$ (0.89)		\$ (0.89)
Plant Sale	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (1,023.48)		\$ (1,023.48)
President's Fund	\$ 200.00	\$ (134.50)		\$ (134.50)
Programs	\$ 2,400.00	\$ (300.00)		\$ (300.00)
Publications:Newsletter	\$ 200.00			\$ -
Publications: Website	\$ 400.00	\$ (359.64)		\$ (359.64)
Publications:Yearbook	\$ 600.00	\$ (431.50)		\$ (431.50)
Publicity	\$ 150.00	\$ (184.80)		\$ (184.80)
Rent-	\$ 1,700.00			\$ -
Special Projects	\$ 1,000.00			\$ -
Treasurer/Administrative	\$ 850.00	\$ (1,060.19)		\$ (1,060.19)
TOTAL values, excel calculation	\$ 23,975.00	\$ (6,470.21)	\$ 3,412.49	\$ (3,057.72)
Quicken reported values (proof)		\$ (6,470.21)	\$ 3,412.49	\$ (3,057.72)

GCH PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2026

CATEGORY	BUDGET	2025	VARIANCE
Affiliations / gifts	\$ 2,710.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 1,485.00
Annual Luncheon	\$ 300.00		
Community Support: Bloom N' Art	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 200.00
Community Support :Civic Beautification	\$ 950.00		
Community Support: Garden Therapy	\$ 500.00		
Community Support:Graduation Flowers	\$ 200.00		
Community Support: Holiday Greens	\$ 350.00		
Community Support: Library Books	\$ 325.00		
Community Support:Library Flowers	\$ 50.00		
Correspondence	\$ 100.00		
Federation Dues	\$ 550.00		
Flower Arranging	\$ —=	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Garden Tour	\$ —=	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Grants:Educational	\$ 500.00		
Historian	\$ 100.00		
Hospitality	\$ 100.00		
Insurance	\$ 675.00		
Membership Maintenance (for our Club)	\$ —=	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
Technology Service Fees ??	\$ 600.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00
Plant Sale	\$ 8,000.00		
President's Fund	\$ 200.00		
Programs	\$ 2,400.00		
Publications:Newsletter	\$ 200.00		
Publications: Website	\$ 400.00		
Publications:Yearbook	\$ 600.00		
Publicity	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00
Rent-	\$ 1,700.00		
Special Projects	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Treasurer/Administrative	\$ 850.00		
TOTAL values, excel calculation	\$ 27,560.00		\$ 3,585.00

2025 BUDGET

\$ 23,975.00

Civic Beautification

Info: MaryAnn Piasecki, Kathy Jackson, Maribeth Marcello



Pictures by MaryAnn Piasecki, Judy Warner

Permission to Take Your Photo for Yearbook Purpose Only

Info: Nancy Hartshorne and Marijke Vallaeyes

We include a photograph next to all member's name and contact information. We think this will help everyone put names and faces together!

To this end, Patrick Vallaeyes will set up a mini studio at the Annual Meeting and will take a quick picture of each new member.

This photo will only be used for the printed Yearbook and the pdf version that is sent to each member at the beginning of the year. The photos will not be used on our website.

If this is okay with you, please see Patrick at the annual meeting. He will be the one with the camera!

Please complete below if you'd like the pdf version of the Yearbook exclusively and email it to Marijke at mvallaeyes@gmail.com. Thank you!

_____ PDF Yearbook only

Name _____

Email _____

Graduation Flowers

Info: Kathy Hewett

You gotta see this (Graduation Flowers transformation) if you never have! Come get involved or see what the process looks like. (Hint: it's arranging in action and never the same from year to year)

Graduation will be outdoors Friday afternoon, June 6th, 5:30 pm on the field between Bromfield School and the new library (if rain, postponed or held Cronin/Bromfield time TBD).

Flowers brought to field: Friday June 6, 9:00 - 11:30 am.

Friday morning 10 am at the soccer/hockey field between Bromfield and the new library there will be buckets and buckets of freshly picked and conditioned flowers, shrubs, branches, grasses, all collected and waiting to be considered for arrangements: hosta, phlox, peonies, ladies' mantle, kousa dogwood, mock orange, deutzia, rhodos, lupine, leucothoe, Solomon's seal, mountain laurel, iris, or whatever our member gardeners have available.

Arrangements made: Friday noon - 2:00 pm.

From 5 to 7 arrangements emerge from the many buckets: in huge vases on either side and in front of the graduation stage; in long low window boxes for the entrance where graduates walk in; special arrangements for the diploma table and, sometimes, you'll find them on other places where inspiration and extra flowers have met.

We have some experienced arrangers who have been doing this for years; we have new volunteers with different and exciting ideas. If you have flowers, branches, grasses to contribute, you can let Kathy know by:

1. signing up on the SIGNUPGENIUS
2. emailing or texting hewettkathy@gmail.com, or 978-456-3112
3. bringing your contributions to the field on Friday morning between 9:00 and 11:30 (10:00 is even better!).

Donated flowers should be cut Thursday early morning or late evening and conditioned in deep water (think kitchen wastebasket) before bringing Friday morning.

Come see what the fun is about!

Kathy Hewett: hewettkathy@gmail.com, or 978-456-3112.

Garden Therapy

Info: Mary Maxwell, Janice Rusiecki, Nancy Webber



Phyllis, Eileen, Stephanie, & Jeannie participated in Garden Therapy at River Court on April 24. We had a great turnout! The peonies sparked many memories & conversations.

Plant Sale

Info: Jane Vasta, Maureen Remeika, MaryAnn Piasecki



Library Flowers

info: Mary Jane Ellison



MARIA DAY, LISA LI, KATHY JACKSON, ANAMARIA NANRA,

Prospect Hill Community Orchards

Info: Nancy Hartshorne

*A special visit to the Prospect Hill Community Orchard
115 Prospect Hill Road.*

Tuesday, May 13th

Thanks to Marc Sevigny and Brian Noble for showing and explaining the workings of an orchard.



Civic Beautification

Info: MaryAnn Piasecki, Kathy Jackson, Maribeth Marcello



Pictures by MaryAnn Piasecki, Judy Warner

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Info: Maria Day

When: Monday, June 9

Where: Congregational Church, 5 Still River Road

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30pm

We are having a catered lunch at the Congregational Church.

*You'll have your choice of chicken or salmon, served with a salad and vegetarian side dishes. The cost is \$25 and the payment must be received by mail or delivery to Maria's milk box at the side door by **Thursday night, June 5th** so Stevie the caterer can organize his supplies for our event.*

Mail or deliver your cash or check to Maria Day, 77 Pinnacle Road, Harvard, MA 01451

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054DA4A92AA5FA7-56913996-annual>

Thanks, Carlene Phillips for proofreading, always much appreciated!

www.harvardgardenclub.org

Garden Club of Harvard on Facebook

<https://bloomnart.harvardma.org>

Garden Tours – June 9, 2025

Info: Katie Gandek

This year, we will visit the gardens of Pam and David Durrant, and the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden. You are welcome to start your garden tour after the annual meeting and lunch.

PAM AND DAVID DURRANT GARDEN, 159 EAST BARE HILL ROAD (978-456- 3695) (508-244-2987)



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MAY IN THE GARDEN

VIRGINIA THURSTON HEALING GARDEN, 145 BOLTON ROAD, HARVARD



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