



Never Done!

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Here's What Bill Thinks...

Happy New Year. 2025...Remember when we went from 1999 to 2000 and we thought all the computers would crash and the locks in all the banks and prisons would pop open?

It's a fun time to be a gardener...making plans; figuring out where to put the new ones; shall I move/transplant this one? Maybe split these and have more for the plant sale; remember the sun and shade will be different in June, and on and on...

I got my Johnny's catalog on December 30, 2024...earliest ever.

So, let's stay warm and cozy during this time. Know that under the snow and cold, the bugs and beetles are trying to do the same. Nurture your houseplants. Map out your gardens.

Let's be comforted by the fact that we are active stewards of this earth and springtime, our time, is fast approaching.

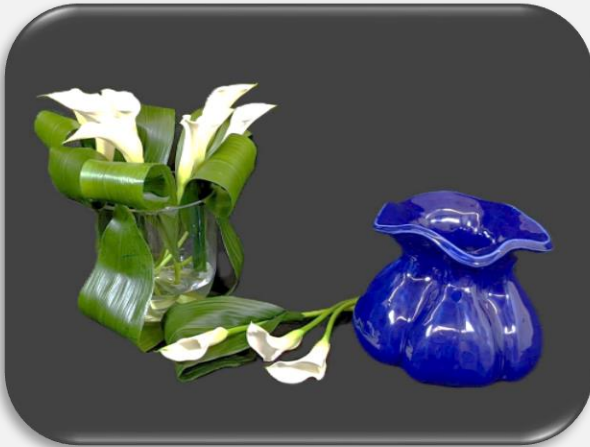
Bill Loehfelm



Flower Arranging

January 27, 2025

Speaker: Deborah Dowson
Member of the Garden Club of Harvard
Bloom N Art coordinator



Deborah Dowson, our own Garden Club member, coordinator of Bloom N Art project, and enthusiastic floral design artist, will present ideas and tips on how to approach the interpretive side of floral design, using different artworks and various forms of flowers and plants.

Do you see what I see?



*HARVARD SENIOR
CENTER
16 LANCASTER ROAD
AT 9:30 AM*

Hospitality Team in January

Team leader: Kathy Jackson

Pam Durrant, Kathleen Turnbull, Pat Jennings, Ally Zhu, Marty Green and Kathy Hewett

GARDEN CLUB OF HARVARD TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2024

CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENSE	INCOME	NET
Affiliations / gifts	\$ 1,225.00			\$ -
Annual Luncheon	\$ 300.00			\$ -
Community Support: Bloom N' Art	\$ 1,800.00			\$ -
Community Support :Civic Beautification	\$ 950.00	\$ (393.45)		\$ (393.45)
Community Support: Garden Therapy	\$ 500.00			\$ -
Community Support:Graduation Flowers	\$ 200.00			\$ -
Community Support: Library Books	\$ 325.00			\$ -
Community Support:Library Flowers	\$ 50.00			\$ -
Contributions/Donations to GCH	\$ -			\$ -
Correspondence	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Federation Dues	\$ 550.00			\$ -
Flower Arranging	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Fundraisers	\$ -		\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Garden Tour	\$ 200.00			\$ -
Grants:Educational	\$ 500.00			\$ -
Historian	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Hospitality	\$ 100.00	\$ (232.80)		\$ (232.80)
Holiday Greens	\$ 350.00			\$ -
Insurance	\$ 675.00	\$ (268.00)		\$ (268.00)
Interest Income	\$ -		\$ 514.58	\$ 514.58
Membership Income	\$ -		\$ 545.00	\$ 545.00
Membership Maintenance (for Our Club)	\$ 100.00			\$ -
Paypal	\$ 350.00	\$ (0.89)		\$ (0.89)
Plant Sale	\$ 8,000.00			\$ -
President's Fund	\$ 200.00			\$ -
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	\$ (117.55)		\$ (117.55)
Rent-	\$ 1,700.00			\$ -
Special Projects	\$ 1,000.00			\$ -
Treasurer/Administrative	\$ 850.00	\$ (576.02)		\$ (576.02) *
TOTAL values, excel calculation	\$ 23,975.00	\$ (2,679.85)	\$ 1,094.58	\$ (1,585.27)
Quicken reported values (proof)		\$ (2,679.85)	\$ 1,094.58	\$ (1,585.27)

* New checks, book, deposit slips, stamp \$229.74 - last ordered in 2018

Holiday Greens Workshop





Pictures by Bill Loehfelm and Jane Vasta

Info: Kathy Hewett and Nancy Webber

Membership

Info: Nancy Hartshorne

IN MEMORIAM

Ira Ockene, member since 2023 (family membership with Judy Ockene), passed away on Christmas Day 2024.

MOVED

Anne DeBoalt, who joined the Garden Club in 1972, moved to Sykesville to be closer to her family in Maryland. We wish her lots of happiness in her new home.

Her new address is 7200 Third Avenue, C-36, Sykesville, MD 21784

THE WOMAN'S CLUB INVITES



Very popular for grandparents to take their grandchildren!

Or you could invite your friends to get together in a lovely place to chat while enjoying a typical English afternoon tea.

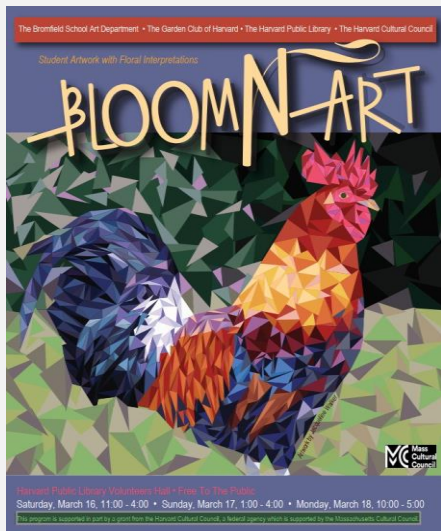
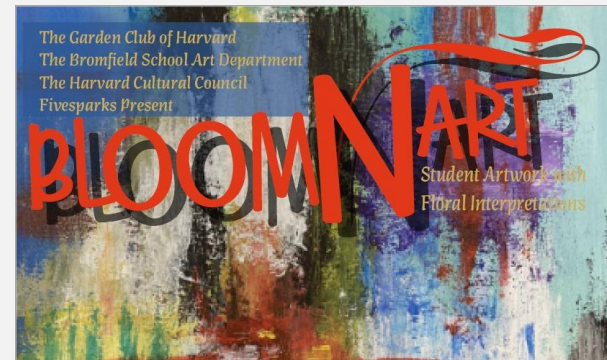
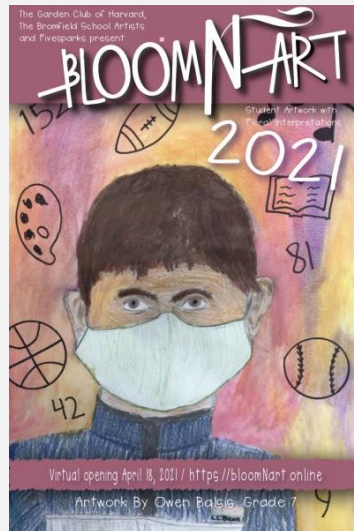
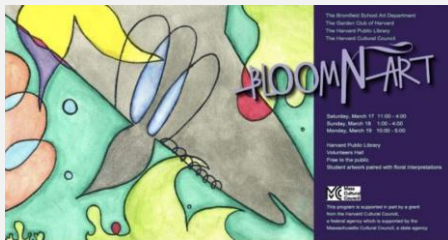
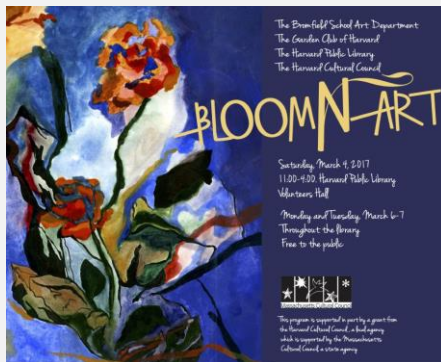
Bloom N Art

March 29-30-31, 2025

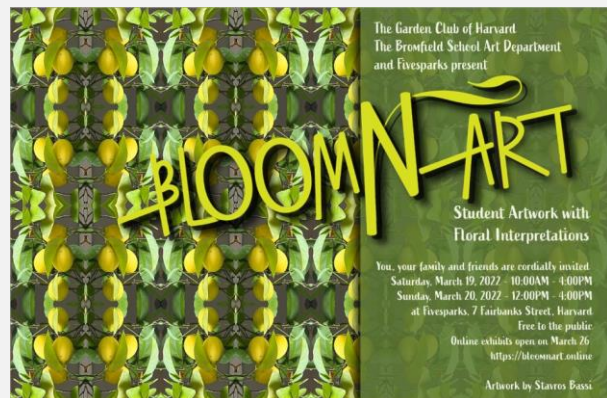
Deborah Dowson, AnaMaria Nanra, Donna Guarino, Patrick Vallaeys

The 9th anniversary of Bloom N Art is on March 29-30, 2025.

Once again, the Garden Club of Harvard, the art department of Bromfield High School, and Fivesparks will work together to make this the highlight of early spring.



Sign up as an arranger



Horticultural Meanders

Info: Jessie Panek

It's a new year and time to be thinking about this year's garden.

January (or late December!) means seed catalogs and dreams of everything green and growing. You'll probably get some extras, so bring them in to share with the rest of us at our January meeting.

Winter is a great time to learn online, and I have a couple of links for you. First, a slightly unusual series of short videos: <https://www.youtube.com/@RootedPlantVideos>

You might also want to look at the library of webinars available from Sudbury Valley Trustees: <https://www.svtweb.org/svt-webinars-recorded-nature-programs>

Another place to go for a winter evening dreaming about summer in your garden is Grow Native Massachusetts. Here is the page with all their recorded 'Evenings with Experts', a wealth of great lectures to choose from. <https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/experts-videos>

Finally, here's a link to a winter seed-sowing demonstration from the Wild Seed Project in Maine! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrxPptIU5kk>



In the Herb Garden – Basil-ly speaking

Info: Jane Vasta, Maureen Remeika and MaryAnn Piasecki

If there is one thing that sells out quickly at our plant sale, it's basil.

This year, 2025, we will be offering two types of basil:

* **Mediterranean or sweet basil** (*Ocimum basilicum*) cultivar "Genovese",

* **Thai basil** (*Ocimum basilicum thyrsofolium*)



Mediterranean or sweet basil is a member of the mint family (*Lamiaceae*). It belongs to the genus *Ocimum*, derived from the Greek ozo which means to smell, in reference to the strong odors of the species, *Ocimum basilicum* has at least 60 varieties.



Thai basil has a distinct chemical composition, most notably containing a higher concentration of the compound estragole, which gives it a stronger, spicier flavor. Sweet basil tends to have more linalool (naturally occurring terpene alcohol) and other components contributing to a milder, sweeter taste. All basil types share some common compounds like α -pinene and limonene, but the proportions differ significantly

- **Culinary uses:** Thai basil has a distinct flavor, with notes of anise, licorice, and a slight mint kick. Thai basil is often used in dishes that require a bold taste, like stir-fries, curries, and Southeast Asian cuisine. Sweet basil is more commonly used in Italian dishes like pesto, pizza and pasta. It's fabulous on avocado toast, ice cream and gin and tonics.
- **Growing Conditions:** Both types of basil prefer full sun (6 to 8 hours) and rich organic well-drained but damp soil.

By MaryAnn Piasecki

Library Flowers

Info: Mary Jane Ellison



FRAN MAIORE , LISA BROWN, FAY CHILDERS, MARIA DAY, MARY MAXWELL

LIBRARY FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY

Feb 3: Meg Bagdonas
Feb 10: Marty Green

Feb 17: Margaret Murphy
Feb 24 Donna Guarino

Loaves and Fishes: Food security is important!

As a dedicated garden club, we're proud to be an integral part of the Harvard community. Here is a list of what is most needed, even beyond the holidays.

Broth/stock	Flavored rice	Canned pasta (like SpagettiOs)
Crackers	Hearty soups	Albacore tuna
Poise and menstrual products	Ensure	Coffee (no K cups)
Depends— unisex is most helpful, large and extra-large seem to be in shortest supply		Diapers and pullups, especially large sizes 5, and 6.

Nature Trails

Info: Pam Durrant

January 9: Williams conservation land.

Williams Pond was given to the Town in 1966 by Alexander and Peggy Williams, in memory of their son Lieutenant James Lincoln Williams. It was originally created as an ice pond. There is an abundance of wildflowers in the area, and it is also enjoyed by local birdwatchers. Some birds to look for are: green heron, great blue heron, mallard, wood duck, and kingfisher.

In 1987 an adjacent 8-acre parcel, part of the Great Elms conservation land, was acquired. The trail on this land goes through an open field and leads to Murray Lane, where one can enter the main section of the Great Elms conservation land.

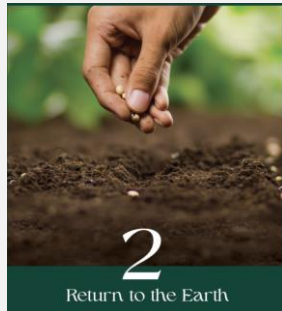
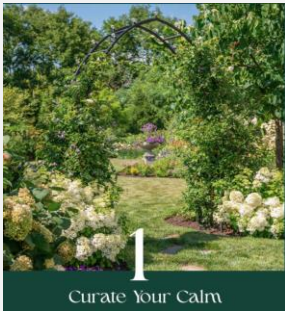
January 16: Burgess-Brown conservation land.



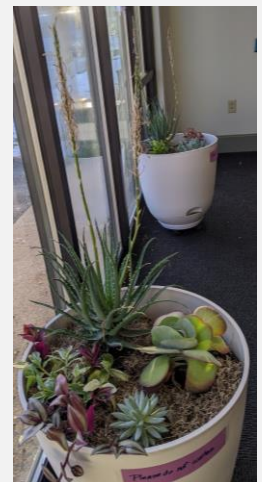
Six walkers, undeterred by the icy weather: Kathy Dollard and Bill Scott, Pam Durrant, Carole Herbin, Jane Vasta. Picture by Patrick Vallaeys

From our members

Dee Lee enjoyed reading the article in [Gardener's Supply Company](#) :
4 Garden-Glorifying Resolutions for 2025



Cacti and other succulents in the planters at the entrance of the Senior Center. Thanks, Kathy Hewett.



Civic Beautification

Info: MaryAnn Piasecki, Kathy Jackson, Maribeth Marcello

Library Books

Info: Kathy Dollard and Heidi Siegrist (co-chairs), Maria Day, Marty Green

Garden Therapy

Info: Janice Rusiecki

2024-2025 Officers Committee and Project Leaders

Officers	
President	Bill Loehfelm
Vice President	Marijke Vallaey
Recording Secretary	Carlene Phillips
Treasury	Deborah O'Rourke
Committee and Project Leaders	
Annual Lunch	Maria Day
Bloom N Art	Deb Dowson, AnaMaria Nanra, Donna Guarino, Patrick Vallaey
Civic Beautification	Kathy Jackson, Maribeth Marcello, MaryAnn Piasecki
Corresponding Secretary	Stephanie Hooper
Garden Therapy	Mary Maxwell, Janice Rusiecki, Nancy Webber
Garden Tour	Katie Gandek, Jud Ratliff, Maria Day
Graduation Flowers	Kathy Hewett
Greens Workshop	Nancy Webber, Kathy Hewett
Historian	Carlene Phillips
Horticulture	Jessie Panek
Hospitality	Meg Bagdonas, Margaret Murphy
Library Books	Kathy Dollard, Heidi Siegrist
Library/Meeting Flowers	MaryJane Ellison
Membership	Nancy Hartshorne
Nature Trails	Pam Durrant
Newsletter	Marijke Vallaey
Nomination	Jessie Panek, Nancy Hartshorne, Member at Large
Plant Sale	Maureen Remeika, Jane Vasta, MaryAnn Piasecki
Programs	Janice Rusiecki
Publicity	Judy Warner, Meg Bagdonas

Thanks, Carlene Phillips for proofreading, always much appreciated!

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<https://bloomnart.harvardma.org>