



NEVER DONE!

THE GARDEN CLUB OF HARVARD
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Plant Sale
May 18
Westward Orchards
178 Mass Avenue
9:00 a.m. to noon, rain or shine
Info: Kathy Hewett & Abby Besse

Annual Meeting
June 3

Board meeting May 20 at Maria Day's

President's Ponderings



Hello gardeners!

What a beautiful day today! Potting is going wonderfully well, ramping up to the plant sale. Herb baskets are being ordered for Mother's Day, and today Lois Frampton enchanted her trainees with designing hand-held bouquets, with Barbara Heim's hellebores (three kinds) as a surprise along with some Calla lilies.

We are all looking forward to our general meeting on Monday at 9:30, themed Our Grandmothers Knew What They Were Doing! A few reminders before the meeting: please bring your checkbooks or cash and plan on updating your membership renewal form and booking your place at our annual luncheon and garden tour. Both require payments. If you haven't yet put in for re-imbursement from your Bloom N Art expenditures, please bring that as well - we are trying to get all these things out of the way before the Plant Sale rush.

Most of all, remember to enjoy our emerging gardens, as we welcome back old plant friends!

Margaret Murphy

Library Flowers in May

May 6 Christine Moesser

May 13 Shirley Boudreau

May 20 Fran Maiore

May 28 Kathy Jackson

Membership: annual membership dues

Info: AnaMaria 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). The deadline for submitting your dues is June 4th.

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**PLEASE return form and check
to AnaMaria Nanra**

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Civic Beautification

Info: Kathy Jackson



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Our first two days potting plants for the plant sale have been highly successful and productive! We are significantly farther ahead than we were at this time last year which is so exciting and encouraging. We've had a lot of donations from members. Special thanks to Theresa Ledoux and her husband who trekked to Carol Julien's (a speaker about white gardening we had a few years ago) to dig her white plants. It was a magnificent selection of plants and lots of effort on Theresa and Bob's part! Kudos!

Theresa emailed: Acquiring plants from Carol's white garden was bittersweet. She is moving, and her garden is in the way of the requirement to upgrade her septic system. But, she wrote this to me when I expressed sadness about digging up her beloved garden, "I see it as hundreds of points of light beaming from Plymouth County to the Town of Harvard."

Library Flowers

Info: Bobbie Taylor



Maria Day



Rachel Ross



Bobbie Taylor



Susan Leeming



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Nashua River Watershed Association

Frog Conservation in the Nashua River Watershed

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 7:00–8:30 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library in Ashburnham, MA

Chris Picone, Fitchburg State University Professor of Biology, speaks on the native frog species of Massachusetts. **FREE**

Spring Birding Walk at Heald Orchard

Saturday, May 11, 2019, 7:00–10:00 a.m., Heald Orchard in Pepperell, MA

Mark Archambault guides this birding walk during peak season for the spring migration of many neo-tropical bird species. Event Sponsor: Main Street Bank, with thirteen locations including: Ayer, Groton, Lunenburg, Pepperell, and Shirley. **FREE**

Unless otherwise noted, to pre-register for these programs, please call NRWA at (978) 448-0299 or email KateM@NashuaRiverWatershed.org.

Great Ideas: Making Seed Balls to Help Birds

As found by Maria Day

For more info go to: <https://www.audubon.org/news/making-seed-balls-help-birds>

With this simple DIY, you can spread the power of native plants far and wide.



- “Seeds may just be one of nature’s coolest wonders. Humans, birds, and a whole host of other wildlife rely on these nutrient-packed incubators for food. From tiny flea-sized spinach seeds to hairy-faced coconuts, seeds come in all shapes and sizes. And, if conditions are right, they eventually grow into the flowers,

foliage, and fodder that help make up the natural world. So why wouldn’t you want to spread seed love in your area? Seed balls are one way to do just that. These weapons of mass induction are a fun and easy way to beautify abandoned lots, combat invasive weeds, or spruce up your own garden. Not only will you reap what you sow, but you’ll also improve habitat for bugs, bees, and birds alike.”



Ingredients:

Clay
Organic seed-starting soil
Native wildflower seeds
Water

Pictures: Mike Fernandez, Audubon

Best Herbs & Flowers for Companion Planting (thanks to Maria Day)

	<u>Repels</u>	<u>Attracts</u>	<u>Plant near</u>	<u>Avoid planting near</u>
Basil	tomato hornworms, mosquitoes, flies, asparagus beetles	butterflies, honeybees	tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, asparagus, lettuce, beans, beets, potatoes	
Borage	tomato hornworms, cabbage worms	honeybees, bumblebees, beneficial wasps	tomatoes, cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kale, squash, cucumbers, beans, strawberries	
Chamomile	mosquitoes	hoverflies, beneficial wasps, ladybugs, honeybees	cabbage, broccoli, kale, Brussels sprouts, onions, beans, cucumbers, mint, rosemary, basil	
Chives	carrot flies, Japanese beetles, aphids	honeybees, butterflies, beneficial wasps	carrots, strawberries, tomatoes, cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, kale, apple trees, roses	beans and peas
Dill	aphids, squash bugs, cabbage loopers	honeybees, hoverflies, butterflies, ladybugs, beneficial wasps	cabbage, broccoli, kale, Brussels sprouts, cucumbers, squash, onions, lettuce	tomatoes, carrots, cilantro
Lavender	mosquitoes, flies, moths, fleas, ticks	honeybees, bumblebees, hoverflies, butterflies	cabbage, broccoli, kale, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, squash, apple trees	
Mint	aphids, cabbage moths, squash bugs, mosquitos, ants	honeybees, hover flies, tachinid flies	: tomatoes, peppers, carrots, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, zucchini, winter squash	
Parsley	asparagus beetles	beneficial wasps, hoverflies, swallowtail butterflies	asparagus, tomatoes, corn, pepper, roses	onions, garlic, lettuce
Rosemary	: bean beetles, cabbage moths, cabbage flies	honeybees, lacewings, hummingbirds	beans, cabbage, broccoli, kale, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, carrots, sage	
Thyme	cabbage worm, cabbage looper, aphids, whitefly, tomato hornworms	honeybees, hoverflies, beneficial wasps	: cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, kale, cauliflower, tomatoes, eggplant, onions, potatoes, strawberries	