



**WESTBOROUGH  
GARDEN CLUB  
2023-2024**



**Westborough Garden Club**

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## Notes



Proud member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

### *Westborough Garden Club*

Welcome to the Westborough Garden Club, where a rich legacy of beauty and community has flourished for the past ninety one years. Founded by the visionary Mrs. Kenneth Craig, our club has evolved over time while maintaining a steadfast commitment to community beautification, education, and scholarships. It is through the collective contributions of our members that we have achieved remarkable success, and we invite each and every one of you to play a vital role in keeping our club thriving.

The Westborough Garden Club gathers on the last Wednesday of every month at the Westborough Senior Center, located at 4 Rogers Road. Most meetings are open to the public so invite a friend!

In addition to our regular meetings, we hold Executive Board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. We welcome all members to join these discussions and contribute their valuable insights.

As proud members of the Westborough Garden Club, we are fortunate to have a membership with the esteemed New England Botanical Gardens at Tower Hill. To further enhance your botanical experiences, our club possesses complimentary passes to this breathtaking sanctuary. Should you wish to access these passes, kindly contact a Board member, who will gladly provide you with the necessary information.

By becoming a member and supporting our club, you play an integral role in funding our community projects. From vibrant community plantings to adorning the town with delightful holiday wreaths, your membership dues and labor directly contribute to these impactful initiatives. Furthermore, we are proud to offer college scholarships and education projects that foster a love for gardening and environmental stewardship among our community's youth.

The Westborough Garden Club warmly invites you to join our vibrant community, where your passion for horticulture can flourish alongside like-minded individuals. Together, we will continue to sow the seeds of beauty, education, and community spirit, ensuring that the Westborough Garden Club remains a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.



2023 — 2024

### *Executive Board*

Co-Presidents: Glenn Hong and Hanli Lipke  
Past President: Leslie Buffo  
Treasurer: Carrie Bourke  
Assistant Treasurer: Jenny Carhart  
Recording Secretary: Jenny Carhart and Leslie Buffo  
Corresponding Secretary: Marty LeVan  
Membership: Suzanne McCullough  
Member at Large: Rad Chintapalli



### *Committee Chairs*

Programs: Trudy Roybal and Robin Fleming  
Community Beautification: Karen Kinnard, Maureen Johnson  
Publicity/Website Manager: Rad Chintapalli  
Scholarship: Karen Kinnard, Carrie Bourke, Marty LeVan  
Nominating Committee: Jenny Carhart, Leslie Buffo  
Member Home Garden Tours: Suzanne McCullough  
Hospitality: Mary Penders

### *Our Purpose*

The Westborough Garden Club is dedicated to advancing gardening and horticulture while promoting community spirit and beautification. We teach gardening techniques, inspire a love for plants, and work towards enhancing our town's public areas.

Through education and sharing knowledge, we aim to create a vibrant and beautiful community where friends can find joy in gardening and connect with nature. We actively support efforts to preserve and enhance our community landscapes, ensuring a sustainable and harmonious local environment.

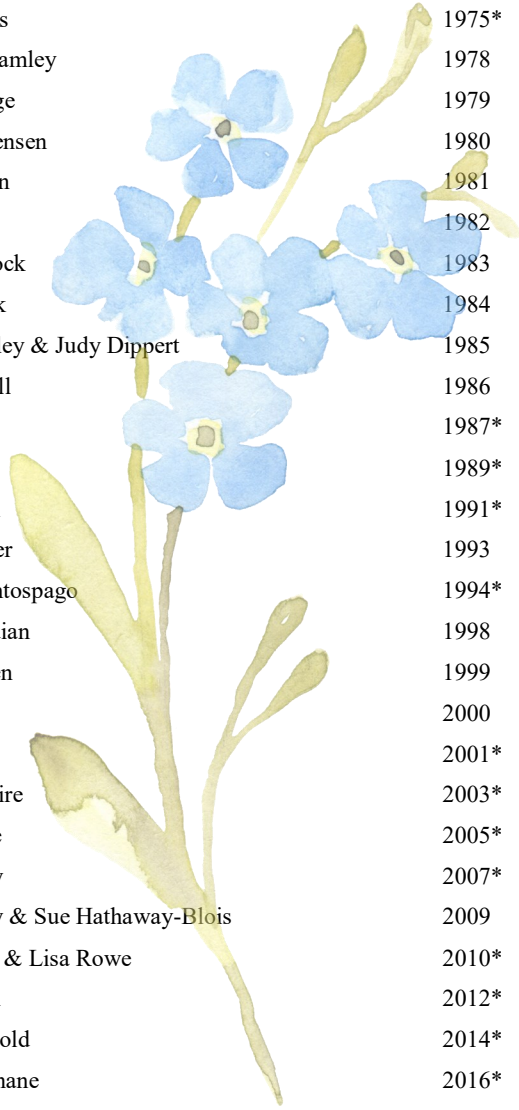
We also provide scholarships to deserving students pursuing horticulture or related fields, empowering the next generation of passionate advocates for gardening and environmental stewardship.

Join us in cultivating beauty, fostering community, and making a lasting impact on Westborough. Together, we can create a greener, more sustainable future.

### *Westborough Garden Club Past Presidents*

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Helen Vail                       | 1971  |
| Mary Edith Smith                 | 1972  |
| Priscilla Smith                  | 1973  |
| Eleanor Clifford                 | 1974  |
| Patricia Blois                   | 1975* |
| Charlotte Bramley                | 1978  |
| Ellen Turnage                    | 1979  |
| Diane Haagensen                  | 1980  |
| Joan Houston                     | 1981  |
| Judi Cutts                       | 1982  |
| Francine Block                   | 1983  |
| Nancy Quick                      | 1984  |
| Alyce Crowley & Judy Dippert     | 1985  |
| Paula Haskell                    | 1986  |
| Carol Ayres                      | 1987* |
| Linda Reger                      | 1989* |
| Janet O'Neil                     | 1991* |
| Sara Trimmer                     | 1993  |
| Caroline Santospage              | 1994* |
| Susan Abladian                   | 1998  |
| Marcia Patten                    | 1999  |
| Jan Towne                        | 2000  |
| Carol Baker                      | 2001* |
| Diane Maguire                    | 2003* |
| Bev Linnane                      | 2005* |
| Linda Maloy                      | 2007* |
| Linda Maloy & Sue Hathaway-Blois | 2009  |
| Ann Hoover & Lisa Rowe           | 2010* |
| Lisa Carlson                     | 2012* |
| Alyce Luippold                   | 2014* |
| Beverly Linnane                  | 2016* |
| Linda Reger                      | 2018  |
| Julie Reilly                     | 2019  |
| Karen Kinnard & Leslie Buffo     | 2020* |
| Leslie Buffo                     | 2022* |

\* denotes multi-year term



## *Co-President's Message*

**MAY 18, 2024**

(Saturday)

### *Annual Plant Sale*

**at Hastings Elementary School**

**111 East Main Street**

**9am - 11:30am ~ rain or shine**

The much-anticipated annual event in our Westborough community is just around the corner – a wonderful opportunity to acquire locally grown perennial plants. We eagerly await this occasion, as it brings us together to meet and connect with fellow community members while exchanging and showcasing our beloved plants. The support and participation from everyone contribute to making this fundraiser enjoyable and successful. So, mark your calendars, and don't forget to bring your hats and aprons as we prepare for a fantastic day of gardening and community bonding!

**MAY 29, 2024**

### *Summer Social/Year End Wrap-up*

#### *And Catered Dinner*

*- members only -*

**Westborough Senior Center**

**4 Rogers Road**

**6:00 pm**

We welcome club members to our 91st year of collaborative gardening and we want to express our gratitude to Leslie Buffo and Karen Kinnard for steering the club through the uncharted waters of the COVID pandemic. And hopefully the height of the jumping worm crisis as well! No doubt Mother Nature has many other surprises in store for us, especially as ecosystems continue to adjust to burgeoning humanity.

With COVID in the side view mirror we will be returning to some of our traditional scheduling. In particular, a potluck dinner at the Annual Meeting in September and an evening program for the Holiday Festival in December.

May we bring a bit of joy to ourselves and others as we paint living canvasses in our yards and community. Also remember that if you are caught up on your weeding - your flowerbeds are too small!

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

*Westborough Garden Club's*

*91st Annual Meeting*

*And Potluck Dinner*

**Westborough Senior Center**

**4 Rogers Road**

**6:30 pm Social Time and Dinner**

*- open to members only -*

Join us for a fun potluck as we talk about our gardens. How did your weeds/flowers grow this summer? Catch up with old and new friends, and share your garden joys and sorrows. This is when we pay our annual dues of \$30, pick up our program book, and vote in our new budget for 2023-2024.



**OCTOBER 25, 2023**

*Farm to Table*

*With Ruth Houlden*

**Westborough Senior Center  
4 Rogers Road**

**6:30 pm social time**

**6:45 business meeting**

**7:15 program begins**

*- open to the public -*

Ruth Houlden of Houlden Farms in Grafton, a passionate advocate for farm to table practices, will deliver an engaging presentation delving into the history and significance of the farm to table movement, offering compelling examples that highlight its impact on our culinary experiences.

Join us as we explore the journey of farm to table, celebrating the resurgence of authentic flavors, sustainable farming practices, and the profound connections forged between farmers and consumers. Ruth Houlden's presentation promises to be an enlightening experience that will leave you inspired to embrace the beauty and benefits of farm to table practices.



**APRIL 24, 2024**

*Queen of the Border (Delphinium)*

*with Master Gardener Rick Charnes*

**Westborough Senior Center  
4 Rogers Road**

**6:30 pm social time**

**6:45 pm business meeting**

**7:15 pm program begins**

*- open to public -*

The tall English-style delphinium is arguably one of the most beautiful flowers in the world. This flower is known in the UK as the “Queen of the Border.” Given that these beauties are no longer grown here in the US as they were in their heyday during the 1920s and 1930s, they deserve their own renaissance. To that end, Rick will present a video of his garden in all its glory. Rick will provide a history of the flower and its breeding. He will also talk about his experiences growing delphiniums, and finally discuss their propagation and cultivation to help others get started growing this elegant flower.



**MARCH 27, 2024**

*Gardening is Murder*  
*with Neal Sanders*

**Westborough Senior Center**  
**4 Rogers Road**  
**6:30 pm social time**  
**6:45 pm business meeting**  
**7:00 pm program begins**

*- open to public-*

Discover the whimsical perspective of a husband in "Gardening is Murder" during our engaging talk with mystery author Neal Sanders. Through humor and unique insights, Neal will share his gardening experiences, which stem not solely from a passion for horticulture but rather from the love he has for his spouse. Expect to receive valuable horticulture advice and witness the debunking of some amusingly bad advice as well. Join us for an entertaining and informative session filled with laughter and gardening anecdotes from an author who approaches the art of gardening with both wit and affection.



**NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

*Greens Workshop*

**Westborough Senior Center**  
**4 Rogers Road**  
**6:00 pm work and social time**  
**6:15 pm business meeting**  
*- members only -*



Participants will have the exciting opportunity to craft holiday wreaths, centerpieces, and swags, which will be available for sale at the upcoming Friday Holiday Festival. This gathering is all about getting hands-on and letting our creativity soar as we draw inspiration from one another. Remember to bring your clippers and greenery from your yard, as well as any unique or unwanted containers, baskets, ribbons, and decorations that you can share or donate. This meeting sets the tone for the forthcoming holiday season, promising a delightful and inspiring experience filled with fun and festive spirit.



**DECEMBER 1, 2023**

*Friday Holiday Festival*

*Presentation by*

*Deborah Trickett*

**Mill Pond School  
6 Olde Hickory Path  
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

*- open to public with admission fee -*

Deborah Trickett is an award-winning container garden designer, a Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist, and a Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional. She will share her experience gained over 30 years in the horticultural industry by demonstrating how she creates stunning holiday arrangements using unique containers, winter greenery, and flowers. These arrangements will be raffled off to our Holiday Festival ticket holders at the end of her demonstration, as well as several wonderful items from our town-wide sponsors. Holiday greens arrangements will also be for sale.

Refreshments will be served.



*The Captured Garden*

**JANUARY 2024**

*Westborough Garden Club*

*Members Only Social*

*Date, Time and Place to be determined*

**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

*Welcoming Native Plants and Insects to Your  
Garden*

*With Rebecca Warner*

**Westborough Senior Center  
4 Rogers Road**

**6:30 pm social time**

**6:45 pm business meeting**

**7:00 pm program begins**

*- open to public -*

One of the best reasons to grow native plants is to provide food and habitat for native insects in our gardens. Rebecca will describe how to choose beautiful plants to attract beneficial insects and pollinators. She will explain how you can strike the right balance of insects for your garden while revealing some truths about native plants— the good citizens and the thugs. She will offer garden maintenance tricks to make your yard hospitable to the right insects.

