



Westborough GARDEN CLUB Programs 2024-2025

Westborough Garden Club

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Westborough Garden Club Past Presidents

Patricia Blois	1975*
Charlotte Bramley	1977*
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 Santospago	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
Glenn Hong & Hanli Lipke	2023*

* denotes multi-year term

Saturday

MAY 17, 2025

Annual Plant Sale

Hastings Elementary School

111 East Main Street

9am - 11:30am, rain or shine!

- public invited -

This much-anticipated annual event 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 28, 2025

Year End Social, Business, and Dinner

- members only -

Westborough Senior Center

4 Rogers Road

6:00 pm

Westborough Garden Club

Ninety-two years ago, the Westborough Garden Club was founded by Mrs. Kenneth Craig. The Club has seen many changes over the years, but our commitment to community beautification, education and scholarship has been consistent. It is the contributions of each member that makes the club successful. We need every member to participate to the best of their ability to keep our club going strong.

The Westborough Garden Club generally meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the Westborough Senior Center, 4 Rogers Road, in Westborough. Our meetings start with social time at 6:30 pm; at 6:45 the business meeting begins; and at 7:00-7:15, we start our scheduled program. Select meetings are open to the public.

Executive Board meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Members are always welcome. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact an Executive Board member.

The Westborough Garden Club maintains a membership to the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill. There are 4 membership cards (each good for 2 members) that may be borrowed by garden club members for free general admission. Please contact Suzanne or Lorena if you wish to use them.

Westborough Garden Club remains a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.



Proud member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

2024-2025 Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Glenn Hong and Hanli Lipke

Past President: Leslie Buffo

Treasurer: Carrie Bourke

Recording Secretary: Carol DeMichele

Corresponding Secretary: Laurie Carleton

Membership: Suzanne McCullough

Members at Large: Gina Hoeffler, Lorena Altamirano

Committee Chairs

Programs: Robin Fleming

Community Beautification: Karen Kinnard, Maureen Johnson

Publicity/Website Manager: Lorena Altamirano

Scholarship: Karen Kinnard, Carrie Bourke, Hanli Lipke

Nominating Committee: Leslie Buffo, Hanli Lipke,

Glenn Hong

Member Home Garden Tours: Suzanne McCullough

Hospitality: Laurie Carleton, Gina Hoeffler, Suzanne McCullough

Our Purpose

- ◆ To educate the public about gardening and horticulture.
- ◆ To develop and encourage community spirit by promoting an interest and involvement in the community's beautification.
- ◆ To promote ecosystem preservation through public education and the planting of native species.
- ◆ To provide scholarship assistance to worthy students pursuing a course of study in horticulture, ecology, or environmental science.

APRIL 23, 2025

All About Rhododendrons with Joe Brusio

**Westborough Senior Center
4 Rogers Road**

6:30 pm social time

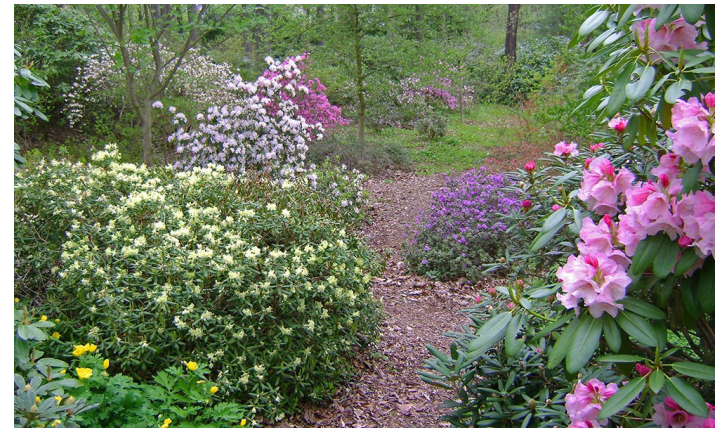
6:45 pm business meeting

7:15 pm program begins

- open to the public-

Local hybridizer, propagator and grower Joe Brusio will

- describe characteristics of the genus and survey the main types of rhododendrons and azaleas,
- illustrate a variety of both species and hybrids which do well in our area,
- introduce you to other attractive features of rhododendrons, such as foliage and new growth,
- provide an overview of planting and care, and
- address a few potential problems.



MARCH 26, 2025

***Soil Improvement
with Sam Billings***

**Westborough Senior Center
4 Rogers Road
6:30 pm social time
6:45 pm business meeting
7:15 pm program begins
*- members only -***

Sam Billings is the Fine Gardening Division Manager at MainStay Landscape in Osterville, MA. With an undergraduate degree in soil science and a prior tenure as an organic farmer, Sam has built up his soil knowledge over the past 15 years. In this interactive discussion, Sam intends to help attendees better understand how to take care of the earth beneath their feet and in their gardens. Bringing soil testing results for interpretation is encouraged.



***"The garden reconciles human art and wild nature, hard work and deep pleasure, spiritual practice and the material world. It is a magical place because it is not divided."
~Thomas Moore***

Co-Presidents' Message

Welcome to our 92nd year of collaborative gardening! This year we will continue to tweak the schedules and activities to try and achieve the best member experience. The fall potluck dinner will be moved to October to allow a more timely September talk well before the gardening season ends. Also we found last year that the Friday night Holiday Festival had some drawbacks so we will try a Thursday night this time around. We will also focus more on creativity and quality as opposed to quantity for our holiday greens arrangements, and to that end have included a November greens demonstration meeting in the program.

For the spring plant sale we will continue to stress greater plant variety in our offerings, which produced excellent results last year despite the inclement weather. In addition to a variety of speaker programs, the most popular activities will continue to be emphasized including field trips and member garden visitations. And finally, there are still more Maine jokes to be told! Happy gardening to all!

— *Glenn Hong and Hanli Lipke*



JANUARY 2025

Westborough Garden Club Members Only Social

Date, Time and Place to be determined



FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Starting Seeds Indoors with Master Gardener Gretel Anspach

**Westborough Senior Center
4 Rogers Road
6:30 pm social time
6:45 pm business meeting
7:15 pm program begins
*- open to public -***

This is one of the more complex areas of gardening how-to, and the least forgiving of neglect. Gretel will help us understand which flowers and vegetables may benefit from a start indoors, and guide us through the basic steps involved in growing plants indoors— from sowing seeds to potting-up, hardening off, and finally, planting out.

DECEMBER 5, 2024

Thursday Holiday Festival

Presentation by

Stacey Lee

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

- open to public with admission fee -

Stacey Lee is a local floral arranger who has a wealth of knowledge about sourcing plants locally, and using sustainable, eco-friendly materials. She will create several stunning winter arrangements, which will be raffled off to our Holiday Festival ticket holders at the end of her demonstration. She will also provide handouts about local growers and sustainable materials. Afterward, the club will raffle off wonderful items from our town-wide sponsors. Our own holiday greens arrangements will also be for sale, and refreshments will be served. All club members are expected to help by creating a holiday arrangement to sell, making baked goods, soliciting raffle items, and/or participating in the event. This is one of our best fund-raisers, and also lots of fun!



SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Westborough Garden Club's 92st Annual Meeting

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***Propagating Perennials
with Joan Butler***

**Westborough Senior Center
4 Rogers Road**

**6:30 pm social time
6:45 pm business meeting
7:15 pm program begins**

- members only -

Joan will teach us about various propagation techniques, including growing from seeds, taking cuttings, and dividing plants in a combination of lecture and demonstration formats.

This is also when we vote in the new budget for 2024-2025, pay our annual dues, and pick up our new program book.



OCTOBER 23, 2024

Member Potluck

**Westborough Senior Center
4 Rogers Road**

**6:30 pm social time
6:45 dinner 7:15 business meeting
- members only -**

Join us for a fun potluck as we talk about our gardens. How did your weeds/flowers grow this past year? Catch up with old and new friends, and share your garden joys and sorrows. We will watch a slide show of members' summer garden tours, as well as any lovely garden photos you would like to share. Send them beforehand to Glenn Hong.



NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Winter Greens Arranging

Demonstrations by some of our finest

Westborough Senior Center

4 Rogers Road

6:30 pm social time

6:45 pm business meeting

7:15 Program

- members only -

Several of our finest floral designers will demonstrate their process as they create beautiful winter arrangements appropriate for selling at the Holiday Fair. This year the emphasis will be on quality, as opposed to quantity.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024

Greens Workshop

**Westborough Senior Center
4 Rogers Road**

**6:30 pm work and social time
- members only -**

Members will have the exciting opportunity to craft holiday wreaths, centerpieces, and swags, which will be available for sale at the upcoming (Thursday) 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 is always a fun, creative experience. Be prepared to arrive a little early, and stay afterward to help with cleanup, if possible.

