

The Perennial



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Many of us will soon be putting out our Christmas trees for recycling. Some other options would be cutting off the branches to use as mulch in the garden or simply resting against a fence or deciduous tree to provide shelter for birds.

January's Program: January 11 at 10:30
St. John's Episcopal Church, 74 Pleasant St., Arlington, MA



So You Want to Be an Organic Farmer

Brian Turnbaugh, son-in-law of Club member Nancy Pike and owner of Good Roots Farm, will share his journey with what started as an idea and grew into reality. Good Roots Farm is located in Lincoln. Brian



currently participates in the Medford and Newton Farmers Markets. Luncheon this month will be brown bag. The Club will provide drinks.

Books in Bloom – Patsy Kraemer and Sally Naish

Books in Bloom will be held on Friday evening March 10. Members are needed to choose a book and then design a floral display that relates to their choice. Let Patsy or Sally know if you are interested. We need about 20 participants.

December's Program

The activity, "Guess Who I Am" which was met with much enthusiasm and laughter, the poetry readings by Miriam Levine and the delicious luncheon all contributed to a delightful morning. Many thanks to the board, the donors of the auction items, and Hospitality Chairs Nancy Pike and Carol Nahigian for a wonderful holiday event.



Senior Center Project – Sally Naish

About 20 members attended the first meeting. After walking around the site, attendees discussed all the objects, buildings and existing plantings that could impact the design of the new garden. Before the next meeting, members were given an assignment to think about design elements that might be incorporated into the plan. Following the next meeting on January 18 at 10:00 in the Town Hall, we will complete designs individually or in groups. At the final meeting, the designs will be evaluated toward producing a cohesive design for the garden.

Wreath Making for the Jason Russell House and Kudos to the Jason Russell House Group



Several members gathered at Carol Nahigian's home to make wreaths. In addition to providing beautiful wreaths for the Jason Russell House, participants had the opportunity to learn the skills to make their own wreaths in the future. During the December meeting, Carol shared a letter from the Historical Society and the Jason

Russell House expressing their gratitude for all the work done by the Garden Club to bring back the herb garden and for the wreaths that have been hung during the holiday season.



Plant Sale - A Call to Serve

We need one or two members to serve as chair or co-chairs of the Plant Sale. This event was voted the number one choice for a fundraiser by the membership and has been a huge success in past years. Former chairs have been very organized and can provide guidance and information. Contact Patsy if you think this is something that you are able to do.

Garden Therapy Group – Barbara Neenan and Robin Watson



The Garden Therapy committee met at the Park Avenue Nursing Facility on December 5th. We enjoyed a fine holiday event complete with seasonal music provided by Kathy Reeder on the piano. Marcia de Rosas and Nan Enos provided the delicious snacks and craft, which consisted of cheerfully

decorated mugs filled with festive decorations complete with a miniature candy cane. A good time was enjoyed by all!



Snow Cancellations

We will be following the Arlington Public Schools snow cancellation policy and will have no meeting if schools are closed on a Wednesday program day.

Best Wishes for the New Year!

