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June End-of-the-Year Dinner

Thursday June 6th - 6 pm

Arlington Town Hall

~ Celebrate the Club's accomplishments ~

~ Enjoy a festive evening catered for us by Beaujolais ~

~ Nothing to bring except yourself ~

*If you have not yet let the Hospitality Chairs know you are coming, would you please do
so by June 1st*

*Bronwyn Dillon
Zohreh Damghany*

Have you renewed your Club membership?

Membership dues are \$45 per year. July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Download membership form [below], complete it, make a check payable to "Arlington Garden Club."

Bring form and check to the June 6th dinner or mail to:

Ginger Tower 110 Mt. Vernon St., Arlington, MA, 02476

https://agcsandbox.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/agc_renewal_1.pdf

Plant Sale - Saturday, May 18th

Thanks to all members who made this event a success...and to the goddesses for blessing us with a brilliant day in the midst of a rainy spring.

***All your plant-digging, baking and attic-clearing brought
\$4,600 into the Club's coffers.***

*Some shots of the scene, the workers and all the greenery...thanks to
photographer Gerry Ricci*



Garden Therapy – Robin Watkins and Barbara Neenan

The theme of May's Garden Therapy program was a combination of summer flowers and patriotism for Memorial Day. Barbara Neenan and Karen Costa provided the projects and snacks for the Park Avenue Health Center residents.

The project consisted of decorating flower pots with red, white and blue stars and then planting red, white and blue flowers and an American flag in the pots, which contained green PlayDough.



Afterwards, residents enjoyed a slice of delicious banana bread with a drink.

To conclude the program, Donna McGowan led the singing of patriotic songs and classics about baseball, bicycling and summer fun, to Florynce Bornstein's enthusiastic piano accompaniment. The residents waved flags in time to the music. Everyone wished each other a happy summer until the new Garden Therapy season begins in October.

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*A garden party celebrating the restoration of the Town Hall Gardens Reflecting Pool capped off a beautiful day on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Guests were welcomed by civic benefactor Nathan Robbins (aka Alan McClennan).*





## Another historic event at the historic Jason Russell House...

Thanks to Club members who tend to the JRH garden and Juliette Avots's diligent research, two heirloom apple varieties were planted in April: a Baldwin apple tree and a Roxbury Russet tree.

Both apples have local origins. The Roxbury Russet was discovered mid 17<sup>th</sup> century in Boston's own Roxbury and was one of the cultivars that Thomas Jefferson planted in his own orchard. The Baldwin originated in Wilmington, MA around 1740 and in 1885 was America's best-selling apple. There is a monument in Wilmington near the site of the original tree.



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The Club's Involvement with School Gardens **Karen MacKinnon, Environmental Chair**

Club members came through generously when asked to contribute twigs, pine cones and other bits of nature for fairy gardens being constructed by kindergartener, and the Club received the following note from Thompson Green Team Community Helper and AGC member Peggy Gardiner

Thank you all the neat pieces of nature that your organization collected for the Green Team at Thompson School. During Earth Week we planted a pollinator garden, made seed balls, spread wildflower seeds, planted and mulched trees and made fairy houses.

The school also won the MA Secretary's Award for Excellent in Energy & Environment for some of their projects!

We are also appreciative of the money you all gave the school to help fund out Green Team Projects.



Thompson students at work & in front of the State House.

Some Local Garden Events for your Summer Enjoyment...



Six memorable private gardens feature details to refresh and sharpen your senses as you bathe in the healing power of nature. Plan a leisurely one- or two-day tour to unwind.

Advance tickets are available at reduced prices until Monday, June 3:

Adults \$30 ~ Seniors 65+ ~ \$35 at the door.

You can pick up self-service, advance ticket forms at Ferns Country Store in Carlisle Center, [Gleason Public Library](#), Town Hall at 66 Westford Road .

Pick up your booklet at the Will Call line on Town Common opposite 27 School Street to start the Tour.



International Lily Show and Symposium
July 13 and 14, 2019
Weld Hill Center at the Arnold Arboretum
Free & Open to the Public

Hundreds of stunning lily stems and many arrangements featuring lilies



We encourage the (free) submission of *arrangements utilizing lilium* and hope you will take this opportunity to join us in displaying their talent to attendees from all over the world.

Yours in weeding and planting,
Patty Stewart ~ New England Lily Society

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***AGC Tour Director Emily Forshay-Crowley is organizing a group to this tour on Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>. See details below.***



**FRI & SAT, July 26 & July 27, 10 – 4 Rain or Shine**

This self-guided tour consists of 15 private gardens clustered in 3 Rockport neighborhoods, celebrating ocean vistas, enchanting gardens, water features, sculptures and artwork.

Tickets for the tour can be purchased on line *[link is below]*. Click on 'Tickets' and follow the prompts –\$25 if purchased by July 1 or \$30 thereafter.

Lunch at a seaside location is optional and can be purchased on the day of the tour for \$15. So far there are about a dozen members interested in the tour – if you are interested or for more information, please contact Emily Forshay-Crowley.

**Eventbrite - [Buy Tickets Online](#)**