



## ***The Perennial - August 2019***

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~ Life begins the day you start a garden ~

Welcome to Arlington Garden Club's new program year. Your editor is trying out a new look. Any and all feedback is welcome.

**The Club's new meeting day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month**

### **September Program**

**Monday 9/16/19 – 10:30 am**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, 74 Pleasant St., Arlington MA**

### **“Spring Bulbs – Daffodils and Beyond”**

**Speaker: Betty Sanders**

Betty is a Lifetime Massachusetts Master Gardener and a nationally accredited flower-show judge. She has studied gardening everywhere from the Arnold Arboretum to the New York Botanical Garden and the New England Wildflower Society (now the Native Plant Trust).



She is also a scientist, with a chemistry degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. With a large font of knowledge and a dose of humor, Betty will teach (and re-teach) us about bulb planting and start planning our spring gardens.

**~ Pick up your 2019-20 Yearbook at the September meeting. ~**

## Civic Development's Beautification Committee Awards *Golden Trowel*

### Marilyn Sullivan, Chair

The *Golden Trowel* is awarded to private homes and businesses in Arlington with outstanding gardens. This summer the Beautification Committee introduced a new procedure: members provided photographs of sites that stood out throughout town, and the committee selected eight sites. Members then delivered the *Golden Trowel* to the sites selected. Some sites included Jimmy's Steer House, Winslow Architects, and 14 Oak Hill Drive. The award process worked well, and the committee hope to use it again. Enjoy photos of some the sites selected:

**Winslow Architects**



**Jimmy's Steer House**



**14 Oak Hill Drive**

Other gardens presented with the Golden Trowel Award were

**Private residences:**  
108 Cutter Hill Rd

66 Walnut Street

12 Hawthorne Rd  
7 Charles Street

**Business:**

Zhen Ren Chuan. Martial Arts  
Center, 301 Broadway

## **Other Civic Development News ...'Highlights In The Heights!'**

A shout out to member Janet O'Riordan for her excellent work to improve the Arlington Heights' business district streetscape, buying additional planters and choosing beautiful plants that continued to look wonderful all summer. Thanks for adding to the town's beauty, Janet!

### **Recycling in Arlington**

#### **Karen MacKinnon, Environment Chair**

As part of the [RecycleSmart Program](#), an initiative Massachusetts has started in order to simplify the recycling process, there are some changes to the items we are able to recycle here in Arlington.

- Curbside bins can no longer include coated paper cartons such as milk and juice containers. These now go in the trash.
- Shredded paper will no longer be accepted in the curbside bins. This also should go in the trash. Paper shredding services will continue to be available at the Harder-to-Recycle drop offs. The next paper shredding days are: Saturday October 5, 2019 and Saturday May 9, 2020.
- Pizza boxes with only a small amount of grease on them will now be accepted to recycle in the curbside bins.

As a reminder of how we can recycle properly and do our part to lessen the contamination in our recycling collection, please see the [Chronicle](#).

For more information on recycling go to [Public Works Arlington](#).

### **Now for something new ... Swappo**

Many of us have shared announcements at meetings about programs and activities that are non-garden related but may be of interest to our membership. The Board encourages this information sharing but feels it is taking up too much time in the business section of our meetings, so starting in September we will have a 'Swappo' table available for members to leave brochures, flyers, etc. on such events. There are only 2 "rules" – nothing politically related and please do not use table to sell anything.

## **Looking for Assistant Tour Director**

Emily Forshay-Crowley has ably led several visits to scenic, picturesque gardens for the Club for the past few years – including a trip to the Rockport Garden Tour this summer. She is ready to hand over her tour flag and will happily pass on her tips for running successful group tours.

Would you like to step up? Talk with Emily at a meeting or contact her by email.

## **New Members**

**Please add to your (new) 2019-20 Yearbook**

Susan Bromley  
Hope Turner



## **Enjoy some summer garden photos**

**From members', Club and visited gardens**



**Monarch on swamp  
milkweed**



**Joe Pye-Weed**



**Native honeysuckle**



**Rockport garden**



**Ridge Circle**



**Happy birthday, USA!**

**Condo garden**





And look what greeted last week's Town Hall Gardens gardeners....



Thank you, photographers Joan Robbio, Nancy Pike, Karen MacKinnon, Flo Dunlap and Jan Still.

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## Other Local Garden Goings-on

**Somerville Garden Club**

**PLANT SALE**

**SAT., SEPT. 21 9 am-1 pm**

**DAVIS SQUARE**

Rain or shine

- Sun and shade garden perennials
- House plants
- Herbs
- Trees, shrubs, and groundcovers
- Horticultural books, decorative containers, garden tools

**plus** Advice from experienced gardeners!

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**Sat., Sept. 21, 2019, 9 am-1 pm, rain or shine!**

**Davis Sq. (intersection of College Ave. & Holland St.)**

Perennials for sun and shade, herbs, shrubs, groundcovers, plus a wide variety of house plants will be featured.