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Greetings Fellow Garden Club Members

This certainly is a busy, hectic time of year. Days are becoming dark and chilly and Covid has not yet left the building. So this may be the time to walk away from these elements and surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you well, pray for those who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy!

I look forward to seeing you all at our holiday luncheon, Wednesday, December 14th. Please note date change! A reminder will be forthcoming as well.

CHEERS!

Lolly, Your President

~ **Important information about the December Program** ~

Date & Venue Changes



New Date: Wednesday December 14th

Venue: Arlington Town Hall



Catered luncheon ~ fun ~ games ~ surprises !

Because we need a headcount for lunch...

RSVP by Wednesday, December 7th
to Hospitality Chairs

Bronwyn Dillon & Karen MacKinnon
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A reminder will also be sent before 12/7.

**Following up to September's program on invasive plants,
member Maryanne King reminds us...**

Gardening clean-up reminder:

At the presentation on invasives at AGC last month, there was discussion of how to dispose of invasive plant material. Only during lunch did I realize that many club members don't know about the Invasive Plant stickers for disposal as trash. Here's what I got from Charlotte Milan, Arlington's Recycling Coordinator and AGC member:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Charlotte Milan** <CMilan@town.arlington.ma.us>

Date: Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 3:16 PM

Subject: Re: Invasive Plant Material Labels

To: Maryanne King <maryanneking70@gmail.com>

Hi Maryanne,

Yes we have stickers that you would need to use. We ask that you bag the invasives separately from all other yard waste, in plastic bags, and adhere a sticker to each plastic bag.

You can pick up these stickers at DPW, 51 Grove Street, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Environment – Stephan Miller, Chair

Stephan is on a well-deserved break ... & may be baking.

He will return soon with another riveting installment.

***Civic Development
Patsy Kraemer, Chair***

With most gardens tucked away for winter, gardeners, ever eternal optimists, now have time to thumb through catalogues and dream of spring.

Garden Therapy

Carol Nahigian & Carmen Torres, Co-Chairs

November program reported Robin Watkins

Participants: Carol Nahigian, Carmen Torres, Jackie Keshian, Barbara Neenan, Marcia DeRosas, Robin Watkins

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, Garden Therapy committee members meet with Brightview Arlington residents who are interested in making floral arrangements for their rooms.

Laden with greens and flowers gathered from their own gardens -- ferns, holly, lavender and mums -- AGC members also supplied containers and natural decorative ribbon material. Containers included gourds from which committee members had previously cut the tops and removed seeds and pulp. When arrangements were complete, water was added to the gourds. Everyone enjoyed chatting and creating unique, autumnal-themed arrangements.



A History of the Arlington Garden Club: Second Installment - 1940's

**~ Compiled by Nancie Richardson, Club Historian
and former Club President**

1941 - 1945 – Club members supplied flowers for military hospitals and worked with convalescent servicemen. We were active with the Bedford Veterans Hospital for several years and now this service is Garden Therapy and is carried out at Park Avenue Nursing Home. *[2022 update: After many years at the Park Avenue Nursing Home, Garden Therapy was suspended during the pandemic and is now being offered at Brightview Assisted Living - Arlington.]*

In March 1944 we held a Food Sale and realized \$82.10. The Committee voted that “the money over and above the assessment for the hospital (Symmes) plantings would be put aside for use of the War Service Committee’s work this summer.”

Karen MacKinnon’s blooming Christmas -- or is it Thanksgiving? -- cactus



New auditors for the Club’s accounts ~

Board member Karen MacKinnon and former Club president, now Web Editor, Janet Pagliuca have stepped up to serve as auditors, a requirement for Massachusetts non-profit organizations.
