



The Perennial ***March 2023***

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Greetings my fellow garden club members

I had been feeling quite optimistic and excited about this coming year until the other day. In light of a recent wildlife tragedy I find myself distressed and concerned. I have vented about potential loss of precious natural spaces that could soon be lost forever. However, the loss of our beloved MK (a bald eagle), who succumbed to ingesting rodenticide poisoning, has taken me round the bend. We need to act! MK was part of a pair of bald eagles that nested here 50 years ago. DDT is gone, but rodenticides remain.

Let's all join together and take action. Our Senator Cindy Freedman needs to co-sponsor proposed House Bill HD577: an act relative to pesticides (otherwise known as Hawkins bill and its Senate version SD 1144), is in need of co-sponsors. This bill would require a state registration database to track SGARs' (commercial rodenticide) use in the state and promote education and awareness about these poisons. Thus far, Senator Friedman has not co-sponsored either of these bills!

Her contact info: [http://cindyfriedman.org/contact us/](http://cindyfriedman.org/contact-us/).

Get involved: SAVE ARLINGTON WILDLIFE

<http://savearlingtonwildlife.org/ways-to-get-involved>

https://blogs.massaudubon.org/yourgreatoutdoors/bald-eagles-are-dying-rat-poison-is-to-blame/?_ga=2.114333191.1491336469.1677781813-968882152.1672841524

Together perhaps we may make a difference.

Lolly, Your President

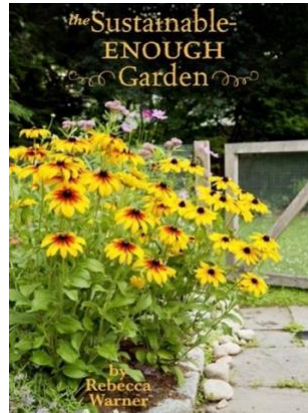
MARCH PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 10:30 am

**St. John's Episcopal Church, 74 Pleasant Street, Arlington
(enter through side door on Lombard Road)**

~ Lunch, coffee, tea & water will be provided ~

Thinking Globally Acting In Your Own Yard



Believe it or not, what we do in our gardens can make a real difference for the environment. **Rebecca Warner**, author of *Sustainable Enough Garden*, is a home gardener in Newton, MA with 30 years' experience working toward a sustainable ornamental garden. Rebecca will propose replacing some of your lawn with smart, attractive alternatives. She will explore the many benefits of this approach to your own yard and the environment.

Environment – Stephan Miller, Chair

Stephan is on a winter break.

We anticipate his re-emergence in the *spring*.

Civil Development – Patsy Kraemer, Chair

Please consider joining one of the various Civic Development projects.
New members are most welcome!

A History of the Arlington Garden Club: Fourth Installment - 1970's (Part 1)

**~ Compiled by Nancie Richardson, former Club President
and Club Historian, for the Club's 75th Anniversary in 2005 ~**

The decade started with AGC dues at \$4.00. Members were required to show their membership cards upon entering a meeting.

In 1970 – We were awarded the largest grant in the Bay State Improvement Program by the Garden Club Federation and Sears, Roebuck & Co. for the plans and the beginning of the work at Mill Brook.

October 1971 – The first section of the Mill Brook project was opened. Suggested by Martha Quigley, a student at East Junior High School the name “Cooke’s Hollow” was chosen as the name of our Mill Brook project.

June 1973 – A special luncheon and presentation of the Environment Improvement Program (EIP) Award for our work on the Mill Brook Project was celebrated by the Club.

October 1974 – “Cooke’s Hollow” was completed and dedicated. We received an engraved silver Paul Revere bowl from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce for being the organization that contributed the most to the Town in 1973.

Mass. Master Gardeners’ Summer Gardening Know-How Series Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM - May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2023

LECTURES INCLUDE:

- Getting Started (or Not) with Vegetable Gardening
- Growing Herbs for Cooking, Fragrance, Pollinators and More
- How to Choose and Grow New England Native Plants
- Container Gardening - Stoop Less/Grow More

Sessions are taught by Master Gardeners Gretel Anspach and Kathi Gariepy.
Please help get the word out: Invite your gardening friends to visit our website for more details, <<https://www.massmastergardeners.org/educational-resources/gardening-know-how-series>>

QUESTIONS? Email us at KnowHow@MassMasterGardeners.org

“NEW PERENNIALS: A LOVE STORY” with Deborah Chud **Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 7 pm (on-line)**

Please join the Arlington Garden Club and the Friends of the Robbins Library, co-sponsors of this virtual event, for a presentation by Deborah Chud, a retired Massachusetts physician turned garden-maker, consultant, and educator. entitled: “*New Perennials: A Love Story*”.

The talk is a personal introduction to the design principles of the New Perennialists who gave rise to the hottest gardening trend in the world today—naturalistic landscaping – whose influence can be seen in New York’s High Line, Chicago’s Lurie Garden, the Oudolf Meadow at Delaware Botanic Gardens and Oudolf Garden, Detroit. Deborah’s six years of research on these gardens (among many others) led to her own, highly unusual New Perennial garden and the only known database of New Perennial plant combinations.

- Part 1 of the talk traces discovery of their work, research on plant combinations and use of that research to create a garden in the New Perennialist style.
- Part 2 explores the historical context in which the New Perennialists emerged.
- Part 3 provides an introduction to their design principles—particularly a radical concept of structure and a special balance that approximates nature’s own.

At the end of the talk Deborah will offer home gardeners (and pros as well) some practical “dos & don’ts” for solving the problem of excessive contrast. This **online** event will take place on **Wednesday, April 26th, 7 pm**. Bring your questions and join the conversation.

The event is free and open to registration is required to receive the link. You can register here:<<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-perennials-a-love-story-tickets-520385345577>>

Members’ Corner

Please contact Emily Snyder, Nominating Committee Chair, if you are interested in learning more about the open positions for the 2023-24 AGC Board: <ells.ells0306@gmail.com>. New blood is needed!

Treasurer	–	OPEN
Hospitality Chairs	–	1 OPEN POSITION (serving with co-Chair Karen MacKinnon)
Membership Chair	–	OPEN