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*Our very successful fundraiser returns! Remember Books in Bloom?
Now we have THE ARTS in BLOOM!!*



Please be sure to get your tickets to come to this fun event! You can easily use the QR code on the flyer, or you can be in touch with Patsy Kraemer or Sally Naish to reserve tickets for the “will call” table.

There will be 20!!! floral displays throughout our beautiful, historic Robbins Library. A sampling of the “ARTS” being displayed include:

- “Lessons in Chemistry”
- “The Paper Crane”
- “Flight of the Bumblebee”
- “The Marine’s Hymn”
- “Quiltmania”

**Jim Nicoloro’s trio Jazz Ambiance will provide the music.
Slainte Bartending will serve the cocktails! And we’ll provide the
appetizers and sweets! A great evening in the works!!**

**Please come and support our terrific event!!
Friday, March 7, 6:30 - 9:30.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

Climate Change and Our Gardens

Michael Friedman, American Meteorological Society



Michael has a PhD in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since 2001 he has been working for the American Meteorological Society in Boston. He will cover the reality of climate change (climate crisis) including the basics of what, why and how it is happening. He will speak on how it affects your garden and offer survival strategies for you and your garden. Michael is a former Arlington resident.

The meeting begins at 10:30 am at St. John's Church, corner of Pleasant St. and Lombard Rd., Arlington. **Reminder:** Lunch along with coffee, tea and desserts will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Upcoming April Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

The Master Flower Show Judge: My Creative Journey

Kathy Leva, past Arlington Garden Club president

A former Arlington resident and AGC president, Kathy served as a Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Board member as well as a master flower show judge throughout New England. Kathy will create several floral arrangements to be auctioned off.



REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Garden Outreach

Carol Nahigian, Jackie Keshian, Barbara Neenan, Charleen Donahue, Janet Pagliuca, Bronwyn Dillon, and Robin Watkins, committee members

After a brief hiatus during a bitterly cold January, committee members and BrightView residents were happy to come together on February 27th to make beautiful flower arrangements. They combined a variety of purple, pink, and white flowers, pussy willows to signify spring, and many textures of greenery to create fantastic arrangements, while chatting to catch up.



Nominating Committee

Agnes Parise, Ginger Tower, Juliette Avots, committee members



Per the Club's ByLaws, the committee "shall prepare a list of candidates for the various Officer and Chairs of Standing Committee to be presented to the Club at the April meeting." Voting will take place at the May Meeting; Board members take office June 1st. Please contact Agnes AgnesP141@gmail.com if you would like to nominate someone (or yourself!) to a Board position.

MORE EVENTS OF INTEREST



SATURDAY, MARCH 1 TO SUNDAY, MARCH 16

10 AM - 4 PM, DAILY

2025 Spring Bulb Show

The Botanic Garden of Smith College

We are in the throes of winter right now, but the 2025 Spring Bulb Show is on the horizon! We have already started pulling bulbs from the cooler that we potted up last fall. This year's show will boast thousands of bulbs in all the colors of the rainbow. It'll be just what the doctor ordered come the start of March.

[More information here.](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 7 - 8:30 PM

An Experiment in Lawn to Meadow Conversion: Exceeding Expectations

*Presented by Sara Weaner Cooper, Executive Director, New Directions in the American Landscape
in conjunction with Grow Native Massachusetts*

In April of 2022, Sara and Evan Cooper moved into a new home in suburban Philadelphia with a 5,000 sq. ft. front lawn. Eager to transition it into a native wildflower meadow, Sara also wanted to avoid herbicide, heavy physical labor, and unhappy feedback from neighbors. Leaving the turf in place, she began a conversion process that relied on actions that weakened the lawn grass while strengthening her newly planted meadow. After two growing seasons, the results have exceeded expectations enough to be featured in The New York Times in 2024. Learn the practical steps they took, their successes and challenges thus far, methods of maintaining neighborhood harmony, and their plans for guiding the meadow to maturity. Free, online via Zoom. [Register here.](#)



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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 7 PM

The Advocacy Power of Public Native Gardens

Presented by Wild Ones

Nicole Machuca, Environmental Social Scientist at Chicago's Field Museum, will explore how public and demonstration gardens inspire action, connect people with native plants, and drive community engagement. She'll feature case studies from two gardens and how they help shift landscaping norms, foster biodiversity, and educate communities about sustainable practices while advancing native plant advocacy. Free, online via Zoom. [Register here](#)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Woodcocks at Rock Meadow

Presented by MassAudobon, Rock Meadow Conservation Area, Belmont

American Woodcocks are unique "upland" shorebirds, which nest in forested habitat. In early spring male woodcocks make their way to field edges to court, filling the last hours of daylight with spectacular aerial displays. Listen for their unusual call and watch as they rocket up 100 feet or more and zigzag back to earth. Come join us as we attempt to view this amazing rite of spring. Along the way we will look and listen for other nocturnal creatures.

Kathy Stark Dia is a field teacher and birding guide who enjoys working with birders and nature enthusiasts of all ages and levels. \$17 members (\$21 nonmembers) [Register here](#)



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TUESDAY MARCH 25, 7 - 8:15 PM

The New UMass Extension Pollinator Program: An Introduction

Presented by the Massachusetts Pollinator Network (MAPN)

Nicole Bell is the pollinator specialist and extension educator with UMass Amherst Extension. Based in the Boston area, her work focuses on pollinator-related outreach and education for home gardeners, growers, city municipalities, and beyond. Nicole will introduce us to the new pollinator program through UMass Extension, and talk about its future goals. She is open to any and all ideas for future projects and collaborations! In addition, she'll discuss some of her prior research on wild bees, and briefly discuss provisioning habitat for specialized pollinators. Free, online via Zoom. [Register here](#)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 5-7 PM | SOIRÉE

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 9 AM - 5 PM | TOUR

The Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill 96th Annual Tour & Soirée

Presented by the Beacon Hill Garden Club



Join us as we open the gates to some of the finest private gardens, featuring a stunning NEW addition in historic Louisburg Square that promises to be a highlight of our Soirée. Tickets now on sale. [Purchase here](#)

Event listings courtesy of Helen Snively, member, Somerville Garden Club

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Arlington Garden Club.

Cheryl Brusgulis

Brucie Moulton

Carol Walsh



Do you have have a 10' x 10' canopy you would be willing to loan to the Club for use at the Plant Sale, Saturday May 10, 2025? Please contact Emily Snyder ells.ells0306@gmail.com if you are able to do this.