



ARLINGTON GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message

Greetings My Fellow Gardeners,

What a full year we have had as a Club culminating in...

- Granting funding to two well-planned elementary school garden projects
- Holding a hugely successful plant sale, and
- Electing a new Board of Officers with both new faces and experienced Board members

And soon I look forward to enjoying our end-of-year dinner with you on June 17th!

Emily Snyder, your president



Enjoying family time at this year's Plant Sale.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

End-of-Year Dinner

ARLINGTON TOWN HALL

Our annual June Dinner is Wednesday, June 17th, at Arlington Town Hall, starting at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$10 and there's still time to sign up, ideally by June 10th, which is the deadline for Beaujolais, our caterer. Contact Nancie Richardson (nanjsr@aol.com) or Julie McDaniel (juliemcdaniel@mac.com).

If you'd like to help set up for the dinner, we'll be making flower arrangements and setting tables at 10am on the 17th. If you have any fresh flowers to contribute, that would be very welcome!



Two Elementary Schools Receive Awards from the Arlington Garden Club

The Green Teams at the Bishop and Dallin Elementary Schools were each awarded \$750.00 from the Arlington Garden Club (AGC). The grants, awarded in May, support gardening initiatives proposed by the schools' Green Teams as outlined in their applications to the AGC.

The Green Team at the Bishop School will use the funds to engage kindergarten through second graders as they grow and harvest selected vegetables in the school's raised beds. The K-2nd grade teachers will draw on the Mass Life Science curriculum that lays out lessons for understanding plant growth and soil health and also promotes student reflection on what's been learned.

The Dallin School Green Team will use their award to create a native species pollinator garden and partner with the Arlington Tree Committee to select, plant and maintain a native tree. School community engagement is a key component; parents and students will be involved in gardening tasks to maintain the garden throughout the year. Lessons are focused on pollinators and positive environmental aspects of native garden plantings.

And here's [the article](#) that appeared in the June 1st issue of YourArlington



Garden enthusiasts at the Bishop School



Members of the Dallin School Green Team and AGC

New pollinator garden at the Dallin School

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Plant Sale

Jan Ford and Karen MacKinnon

Many thanks to everyone who dug plants, labeled, priced, worked at the sale, provided publicity, chaired an area, and/or baked. It took a team effort and we are very grateful.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect. We had over 500 plants, lots of baked goods, and beautiful scarves and floral notecards. We welcomed ArMI (invasive awareness) and the Pollinator Pathways. It was a grand day!



Plants and scarves at this year's Plant Sale

Garden Outreach

Jackie Keshian & Carol Nahigian, co-chairs

On May 21st, Charleen Donahue, Jackie Keshian, Donna McGowan, Carol Nahigian, Janet Pagliuca, and Robin Watkins visited residents of Brightview to celebrate Memorial Day. Robin Parker, the Activity Director at Brightview, contributed patriotic red, white, and blue containers each decorated with a large star. Garden Outreach members brought red, white, blue, and lavender flowers, greenery, and ribbons for added decoration. Participants enjoyed chatting and creating beautiful arrangements. This was the last visit to Brightview for the summer. Visits will resume in the fall.



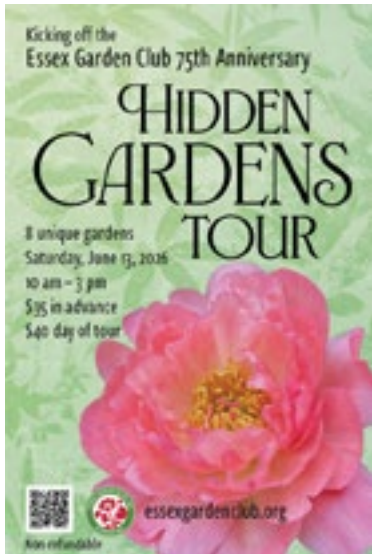
MORE EVENTS OF INTEREST

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 10 AM - 3 PM

Inspirational Gardens of Lexington

Lexington Field & Garden Club

Nine privately owned gardens showcasing the owners' creativity and design. \$30 in advance, \$35 day of tour. [Buy tickets.](#)



SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 10 AM - 3 PM

Hidden Gardens Tour

Essex Garden Club

Eight unique gardens to visit at your own pace. \$35 in advance, \$40 day of tour. [Buy tickets.](#)

TUESDAY JUNE 16, 7 - 9 PM

The Extraordinary Caterpillar

Lexington Venue Movie Theater, 1794 Mass Ave., Lexington

From blooming meadows to city parks and backyard gardens, this inspiring film celebrates the magic of nature while showing all of us practical ways to make a difference. Along the way, you'll see the groundbreaking work of The Caterpillar Lab, entomologist David Wagner, and Doug Tallamy, co-founder of Homegrown National Park. Includes a Q&A with staff from the Caterpillar Lab. FREE



Photo credit: Sam Jaffe

Event Listings courtesy of Jan Still.



New Member

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

Julie Kalustian

Don't forget to renew your membership!

Please remember to send your AGC renewal application with fee to the new Membership Chair, Kathy Creedon, at 146 Lowell Street, Arlington, MA 02474 or bring to the June dinner. For those members who were not at the May meeting, an application is being sent to you. To have your name in the year book, please remit by July 1, 2026. If you have misplaced the application, one can be obtained from **our website** under Member Resources.

