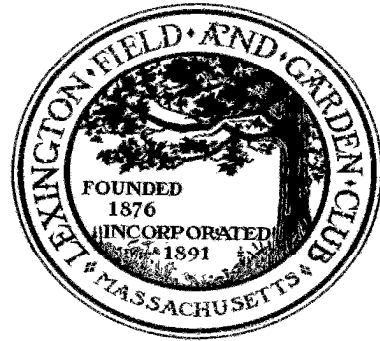


OVER 130 YEARS OF MAKING LEXINGTON MORE BEAUTIFUL

# Lexington Field & Garden Club



## Holiday Fun For All!

### My Dear Fellow

Are you ready for the Holidays? Me neither, but I am excited about decorating for them. Our Holiday Open House at the Museum is such a great way to get into the Holiday mood. I get inspiration from other members as they set up their unique displays and enjoy the challenge of coming up with something new myself. Our decorations not only make the Museum more festive for visitors, it's one of the ways we have to thank the Museum for our use of this wonderful facility. I decided to find out what it would cost us to hold our meetings here if they were not in a position to be so incredibly generous to us. Any non-profit would ordinarily pay almost \$6000. (\$5910. to be exact) for our 8 meetings and Open Board meeting in March. That's almost double our program budget for this year. In addition, we enjoy the perfect spot with plenty of free parking for our Plant Sale and Greens Sale. We reciprocate with our care of the Atrium plants, Woodland Gardens, entrance plantings and, our

Holiday Open House decorations. Not a bad deal for us, huh?

But the real opportunity here is the fun and fellowship that can lighten our spirits at a time of year when we usually stress out on "seasonal obligations." Whether it's decorating a wreath for the Museum or creating one for the Greens Sale, you can rejuvenate your holiday spirit and enjoy the company of your fellow members. It's like PLAYING- something we don't do enough as we get caught up with the many things we think we *should* be doing. And in the process, you are giving to our club, our community and a facility that offers so much to our town and the whole Boston area. Just show up for one of the workshops Ann and Sue are putting together for the Greens Sale and I bet you're going to want to go to another. Call Mary or Joan to see about letting your inner elf go on to decorative heights at the Museum. Have a little fun for yourself this time of year and you'll reduce the chance of getting that "Humbug" feeling by the end of December.

Fa la la la la, la la la LAH!!

*Kate*

Kathleen.Gill@verizon.net  
781-863-0670

### General Meeting

November 11th,  
9:30 AM

Refreshments

10:00: Meeting

10:30 Program

**"Holiday Decorating  
on a Dime"**

**Annual Ruge**

**Lecture with**

**Bill Graham**

(See Page 3)



**Please don't forget  
to enter our new  
Gmail address into  
your email address  
book so that you will  
be sure to receive  
important Club no-  
tices:  
[lfgc024@gmail.com](mailto:lfgc024@gmail.com)**

VOLUME 2  
ISSUE 3  
NOV.-DEC. 2009

### Inside this issue:

Greens Sale	2
Workshops Dates	
Holiday Open House	3
Grape Expectations	3
Morning Study News	3

### In Memory

Margaret (Marge) O'Keefe, a longtime member, archivist and historian for our Club, passed away on September 25th. The performance of "Our Growing Years" at the Annual Meeting in May will be dedicated to her

### Free Computer Lessons For Beginners

Are you feeling left out of the computer revolution? Our member, George Gamota has kindly offered free lessons to our members. You'll learn the basics of operation and how to use email and the internet. We need 15-20 people to sign up. The lessons will be at the Senior Center or Cary Library, sometime during the winter on Wednesdays. Call Kate at 781-863-0670 to take advantage of this great opportunity.



## Greens Sale December 5 & 6

*Our Holiday Greens Sale will be held in conjunction with the Holiday Open House at the National Heritage Museum. All proceeds will benefit both our Club projects and the Museum. Following are details about how to help and join in the fun.*

**Fresh Greens Donations** - The diverse greens from our yards make our decorations extra special and are critical to our success. All varieties are welcome (except Hemlock, which does not hold up). Please cut your greens as long as possible and drop them off at 16 Brent Rd (end of driveway) Fri., through Sun., November 27th-29th. If you need to prune earlier, please keep your cuttings in a cool place, in water or misted in a plastic bag. If you can't drop them off until Monday, please bring them to our workspace at St. Brigid's after 11 am.

**Supplies Donations** - We will be delighted to "recycle" your surplus cones, ribbons, decorations, ornaments, and neutral or holiday-oriented ceramic or metal containers. We also can use baskets without handles or with a holiday theme and large, sturdy cardboard trays (such as those used for fruits at Costco). Please drop off such supplies as soon as possible, at 16 Brent Rd. Leave them by the front door if nobody is home. (Brent is a right off Hathaway Rd, which is off Adams St near Fiske School.)

### Workshops:

**Materials Preparation Workshops**—wiring cones and such

Thurs., 11/12 1 pm. – 4 pm. 16 Brent Rd 781-862-1605 *Please call ahead so we know*

Tues., 11/17 9 am. – 12 pm. 4 Kimball Rd 781-861-8418 *how many elves to expect.*

**Greens Workshops**—making our products for sale

All of these will be in the basement of the school at St. Brigid's. Enter through the rear door, at ground level. Please come for as much time as you can. Absolutely no experience is required. Just bring your enthusiasm, pruners, wire cutters and gloves!

Mon, 11/30	1 pm. – 5 pm.	Boxwood Trees , Swags & Plaques
Tues, 12/1	9 am. – noon	Boxwood Trees , Swags & Plaques
Tues, 12/1	1 pm. – 5 pm.	Topiaries, Birch Log Centerpieces
Tues, 12/1	6:30 pm. – 9:30 pm.	Topiaries, Boxwood Trees
Wed, 12/2	morning	Wednesday Workshop Group Meeting and Workshop
Wed, 12/2	1 pm. – 5 pm.	Wreaths, Centerpieces, One-of-a-Kind Arrangements
Thurs, 12/3	9 am. – noon	Wreaths , Centerpieces, One-of-a-Kind Arrangements
Thurs, 12/3	1 pm. – 5 pm.	Wreaths, Centerpieces , One-of-a-Kind Arrangements
Thurs, 12/3	6:30 pm. – 9:30 pm.	Wreaths , Centerpieces , One-of-a-Kind Arrangements
Fri, 12/4	9 am. – 4 pm.	Whatever still needs doing. Loose Greens Packaging



**Transporting Products and Spreading the Word** - We need many volunteers to drive our handiwork from St. Brigid's to the Museum on Sat. morning, 8 am. to 9 am. Also, please tell your friends about the sale and think about where you could put a sale flyer, including in your car window.

*Many thanks in advance for making this a fun and successful event again this year!*

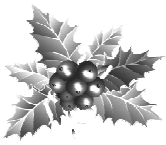
Sue Bush and Ann Webster, Co-Chairs

*sue\_bush@yahoo.com 781-861-8418*

*anniewebst@rcn.com 781-862-1605*



## Holiday Open House



It's that time of year! Once again the National Heritage Museum has invited us to decorate their lobby for the holidays. This is our gift to them for the use of their wonderful facilities for our meetings, plant sale and greens sale. This year's theme is "Holiday Vignettes." We want to have 10 displays around the foyer. If you have a fragile or valuable holiday display you want protected, there are square glass domes available to use on a stand. Contact me and I will be happy to give you measurements of the domes and stands. We also have two wreaths for the front doors and two wreaths going down the corridor that need to be decorated.

*Please call Mary Gillespie at 781-862-9166 for more details about this fun project.*

A Holiday tree will also be decorated with toys (no larger than 6 inches) and Joan Farr is coordinating the collection of the toys (to be returned) and the tree decorating. *Call Joan if you have toys to lend and if you'd like to help decorate the tree 781-933-2858. The set up date for the decorations is Friday, Dec. 4th, at 9 am at the Museum.*



## Grape Expectations for the Holidays

Cary Memorial Library Foundation will hold a holiday wine tasting to raise funds for library collections on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9:30 pm at Cary Library, 1874 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington. Local wine merchants will offer tastings of wine and suggest suitable wines for holiday meals.

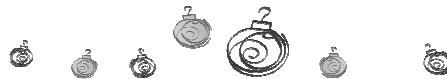
Randy Sheahan, Editor of the *Quarterly Review of Wines* and wine buyer and international portfolio manager for Classic Wine Imports, Inc. will be the featured speaker.

Like a fine wine, it will be an evening to savor! The tax-deductible ticket is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call 781-862-6288 extension 324, Email”[CMLFoundation@carylibrary.org](mailto:CMLFoundation@carylibrary.org),

or visit: <http://www.carylibrary.org/foundation>.

## “Holiday Decorating on a Dime”

Bill Graham is one of New England's leading floral design professionals. He is the owner of Beautiful Things Flowers and Gifts, Ltd. in historic Salem Massachusetts. Bill delights in creating floral expressions and exploring new and innovative designs. He is an entertainer and humorist and loves sharing his ideas, anecdotes, and delightful stories.



## Don't Forget LF&GC Aprons & T-Shirts

They make the perfect gift for friends or family. We have a limited amount of t-shirts and aprons with our Club Seal. Call Kate to reserve yours for Holiday gifts. The 3xx size is great for a sleep shirt.

## Yearbook Corrections & Additions

New Member: Melanie Mahan, 55 Cleveland St.,  
Arlington, MA 02474, 781-646-7508

Add: Flora Antonucci, 80 Simpson Dr. Framingham, MA 01701  
508-877-3589

Add: Jewel & Robert Kuljian, 105 Meriam St., Lexington, MA 02420,  
781-862-8190

**Please be sure that your information in the Yearbook is correct. Contact Mei Shei with any changes or edits.**

## Morning Study Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

Our hearty congratulations to the Morning Study sub-group, which is celebrating 75 years as part of the Lexington Field & Garden Club. They are planning a two-year celebration, including reinstalling a garden of culinary, medicinal, and aromatic herbs appropriate to the 1775 era at the Hancock-Clarke House. The garden plan was prepared this year, and the herbs will be planted next spring. We can all be proud of the time and effort their members have put into the historic houses in the name of our club over the years. Here's to their next 75 years!

# What's Going On ?

Events and Happenings To Mark On Your Calendar

**Oct. 28th**, Wed., "Behind the Scenes at Winston Flowers." Hort. Tour. Call Sandra Natale for information 781-861-8066

**Nov. 6th**, Cary Memorial Library Foundation Holiday wine tasting from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. (see inside)

**Nov. 7th-8th**, MA Environmental Studies School, Nantasket Beach Hotel, Hull, MA. 781-367-0626

**Nov. 7th** Sat., Sudbury Garden Club House Tour, Advance tickets \$25, later \$30. Call 978-443-3916

## **New England Nurseries Fall 2009 Saturday Seminar Series**



**Oct. 31st** Pumpkin Painting Party

**Nov. 7th** Feeding Backyard Birds

**Nov. 14th** Your Own Creation

**Nov. 21st** New England Nurseries Holiday Open House

**Dec. 5th & 6th**, Holiday Open House & Greens Sale at the Museum Sat., 10-4:30, Sun., 12-4:30

***Check inside for Greens Sales Workshops in November***

**Lexington Field and Garden Club**

**P.O. Box 133**

**Lexington, MA 02420**

**Non Profit Org.**

**US Postage PAID**

**Lexington, MA**

**Permit Number**

**58747**