

135 YEARS OF MAKING LEXINGTON MORE BEAUTIFUL

Lexington Field & Garden Club



Dear Fellow Members:

Happy Valentine's Day. And Happy Spring—well, almost! It has felt just around the corner often lately. Here's hoping we remain lucky through the remainder of winter!



Regardless of the weather, it's time to turn our heads toward planning spring and summer activities, including the Plant Sale, our trip to the Flower Show, the Althea Phillips award ceremony, and Art-A-Blooming. See inside for details about sign-ups. And please remember that these events do not run themselves. We need lots of volunteers, for varied jobs, big and small. Please offer to pitch in wherever you can.

So many of you were enchanted by Bill Cullina's glimpses of the Costal Maine Botanical Gardens that we are exploring the possibility of running a trip up there this summer. Please reply to our preliminary proposal now, so we know how to proceed. See inside.

We are blessed to have another very well known and highly regarded expert coming to speak to us in February—this time with a completely different approach to viewing flowers. If you have antique floral jewelry, remember to bring it along and come early!

May you stay warm and healthy this winter, here or in balmier locations. We'll miss those of you away. Again, thanks for all you do for our Club!

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FEBRUARY 8: National Heritage Museum 9:30 am refreshments, 10 am meeting/program



Flowers in Jewelry with Gloria Lieberman

Gloria is one of the world's renowned experts on antique jewelry and a leading auctioneer and appraiser at Skinner, where she founded the Fine Jewelry Department in 1980. She will talk to us about floral motifs in jewelry and give us a taste of *The Antiques Roadshow* by appraising some of our special pieces during the program. She'll choose which pieces during the coffee period, 9:30-10am. So, look through your jewelry boxes for possible treasures to show Gloria and plan to arrive earlier than you might otherwise.

MARCH 14: National Heritage Museum 9:30 am refreshments, 10 am meeting/program

A Collector's Guide to Hostas with Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker

The Perennial Plant Association reports that hostas have become the top selling plant in America. And no wonder. With more than 7,000 named varieties to choose from, there is a size, color and shape of hosta to suit every taste and garden. Using photos from award-winning gardens and Joan's collection of over 200 different cultivars, this program features both common and uncommon hostas that are available to the home gardener. Companion plants, landscape uses, cultural requirements and specimen plants also will be discussed.



We Remember



We are sorry about the December 29 passing of Audrey MacCarey. She was a very active member of LFGC and served as chair of Wednesday Workshop 1990-1992. A Memorial Service will be held at Hancock Church at noon on Sat, Feb 4.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

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Want a Bus Trip to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens? Need your input NOW

After the wonderful presentation Executive Director Bill Cullina gave us in January, we are looking into offering a trip to the 250 acres some are calling "The Miracle in Maine." At February's meeting, we will have a preliminary sign-up sheet for the proposed date of Monday, July 16, with a possible overnight stay in Boothbay



Plant Sale Planning Meeting

Friday, March 23, 10 am, 12 Jean Rd

Our Plant Sale co-chairs, Diana Bailey, Varda Haimo and Bonnie Rosenthal, invite you to a planning meeting for the 2012 sale (which will be on Wed., May 16). Last year's sale will be reviewed and plans for this year will be put in motion. As always, we need LOTS of help to make our largest fundraiser a success. And new ideas and volunteers are very welcome! Please join us on March 23 and/or share your ideas with the co-chairs beforehand.

Art-A-Blooming 2012—Sign up Now and Pick your Artwork on April 14



LFGC and the Lexington Arts & Crafts Society (LACS) have a wonderful tradition of staging our own version of the MFA's Art in Bloom every other September. LFGC members create floral designs interpreting artwork by members of LACS' guilds. The results are a spectacular show free to the public and lots of fun for all who participate—novice and experienced designers alike! And the next show, September 20-23, will be extra special, because it will be part of the festivities kicking off Lexington's 300th anniversary celebrations.

Now's the time to sign up to do an arrangement. See Harriet Hathaway at the sign-up table, or contact her at hath34@juno.com or 781-862-2977. Then choose your art on Saturday, April 14, 10am - 1pm.



Althea Phillips Award April 25

Each year LFGC presents a scholarship to a deserving senior in Minuteman High School's Landscape Management program. This year the ceremony will be at 10am on Wednesday, April 25. Following the ceremony, all who wish will have lunch in the Fife and Drum Restaurant, which is run by the Culinary Department of the school. Please sign up at an upcoming meeting or contact Caroline Nijenberg at 781-862-4465 or carolinen@rcn.com.

Harbor. We want to know if you would rather go for a day or overnight. If you would do either, sign up on both lists. The cost would include admission, lunch and bus, plus overnight accommodations if we stay. We aim to have an estimate of the per person cost by the February meeting. If you're interested but can't be at the meeting, please contact Jane Beswick (781-862-0856, janeb@alumni.emerson.edu) or Kate Gill (781-863-0670, kathleen.gill@verizon.net).



March 14-18



This year's show theme is "First Impressions." Landscape designers, nurseries, schools, and non-profit organizations will illustrate hundreds of ideas to add the "WOW factor" to yards, gardens, outdoor entertaining areas and indoor living spaces.

- ◆ **Discount Tickets:** We have advance purchase discount tickets for you and your friends and family. They are \$16 (vs. \$20, \$17 Seniors at the door) and may be used any day of the show. Purchase them at our February and March Club meetings or by sending a check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ann Webster, 16 Brent Rd, Lexington 02420. Please make checks payable to LFGC.
- ◆ **Bus to the Show:** Our Club bus trip will be on Thursday, March 15. We will depart Lexington at 9:15 am and return by 2:30 pm. Friends and family are welcome. The cost is \$13 per person. To reserve a seat, please pay at the February or March meeting, or by mail to Ann Webster. Please make checks to LFGC. Part of the show will be *Blooms!*, organized by MassHort and the Garden Club Federation of MA. This is where top amateur floral designers and horticulturists show off their beautiful arrangements and plants.
- ◆ **Volunteers for the Floral Design area:** Kathy Leva is coordinating volunteers to monitor the floral design area during the show. If you'd like to help in this way (in exchange for free admission!), please contact Kathy for available timeslots and other details—at kathyl40@aol.com or 781-646-6814.
- ◆ **Houseplant Entries in the Amateur Horticulture Competition:** Here's your chance to show off a special plant, or many! Entry information can be found at www.bostonflowershow.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/2012-Amateur-Horticulture-Competition-Schedule.pdf.

For details about the show, go to www.bostonflowershow.com.

Seeds Up Close: Amazing! February 13 10am Espousal Center, Waltham, \$5

Enjoy the beauty of seeds and learn about plant conservation projects from Julie McIntosh Shapiro, coordinator and photographer for the Seed Herbarium Image Project, or SHIP—an initiative of the Arnold Arboretum to create a web-based repository of high-resolution digital images documenting the morphology of woody plant seeds and selected fruit structures. SHIP supports the work of educators and professionals in horticulture and the botanical sciences, particularly in conservation research and management of rare and endangered species. The digitized images of seeds offer an important new aid for teaching seed identification—a fundamental skill in plant propagation, hybridization, and distribution—and serve as a resource for nurserymen, horticulturists, botanical curators, taxonomists, ecologists, and the general public. SHIP also provides an online resource for botanical institutions and nurseries to verify their collections and inventories. **A GCFM Horticulture Morning**



Gardening Study School

April 12 - 14, 2012

This year's National Garden Club Gardening Study school will be at Tower Hill, April 12 and 13, 8:15-3:30 pm and April 14, 8:45-noon (exam). Great speakers are lined up: Paul Rogers, consultant on Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers; John Trexler, Executive Director of Tower Hill, on Pruning Techniques; Dr. Judith Sumner, professor, on Classifying Plants (Plant Taxonomy) and Facts That Influence Plant Growth; and Nancy Hubert, lecturer and LFGC member, on Plant Hunters. There also will be a two-hour tour of Tower Hill. The fee is \$110 for members, \$100 for refreshers, and \$140 for non-members.



This program is Course III, Series 9. Each of the school's four courses is separate, so you can begin with any of them. For more information or a flyer with registration form, contact Caroline Nijenberg at 781-862-4465 or carolinen@rcn.com. You also can go to the GCFM website www.gcfm.org and click on Schools and Registration.

What's Going On?

- January 26-29** Flora in Winter, at the Worcester Art Museum and Tower Hill. For hours and special programs during the four days, see worcesterart.org and towerhillbg.org.
- February 8** **Main Club Meeting: Flowers in Jewelry with Renowned Antique Jewelry Expert and Appraiser Gloria Lieberman**
- February 10** A Valentine's Soiree at Buckman Tavern, 7:30-9pm Call 781-862-1703
- February 11** Cary's Cupids: an Evening of Chocolate and Cheer at Cary Library, 7:30-10pm
- February 13** GCFM Horticulture Morning—Seeds Up Close: Amazing! Espousal Ctr, Waltham, 10am See page 3.
- February 23-26** Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show, RI Convention Center, Providence See flowershow.com.
- March 14** **Main Club Meeting: A Collector's Guide to Hostas w/ Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker**
- March 14-18** Boston Flower & Garden Show, Seaport World Trade Center See bostonflowershow.com.
- March 15** **LFGC Bus to the Boston Flower & Garden Show**
- March 23** **Plant Sale Planning Meeting, 10am, 12 Jean Rd.**

Tickets for Wallack Lecture May 22 Regis College

Bill Harper, International Floral Artist, Lecturer and Educator, will present "Nature Takes Over" - Creations are Collaborations with Nature. **\$15 Now, \$20 after Feb 1.** Contact Julia Francis at 781-861-6163 or juliafr@verizon.net.

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