

135 YEARS OF MAKING LEXINGTON MORE BEAUTIFUL

# Lexington Field & Garden Club



Dear Fellow Members:

Happy new year! I hope you had beautiful holidays and send best wishes that your 2012 is full of good health, interesting adventures, thriving gardens and other blessings.

I extend a big thank you to all who made our and others' holidays a little brighter with your decorating of the National Heritage Museum lobby, your contributions to our MassHort tree, and your donations of greens, goodies and set-up and clean-up time to our Holiday Greens Party. What great teamwork and successes we had again this year! See page 3 for photos of a sampling of your beautiful creations and the over 60 LFGC elves who enjoyed our party.

We have a wonderful line-up of speakers this winter, starting with Bill Cullina. While he plans to talk about our forests, I expect he will be happy to answer any question you have about native plants and the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. For February, don't miss the chance to show your antique floral jewelry to our expert, Gloria Lieberman.

I hope to see you soon. Happy travels to those of you heading to warmer spots for a while. We'll miss you. Please send some balmy temperatures and sunshine our way.

Thanks again for all you do! *Ann anniewebst11@gmail.com 781-862-1605*

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**JANUARY 11:** National Heritage Museum 9:30 am refreshments, 10 am meeting/program

## Why You Can't Buy a Forest in a Can!

We can look forward to a very interesting talk about what makes our eastern forests special and how we can help restore and maintain the diversity of our woodlands. Our engaging speaker, Bill Cullina, is an award-winning author and recognized authority on North American native plants. He's also Executive Director of the exciting new Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and previously from our neck of the woods, when he was Nursery Director and Head Propagator at the New England Wildflower Society.



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

## Flowers in Jewelry



Gloria Lieberman is one of the world's renowned experts on antique jewelry and a leading auctioneer and appraiser at Skinner. 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 9:30 - 10am coffee period. So, start looking through your jewelry boxes now and plan to arrive at the February meeting early!

**We Remember**



We are sorry about the December 1 passing of fellow member Eleanor Russo.

**Welcome to our Newest Member!**

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**Tickets for Wallack Lecture**  
**May 22, 2012, 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](mailto:juliafr@verizon.net).

**Soil: Where Geoscience Meets Botany**

**Monday, January 23, 2:00 pm**

**Wellesley College Botanic Gardens Visitor Ctr**

Soil has been called "the bridge between life and the inanimate world." Join Janet McDonough, Senior Instructor of Biological Science Laboratory at Wellesley College, to gain a new appreciation for this backbone of our landscape. From its origins in the glacial era, explore the characteristics of soils in New England and how that character is represented by the plants in our landscape. How is soil made? What are the components of a good soil, and what easy methods can gardeners use to tell what amendments are needed? From geology to biology, Janet will give us all the dirt on soil. This presentation is offered by the Wellesley College Friends of Horticulture in collaboration with the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, the Boston Junior League Garden Club, and the New England Wild Flower Society. **Register on line at [www.wellesley.edu/WCFH](http://www.wellesley.edu/WCFH), or call 781-283-3094.** Members \$10, non-members \$15.

**FLORA IN WINTER January 26-29**

In the 10th annual "Flora in Winter" event, both Tower Hill and the Worcester Art Museum will be filled with riveting floral designs. At the museum, you'll see interpretations of works from the museum's collection. The designs at Tower Hill will be inspired by the theme "A Floral Feast" — interpretations of feasts of all kinds; including feasts for holidays, the senses, or of giving. Enjoy a feast for the eyes and spirit in the middle of winter! For hours and special programs during the four days, see [worchesterart.org](http://worchesterart.org) and [www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org).



FLORA IN WINTER  
Floral Feast  
January 26 - 29, 2012  
visit for more information

**An Ode to Rodents...** **Eudora Welty wrote this poem and posted it in her garden. Thanks to Neva Reiner for sharing it with us!**

Squirrel, squirrel, burning bright,  
Do not eat my bulbs tonight!  
I think it bad and quite insidious  
That you should eat my blue tigridias.  
Squirrel, *Sciurus vulgaris*,  
Leave to me my small muscaris.



Must you make your midnight snack, mouse,  
Of Narcissus Mrs. Backhouse?  
When you bite the pure leucojum  
Do you feel no taint of odium?

Must you chew till Kingdom come, *Hippeastrum advenum*?



If in your tummy bloomed a lily,  
Wouldn't you feel sort of silly?  
Do you wish to tease and joke us  
When you carry off a crocus?  
Must you hang up in your pantries  
All my Pink Queen zephyranthes?  
Tell me, has it ever been thus,  
Squirrels must eat the hyacinthus?  
O little rodent,  
I wish you wo'dn't!





# Holiday Reflections





## **Gardening Study School**

## **April 12 - 14, 2012**

This spring's National Garden Club Gardening Study school will feature timely topics for beginner to expert gardeners. It will be at Tower Hill, April 12 and 13, 8:15 - 3:30 pm and April 14, 8:45 - noon (exam).

There will be great speakers: 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.

This program is Course III, Series 9. Credit is given to those who take the exam. After two courses, plus exams, you can become a provisional member of the Gardening Study Council. After completing courses I - IV and exams, you can become a full members. Each course is separate, so you can begin with any of the courses. Several LFGC members are enrolled in or have completed the program and recommend it highly. The fee is \$110 for members, \$100 for refreshers, and \$140 for non-members.

For information or a flyer with registration form, contact Caroline Nijenberg (781) 862 4465 or [carolinen@rcn.com](mailto:carolinen@rcn.com). You also can go to the GCFM website [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org) and click on Schools and Registration.



## What's Going On?

<b>January 11</b>	<b>Main Club Meeting: Why You Can't Buy a Forest in a Can with Bill Cullina</b>
<b>January 23</b>	Soil: Where Geoscience Meets Botany, 2pm, Wellesley College Call 781-283-3094
<b>January 26 - 29</b>	Flora in Winter, at the Worcester Art Museum and Tower Hill. See page 2.
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Main Club Meeting: Flowers in Jewelry with Renowned Antique Jewelry Expert and Appraiser Gloria Lieberman</b>
<b>February 10</b>	A Valentine's Soiree at Buckman Tavern, 7:30-9pm Call 781-862-1703
<b>February 11</b>	Cary's Cupids: an Evening of Chocolate and Cheer at Cary Library, 7:30-10pm
<b>February 13</b>	GCFM Horticulture Morning—Seeds Up Close: Amazing! Espousal Ctr, Waltham, 10am
<b>March 15</b>	<b>LFGC Bus to the Boston Flower &amp; Garden Show, Seaport World Trade Center</b>

## Coming in 2012 and 2013... A 9-mo celebration of Lexington's 300th anniversary

LFGC aims to participate in a number of ways, and we hope all of our members will want to join in the work and fun in some fashion. Stay tuned for details. The first events are in September 2012, and planning is already underway. Thanks in advance for your ideas and energy that will make LFGC proud!



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