

135 YEARS OF MAKING LEXINGTON MORE BEAUTIFUL

# Lexington Field & Garden Club



Dear Fellow Members:

One of New England's many charms is its varied weather, but I expect you agree with me that snow in October is too extreme and the damage to trees across town is heart-breaking. I hope all of you are otherwise OK and that we all have power and phone service restored soon. I am peeved to be writing a second newsletter "off the grid" and by the light of a propane camping lamp! But I'm also counting my blessings that our damage was not worse and look forward to more traditional weather for putting our gardens to bed and entering the holiday season.

To warm us up for the holidays, a terrific flower arranger will entertain and inspire us on November 9, and lucky raffle winners will take home her beautiful creations.

Also on November 9, please remember to bring your contribution(s) to the tree we are donating to MassHort's Festival of Trees. We need blue, light green/chartreuse and pink ornaments, \$5 gift cards, and/or lottery scratch tickets. Thanks in advance for your support of this important fundraiser for MassHort.

After much deliberation, we have decided to try a new twist on recent years' holiday greens workshops. We hope you will enjoy this new approach. See below and page 3.

I wish you happy and healthy holidays! *Ann anniewebst11@gmail.com 781-862-1605*

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**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 7: Holiday Greens Party 12-9 pm**

We're doing this instead of a Greens Sale this year. We aim to continue the creative camaraderie but reduce everyone's workloads at such a busy time of year. See page 3 for how to join the fun.

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

## Creative Holiday Arrangements

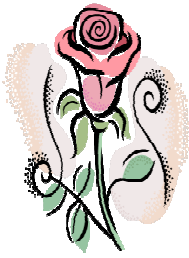
Award-winning designer Julie Lapham will show us how to make stunning seasonal arrangements in time for the holidays. Among her many accomplishments, Julie was one of only six US arrangers demonstrating at the 2011 World Association of Flower Arrangers show. She is an award recipient from and a flower show judge for both National Garden Clubs and Garden Club of America. She has exhibited and taught throughout New England and beyond and helped run many flower shows and exhibits, including Art in Bloom at the



MFA, Flora in Winter at Tower Hill, and the Design Division at the New England Spring Flower Show. Julie's gorgeous designs also may be seen in several books and at the weddings and parties she decorates through her business, Julie Lapham Designs.



**We Remember**



We are very sorry about the October 21 passing of longstanding member Sally Scott. In Morning Study Group, Sally had multiple responsibilities, most recently serving as Chair of the new Hancock-Clarke Herb Garden. Sally also chaired the committee tending the plants in the atrium of the National Heritage Museum and spent many more hours caring for Emery Park and one of our traffic islands. Greens Sale workers also will remember Sally for her precious hand-painted ornaments that always were snapped up immediately.

**Welcome to our Newest Member!**

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**Address Updates**

Ellen Fobert has moved to Brookhaven:  
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Nairi Haven has moved to:  
 31 Valleyfield St  
 Lexington, MA 02421

**PLANT SALE PREPARATION**



As you do your fall clean-up and put your garden to bed, please see if you have any plants you can donate to our Plant Sale in the spring. Now is a good time to divide plants so there is less work before the Sale. Perhaps you have some space in the vegetable garden where you can store the plants for easier lifting in the spring. Sometimes it's a good idea to label with height and color while the plant's performance is fresh in mind. Happy fall gardening and thanks for thinking of the Club and our Sale as you work.

Diana Bailey, Varda Haimo, Bonnie Rosenthal  
 2012 Plant Sale Co-Chairs

**WANTED**

- **Used/unwanted CDs** for a Wednesday Workshop project. Please contact Jackie Ward, 781-862-2750, ASAP before Nov 30.
- **A new home for a Brown Turkey Fig Tree**, about 4 ft tall, 3 ft wide and including instructions. Please contact Claire Bertucci, 781-862-3035.

**Tickets on Sale Now 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).

This is a rare opportunity to see such a leading floral designer. Maybe a great holiday gift for family or friends?



**Calling Tree and Wreath Decorators for the National Heritage Museum**



If you'd like to help, please sign up at the Nov 9 meeting or contact Mary Gillespie at 781-862-9166 or [macuff106@rcn.com](mailto:macuff106@rcn.com).

**WANTED NOW, BEFORE THE SNOW: Photos of Grown-Up Arbor Day Seedlings**



Over the years we have given thousands of seedlings to kindergarteners and attendees of our Arbor Day ceremonies. For our advance planning for next year's Arbor Day celebrations, now we want pictures of how our babies are growing up. **Please send us photos of your and your friends' and neighbors' former seedlings of all ages.** If you don't have a camera, call Ann Webster and we'll get someone to come take the picture. Shown here are the Arbor Day seedlings from Harrington planted by Marie Sullivan's sons roughly 25 years ago.



# Holiday Greens Party

## Wed, December 7, Noon - 9 pm



Let's keep having fun together making holiday decorations with fresh greens, but let's also work less hard and party more! Those are our objectives as we try something new this year and replace our greens workshops and sale with a Holiday Greens Party.

**What is it?** An open workshop and festive gathering of fellow garden club members. We will have assorted greens, containers and decorations for you to use to make something to take home.

**Where is it?** St. Brigid's Parish Hall Basement (same workshop space as in the past)

**When?** Come anytime between 12 and 9 on the 7th. We'll bring out fresh things throughout the day so everyone has a fair chance at our materials. (If necessary, the snow date will be the next day, December 8.)

**What should you bring?** Please be sure to bring these two things:



- 1) Some food or drink goodie to share with everyone
- 2) Your pruners and wire cutters, ideally labeled with your name

You may want to bring one or more of the following as well:

- 3) Decorations or containers you want to recycle from past years' wreaths and arrangements
- 4) Special greens from your yard to use yourself and/or to share
- 5) Your own container, if you have something specific you want to use
- 6) Your own plain wreath, if that's what you want to decorate

**How can you help?** As in the past, our success depends on having a large assortment of fresh greens collected from our yards. We also must pack up our supplies and clean our workspace after all the fun is over. We need:

- \*\*\*People who have greens you're willing to donate
- \*\*\*People who will clip and gather greens from donors around town
- \*\*\*Volunteers to help clean up on Thurs morning, Dec 8.



If you are any of these, please contact Bonnie Rosenthal. She will be at the sign-up table at the November 9 meeting, or you can reach her at 973-557-6186 or brosenthall@yahoo.com.

We're looking forward to a great day and hope you can join us!

**Reminder: Help us support MassHort by decorating another tree**

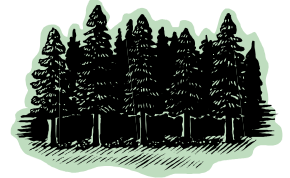
From Nov 23 through Dec 10, MassHort will host its third Festival of Trees at Elm Bank. Kathy Leva is leading our participation again this year, and we have a tree to decorate, thanks to Nancy Marsden and Nancy Kocher. **Now we need the decorations: pink, blue and light green ornaments, \$5 gift cards, and/or lottery scratch tickets.** Used ornaments are fine if in excellent shape. Please bring your donations to our **Nov 9 meeting or to Ann Webster's house by Sat, Nov 12.** Thanks for any help!



## What's Going On?

- November 4 - 6** Mass Orchid Society Show and Sale, Tower Hill See [towerhillbg.org](http://towerhillbg.org) for details.
- November 9** **Main Club Meeting: Creative Holiday Arrangements with Julie Lapham**
- November 19** Lexington Historical Society Functional Art and Jazz Gala, 6-8pm Call 781-862-1703
- December 2 - 4** Castle Hill: Greening of the Great House Fri 5-9pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm  
See [thetrustees.org/things-to-do/northeast-ma/greening-of-great-house.html](http://thetrustees.org/things-to-do/northeast-ma/greening-of-great-house.html)
- December 7** **Holiday Greens Party! St Brigid's Parish Hall Basement, Noon-9pm. See inside.**
- November 23 -  
December 10** MassHort Festival of Trees, Elm Bank See [masshortfestivaloftrees.org](http://masshortfestivaloftrees.org) for details.  
Weekends and day after Thanksgiving 10am-8pm, Other days 3pm-8pm
- November 25 -  
January 2** Holly Days, Tower Hill Decorations from natural materials with a fashion theme.  
Daily 9am-5pm, to 8pm on Wednesdays. See [towerhillbg.org](http://towerhillbg.org) for details.
- December 2 - 24** Lexington Arts and Crafts Society Holiday Open House See [LACSma.org](http://LACSma.org) for details.

**Coming in January...** Bill Cullina, an engaging speaker, award-winning author, former Nursery Director and Head Propagator at New England Wildflower Society, and now Executive Director of the Costal Maine Botanical Gardens, will look at what makes our eastern forests special and explore how we can help restore and maintain the diversity of our woodlands.



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