

135 YEARS OF MAKING LEXINGTON MORE BEAUTIFUL

# Lexington Field & Garden Club



Dear Fellow Members:

I hope your fall is off to a good start! The Club's new season certainly seems to be. Among other things, the sun has shone on our outdoor workshops, and many activities for the year are already underway—even potting for the plant sale!

One hiccup I'm sorry to report is that our scheduled October speaker, Suzanne Mahler, had a terrible accident and is recuperating from shattered bones and a serious infection. Please send your prayers and positive energy her way. We will reschedule her later and now are especially fortunate that Kim Smith could join us on short notice.

The newest challenges in the Postal Service have created challenges for us, too—such as the very long delays in yearbook deliveries. I am investigating if there is anything we can do to speed later mailings. But it's clear we now need to rely even more heavily on email for timely communication. Please at least skim your email newsletter when it arrives and alert friends without email about late-breaking news and activities.

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



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## OCTOBER 12: GCFM Horticulture Program RARE AND CHOICE BULBS FOR YOUR GARDEN

**12:20 pm, Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St., Waltham**  
Russell, Stafford, Proprietor of Odyssey Bulbs and well-known horticulturalist and garden designer, will talk about using unusual bulbs in green gardens. \$5 at the door.

## OCTOBER 15: BULB PLANTING at PATRIOT GOLF COURSE, BEDFORD VA 200 Spring St., Bedford, 10 am

Please join in this annual service project with fellow gardeners from other garden clubs in the Eastern Middlesex District. It's fun, and the blooms are very appreciated by the hospital residents as well as the golfers. Meet in the parking lot. Bring gloves and tools. LFGC will provide bulbs.

## OCTOBER 12: Annual Evening Program



**National Heritage Museum Auditorium**  
**6:30 pm refreshments, 7:00 pm meeting/program**

### THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

Following the rhythm of the seasons, celebrated landscape designer Kim Smith presents a stunning slide show and lecture demonstrating how to create a welcoming haven for bees, birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Native plants and examples of organic and architectural features will be discussed based on their value to particular vertebrates and invertebrates.



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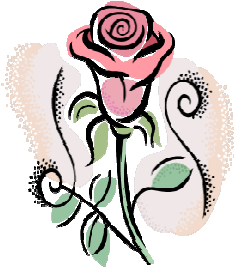
**Welcome to our Newest Member!**

Linda Schaye  
 7 Jean Rd, Lexington, MA 02421  
 339-222-1134 [lschaye@mac.com](mailto:lschaye@mac.com)

**Address Updates**

Nancy Marsden has moved and somehow we failed to get her new contact information in the yearbook Sorry! Here it is:  
 302 Brooksby Village Dr. #516  
 Peabody, MA 01960 978-717-5073

**We Remember**



We are sorry about the recent passing of Evelyn Simeone, a former very active member and a past president of Wednesday Workshop.

We also are sad about the death of Elinor Greenway's husband, Bob, at the end of August. Elinor is very grateful for all the kind notes she has received from LFGC friends.

We've also just learned that Lillian and Craig Olmsted have a new address:  
 10 Eastern Point Blvd., Gloucester, MA 01930-4405

We regret publishing incorrect information for two of our new members. The correct contacts are:

- Suzanne Reiss [suzareiss@hotmail.com](mailto:suzareiss@hotmail.com)  
610-547-2984
- Marilyn Ryngiewicz [scrufanos@hotmail.com](mailto:scrufanos@hotmail.com)

**Email Reminders**



Over the past few years, email has become increasingly critical to intra-Club communications. So you don't miss anything, please put the Club's email address ([lfgc024@gmail.com](mailto:lfgc024@gmail.com)) in your address book and notify us promptly if you change your email address.

As announced last month, members may now request a directory of fellow members' email addresses. Just send your request to the Club's address above. Like the mailing addresses and phone numbers listed in the yearbook, email addresses may not be used for non-Club business. **If you do not want your email address included on the list we distribute, please notify us by October 31.** (Especially given the substantial bulk mail delivery delays in September, this deadline has been extended a month.)

Recently the Post Office changed all Brookhaven addresses. Letters of the alphabet no longer may be used in apartment numbers, and full 9-digit zip codes must be used to ensure delivery. Please update your yearbooks with the following information, and thanks to Nancy Hubert for collecting it all for us. The street address is the same: 1010 Waltham Street.

Diana Bailey	Apt. 2	02421-8061
Barbara Ciampa	Apt. 218	02421-8062
Polly Gardner	Apt. 494	02421-8066
Ellie Halfman	Apt. 313	02421-8089
Nancy Hubert	Apt. 323	02421-8057
Eleanor Lane	Apt. 332	02421-8063
Joanne MacDonald	Apt. 416	02421-8059
Neva Reiner	Apt. 258	02421-8089
Dene Roberts	Apt. 342	02421-8063
Mary Lou Touart	Apt. 233	02421-8062
Bob & Betsy Whitman	Suite 601	02421-8047

**WANTED NOW: 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. Now we want to collect pictures of how our babies are growing up. We've received a few photos but know there are many more offspring around town. 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.

**OCTOBER 28**

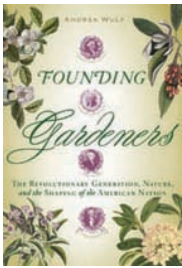
**Depot Building, 7:30 light refreshments, 8:00 program**

**ANDREA WULF on her book, *Founding Gardeners***

***The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation***

There are still some seats available for Andrea Wulf’s lecture on October 28, but we expect a full house. So **if you haven’t already reserved your seat, please do so ASAP** to avoid being disappointed! Contact the Lexington Historical Society’s office—call 781-862-1703 Monday - Friday, 10-4, or email your request to office@lexingtonhistory.org.

As announced last month, we have joined with the Historical Society to bring this British award-winning author and engaging speaker to Lexington. She will talk about the best-selling *Founding Gardeners*, her latest book that explores the Founding Fathers’ passion for gardening and agriculture. The New York Times review called the book “illuminating and engrossing” and said “Wulf has written an ecological and historical narrative...combining the suspense of war and political debate with an intimate view of private lives devoted to the natural science...” As a speaker, Andrea also earns high praise, with descriptors including vivacious, charming, lively, entertaining, and a compelling storyteller.



**Book Sale and Signing:** We will have copies of *Founding Gardeners* on sale at the lecture, for a discounted price of \$25. And Andrea will be pleased to sign them. Might this be a perfect holiday gift for one or more of your gardening friends?

If you would like a signed book but can’t be at the lecture, we are taking prepaid orders in advance. Sandra Natale has kindly offered to collect your money and requested dedication. See her at the sign-up table at the October club meeting or contact her at 781-861-8066 or sandra.natale@rcn.com. Please make your checks payable to LFGC.

**Garden Therapy Opportunity**

Cooperative Elder Services has asked us to consider doing some form of garden therapy at its Adult Day Health Center at Youville Place in Lexington, most likely once a month. If you are interested in exploring what we might do, please contact Ann Webster asap.



**Environmental Workshop November 9:  
Gardening with a Very Green Thumb**



**10 - 12, Coffee at 9:30, Espousal Center, Waltham**

This GCFM program will cover Rain Gardens, Organic Lawn Care and Composting. The registration deadline is November 4. Send your check for \$15 payable to GCFM to Maria Bartlett, 26 Jenkins Rd., Andover, MA 01810. Questions? Contact Maria at 978-470-1278 or maria\_bartlett@verizon.net.

Note: This program conflicts with our November monthly meeting and holiday flower-arranging program.

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

From November 23 through December 10, MassHort will host its third Festival of Trees at Elm Bank. This event gives families an opportunity to see spectacularly decorated holiday trees while raising money to help maintain the gardens at Elm Bank. Tree themes appeal to all ages. All trees are donated and raffled off. Raffle tickets and admission fees generate the funds.



Kathy Leva is enthusiastically leading our participation again this year, and we already have a tree to decorate, thanks to Nancy Marsden and Nancy Kocher. Now we need the decorations. This year’s theme is, “Oh, it’s so pretty!” and we are looking for donations of **pink, blue and vivid green ornaments, small (\$5-\$10) gift cards, and/or lottery scratch tickets**. Used ornaments are fine if in excellent shape.

If you’re willing to recycle, make or buy one or more ornaments, gift cards or scratch tickets, please bring them to the main Club meetings on Oct. 12 or Nov. 9, or drop them off at Ann Webster’s house by Nov. 11. Thanks in advance for any help! For more details, contact Kathy (781 646-6814, kathy140@aol.com).

## What's Going On?

- October 11** Design Workshop I, Espousal Center, 10 am See gcfm.org.
- October 12** Horticulture Morning: Rare and Choice Bulbs for Your Garden, Espousal Center, 12:20 pm (new time) See page 1 and gcfm.org.
- October 12** **Main Club Annual Evening Meeting: The Pollinator Garden with Kim Smith**
- October 15** Bulb Planting at Patriot Golf Course at the VA Hospital, Bedford, 10 am (new date)
- October 27-29** Landscape Design School See gcfm.org.
- October 28** **Joint Meeting with Historical Society: Andrea Wulf on *Founding Gardeners* (see inside for details)**
- November 4-6** Mass Orchid Society Show, Tower Hill See towerhillbg.org for details.
- November 9** **Main Club Meeting: Creative Holiday Arrangements with Julie Lapham**
- November 9** Environmental Workshop: Gardening with a Very Green Thumb (see inside for details)

### Coming in November...

Award-winning designer Julie Lapham will show us how to make stunning seasonal arrangements in time for the holidays.



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