

LEXINGTON FIELD & GARDEN CLUB

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President's Message Newsletter, May, 2014

Dear Fellow Members,

Thank you to all who have made the April club events so successful and meaningful. The Althea Phillips Award ceremony, the Arbor Day Celebration, the floral designers who represented the club at the Art in Bloom at the MFA, the team of energetic volunteers who went into the schools to teach the first graders about trees, the civic gardening groups who prepared their areas for spring, the Annual Luncheon committee, and the plant sale committee planning this year's annual sale. As you can see, there are many ways to join in the fun of being part of an active and enthusiastic Garden Club. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and at our plant sale potting sessions and set up and take down sessions. Have a wonderful summer.
Sue



Our May 14 Meeting "Joy of Organic Herbs"

With Rita Wollmering Founder of the HERB FARMacy, Amesbury, MA

Come learn everything about the wonderful world of herbs - organic growing conditions (sunlight, soil, fertilizer, water), harvesting techniques and preserving your herbal bounty in vinegars, oils, honeys, cleaning products and much more.

THE MEETING will be followed the annual luncheon at the Inn at Hasting Park restaurant 12-3 p.m. Car pooling is strongly suggested. Enter the Inn parking lot from Worthen Road. NOTE: Because of the demand for reservations, there will be two lunches, May 14 and May 19. Reservations for both dates are filled.

Welcome New Members

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Notes

- *Save your current club yearbook (Green cover) from 2013-2014. More details to follow.
- *The traffic island at the intersection of Summer St. & Lowell St. is being restored. Volunteers are needed. Contact Kate Gill.
- *A trip in being planned June 5 to see the gardens at Lexington High School. Contact Mary Nokes for details.
- *Magnetic Name Tags Another order will be sent in September. See Sue Spicer for details.
- *Remember our free passes to Tower Hill & Garden in the Woods. Contact Ann Webster to



It's Coming Soon!

**The LFGC Annual Plant sale will be held May 21, 8 a.m.
on the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library Grounds**

It's almost here, our wonderful annual plant sale. Thanks to many members' generosity with their plants and time, we will have a broad selection of healthy perennials. Also back by popular demand will be Atlas gloves, houseplants, gently used tools and LFGC aprons. The Took Sharpener expert will be at the sale. Gather your pruners and scissors and drop them off for service while you shop the plant sale.

***HELP WANTED**—Between now and May 21, there are several ways you can help ensure the sale is a success. Please pitch in however you can.

***TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE SALE.** Call them, email them, or bring them with you.

***PUT PLANT SALE SIGNS IN YOUR CAR SIDE WINDOWS, GYMS, HAIR SALONS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, ETC.** Pick up the signs at the May 14 club meeting.

***DONATE YOUR SURPLUS HOUSEPLANTS AND/OR GENTLY USED GARDENING TOOLS;** Please bring these to Harriet Hathaway's glassed-in porch at 66 North St., now through May 20.

***BRING A WAGON TO THE SALE TO BE USED TO MOVE PLANTS TO THE HOLDING AREA.**

***HELP ON SALE DAY AND THE DAY BEFORE:**

At 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, we need people at the Museum to set up tables for the plant sale. We also need people at that site to organize and groom the plants. Bring hand pruners and gloves. Even just an hour or less of your time will be extremely helpful.

On sale date, May 21, we need extra help at the sale site at 7 a.m. and again around noon as we set up and break down our tables, signs, etc. **PLEASE GIVE EXTRA SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO HELPING WITH THE FINAL CEAN-UP AND STORAGE STARTING AROUND NOON.**

Althea Phillips Award—2014: The Lexington Field and Garden Club presented an award of \$1000 to Timothy Bell of the Minuteman Career and Technical High School's Horticulture/Landscape Technology Department at a ceremony on Tuesday morning, April 15, 2014.

Timothy was able to go out on Coop this year with Minuteman Landscaping of Waltham. He plans to continue employment with them after graduation and would eventually like to pursue business courses. He plans to start his own landscape company with a focus on organic land care and creating sustainable landscapes. He volunteers at Newbury Court Residential Living, which is a non-profit organization in Concord. He has also worked on Habitat for Humanity in the past and looks forward to doing more volunteering in the future. After the ceremony Sarah Ard, Instructor in the program, along with another instructor, Peter Kelleher, gave us a tour of the department. Following that, ten LFGC members had a nice lunch at the Fife and Drum Restaurant, run by the Culinary Arts Program at the school. Our hanks to Hazel Graham and Carolyn Nijenberg for their organization, help, and support. Their efforts made this a very special event this year.

Lexington Field and Garden Members were cooking in 1939

This is a recipe from **The New England Yankee Cookbook, An Anthology of INCOMPARABLE RECIPES FROM THE SIX NEW ENGLAND STATES** and a **Little Something about the People whose Tradition for Good Eating is herein permanently recorded**

by

Imogene Wolcott from the files of Yankee Magazine and by Time-worn Recipe Books and many Gracious Contributors, Published in 1939 by Coward McCann, Inc., New York.

"Chicken with Fines Herbes

(Lexington Field and Garden Club)

1/2 cup water 5 Tablespoons butter 5 Tablespoons Flour

1/4 cup milk 1/4 cup chicken broth 1/2 teaspoon salt—few grains pepper

Make cream sauce as usual with proportions given above and add

1/2 teaspoon finely chopped burnet 1 teaspoon finely chopped chives 1/4 teaspoon finely chopped rosemary

1/8 teaspoon finely chopped tarragon 1 teaspoon finely chopped chervil

2 cups cut up boiled fowl 1 cup finely cut celery

Let it stand in double boiler for at least half hour before serving so that the different flavors may blend.. A longer time will improve it. If you haven't all these herbs in our garden, experiment with those you do have. It's really lots of fun, try it, and see for yourself."



Arbor Day: For the 6th consecutive year, Matt Foti generously provided our Arbor Day tree. This year, the 25th Anniversary of Lexington being designated a Tree City of the USA, a Sugar Maple, *Acer saccharum*, was planted on the grounds of the Buckman Tavern. A memorial ceremony honored club members

who have passed away since last Arbor Day. Liz Haines spoke eloquently about the life history of each of the honorees and how they volunteered their time and talents to LFGC and the community. Looking to inspire future generations, Mary Beth Whiteside demonstrated the tree program that is planned for the Town's first graders the week of April 28. The Jeweltones, an a cappella music group, sang three captivating songs. Our thanks to Peg Bradley for Chairing and organizing this annual tribute.

It is not too early to put Art-A-Blooming on our calendars—September 12, 13 & 14—11 am –4 p.m. each day at the Lexington Arts & Crafts Building, 130 Waltham Street, Lexington. No admission and lots of easy parking Arrangers have chosen their works of art and the show once again promises to be special.. Bring friends and neighbors to view over 30 glorious flower arrangements interpreting creative works of art.



What's Going On?

Next LFGC Meeting - May 14- "Joy of Organic Herbs" with Rita Wollmering

May 14— Annual Meeting of LFGC at National Heritage Museum followed by annual luncheon at Inn at Hastings Park - Second Luncheon May 19.

May 15—Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill, 9 am-5 pm, see Beacon Hill Garden Club.org

May 18—The Gardener's Fair at Elm Bank, see masshort.org

May 19—Second Seating for club luncheon at Inn at Hastings Park

May 20—Set up session LFGC plant sale, 2 pm, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum

May 21---LFGC Plant sale, 8am—12 noon, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum, Teardown Help needed

May 31—Tower Hill Plant Sale, see towerhillbg.org

May 30-June 1 & June 7-June 8--Lyman Estate Greenhouses Perennial & Hosta Sale. 9:30 am-4 pm

June 1—The Garden Conservancy Open Garden Day, 10 am-4 pm, Maple Grove, Boylston, \$5.00

June 2-8---National Garden Week

June 4—GCFM Annual Meeting

June 5—Tour of LHS landscaping, see Mary Nokes for Details

Sept. 6-7—Lyman Estate Greenhouses, Waltham, Begonia & Gesneriad Sale, 9:30 am-4 pm

Sept. 12-14—Art a Blooming, Lexington Arts & Crafts Building Gallery

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