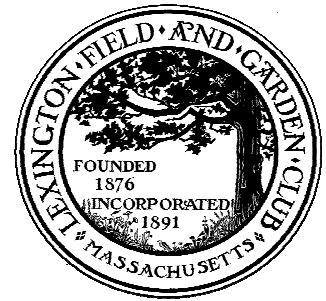


LEXINGTON FIELD & GARDEN CLUB

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April, 2014 President's message--

Dear Fellow Members,

Spring brings a lot of wonderful experiences to look forward to. In our club, plans are in the works for potting days for our May plant sale. More information on what plants to donate and when and where to bring them are inside this newsletter. At our April 9 meeting we will be honoring former LFGC Presidents. We are so fortunate to have had their leadership and many continue to volunteer where needed. Dues envelopes will be available at the membership table and the dues are payable by April 30. There will be sign-up sheets at the April meeting for the Althea Phillips Award luncheon, Art-A-Blooming and for a second seating for the club luncheon on May 19, at the Inn at Hastings Park. Many thanks are due to the Volunteers who have worked hard to make these events enjoyable and accessible to as many club members as possible.

Sue

Our Next Meeting—April 9

Critters and Invasives in Lexington

with Bryan Windmiller



Did you know that many rare species in our state such as Blanding's turtles, little brown bats and Britton's violets have significant populations within 30 miles of Boston? Bryan will describe some on-going conservation projects related to many of the species mentioned above and some of the challenges involved in conserving wildlife in suburbs and cities.

Scottish Rite Masonic M&L, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; business meeting and program 10:00 a.m.

Second Chance—Annual Luncheon

We quickly filled all available seats for our Annual Luncheon, Wednesday, May 14 at the Inn at Hastings Park. We will have a second seating on Monday, May 19th. This will be an exact replication of the May 14th luncheon also at the Inn. The menu will be the same (Asparagus Soup with Serrano Ham & Roasted Asparagus, Moroccan Spiced Chicken Breast, Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner rolls, and Individual Fruit pies along with coffee and tea).

There be table favors for all and door prizes for the winner of our second raffle. The price is the same: \$25.00.

We hope members currently on the waiting list for May 14 will be able to attend on May 19th as well as other members not yet signed up.

If you would like to attend, please email Sue Harris now. (sharris_lex@yahoo.com and send your check (payable to LFGC and indicating Annual Luncheon on the memo line). linASAP to Janet Erickson at 10 Bedford St., Lexington 02420-4308. (continued on page 2)

Arbor Day Ceremonty

The Lexington Field & Garden Club honors deceased members at an Arbor Day Ceremony every year. The ceremony for Arbor Day helps celebrate Lexington's 25th Anniversary since being designated a Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation's national program to promote community forestry management. This year's ceremony will be held Friday, April 25, 10 a.m. on the grounds of Buckman Tavern where a tree will be planted in honor of this anniversary



Rememberance

Our sympathy to the Milona family. Evelyn Milona, and her sister, Amelia Yanakis, are long-time garden club members.

Special Reminder

Althea Phillips Award Presentation, Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m., Minuteman Regional High School. Each year the Lexington Field and Garden Club presents a scholarship award to a deserving senior presently enrolled in Minuteman Career and Technical High School's Landscape Management Program Contact Caroline Nijenberg, 781-862-4465 for additional information

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Please indicate any food allergies. Our decision to move our Annual Luncheon was based on two factors. First, the attendance at the luncheon during previous years has not exceeded 54 members. Second, we were eager to make it local by supporting the new inn in Lexington. We sincerely hope that by offering this second seating, all of our members who wish to attend the Annual Luncheon can now do so. We look forward to seeing you.

News for Flower Arrangers

Art-a-Blooming is Coming to Lexington again. Sept. 12-14.

In cooperation with the Lexington Arts & Crafts Society this beautiful biennial event is an opportunity for any garden club member who enjoys flower arranging. There is no judging. Using fresh flowers you may be as creative as you wish while interpreting a piece of art-work. New arrangers are particularly encouraged to participate. Choosing the art work, painting, or craft will take place on Saturday morning, May 3, 10-12 am on the 2nd floor gallery of the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society, 130 Waltham St., Lexington. Sign up at any Garden Club Meeting or call Harriet Hathaway, 781-862-2977 or email hath34@juno.com



Middlesex District Annual Meeting Tuesday April, 29, 11:30 a.m., Depot Square, Lexington. Floral Design Demonstration by Elaine DiGiovanni and Linda Ladd, "Welcome to Spring" Choice of Box Lunch from Nellios of Lexington. Contact Sue McCance email sbmccance@verizon.net

Congratulations to Kathryn Leva and Wanda McNair for their awards at the Boston Flower Show. Wanda received 9 blue ribbons, 9 red, 3 yellow and the Anne Crowley Award for the best Gesnerida, "Piminulina,

Hooray, It's Plant Sale Time

. Our annual plant sale is so much more than just our largest fundraiser. It offers us a great way to meet and catch up with fellow members, to learn about plants we don't have in our own gardens, and to share gardening knowledge of all kinds. It also helps us promote gardening in the broader community. New and potential gardeners get a chance to see how we work together and to benefit from our collective expertise and purchase healthy, locally grown plants.

This year's sale is on Wednesday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library. Now is the time to collect our plant donations and pot them up. Next month we'll need lots of help setting up and taking down the sale site, loading, unloading and transporting plants, serving customers on sale day, and spreading word of the sale. It takes over 100 people to cover all the tasks. We hope you volunteer to participate in as many ways as possible. Please sign up at the April meeting or contact Varda Himo varda.halmo@verizon.net)

Potting Days—Again, this year potting will take place at Varda's home, 12 Jean Road. Please mark your calendars and attend as many of the sessions as you can. If possible, please sign up at the April main club meeting or by contacting Varda. Be sure to bring gloves and potting tools, clippers, trowel and knife or small saw.) If you have any of the round green 1 gallon or 6" square pots from last year's sale, we will be happy to recycle those. We'd also be grateful for any strong plant carrying trays you might have..

Plants for Potting—Please bring your plants to Varda's when you come to pot or as close before a potting session as possible—especially the first one on April 28. Leave your plants at the end of the driveway, not blocking the garage. Do not bring them into the backyard. Please be sure to attach: name (common and Latin if you know it), color, bloom time, growing conditions (sun, part-shade, or shade, plus any other helpful information. It is helpful to have all this information written with a permanent marker, preferably on the bags containing your plants.

Check your garden for plants that need dividing or that you would like to share with others. Perhaps ask your neighbors and friends if they'd be willing to share some of their more unusual plants. They might be flattered—or at least very happy to donate to us. If you have choice plants but are unable to dig them, please contact Varda, who will try to provide the help you need.

Plants we love—Japanese anemone, asters, astilbe, astilboides, balloon flower, baptisia, betony, bloodroot, blue dune grass, brunnera, bugbane, clematis, coreopsis, corydalis, cotoneaster, darmera, interesting varieties of day lily (pictures will help sell) dicentra, epimedium, euphorbia, Japanese painted fern, ostrich ferns, gentian, geum, ginger, goats beard, hellebore, interesting varieties of hosta, heuchera, bearded iris, Japanese iris, Jacob's ladder, kalimeris, leucothoe, liriopse, ligularia, malva, penstemon, peony, persicaria, pulmonaria, rhubarb, Rodgersia, rudbeckia, Russian sage, salvia, sedum, switchgrass, thalictrum, toad lily, variegated Solomon's seal.

Plants we like: butterfly bush, campanula, chrysanthemum, dianthus, doricum, perennial geraniums, golden star, false Solomon's seal, filipendula, lobelia, pachysandra, hops, white siberian iris, lady's mantle, monarda, nepeta, phlox, St. John's wort. scabiosa. Shasta daisies. sweet woodruff, veronica, vinca, wintergreens, yarrow.

Examples of plants we don't like: anything invasive or too common, such as bishop's weed, ribbon grass, orange day lilies, and purple Siberian Iris.

See You at the potting days and the plant sale!

Potting Dates

Monday, April 28 1-3
Wednesday, April 30, 10
a.m– 12 noon— & 1-3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6 10 a.m.-
12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Rain Dates Friday, May 9,
10 a.m. 12 noon and 1



What's Going On?

Next LFGC Meeting - April 9—Critters and Invasives in Lexington with Bryan Windmiller

Upcoming Events

April 3-4 - Gardening Study School, Course I, Tower Hill

April 4 - Spring Orchid Sale, Lyman Estate Greenhouse, Waltham

April 15 - Althea Phillips Award Presentation, Minuteman Regional High School.

April 17 - Open Meeting, West Concord Green Thumbs. "Perennial for Low Maintenance," K. A. Mendez

April 25 - Arbor Day Ceremony

April 26-27 - African Violet Show, Tower Hill

April 29 - Middlesex District Annual Meeting, GCFM, Lexington Depot, Lexington, MA

April 26-28 -- Art in Bloom at the MFA

April 28 - Horticulture Morning - 10 a.m. Tower Hill, Boylston. "Hydrangeas for Every Landscape" with Mal Condon, Nantucket Hydrangea Farm.

May 3 - Art a Blooming, Choose an art object to interpret

May 3-4 - Daffodil and Primrose Show, Tower Hill

May 11- Lilac Sunday Arboretum

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



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