

# LEXINGTON FIELD & GARDEN CLUB

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

With over 9 foot snow banks on either side of my driveway, I am so ready for Spring. A perfect antidote to all this challenging weather is the Boston Flower & Garden Show. Contact Ann Webster if you are interested in purchasing discounted tickets and/or reservations for the LFGC field trip to the show on Thursday, March 12. Look for signup sheets at the March meeting for the April 2 Althea Phillips Award Presentation, helping with civic gardening sites, a plant sale planning meeting and bringing refreshments to one of the remaining main club meetings. Election of officers for 2015-2017 will take place at the April meeting and installation at the May meeting. *The proposed slate of officers: President--Mary Nokes, Vice President--Molly Nye & Ashley Rooney, Recording Secretary--Deborah Thompson, Treasurer--Leslie Sargis, Corresponding Secretary--Joan Farr, Membership--Gail Harris & Bonnie Rosenthal*

I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting.

Thank you again for all you do for our club. Sue

**Wednesday March 11**

### **Weeds – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly**

*With Joann Vieira, Horticulture and Facilities Director at Tower Hill Botanic Garden*

Joann will show images, provide identification information and discuss control techniques and uses of some common garden weeds. Weeds often give clues to site conditions, such as : light conditions; soil type and condition; and previous land usage. They are as richly varied as the ornamental plants we grow, having particular seasons, lifecycles and regeneration methods — and yes, even uses! The more you know the better equipped you are to control their presence in your garden.

## Horticulture Note

### Growing Indoor Herbs

Here is what you need: an organic potting mix, a container large enough for growth. For nursery stock, try transplanting into a pot 6-8 inches in diameter and depth. Grow on an east or west facing windowsill. Water sparingly, not too dry or saturated. Herbs have more flavor if the soil is kept on the slightly dry side. Avoid fertilizing during the winter months. Prune often to encourage compact growth. In the summer the herbs can be planted outside.

Here are some herbs that do well growing indoors:

*Parsley, oregano, thyme, mint and sage.*

**Dues envelopes** are being mailed out this month. Dues payable by **April 30**. Please fill in information requested by end of April to ensure your being listed in the new yearbook. Write suggestions for programs on inside envelope flap.

Check off if you want Email copy or paper copy of the newsletter.

**Sadly we must report the death of Betty Taylor**

Save the date notice—Historic Gardens Conference & Garden Tour

May 28 at St. Brigid Church Parish Center Hall. Registration required.

Details in Mayflower ([www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org)) and at next main club meeting.

Gardening Study School Course II, is being held at Tower Hill on April 9-10. Topics include Understanding Plant Diseases & Pests; Growing Lawn & Lawn Alternatives; Container Gardening; Plant Hunters. The fee is \$110 GC member, \$100 refresher, \$140 non-member, \$70 one day registration. For more information, contact Mary Nokes or go to the website [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org) and click, on schools and registration.

Flower Show School Course II, is being held in Milford on April 29, 30 & May 1. Topics covered include Flower Show Procedure, Horticulture & Design. More information and registration form on [www.gcfm.org](http://www.gcfm.org).

### **Boston Flower & Garden Show.**

***Discounted Tickets have been ordered*** for you to purchase for you, your friends and family. They are \$16 (cheaper than senior rate). Good for any single day of the show—you do not need to go on the bus to use them. They will be available for sale at our March Club meeting. Or you may purchase them by sending a check (made out to LFGC) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Ann Webster.

***Our Club bus trip to the show will be on Thursday, March 12.*** Park and leave from C&W parking lot on Bedford St. Be there by 9:20 am. Bus will depart PROMPTLY at 9:30 am (earlier if everyone signed up is already on board). We will leave the show at 1:30 and be back in Lexington around 2 pm.

***Bus cost per person is \$13,*** also cash or check to LFGC, payable at the March meeting or mail to Ann Webster. Friends welcome to purchase tickets.

***The organizers claim to be giving the show an “Extreme Garden Makeover”*** with a new floor plan to increase the show’s “Wow” factor—“moving the gardens to the front half of the hall separate from the visually distracting background of retail booths, allowing us to better darken that area so theatrical lighting can transform the gardens into an enveloping, dramatic experience”....So the Garden Marketplace will now be through the back half and there will be a “Plant Promenade” in the large center aisle.

Arbor Day. We hope you will join us at our Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 24. Location and other details will be announced. We are looking for volunteers to help with the schools’ LFGC tree program. Volunteers are also needed to help plan the tree planting ceremony which honors our recently deceased members. Please contact Peg Bradley or Mary-Beth Whiteside to learn more.

#### Garden Volunteers Needed:

With three of our club maintained civic gardens being toured on May 28 as part of the GCFM Historic Conference, we are asking for help to have the gardens look their best. Whatever time you can donate will make a difference. Please contact Civic Gardening Co-Chairs Raya Gildor and Bonnie Rosenthal for more information.

May 20 plant sale: Plans are underway for a planning meeting. Dates for that and for potting donated plants will be announced.

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**March 4---9 am Open Executive Board Meeting at Brookhaven**

**March 11—Main Club Meeting: Weeds-The Good, The Bad & The Ugly**

**March 12---LFGC bus to Boston Flower & Garden Show**

**March 26---Civic Development Workshop**

**April 2—Althea Phillips Award Presentation. Lunch optional, \$12, RSVP Caroline Nijenberg.**

**April 9-10---Gardening Study School**

**April 8—Main club meeting: Container Gardening & Rooftop Farming**

**April 24----Arbor Day Ceremony**

**April 24-27---Art In Bloom at the MFA**

**April 28—Middlesex District Annual Meeting**

**April 29-May 1—Flower Show School**

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