

LEXINGTON FIELD & GARDEN CLUB

137 YEARS OF MAKING LEXINGTON MORE BEAUTIFUL



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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members:

Welcome back to a wonderful year of Garden Club meetings and programs. I look forward to working with you and to seeking your ideas and your participation in keeping our club vibrant, community service oriented, and fun.

My theme as President is "**Learning - Sharing - Doing**".

Learning: from knowledgeable speakers, workshops, field trips, fellow gardeners, and Federation Schools.

Sharing: knowledge, skills, energy and time.

Doing: commitment and reliability in participating in club events, boards, committees, projects, plant sales and garden tours.

Congratulations and thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly this spring and summer on club projects.

- Ann Webster and her crews for creating and maintaining the 300th Berm Garden.
- Diana Bailey, Varda Haimo & Bonnie Rosenthal for a profitable and well organized plant sale.
- Anne Lee & Ellan Siegel for planning and organizing the successful and very beautiful garden tour.
- Club members who opened their gardens to the public for the tour and inspired us.
- Shirley Ament-Bergey, Sue Bush, Raya Gildor, Kate Gill, Georgia Harris and Ann Webster, who worked on the Lexington Parklet.
- Mary Nokes for organizing an outstanding year of speakers.
- Shirley Ament-Bergey for planning and organizing our Annual Luncheon.
- Raya Gildor for setting up and maintaining the club's Website.
- All our Civic Gardeners who keep Lexington looking beautiful. I am in awe of all you do and look forward to discovering more ways you live the theme: "**Learning-Sharing-Doing**"

September Meeting. Rain Gardens

September 11—9:30 a.m.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library

Dori Smith of Gardens for Life Landscape Design will explain how rain gardens use water flowing from your roof, driveway, or lawn, to take advantage of our natural abundance of rainfall, rather than wasting it as runoff. These gardens are easy to care for, and can often solve problems such as erosion, icy walkways, or wet basements .



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Morning Study Group recently held an Afternoon Tea to celebrate new honorary members. Pictured left to right: Betty Clark, Harriet Hathaway, Shirley Stolz, and Mary Lou Touart. Not pictured, Eleanor Halfman. In the back, Christina Gamota. Photo courtesy of George Gamota..

A Whale of a Day in New Bedford

Thursday, October 17

Lexington Historical Society Day Trip

Experience New Bedford with the active waterfront, cobblestone streets and stately buildings, including: The New Bedford Whaling Museum that brings to life the rich history of the whaling industry and New Bedford as a premier port.

The Seaman's Bethel, or House of God, where sailors worshipped before heading out to sea and those lost at sea were remembered. The historic 1824 Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, the home of three families who had a profound influence on New Bedford's history.

Luncheon at the lovely Waterfront Grille, directly on New Bedford's busy harbor.

The motor coach will leave at 8:00 a.m. from the St. Brigid's parking lot (Worthen Road end) and return by 5:00 p.m..

The cost: \$75 for Historical Society members, \$80 for non-

We Remember

Our Deceased Members

Betsy Whitman, June 27, 2013

There will be a Memorial Service for Betsy, September 15, 2 p.m. at Brookhaven in Lexington.

Arline Landman, July 26

Alma Harris, July 9
(Alma, a long-time member of the LFGC died in Colorado where she had moved to be closer to her children.)

Congratulations

Ruth Doran recently celebrated her 100th birthday., August 11. Many happy returns to Ruth..

Margery Blanchard will celebrate her 100th birthday, October 4. Margery is a past president of the LFGC.

Welcome New Members

Leslie & Colin Masson
12 Hayes Ave.
Lexington, MA 02420

Joan Forman
17 Moon Hill Rd
Lexington, MA 02421

Awards

Congratulations to the committee for landscaping at Lexington High School

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Homer Lucas Award

“The Awards Committee is delighted to recognize the unique and extensive endeavor you have successfully undertaken to make the LHS landscape a learning tool and exhibit of native plantings. The integration of students into the effort and the variety of volunteer roles included is impressive.”

September 11 Program (continued)

Trained in design and horticulture, with a certificate from Tower Hill Botanic Garden’s “New England School of Gardening” and an advanced certificate in native plants from the New England Wildflower Society. Smith is a member of the NEWFS Educational Committee, and is accredited as an Organic Land Care Professional by Northeast Organic Farming Association. She has installed more than 15 rain gardens in Boston’s western suburbs, and has published in the Massachusetts Audubon Society’s *Sanctuary* magazine.

Congratulations to Carolyn Nijenberg and Mary Nokes.

They were honored with special awards from the state Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

Presidential Certificate to Carolyn Nijenberg for “Exemplary Leadership in Chairing Garden Study School.”

A Presidential Certificate to Mary Nokes for “Exemplary Dedication as Registrar for Federation Schools.”

Fall Bulb and Perennial Sale

The Middlesex Conservation District will be holding its annual Fall Bulb and Perennial Sale on Friday, /September 20 (3:00—6:00 p.m. and Saturday 21 (8:00 a.m.—Noon, at the 4H Fairgrounds, 51 South Chelmsford Rd., Westford, MA. The Sale features tulips narcissus, unusual bulbs, bearded iris, perennials, and fertilizers.

All items may be ordered in advance for best selection. To order visit <http://www.middlesexconservation.org/> or send an email to fgilles02420@yahoo.com with your mailing address and you will be sent a sale catalog.

What's Going On?

LFGC Annual Evening Meeting

October 9—Program—Kevin Gardner, “Traditions and Techniques of Building New England Stone Walls” —6:30 p.m. for refreshments, 7:00 p.m. Program.—New Location—Keilty Hall, St. Brigid’s Church, Lexington

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Events

October 7— **Horticulture Morning**, 10:00 a.m.—Location TBD, “America’s Romance with the English Garden,” Tom Mickey

October 21, 2013, Monday, **Back to Basics: Principles in Floral Design** - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
—The Espousal Center, Waltham, Ma.

October 30, 2013—**Design Workshop**, Elm Bank, Wellesley, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon

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