

Grapevine

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Sudbury Garden Club

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

by Audrey Hepburn



AND OUR ANNUAL PLANT SALE!

PLANT SALE COUNTDOWN!!!



Please come to the Lincoln-Sudbury Student Parking Lot

Friday May 7th at 3:30pm

&

Saturday, May 8th at 7:30am.

We need all SGC Members to supervise the many strong helpers who have signed-up to help us both days.

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND WATER.

- Our On-Line Sales have been BRISK – and many of our member plant offerings have already sold out. We have 70 customers to date, and we have a week of sales ahead of us.
- **MANY** strong young students have signed-up to help us both days and will be bending and lifting the pots for us. **BUT** --- we need lots of Sudbury Garden Club Members to work from our Sales Lists to direct our helpers which plants to put into wagons together to fill each order, and then where to unload them into holding spaces for Saturday pick-up.
- Plants will be arriving on Friday starting at 4pm. If at all possible, please come to the High School rear parking lot by 3:30 so you can become familiar with our set-up and get helping. Those plants will be unloaded by our strong helpers in alphabetical order so again SGC Members are needed to read labels and tell them where to put them.
- The parking lot will be marked with chalk alphabetically for the member plant drop off and numerically for the holding spaces.
- Pick-up for our customers on Saturday is from 10-noon. We will have the drive-through set-up and will need people directing traffic and answering questions as well.

We have lots of lists to work from and many hands will make light work.

ALL MEMBER PLANT OWNERS

LABELS

- Be sure you have picked up your labels from Barbara Clifton **BEFORE** Friday the 7th and place them in **ALL** your pots.

DELIVERY

- Please email Patti how many plants you have at your home and if you need help getting them to the High School by **4 PM** on Friday.

GROUPINGS

- Please load all of one kind of plant together in your cars so it is easier for the “unloading” crew to take them all in one wagon to the proper area. It will save us lots of time if it can be done this way.

THANK YOU!

HANGING BASKETS

Don't forget to order a hanging basket if you want one. We are not ordering extras for sale on Saturday. The baskets are from Brigham's and will be beautiful as always. **They are on a first come first served basis** so you will have the first pick before our customers come on Saturday.

HELPFUL HINT!

It is ok to fertilize your pots of perennials and trees for the plant sale one week prior to the sale. Use either organic fertilizer, like a fish fertilizer or miracle grow. Gives them a little boost to look healthy for the sale.



SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION and PHOTO TIPS



Our virtual Plant Sale is going along well. Sales in the beginning were fast and furious. Now, as they naturally fall off with time, it is even more important that we remind people the sale is still going on. Every time we post something on our Sudbury Garden Club Facebook page, we get more sales the next day. So, if you are on Facebook, share our posts with your friends.

In anticipation of the possibility of having some kind of online component of the Plant Sale going forward, we would like to accumulate a photo library of the plants that you may want to donate in the future. So, as your plants come into bloom through the season, take some photos and send them to Kaffee at sudburygardenclub.ma@gmail.com

Some tips for taking good photos:

1. Try to get only one type of plant in the photo.
2. Get a close-up, so that there are not too many visual distractions.
3. Take photos on a cloudy day. Avoid getting your own shadow in the photo.”

Thanks,
Kaffee

MAY ZOOM GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED



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CANCELLED**

May is our month to wind down from the Plant Sale, to just socialize and enjoy each other's company.

This year, too, we have not scheduled a speaker. And, as we have tired of the “novelty” of Zoom meetings, the Board has decided to forego the May General Meeting entirely.

Traditionally we have gathered to hear the results from our Plant Sale. We promise you will hear those results – as you have all worked so hard under Patti’s leadership, to make it a success.

Come to the **Annual Meeting June 9th** to be held at Helen Crary’s house and have all your questioned answered!

BOARD MEETING

Join our May Board Meeting on Zoom!



Our next meeting is at **9:30 am on May 26**, the fourth Wednesday of the month. Let Barbara Baumgardner know you will be joining the meeting and she will send you the link!

CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

PLEASE Renew TODAY!

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their membership. Now we need the last twenty members to renew! Please, please renew as soon as possible. We have started working on the budget and booking speakers for next year and will soon start on the yearbook. We **really** need you to renew **TODAY!**



[Click here](#) to renew your membership on SignUpGenius.

We would prefer you renewing on SignUpGenius but for any reason you are unable to, here is the printed renewal form to download, [click here](#).

There are three tabs to check. You can sign up for:

- Membership and Committee Assignments
- Hospitality
- Library flowers

Membership Dues:

- Active Member \$40.00
- Associate Member \$55.00
- Supporting Member \$80.00
- Family Member \$25.00 (in addition to the Primary Membership dues.)

Payment: Dues can be paid either:

- By mailing a check made payable to SGC and writing Membership renewal in the memo and mailing to Ann Boland at 35 Pendleton Road, Sudbury.
- By going to the [SGC website](#) and paying by square (credit card). **Important Note:** there is a fee to use the square, so dues are: Active membership is \$42.00 and Supporting \$84.00.

Any questions? Contact Ann at ann755@gmail.com

The Blue Star Garden



In the Spring of 2018 we donated all plant material for the Blue Star Garden.

The Blue Star is representative of all veterans who have served our country. In WW1, first time our military was sent overseas, families hung a white cloth in a window with a blue Star, representing overseas

deployment. In 1947, a NJ lady and member of the National Garden Association, designed the plaque we have today. The site and plaque must be applied for and certified by the Veterans Association. Joy DiMaggio, from Thursday Garden Club, did this, and the process took a year.

My theme and design of the garden is red white and blue, amber waves of grain and purple mountains majesty, from sea to shining sea. It now has three season bloom, and winter interest. It is maintained by our club and the Thursday Garden Club, mostly by Joy and me.

If anyone else is interested in doing a little plant prep, let me know. We now have irrigation for that area. Very little watering is needed. We have a faucet too. It should be full and colorful this year. The rock with plaque came from a farm 300 years old in Lancaster, there are holes on the side of the rock to hold hooks and chains for horses to pull the rock and flatten the rock. Take a stroll and enjoy the garden.

Lynn Noland (lcbn923@gmail.com)

LS Senior Service Day Needs SGC Supervisors (Try saying that 5 times fast!)

On **Tuesday June 1**, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM the LS graduating class of 2021 will be participating in a masked, safely distanced, outside service day for Sudbury and as part of their graduation requirement. We have students helping our gardens at 3 locations:

- The Island at 117
- Heritage Park
- The Islands at Concord/Lincoln roads



We need 2-4 SGC members at each of these sights to supervise the students who will mostly be doing cleanup and spreading mulch. Please wear bright clothes if you are at one of the islands, heck you can even wear high heels since you will only be supervising! We will try to get cones out too.

Please [email joann.forester@gmail.com](mailto:joann.forester@gmail.com) if you can help on June 1.

Garden Trek to Suzanne Mahler's Garden



Suzanne Mahler gave a wonderful presentation called "Get Ready for Spring" at the March 2021 meeting. Now, let's get ready to see her garden in Hanover, MA this summer. A few members are interested in seeing her garden, but we have no trip coordinator. If you are interested in organizing this trip, contact [Leslie Lowe](#).

We will turn 90 later this year!

The SGC will be turning 90 years old this year, established by a few Sudbury ladies interested in gardening. They decided on the mission statement we use today. There was a monthly meeting and garden tours.

More to follow as we approach the fall.

Lynn Noland





Dear friends,

I wanted to thank one and all from the bottom of my heart. I have received numerous beautiful notes from so many friends. It helps me to know that there are prayers and thoughts out for my healing from this disease. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Warmest regards,
Nalini

GCFM

Congratulations, Lynn!



Lynn Noland has been named the new GCFM Central North District Director!

This is a great honor, not only for Lynn, but also for SGC. It shows how respected our Club and its participants are. *And*, we all know how hard Lynn works! She will be visiting the other Clubs in the Region, discovering what they do, and reporting back to all of us on the various activities. To this end, too, she will coordinate events for the Presidents to attend to further the discussions among the Clubs. New ideas should be given air to bloom!

SGC looks forward to working with Lynn, coordinating our activities with the Massachusetts Federation and the other Clubs in our District.

BIRDIE BITS

The Birds Are Back!

Have you seen some of the birds of summer in your yard this week? Did your cowbirds return? How about the chipping sparrows? I know you've all got robins and maybe bluebirds. It's hard to say if they are the migrants or the birds that stayed all winter with us. Have you caught sight of those gorgeous red winged blackbirds coming to your feeders from the marshes nearby? And what about that cute little phoebe that builds nests under your deck? Maybe you've even been lucky enough to see a hummingbird already.



This is definitely an exciting time of year. The birds seem to appear like clock work every year. It always seems a miracle, but now that science is giving us new techniques to follow birds, it is even more of a miracle than we understand yet. Scott Weidensaul has been following bird migration for many years and has a book hot off the press, *World on the Wing* (my Mother's Day request!)

Scott has used tracking techniques that allow him to follow birds on their migratory route. He has used the comparison of a marathoner running a 26.2 mile race in under 4 hours to a 6 inch semi-palmated sandpiper weighing less than half an ounce that travels 3200 miles non-stop from Canada to Venezuela, the equivalent of running 126 consecutive marathons over the course of 3-4 days with no food, water, or rest! This bird can exercise 8 or 9 times its normal metabolic rate while an elite athlete can only work at 4 to 5 times the base metabolic rate and then for just a few hours at a time.

Birds can migrate through dangerously thin atmosphere, taking off at sea level and flying more than 4 ½ miles up. Humans, by comparison, must acclimate for days and weeks while trying to climb in the Himalayas. Birds have very efficient hemoglobin in their blood and some have large lungs to hold more oxygen.

Birds can also sleep on the wing, putting half of their brain on sleep mode for a few seconds and alternating back and forth while flying for days at a time. They somehow avoid all the problems of sleep deprivation that a human would encounter during one long overnight flight.

Birds are able to visualize the Earth's magnetic field using a form of quantum mechanics known as entanglement which involves faster- than- light communication. Scientists are learning more about how birds navigate through new tracking data and technology. What we almost take for granted, that the birds will return every year, seems more and more like a miracle that we are just beginning to understand. We humans may not be the rulers of the universe after all!

Karen and Marilyn

INTERESTING PHOTOS & INSPIRING SHOW

Spring photos from Janelle Landrigan



I took this photo in early spring .
Came home one day and saw this on
Mountain Laurel next to garage.



The lone soldier keeping its head up
straight!

An Inspiring Show

I watched a wonderfully inspiring show about a woman landscape designer on PBS :
Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes. Her gardens are amazing. I'm sure SGC
members would enjoy it.

Carol Shapanka

CONGRATULATIONS YOU MADE IT TO THE END!

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