



Grapevine

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Sudbury Garden Club

Plant so your own heart will grow ~ Hafiz ~

"FEBRUARY IS THE BORDER BETWEEN WINTER AND SPRING".
~ Terri Guillemets



GENERAL MEETING

 SUDBURY GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS
www.sudburygardenclub.org

**HANNAH TRAGGIS
&
LORING SCHWARZ**
Aurelia's Garden

FEBRUARY 7 | 10:00AM
Memorial Congregational Church


Photo Credit: Hannah Traggis




**WORKING
IN
PARTNERSHIP**

Wednesday, the 7th
9:30 am
Aurelia's Garden
Presented by Hannah Traggis and Loring Schwarz

You might be surprised to learn that Aurelia's Garden is a community of dedicated volunteers growing fresh and nutritious organic produce for those in need. The volunteers farm on a few acres of privately-owned land in Wayland, MA.

The Garden got its start in the early months of the COVID pandemic when food insecurity in MA was at 8.2%. In 2023, when the need had spiraled to a staggering 21%, Aurelia's Garden committed to grow more produce for distribution to food pantries. Though their first year's yield was less than one ton of food, with determination and the use of regenerative farming practices, they have produced more than seven tons of organic produce for MetroWest food pantries!

Hospitality Committee: **Sara Salomon, Coordinator.**
Marianne Büttner, Karen Cohen, Marilyn Ellsworth, Heather Halsey, and Jean Vnenchak.

Valentine Community Outreach Workshop

Please join us in making 55 lovely Valentine arrangements for the clients of the Sudbury Food Pantry. This workshop will take place right after our General Meeting at MCC on **Wednesday, February 7 at 11:30am**. All supplies will be provided but please bring your clippers. This is an activity where many hands really do make light work! Help spread the love from our Sudbury Garden Club to our Sudbury community!

Pat Drobinski and Diane Kaplan



BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 10:00 am

Location: On **Zoom** only. The link will be sent out before the meeting.



CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

Library Flowers

- Monday 2/5 Christine Angoff
- Monday 2/12 Joanne Bennett
- Tuesday 2/20 Patricia McCann (President's Day)
- Monday 2/26 Karen Cohen



If you need to reschedule your date for providing flowers, please find someone to trade with you and let **Bonnie Parri**, the Library Chair know. Please remember to pick up your container when your week is up. Thank you!

Please remember to ask the Librarians for permission to go behind the desk if you need to use that sink to water your display.

Please also send a picture of your display to Heather Halsey at halseyh@mac.com. The pictures will be added to our website! However, and wherever you want to take the picture is fine, either at home, or at the library.



Gathering of the Green Thumbs Lunch Date

Date: Friday, February 2 at **noon**

Location: The Farmer's Daughter, 534 Boston Post Road, Sudbury

RSVP: Marilyn Hodges, [617-548-7080](tel:617-548-7080)

The RSVP deadline was Monday, January 29 but there might still be room at the table, so call Marilyn!

Join us for lunch! This is a **fun** and great way to get together with old and new members of the club without having to do any

gardening!

Flora In Winter at Worcester Art Museum Field Trip

Thursday, February 29; 9:30am-3:00pm

Our own dynamic duo of flower arranging, Juju & Carol, will be participating in this year's Flora In Winter at the Worcester Art Museum. If you are interested in carpooling to Worcester with fellow SGC members, exploring Flora In Winter, and then heading to lunch at **Armsby Abbey**, please sign up below to either be a "driver" or a "rider". Tickets are \$30. Any questions or comments please email **Jo Ann** or call her at [978-460-0915](tel:978-460-0915).



Can't make it on Thursday? The show is also happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Check [here](#) for more information.

Sign up [here](#) to be a Rider OR Driver.

Color Me Floral - Flower Bar - Wednesday, March 20

Walk into a flower bar, select your prettiest flowers, and voila a beautiful arrangement to behold in front of your eyes! Of course, you are the mixologist and designer of your own arrangement... We will show you how in this workshop. We will select flowers with colors and textures that complement each other. In this workshop, we will be learning about a sustainable mechanic, OshunPouch. Each participant will design their own flower arrangement to usher in Spring and receive a second OshunPouch to create another arrangement at home.

Enrollment to the CMF Workshop will begin online: Thursday, February 8, 2024
Last day to enroll will be: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

So join the fun by attending the Color Me Floral Flower Bar! The act of arranging flowers eases anxiety by releasing endorphins and makes everything better in our world.

Here are the details:

Designers: Juju Lem Pang and Carol Shapanka

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

Place: MCC

Fee: \$47.00 payment by PayPal; \$2.00 surcharge, \$45.00 by check. Please make checks payable to SGC and note on the check that this payment is for the "Flower Bar Workshop". Please mail your check to Juju Lem Pang, 50 Ridge Hill Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776.

Thank you!

Juju Lem Pang and Carol Shapanka
Co Chairs, Color Me Floral Workshops



Members Who Need Cheering Up

Jeanne Lucey is in rehab and would love to hear news from friends.

Care One at Concord
57 Old Road to Nine Acre Corner
Concord Mass 01742



Jackie Hauser has returned to her assisted living address, Proprietor's Green, after surgery in December.

Proprietors Green
10 Village Green Way
Apt. # 202
Marshfield MA 02050

SGC Joint Meeting with Thursday Garden Club Food and Drink - Save the Date and Sign Up!

Thursday, March 14 is our joint meeting with the Thursday Garden Club at Goodnow Library. Everyone in the Sudbury Garden Club is expected to contribute to the refreshments. Please sign up [here](#) to help make this meeting a success. Please include what exactly you are bringing.



Please arrive to the library by 9:30 if you are bringing food or drink.

Help with Table Decorations

The Sudbury Valley Trustees have asked for help with the table decorations for their **March 16** fundraising event at Charter Oaks. The theme is " the Emerald Forest".



I'm looking for a few members who would like to gather for a couple of hours on March 16 in the morning at my home to assemble about 15 arrangements.

Please text me at [978-835-3104](tel:978-835-3104) if you are interested.

Thanks!

Helen

BIRDIE BITS



The Official Game Bird of Massachusetts

While building my home in Bolton, a daily occurrence was 20 turkeys arriving on the side of the dirt driveway and just standing there until the male sent the hens across, and then he followed.

Over the years we have had a few return, but lately, despite the cold weather and dusting of snow, twenty have returned on almost a daily basis. This piqued my interest in learning more about the official game bird of Massachusetts.

Before European colonization of the Americas, the wild turkey was widespread in Massachusetts. Due to habitat loss, turkeys were extirpated from the state, and the last known bird was killed in 1851. In the 1970's, Mass Wildlife trapped 37 turkeys in New York and released them in the Berkshires. The new flock grew, and by the fall of 1978, the estimated population was about 1,000 birds. As more birds migrated from other states, the numbers continued to grow. In 1991, the wild turkey became the state's official game bird. Today the population is estimated at between 30,000 and 35,000.

Wild turkeys are classified as game birds, for which a management program and regulated hunting seasons have been established. Bolton does not allow hunting so I can not tell you how many times I have had to stop driving to let them cross the road in front of me.

The wild turkey is a handsome bird, black to black-bronze with white wing bars, blackish-brown tail feathers and a blueish-grey to red head. Male turkeys, Toms, weigh 16-25 pounds and sport a hairlike beard from the breast bone. Females, called hens, are smaller, about 9-12 pounds. They are typically dull brown with a blueish-grey head.

Wild turkeys are active during the day, roosting in large trees at night to avoid predators. They actually can fly very well. Gobbling, during breeding season, usually starts in March through May. The males puff out their feathers, fan their tail and strut their stuff. Hens lay eggs after the first mating and lay 12 to 15 eggs in a nest that is a shallow, leaf lined depression on the ground. The incubation period is 28 days. The young poults are active as soon as they hatch and are often victims to foxes and hawks. Young turkeys remain with their mother for 4 to 5 months. Turkeys learn from each other, often by imitation, and associating with older, more experienced birds. They remember the layout of their home ranges and the location of various foods.

Wild turkeys are habitat generalists and thrive in a variety of environments in Massachusetts. They utilize agricultural lands, forests, and suburban and urban habitats. Back yard bird feeders can become quite habituated as we who have bird feeders can certainly attest. Wild turkeys live in flocks organized by pecking order. Each bird is dominate over or pecks on birds of lesser social status. Turkeys may attempt to dominate or attack people that they view as subordinates. This behavior is observed most often during breeding season. Once the bold behavior is established, it can be difficult to change. We have all witnessed an aggressive turkey attacking a poor person or dog on the news. So far, the flock here is more interested in the bird seed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn and Karen

Thank you Karen and Marilyn!

I was inspired by the Grapevine "Birdie Bits" to take care of birds. One blue bird is drinking water from a heated birdbath!
Janelle



COLOR ME FLORAL WORKSHOP

January Winter Pop Up Workshop

What an amazing and fun workshop we had! We were guided by Allison Hassard, Frugal Flowers Event Designer to create a beautiful arrangement. Allison demonstrated different mechanics to use in arranging flowers. It was fun to hear her stories in the flower arranging world. We learned so much from her. She was certainly a wealth of information. Thank you Allison for doing this workshop for us. And thank you to all of you who signed up and your support in the Color Me Floral Workshops. We made beautiful arrangements to chase away the winter blues!

Juju Lem Pang and Carol Shapanka
Co Chairs, Color Me Floral Workshops



From the Designer

What a joy it was to share the art of floral design with you all at the workshop! I had a fantastic time guiding you through the design process, and your fellow passion for flowers and all things nature truly made the event truly special.

We'd love to keep in touch and see how you bring your newfound skills to life. For a daily dose of inspiration and to share your creations, follow us on Instagram at [@JustBloomdWeddings](https://www.instagram.com/JustBloomdWeddings).

If you enjoyed the workshop and know someone tying the knot or are interested in custom design classes, we'd be thrilled if you spread the word!

Just Bloom'd Weddings delights in adding a floral touch to every special occasion.

For exclusive content and upcoming workshop dates, sign up for our newsletter, and let's keep the beauty growing!

Can't wait to create more beautiful moments together!

Looking forward to seeing you all again,
Allison Hassard
Wedding & Event Director | Lead Designer Just Bloom'd Wedding

FROM OUR FRIENDS

Orchid Show

Enjoy some colorful blossoms in February at the New England Botanical Garden, 11 French Rd, West Boylston, MA. Phone 508-869-6111. February 10 & 11 during the day. Tickets available for members and non members. The web site is nebg.org



Contact Janelle at [978-273-5795](tel:978-273-5795) for SGC passes to New England Botanical Garden.



Public Lecture 2024

Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm
The Groton Center

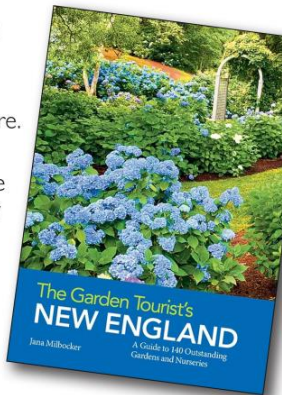
(163 West Main St., Groton, MA 01450)

The public is welcome to attend the Groton Garden Club's **FREE** Annual Lecture.

Our speaker will be author Jana Milbocker who will take us on a tour of a wide array of New England gardens.

Jana authored *The Garden Tourist's New England*. Books will be available afterwards for purchase and signing.

This free lecture is made possible by a grant from the Groton Commissioners of Trusts Lecture Fund.



Visit our website to learn about the Club and read more about our events.

www.grotongardenclub.org



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**MARCH 2024 GRAPEVINE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**



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