



# *Grapevine*

## February 2023

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### **Sudbury Garden Club** *Flowers, Food, Friends, and Fun*

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## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, the 8th, 9:30 am**  
**Memorial Congregational Church**



## Hikes Through History Presented by Alison O'Leary

Ever wandered through the woods and wondered who had been there before you? Many of our parks and trails have been carved out of historical sites. Alison O'Leary, an award-winning journalist and co-author (with Michael Tougias and John Burk) of the AMC's four-season guide, *Best Day Hikes Near Boston*, shares her favorites with us. Discover interesting day-trip destinations and parks, sites of former grand estates and the lives of their owners, off-beat tales of local residents, and contributions of the Roosevelt-era Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

**Hospitality Committee:** Marilyn Ellsworth, Coordinator.  
Marianne Büttner, Karen Cohen, Frances Gillespie, Suzanne Schineller,  
Frances Shashoua, Marion Tratnyek and Jean Vnenchak.

## BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 9:00 am  
**Location:** Beth Iosua's Home, 11 Meadow Drive



## CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

### Library Flowers

- Monday 2/6 Marianne Büttner
- Monday 2/13 Joanne Bennett
- Tuesday 2/21 Connie Sanchez Morillo (Presidents' Day)
- Monday 2/27 Meredith Cabarrus



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### Gathering of the Green Thumbs

- Date: Friday, February 3 at noon
- Location: Lotus Blossom, 394 Boston Post Road
- Please RSVP to Marilyn Hodges, 617-548-7080



## Community Outreach

On **Wednesday, February 8th**, we will be making **50** Valentine Arrangements for the residents of Sudbury Pines Extended Care Facility **AFTER** our General Meeting at MCC. All supplies will be provided - just bring your garden clippers. We welcome any and all members to stay and help us assemble the arrangements that are sure to provide Valentine cheer to recipients. We plan to start at 11:30 am and should be finished in less than an hour. We look forward to seeing you at this creative and fun event.



Pat Drobinski and Diane Kaplan

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## Request for Pots!

Community Outreach requests your 4 inch pots! Please check through your gardening supplies and see if you have any 4 inch round pots that you could give to the Community Outreach committee for them to turn into lovely floral gifts for some folks in need within the Sudbury community.



Please bring them to the February meeting at MCC.

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## Plant Sale Meeting

The next Plant Sale Meeting is going to be Wednesday, February 8th at 3:00 pm on ZOOM.

The link will be sent out to the general membership several days before.



## Color Me Floral Workshop

**Ikebana Presentation Created by Joy DiMaggio**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**Time:** 10 am - 12 pm

**Place:** MCC

**Fee:** \$32.00

Signup for this workshop will begin online **Thursday, February 2, 2023**. Deadline to sign up will be **Thursday, March 2, 2023**. Please sign up on the SGC website under "Events" (\$34.00) or you may send a check payable to SGC (\$32.00) and note that the payment is for the March CMF Workshop. Send your checks to: Juju Lem Pang, 50 Ridge Hill Rd, Sudbury.

## **IKEBANA**

### **The Beauty of Lines**

We are pleased to have a Ikebana workshop presented by Joy DiMaggio. Joy DiMaggio has been studying Ikebana for over 12 years and is a student of The Sogetsu School. Joy has completed the first book of Sogetsu and will complete book 2 in February 2023. The Sogetsu School uses Moribana and Nageire styles for design. Moribana is a flat dish design with a Kensan. Nageire is a slender tall container used for design. Joy has earned her first certificate for Sogetsu School design.

The course Joy is offering is a basic upright Moribana design. She will share some history of Ikebana. There will be a demonstration of the angles of placement and the measurement of the plant materials. A design will be created for you all. Each student will create an upright style Moribana design to take home.

Please bring the following to the workshop:

- Branches: 3-4 branches at least 20" long. Branch suggestions: pussy willow, red twig, forsythia. Some of these branches can be purchased at Whole Foods. If anyone is having difficulty finding branches, please let us know. We will try to find a variety.
- Pyrex dish 8x8
- Branch cutters
- Clipper or scissors for the flowers
- Round bowl for cutting flowers in
- Brown paper bag and paper towels
- Small watering can or measuring cup to pour water
- Bucket to bring your design home

We will provide the following:

- Kensans
- flowers and greens

Joy will provide a handout for all participants.

This workshop will be fun, creative, and a learning experience for all!

Thanks!

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



Created by Joy DiMaggio

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## Worcester Art Museum's Flora in Winter

SGC Field Trip to Worcester Art Museum's Flora in Winter on **Thursday, March 2.**

Although we do not have any of our members displaying at this event we would love to go and view some stunning artwork and accompanying floral arrangements at the Worcester Art Museum. If we have some drivers and riders who are interested we will meet at the Accension church parking lot at 9 am and head to Worcester from there. We will then have lunch at a restaurant TBD. Sign up to drive or ride below:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4eaaad2babfa7-flowery#/>

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## A Big Thank You!

Both Sudbury Farms and Frugal Flowers have supported the Sudbury Garden Club in our Color Me Floral flower arranging workshops and our Community Service project supplies.



Please share your appreciation with them if you choose to shop at either establishment.

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## Silver Plate, An SGC Tradition

A note from one of the recipients of our member-funded gift cards:

“I was a recipient of a \$100 gift card. I wanted to say thank you and to let you know that the gift card was used in part to buy my daughter lights she wanted to decorate with. She is a very friendly 5 year old who also loves to garden. She said her wish was to have a super lit up yard (she wanted to do that for Halloween but we ran out of time and funds) and we have gone out shopping for lights that have purple in them. She has cystic fibrosis and the color for that is purple, she also has heart failure so we like to incorporate



purple and red into a lot. She enjoys saying hi to the neighborhood and wanted a yard that made people happy and would stop to say hi. Thank you to everyone who donated and shared information to help us light up our yard and share Nev's holiday spirit wish!"

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### **Do you like to plan parties?**

We are looking for 4-6 members to plan the Annual Meeting on **June 7** which will be held in Juju Lem Pang's stunning back yard and gardens. This is our final meeting of the year with a bit of important business and a chance to socialize and celebrate what an amazing garden club we are! This would be a great opportunity for some new members to work with some veteran members to create a memorable event. Please email Patti & Jo Ann @ [sgc.president76@gmail.com](mailto:sgc.president76@gmail.com) if you are interested.



## **BIRDIE BITS**

### **Owl Nesting Season in Massachusetts**

In January and February, the coldest months of the winter, Great-horned Owls, Bared Owls, and Eastern Screech Owls are establishing territories, finding mates, and choosing a place to nest and raise their young. If you are lucky enough to live near a tree dense or forested area, you might catch a glimpse of one or more of these majestic creatures or hear mated pairs calling to each other at night.



None of these owls build their own nests. Eastern Screech Owls generally nest in tree cavities, but they never excavate the holes themselves. They use holes created by woodpeckers, squirrels or rotted wood. Bared owls like to nest in naturally occurring tree cavities and will use platform nests used by hawks, crows and ravens. Great-horned Owls will also use nests vacated by larger birds. All of the owls will use man-made nest boxes.

All three of the species will raise one brood per year. Screech Owls lay 2-6 eggs, Bared Owls 1-5, and Great-horned Owls 1-4. Only the female incubates the eggs for 30 or more days and after about another month of being fed by both parents, the juvenile owls are ready to fledge the nest. Their parents will continue to feed them and teach them how to hunt on their own.

Keeping the eggs and babies warm during the cold months is a testament to the female owls. They develop brood patches when hormones cause belly feathers to fall out just before the eggs are laid. This warm patch of skin allows heat from the mother to transfer to the eggs during incubation and to the chicks after hatching. All three species have feathers on their feet and legs to provide extra warmth.

If you would like to see the owls nest and raise their young, you can purchase man-made boxes especially if you live near a forested area.

Winter is a great time to go for evening walks to listen to the owls calling to each other.

Enjoy your time outdoors.

Marilyn and Karen

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### **The Black-Capped Chickadee Poem**

My Santa Barbara friend has been rather in lock-down mode due to the flooding there. After I sent him January's Birdie Bits, he decided to compose a poem using the same information. I think I'm making him the poet Laureate of Birdie Bits! We went to a tiny two room school in the White Mountains of NH together for many years of elementary school. He now has his PhD in sacred music composition and shares his compositions with me while I share all things "birdie"! Click on the link below for the poem.

Marilyn

[Birdie Bits Poem](#)

## **GCFM**

### **The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc (GCFM) Offerings:**



#### **The Nature of Oaks**

Douglas Tallamy

Author, *The Nature of Oaks*

February 1, 2023 (Wednesday)

7:00 - 8:30 pm

**ONLINE** via Zoom Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8716736288744/WN1H9m5sfLSEesO9hwSEgbMA>

#### **We Are The ARK**

Mary Reynolds

Author, *We Are The ARK*

March 4, 2023 (Saturday)

1:00 - 2:30 pm

**ONLINE** via Zoom Webinar

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9316736288013/WN-tJT\\_D0USPK2pOZ9GIUdQw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9316736288013/WN-tJT_D0USPK2pOZ9GIUdQw)

**The Language of Flowers: Understanding Pollination Ecology**

Rebecca McMackin

*Loeb Fellow, Harvard GSD*

April 12, 2023 (Wednesday)

7:00 - 8:30 pm

**IN PERSON** at the Cambridge Public Library

Registration details coming soon. Check [gcfm.org](http://gcfm.org)

**Messy or Magic? Biodiversity and the Perception of Beauty**

Edwina von Gal

*Founder, Perfect Earth Project*

May 17, 2023 (Wednesday)

7:00 - 8:00 pm

**IN PERSON** at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill in

Boylston, MA and **ONLINE** via Zoom Webinar check [gcfm.org](http://gcfm.org)

**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

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