

Grapevine

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Sudbury Garden Club *Gardening and Gathering Together!*

**"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.**

**With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.**

**The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."
- Elizabeth Coatsworth**

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



**Joint Meeting with the Thursday Garden Club
Thursday, November 4, 9:30 – 11:30 am
St. John's Lutheran Church in Sudbury**

A Piet Oudolf Story Presented by Deborah Chud

The first part of Deborah Chud's "A Piet Oudolf Story" traces her discovery of his work, her research on his plant combinations, and her use of that research to create a garden in his style. The second part explores the historical context in which he emerged as a landscape designer, and the final part provides an introduction to his design principles-particularly his concept of structure and the special balance he creates between coherence and contrast. Toward the end of her talk Deborah offers some practical Oudolfian "dos and don'ts" for solving the problem of excessive contrast. Deborah Chud is a retired Massachusetts physician turned landscape design consultant and educator. Her five years of research on Piet Oudolf have generated the most comprehensive existing database of his plant combinations. Last summer, she presented her work at an international event ("Piet Oudolf: How Does He Do It?") She has also presented to members the MA Horticultural Society, Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum, Toronto Botanical Gardens and the Delaware Botanic Gardens.

PLEASE NOTE: The speaker, Deborah Chud, would like everyone to be masked at all times at the meeting because her husband is high risk. There will be no food or drink not even personal travel mugs from home.

Silver Plate



The silver plate committee will be collecting checks and gift cards for Thanksgiving and the upcoming holidays at our November meeting. A plate will be on the sign in table when you arrive. Checks (made payable to SGC with Silver Plate written in the notes) or Gift Cards could also be sent or dropped off at Sara Salomon's house, 4 Middle Road.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 17 at 9:00 am

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month and all are welcome!

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 17
- **Time:** 9:00 am
- **Location:** TBD



CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

Tickets are on Sale for the Holiday Luncheon!



Plans have been made for our Annual Holiday Luncheon that will be held **Wednesday, December 8**, at the Marlborough Country Club.

The menu will be similar to the luncheon we held at our Annual End-of-The-Year Annual Meeting in June 2019! Salad, rolls, Parmesan encrusted chicken or Haddock with sherry crumbs, seasonal vegetables and wild rice; coffee, tea, and water; cake for dessert. Arrangements can be made for Gluten Free lunches.

Members can purchase wine if they desire.

Bring your \$20 check made out to Sudbury Garden Club to the **Thursday, November 4**, Joint Garden Club meeting and sign up with me and select your choice of Chicken, Fish, or Gluten Free. You can also mail your check to our Treasurer Janelle Landrigan, at 22 Deacon Lane, Sudbury. Please remember to include your food choice with your payment. In the future there will be an opportunity to pay online. The notice will be sent in a separate email. Reservations must be made by **Tuesday, November 23!**

Please contact me at mikejoanne@aol.com with any questions. I look forward to seeing you all!!
Joanne (Bennett)

Gathering of the Green Thumbs Lunch Date

- **Date:** Friday, November 5
- **Time:** Noon
- **Location:** Caffe Nero, 55 Main Street, Concord
- **RSVP:** Marilyn Hodges - 617-548-7080 by **noon on Thursday, November 4**



Library Flowers



Monday 11/1 Fran Perlman
Monday 11/8 Christine Angoff
Monday 11/15 Barbara Fay
Monday 11/22 Barbara Baumgardner
Monday 11/29 Judy Handley

Please remember to pick up your container when your week is up. Thank you! 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 also send a picture of your display to Heather Halsey at halsey@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.

Holiday Decorations Workshop

Wednesday, November 10th
Patti Walch's Home – 9:30 a.m.

We welcome **ALL** Members to help make Holiday Ornaments for the Wayside Inn and to put decoration bags together for the Boxwood Tree Workshop. Tables will be set-up in the garage and inside to spread people out. All you need to bring is your mask!



Thanksgiving Community Outreach



The Community Outreach Committee will be making 30 Bouquets for the recipients of Sudbury's Meals on Wheels to be delivered before Thanksgiving. All floral supplies will be provided. The date we are making them has **changed** from Wednesday, November 24th to **Tuesday the 23rd** at The Sudbury Senior Center. We will meet at 9am and should take about an hour. Please join us for this rewarding event that brings joy to those who receive

the floral arrangements. Bring your clippers.

Wayside Inn Christmas Decorating 2021

The Sudbury Garden Club oversees eight other garden clubs and decorates many spaces each year in a group effort to decorate our local treasure, Longfellow's Wayside Inn, for Christmas each year. This year we will be decorating over 2 days, **Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Wednesday, Dec. 1**, in an effort to spread people out a bit. Some of you have done this for many years, welcome back! Some may never have done this before, welcome! If you would like to help with our efforts this year, please click on the SignUpGenius below to put your name in for a specific day and time. Feel free to reach out for any questions/comments you may have regarding decorating the Wayside Inn for Christmas. There will be coffee, tea and light treats while decorating. There will not be the usual buffet this year but each helper will receive a small gift.



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Boxwood Workshop



Thursday, December 2nd

Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.

They will ask covid questions at the door.

Masks must be worn at all times.

All Members are invited to help make small Boxwood Trees for the recipients of the Sudbury Pines Nursing Home. All supplies will be provided – just please bring your clippers.

OR

Make your own large Boxwood Tree same day

Boxwood tips, stand, pre-soaked oasis and decorations will be provided. Please e-mail **Patti BY Monday November 29th** to order the supplies. Cost is \$25. Please send check to Janelle or bring that day.

Yearbook Update

Anita Bosshard has a new phone number: **508-460-7161**, if she doesn't answer don't leave a message, Call back. Same email address. She is having a few health issues, her daughter said, but nothing serious.

Lynn Noland

Color Me Floral Workshop - October

The first Color Me Floral Workshop that took place on October 20th was a big success among the participants who signed up. The floral designer brought in plenty of flowers to make a beautiful and abundant Autumn arrangement. The workshop was engaging and all had a fun time creating their own unique arrangement.

Another workshop is in the works to take place after the holidays to chase away the Winter doldrums! Please let me know if you would be interested!

Here are a few photos of the October workshop.

Thanks to all who signed up last month!



BIRDIE BITS



While you were sleeping...

In our yards and gardens we feel and see the seasons changing in October as Fall colors show off our maples and oaks. The air is crisp in the morning and still warm and summery by mid-afternoon. Roses still bloom alongside pumpkins and chrysanthemums. It seems a season coming to rest, and yet, all around and above us as we are sleeping, birds are taking flights of heroic proportions that until recently, we could not have imagined.

We still don't know exactly what propels birds into the air in Spring and Fall. A German term called Zugunruhe means "migration anxiety". With changing weather and the length of daylight birds feel a restless energy. They can double their weight in a few week's time. Their blood chemistry resembles diabetics and coronary patients, and yet they suffer no harm. Reproductive organs shrink to allow room for muscle build-up. Flying non-stop for days at a time does not cause sleep deprivation. Bird brains allow the brain to "sleep" for a few seconds on one side throughout the flight. They must be ever alert as life and death challenges abound-adverse weather, loss of refueling habitat, predators, and wild game hunters to name a few.

How birds "know" a map of the world before they've ever taken their first migratory flight has long been another mystery. Magnetic iron crystals in some bird's heads indicate a form of biological compass. It now appears that birds can visualize the earth's magnetic field through a form of quantum entanglement- two particles created at the same instant, linked even light years away, may allow birds to visualize the earth's magnetic field. (Even Einstein was unsettled by this "spooky action")

This year Scott Wiedensaul published *A World on the Wing, The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds*. As I wait for the first junco to appear in the yard, I've felt a whole new world open up. Wiedensaul chronicles the millions and billions of birds taking to the air on epic journeys of migration that are only now being studied. For years masses of birds have shown up on Doppler radar screens. Now with tiny geolocators birds and even Monarch butterflies can be tagged and followed. A gray cheeked thrush in Denali National Park in Alaska has been followed 6500 miles to it's wintering area in Venezuela and then followed again in the Spring as it returns to nearly the exact nesting site of the previous year in Denali. What we are learning is so amazing that we can only be left with a feeling of awe and reverence for eons of evolution that allow fragile birds " by obeying their ancient rhythms knit up the scattered and beleaguered wild places of the world into a seamless whole through the simple act of flight".

Happy Fall,
Karen and Marilyn

Ashland Garden Club

Thanksgiving is America's harvest holiday, everyone's favorite feast day! Herbs and vegetables played a large role in the traditional harvest.



Join Betsy Williams Saturday, November 13th 10:30- 11:30 in person at the Ashland Library or virtually to learn the plants involved in a fall harvest, their historical uses and how to use them creatively and decoratively in your own Thanksgiving celebrations.

If you are joining us in person, there is no need to register, just show up!

Please register for this event if you will be joining us virtually and you'll receive the link in the confirmation and reminder emails - make sure to check your spam folder for them, they will be coming from ashlandprograms@minlib.net.

Date: Saturday, November 13th

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Ashland Garden Club.



Flower Show School Class

The GCFM is sponsoring “Course 11” of the **FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL CLASS** on **April 12-14, 2022**. This is one of a 4-part program which can be taken in any order except the last class which is an exam should anyone want to achieve a full designation of taking and passing the class. This is NOT required to enter shows... Day 1 or Day 2 can be taken separately or both.

Here are the particulars:

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| Day 1 | Morning lectures are about Flower Show Procedure. Afternoon lectures are about Design. |
| Day 2 | Morning lectures are about Flower Show Procedure And Horticulture. |

Afternoon lectures are about Horticulture Practice Point Scoring.

Day 3 Written Exam

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| Cost: | Full Course w/Exam & Lunch | \$140 |
| | Two-Day Instruction No exam & Lunch | \$135 |
| | One-Day Instruction No Lunch | \$ 80 |

The complete write-up of information is on their website: www.gcfm.org.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact [Jo Ann](#), [Patti](#) or [Lynn](#).

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**DECEMBER 2021 GRAPEVINE
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**



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