



# Grapevine

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## Sudbury Garden Club

*Plant so your own heart will grow ~ Hafiz ~*

May and October, the best-smelling months? I'll make a case for  
December: evergreen, frost, wood smoke, cinnamon.

*~ Lisa Kleypas, Love in the Afternoon.*



## HOLIDAY PARTY



Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm  
at the home of Meredith Cabarrus  
17 Pheasant Avenue

If you haven't already done so, this is a reminder to **RSVP** soon(!) for our Holiday Party on December 13 at 4:00pm at the home of Meredith Cabarrus. Sign up [here](#). Keep in mind that if you sign up for Set up or Clean up, you don't need to provide food!

## BOARD MEETING

No Board Meeting in December! Yay!



## CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

### Library Flowers

- Monday 12/4 Beth Iosua
- Monday 12/11 Barbara Fay
- Monday 12/18 Connie Sanchez Morillo
- Tuesday 12/26 Jane Morrissey (Christmas)



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](mailto: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.

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### Holiday Outreach Workshop Arrangements

**Help make 50 Boxwood arrangements for Sudbury Pines Nursing Home and build your own Boxwood!**

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 am
- **Location:** Sudbury Senior Center



Please join us for a fun morning at the **Senior Center**. We will be creating 50 Boxwood arrangements for Sudbury Pines Nursing Home residents. All supplies will be provided but **please bring your own clippers**. If you can help transport them to Sudbury Pines at the conclusion of the workshop, that would be great. Help create and spread the joy from our Garden Club!

Pat & Diane

**If you would like to build your own full size Boxwood Tree**, the kit will include the boxwood tips, a brick of soaked oasis, the stand, and a bag of decorations. The charge is \$25 and checks should be made out to the Sudbury Garden Club.



To reserve supplies for a large tree, email [Pattigoforit@yahoo.com](mailto:Pattigoforit@yahoo.com)

If there are remaining boxwood bunches, they will be sold with a brick of dry oasis for \$10. **To be put on the waiting list for the extras**, email [Pattigoforit@yahoo.com](mailto:Pattigoforit@yahoo.com)

**Can't Wait...**

Patti Walch



### **Gathering of the Green Thumbs Lunch Date**

**Date:** Friday, December 8 at **12:30pm** (note new time)

**Location:** The Colonial Inn, 48 Monument Square, Concord

**RSVP:** Barbara Fay, [508-380-1607](tel:508-380-1607) by December 4.

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!

### **Color Me Floral - January Winter Pop Up Workshop**

- **Designer:** Beverley Mason, Flower Shop Head Designer and Production Manager Russell's Garden Center
- **Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 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 "January Pop Up Workshop". Please mail your check to: Juju Lem Pang, 50 Ridge Hill Rd, Sudbury MA. 01776



Have you ever stood in front of a floral refrigerator and become overwhelmed by the colors and textures of all the flowers? Everyone has! Let's welcome the New Year and gift ourselves by creating a floral arrangement. Flowers brighten our lives and lift our spirits. And we certainly all need something to lift us up after the holidays! We are pleased to have Beverley Mason, Head Designer and Production Manager for over 30 years at Russell's Garden Center guide us in creating a lovely floral arrangement. Beverley is in charge of the fresh and silk flower shop and oversees the wreath decorating table at Christmas time. She will be the designer guide to selecting and arranging fresh flowers. The flowers selected for this workshop will excite and calm all at the same time! Please sign up as soon as you can for space is limited. Enrollment to this workshop will begin on: **Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Please note that deadline to enroll will be: Wednesday, January 10, 2024.**

Thank you! Let's begin the new year with Color Me Floral!

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

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## **SGC Programs - Sudbury Town Planner 2024**

We are pleased to share the following three programs to the Sudbury community. By sharing these informative programs, we will promote our club and share gardening knowledge. Please spread the word to your friends and family so they can join in! To access the Sudbury Town Planner online: [www.townplanner.com](http://www.townplanner.com).

**January 10, 2024** - the Heirloom Gardener-Traditional Plants & Skills

Speaker: John Forti

Zoom program begins at 7:00 PM.

Please email: [sgc.president76@gmail.com](mailto:sgc.president76@gmail.com) for the link!

**February 7, 2024** - Aurelia's Garden

Speakers: Hannah Traggis & Loring Schwarz

Place: Memorial Congregational Church, Sudbury MA

Time: 10:30 AM

**April 10, 2024** - Six Simple Steps to Successful Rose Gardens

Speakers: Mike and Angelina Chute

Place: Memorial Congregational Church, Sudbury MA

Time: 10:30 AM

Thanks

Jo Ann Forester and Juju Lem Pang

Co-Presidents

## **PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

### **Color Me Floral Workshop - Tablescares**

On November 2, 2023, the dynamic designer duo Heather Halsey and Jeanne Lucey guided members in designing 3 different holidays table settings and floral arrangements. They demonstrated a Thanksgiving arrangement using cuttings from their gardens and fresh flowers. On display, there were a holiday arrangement and Mother's Day floral table arrangements that each of them made. In this workshop, members created a Thanksgiving arrangement. With the materials provided at the workshop and creative ideas from the duo, members learned that they can easily interchange different materials and flowers to celebrate different holidays. It was a fun workshop!



## From the Senior Center Posting

On November 21, the Sudbury Garden Club stopped by the Sudbury Senior Center and made over 35 Thanksgiving bouquets for the Meals on Wheels participants.



## Wayside Inn Holiday Decorations

We decorated the Wayside Inn for the **50th** time on November 28th with over 30 volunteers from our club. The Inn is so very thankful and we all enjoyed the buffet they supplied for us. Take down day has been changed to Tuesday, January 9. The committee chairperson for the room you worked in will let you know what time to arrive at the Inn.



## BIRDIE BITS



### Juncos are Back!

This morning while walking downstairs, I always stop a moment and look at my feeders. To my surprise there were two Juncos flying around each other. A sign that winter is right around the corner. Juncos are one of my favorite sparrows.

According to Wild Birds Unlimited, Juncos are small birds in the sparrow family. They leave in springtime to nest in coniferous and deciduous forests though out much of Canada and Alaska, and at higher elevations in the continental United States. They return to much of the continental United States every fall where they can be found in fields, parks and in our backyards in search of seeds.

There are six species of Dark-eyed Juncos in North America, but the one we see most often in New England is the Slate-colored Junco. They are dark gray birds (males slightly darker) that look like they have been dipped in white paint.

Juncos like Hummingbirds do return to the same areas as the previous year according to a study by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project Feeder Watch. They will winter in the same several acre area, and to a favorite yard and feeder.

Juncos like to ground feed like Cardinals and Mourning Doves. They like white millet in a tray feeder or on the ground. They will also eat sunflower chips and nyjer seed that has fallen to the ground.

Wild Birds Unlimited often has an article that goes along with a sighting just in time for Birdie Bits.

Enjoy the returning Juncos to your yards.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn and Karen

# PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**JANUARY 2024 GRAPEVINE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**



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