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Sudbury Garden Club

Gardening and Gathering Together!



"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.

On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear.
And through the snow, the buds appear.

In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."
- Cynthia Adams, *Winter Garden*.

ZOOM GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, the 9th

9:30 am In-person at Memorial Congregational Church

10:00 am Business Meeting

10:30 am Presentation

Thinking Globally, Acting in Your Own Backyard Presented by Rebecca Warner

What we do in our gardens can make a difference for the environment. Rebecca will show you how to do your part to reduce pollution and energy use, conserve water, and prevent storm water runoff by replacing some of your lawn with smart, attractive alternatives. She focuses on growing less lawn as a way of cutting down on the use of fossil-fueled machinery, avoiding fertilizer and pesticides, and using space in the yard for garden beds that do more for pollinators, beneficial insects and birds. Rebecca uses locally sourced materials, such as her own compost and mulch from arborist wood chips and she prioritizes native plants to support native insects.

Rebecca Warner is a home gardener in Newton with 30 years' experience working towards a sustainable garden. Her book, *The Sustainable-Enough Garden* is the story of her quest to make a beautiful garden that is environmentally friendly. In the last eight years, she has overhauled her garden practices from composting to mulching, and lawn care to irrigation.

Please note: Per the decision of the Board and MCC, and in keeping with the Covid protocols, no refreshments will be served at the General Meeting to be held on February 9th. We are asking that no food be brought in, but Members may bring a covered container of liquid (hot or cold) to drink during the meeting. Masks shall be worn at all other times. The room has air purifiers.

Technical Helpers Wanted



We are exploring the possibility of streaming some of our upcoming general monthly meetings over Zoom while also holding them in person. If anyone feels they have any expertise in this or would like to learn how to do this, please reach out to us at

co-presidents@sudburygardenclub.org

BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: **Wednesday, February 23**
at 9:00 am.

In person or Zoom: **TBD**



CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

Library Flowers

Monday 2/7 Marianne Büttner
Monday 2/14 Karen Cohen
Tuesday 2/22 Sara Solomon (Presidents' Day)
Monday 2/28 Manpreet Bal

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.



Gathering of the Green Thumbs Lunch Date



- **When** - Friday, February 4 at noon
- **Where** - Lotus Blossom, 394 Boston Post Road, Sudbury

- **RSVP** - Marilyn Hodges, 617-548-7080 by Thursday, February 3.

Community Outreach Valentine Bouquets

On **Wednesday, February 9th**, we will be making **50** Valentine Bouquets for the Sudbury Food Pantry **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 and should be finished in less than an hour.

Pat Drobinski and Diane Kaplan



Color Me Floral Workshop - March



Hello SGC Members!

I'm excited to announce my next workshop in March. What better way to usher in Spring than to design a floral arrangement to brighten up your home! I'm very happy that we will have two of our garden club members **Jeanne Lucey**, Floral Design Extraordinaire and **Heather Halsey**, Garden Designer and Owner of Heather Garden Design leading this workshop. The theme of the workshop will be designing an arrangement using various

materials to create a beautiful Spring arrangement for our homes. Our intent is to purchase beautiful flowers at the Boston flower market dependent on availability and cost.

Reminder: Due to Covid, the workshop will be limited to **15 members**, so please sign up as soon as you can.

Here Are The Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, March 31
- **Time:** 3:00 pm
- **Place:** Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbanks Road
- **Cost:** \$35.00
- **Sign up deadline** - March 21

Thanks,
Juju

[Sign up here!](#)

Photos from the January Color Me Floral Workshop



Persephone Flowers arranged a monochromatic floral arrangement. Here's a few of the photos. Each of the arrangements were unique, dependent on the creativity of the arranger. There's beauty in all the arrangements! And it was fun!

Enjoy the flowers as looking at beautiful flowers brings happiness!

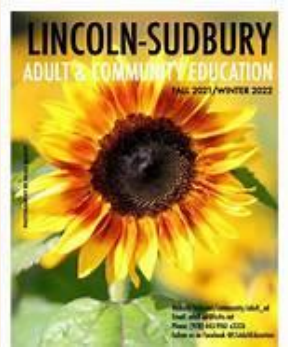


From our Friends - Upcoming Lectures

The Northborough Garden Club is having a Zoom presentation, "Winter Sow", on February 1st at 6:30PM. The lecture will teach how to sow pollinator plants during the winter. Please contact www.northboroughgardenclub.com/wintersow for additional information and registration.

The Groton Garden Club will be presenting their Annual Public Lecture for 2022 on Saturday, February 5th at 2:00 PM. The topic of this FREE webinar lecture will be “Nurturing Native Plants and Pollinators” with Daphne Minner. Register at: www.grotongardenclub.org.

LS Adult Education Class: Flower Arranging for a Cause



Jo Ann will be running a class through Lincoln-Sudbury Adult Education on **Thursday, March 24** from 7-8:30 pm at the high school. The goal is to publicize Sudbury Garden Club, educate the public on some simple flower arranging techniques and create small arrangements to be donated, they will probably go to the Meals on Wheels program and not Sudbury Food Pantry as listed in the brochure. A couple of members have volunteered to help Jo Ann already, let her know if you would like to also help or go ahead and sign up for the class!

It is listed on page 3 of the Spring 2022 brochure, you can sign up for this class here: lsrhs.net/community/adult_ed There is a \$35 fee to cover LS Adult Ed. administrative costs and the cost for flowers and supplies.

"I dream of a better world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned."

Due to a coop mishap, I lost my flock at the start of 2022. Although this is sad, it is also part of the circle of life and I know that we have many beautiful and important predators in town such as coyotes, foxes, fisher cats, hawks and even bobcats. I now have 6 new girls living in deluxe and more secure housing in my backyard. There is a white Leghorn, 1 gold laced Wyandott, 1 silver laced Wyandott, 1 lavender Buff Orpington, 1 cream Cochin and an Easter Egger. My neighbor and I are working on names, she favors Disney princesses and I favor musicians so it may be a mix of both. They are all hardy poultry who should be fine in the snow and cold.



Picture taken in Jo Ann's coop-a-cabana before the Nor'easter

BIRDIE BITS



As I sit sipping a hot cup of cocoa after my third trip shoveling to the feeders and stomping into the woods to put down nuggets for the deer and listen to the chickadees especially yelling at me to hurry up, I am amazed at the quiet and beauty of the snow. It is falling so gently now that the wind has died down a bit. Everything in my yard is covered and just beautiful. It makes

me want to share with you two poems from a book called **“Sparrow Envy”** which is our January Book Group selection recommended by Marilyn. It is a beautiful and touching book by a black man bird watcher named J. Drew Lanham.

LOVE HANDLE

Handle any life in your hands as if it were your own. Feel the heart beating-small as it may be-and imagine it in your own chest: beating in syncopated time to become shared meter. That pulse, the breathing, is your rhythm. Your in's and out's: it's in's and out's. Look close under whatever warty skin or soft fur or gaudy feathers and see self. It's being is your being. Be in that same skin for what moments it will allow. Then, when the convergence between you is sealed, release that wild soul to free roaming as you would desire of your own.

SOULFUL WARMING

Cold creeps in
A grey chill settles
Darkness falls
Where sunlight fails
Cardinal chants
In tangled bramble
Towhee kick-scatters leaves
And care
Take heart
Grasp hope
Feathers lighten
Solstice's darkening burden
Brightening briefest day

Respectfully submitted:
Marilyn and Karen

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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