

Grapevine

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Sudbury Garden Club

Flowers, Food, Friends, and Fun



Welcome Back Sudbury Garden Club Members!

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 14th, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Wayside Inn, outdoors in the tent

Fall Kickoff

As we return from our summer adventures, we welcome back our members and a new slate of officers.

This meeting features SGC member, Carol Shapanka, who will explain how she created this year's SGC floral arrangement for Art in Bloom.

Hospitality Committee:

Barbara Fay and Carol Shapanka, Coordinators.

Beth Iosua, Janelle Landrigan and Juju Lem Pang.

BOARD MEETING

- Date: **Wednesday, September 28, 9:00 am**
- Location: **Lynn Noland's Home, 129 Taylor Rd., Marlborough**



CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

2022-2023 Yearbook



The Yearbook Committee has been working diligently over the summer, **NO** time off for them!

The complete yearbook will be posted on the Members Only section of the website. A smaller printed version will, hopefully, be available at the first meeting.

Library Flowers

- **Tuesday 9/6 Carol Shpanka (Labor Day)**
- **Monday 9/12 Lynn Noland**
- **Monday 9/19 Judy Newell**
- **Monday 9/26 Juju Lem Pang**



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 **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.

Civic Beautification - Fall Cleanup



- Date: **Wednesday, September 7, 9:30 to 11:30 am**
 - Location: **Heritage Park**
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Gathering of the Green Thumbs Lunch Date

- Date: **Friday, September 9 at noon**
- Location: **Papa Razzi, 768 Elm Street, Concord**
- Please RSVP to **Pat Drobinski, 978-621-8888**



Lincoln-Sudbury Adult Education Class Flower Arranging for a Cause taught by Jo Ann Forester



Thursday, September 29, 7:00-8:30pm

Jo Ann will be teaching a one time, 90 minute class on very beginner basics of flower arranging (most of which I learned from the experts in our club). We will make a small arrangement for participants to take home as well as a bunch of small arrangements to go to a local organization, TBD which organization. If you would like to officially sign up as a participant, please use the link below, the price has bumped up to \$39 per person as flower prices have risen and we want to make as many small arrangements to donate as possible. If you would like to come as a helper please email me at [**joann.forester@gmail.com**](mailto:joann.forester@gmail.com).

[**https://lsrhs.ce.eleyo.com/course/426/fall-2022-winter-2023/flower-arranging-for-a-cause**](https://lsrhs.ce.eleyo.com/course/426/fall-2022-winter-2023/flower-arranging-for-a-cause)

All Things Technology

We did not meet this summer to discuss technology's role in the Sudbury Garden Club. But we will be meeting soon! We will be discussing online payment options, hybrid online meeting possibilities, board member emails, website and more. If you are interested in participating in this meeting or even just have a comment about technology & SGC please email [**joann.forester@gmail.com**](mailto:joann.forester@gmail.com) (might be changing the SGC email addresses so please use my personal email for now.)



From our GCFM Central North District Director



Central North and Central South are hosting a fall coffee on September 8, 2022, from 10-12. Asking club Presidents and club Treasurer's to attend. The executive board will be present of GCFM. I am excited for this new year as District Director for Central North. We have a board meeting on Sept 1. I'm sure the whole year will be presented by GCFM. There are some new clubs in GCFM, and one is in the preparatory stage for joining GCFM, that is progress.

Don't forget to send in photos to the GCFM website revolving calendar to Betsy Howard, howardbetsy@msn.com. Also, articles for the Mayflower, online, to Joan Minklei, joanminkeli@gmail.com by September 10. Can be our programs, upcoming fall flower workshops, upcoming garden tours, or Art and Bloom events.

I enjoyed seeing our club's flower arranging workshop, by JoAnn Forester, in the summer Mayflower edition. Flowers were given to the Bear Mountain Rehabilitation Facility. Diane Kaplan, Janelle Landrigan delivered the arrangements to the Director of Nurses. A very nice photo was in that edition too of our members and the arrangements.

Lynn Noland
CNDD





Calling all art-lovers, sewists and crafters...

Wayside Quilters Guild 18th Quilt Show

The Art of the Quilt

Come and be inspired by:

- Quilt styles ranging from abstract improvisation to geometric precision
- The interplay of stitching and fabric, like pencil and paint
- Educational exhibits and demonstrations
- Raffle quilt to raise funds for our outreach efforts
- BOUTIQUE with handmade items for sale... making great holiday gifts, teacher gifts, fall and holiday home decor

 Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School
 October 1, 2022 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
October 2, 2022 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
\$7 admission / under 12 free



waysidequilters.org/quilt-show

BIRDIE BITS



Summertime Musings

We hope you all enjoyed your summer with time off for yourself to relax and smell the roses, play in the water, enjoy your gardens, and have fun with family and friends.

It has been a challenging summer with a severe drought and a water ban beginning in May, followed by weeks of 3-day heat waves. We watched our beloved trees and perennials droop and sag and lose their leaves early. Some of us were quarantined because of covid or kept a low profile to keep safe for special events and travel time. I hope everyone stayed safe and sound.

Just when I thought there were enough challenges at my house, along came our first woodchuck in 47 years. It established itself under our garden shed, throwing up mounds of sand over my Mayapples and woodland flowers. Soon it discovered a way into our fenced vegetable garden, (still a mystery) and chowed down on the green beans, zucchini, winter squash and Swiss chard. Outside the fence I found my hostas chomped down to the ground once again after surviving deer nibbles in early Spring. The creature looks like a large guinea pig on steroids and is apparently here to stay!! Mother Nature wins again!

The bright side of summer included watching all of the bees, most likely JoAnn Forester's honey bees and all sizes of bumble bees. Neighbors are still spraying their yards against ticks and mosquitoes, perhaps not understanding that insecticides kill desirable bees and caterpillars that are needed to feed most baby birds. Neonics are still widely available and continue to kill bee colonies nationwide. Despite the spraying, in June we were entranced with hundreds of fireflies lighting up our front yard against the dark background of trees. Now as the sun sets, we're enveloped in a chorus of song from grey tree frogs, American toads, and thousands of unknown insects. Everyone of these sights and sounds indicates survivors against all odds this summer.

As always, birds brought great joy. The bluebirds raised 3 broods of babies while I "mothered" them with live meal worms. The hummingbirds chase each other all around the yard, fighting for a space at one of the feeders or a special trumpet vine flower. It is a bit sad to think the hummers will leave us probably soon after Labor Day. An oriole pair nested nearby this summer and treated us to constant flights to our orange nectar feeder. The feeder also has small indentations for grape jelly which was the all-time favorite of the orioles. They consumed an entire jar of jelly before the bees also discovered the feeder! Now the male oriole has discovered that he can bite into the bottom of a trumpet vine blossom and sip up all the nectar. Bird behaviors are so fascinating!

Did you see more butterflies in your gardens this summer? In spite of the drought, we noticed many more than usual - spicebush swallowtails, tiger swallowtails, white sulphurs, and monarchs. I wonder if my attempts to use more natives is working to draw them in. I have kept 5 birdbaths going all summer for the wildlife. Whatever brought them here, it was a great treat.

My spirits rose every time I journeyed through the town center to see all of the beautiful gardens maintained by the Sudbury and Thursday Garden Clubs. The blooms were a bright oasis amidst the many brown lawns. It seems no amount of adversity can keep a good gardener down!

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Can't wait to see you all again!

Karen and Marilyn

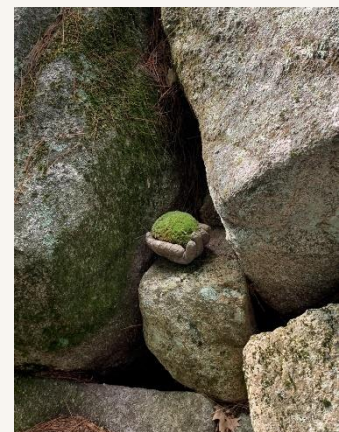
SUMMER FLOWERS AND ADVENTURES



Helen Crary: Heather Halsey put this together for me in early June and I replanted it in NH where it has loved the cooler weather!



Susan Vingiano: Vacationing in Italy with my grandchildren and family.



Jo Ann Forester: Made a lot of *hypertufa* (it's so cool & fun, google it if you haven't heard of it before). The first picture is a small hypertufa pot with a hosta and succulent from my garden as well as a \$50 gift certificate to the SGC plant sale that was donated to the Wayside Inn Summer Auction. The middle picture is hypertufa with plants from my garden at home. The last picture is a hypertufa hand made with a disposable glove holding a little bit of moss.



Pulling invasive Water Chestnuts from the Assabet River, nothing like weeding a river in my spare time!



Met these guys at the Maine Botanical Garden.



Also met this guy while hiking in Colorado!



Admiring the Annual Flower Trial Gardens at Colorado State University while visiting my son.

The Earth Laughs In Flowers ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

I have so many flower photos that is hard to pick! But [here](#) are a few of the late bloomers that will be present until the Fall. I included some of my vegetable garden where I am starting my fall crops such as arugula, kale, Swiss chard, broccoli rabe, snow peas, green and wax beans. Included is a photo of my Chinese bitter melon hanging on a vine. This year, the deer did not eat my turtlehead flowers or some of my hostas in the front yard. So I included some of the photos. This summer, I installed a butterfly garden in the front.

Juju Lem Pang



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**OCTOBER 2022 GRAPEVINE
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28**



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