

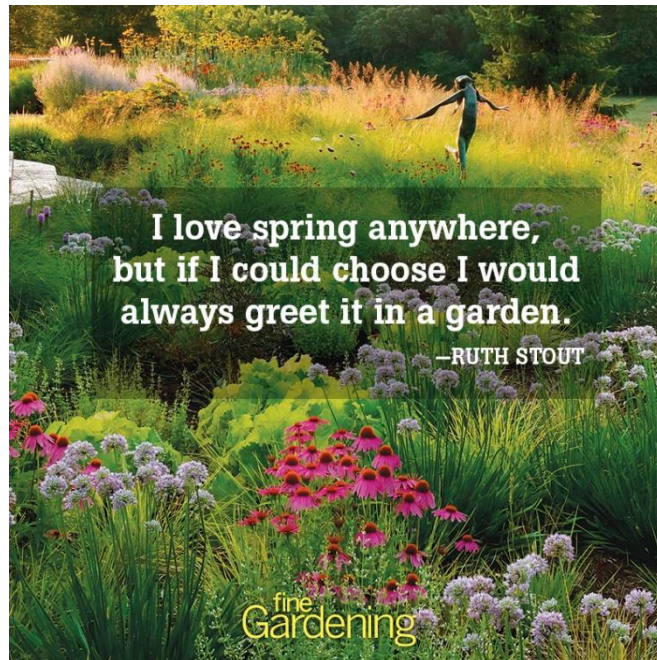
# Grapevine

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## Sudbury Garden Club

*Gardening and Gathering Together!*



## GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, the 13th**

**9:30 am** In-person at Memorial Congregational Church

**10:00 am** Business Meeting

**10:30 am** Presentation

**Perennial Color Spring Through Fall  
Presented by Suzanne Mahler**

The greatest challenge when designing a perennial border is to create the illusion that the entire garden is in bloom throughout the growing season, despite the limited bloom span of each component. Colorful images of gardens, plant combinations, tried-and-true perennial favorites, and the hottest new cultivars for both sunny and shady sites will offer guidance for creating tinted and textural foliage for multi-season interest.



Suzanne Mahler has been sharing her passion for gardening for more than 30 years having spoken at the Boston, Rhode Island, and New England Spring Flower Shows, Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts, the Environmental Protection Agency, and garden clubs and organizations throughout the New England Area. She is past President of the New England Daylily Society, an Overseer for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and works part-time at a local garden center. Suzanne has been developing her own one-and-one-half acre property for 40 years and is an avid collector with extensive collections of woody plants and perennials including more than 300 daylily cultivars and 250 varieties of hostas.

## April Community Outreach



On **Wednesday, April 13th**, we will be making **52** Spring Pots of Pansies for the residents of Bridges by EPOCH **AFTER** our General Meeting at MCC. All supplies will be provided - just bring your garden gloves. We welcome any and all members to stay and help us assemble the arrangements that are sure to provide spring cheer to recipients. We plan to start at **11:30am** and should be finished in less than an hour.

Pat Drobinski and Diane Kaplan

## BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: **Wednesday, April 27** at 9:00 am.

In-person at **Kaffee Kang's home**.



## CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES

### Opportunity to give your opinion on Programs

Have you been enjoying our programs on garden design, vegetable gardening, pollinator meadow gardens, how to grow spring ephemerals, how to get ready for Spring, finding out the best public gardens in New England, historical talks and more? The Program Committee is having its first meeting of the year to plan next year's presentations. We are interested in finding out what you are interested in. If you have thoughts and suggestions join us on zoom on **Wednesday, March 30 at 1pm**.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83675291092?pwd=MEYvUzIycEtrNkREUIJWktlVDkydz09>

Meeting ID: 836 7529 1092

Passcode: 011956

If you can't make it this time, send Leslie your email address so she can send you the zoom link for the next meeting. Contact Leslie at [leslie.lowe1776@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.lowe1776@gmail.com) or call her at 978-201-0538.

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## Gathering of the Green Thumbs Lunch Date

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- **When** - Friday, April 1 at noon
- **Where** - Wayside Inn
- **RSVP** - Marilyn Hodges, 617-548-7080 by 3:00pm on Thursday, March 31

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## Library Flowers

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Monday 4/4 Ann Boland  
Monday 4/11 Diana Cebra  
Tuesday 4/19 Jean Vnenchak  
Monday 4/25 Tara McElroy



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](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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## Civic Beautification

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**Calling all Pansy lovers!!**

**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:00pm  
Meet at Town Hall**

Please join us planting pansies in the town hall planters and around town.

Let Patti know if you can make it [pattigoforit@yahoo.com](mailto:pattigoforit@yahoo.com)





## Work Day and more Pansy Planting

**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Park  
Meet at 1:30pm with your garden tools**

We hope everyone can make our first work day  
at the Park.

We will be working on general clean-up  
and pansy planting there as well.

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## It's that time AGAIN - Membership Renewal!

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Check your inbox for an email next week with all the information  
about renewing your membership!

So in the meantime...

- Think about what committee you would like to join
- Which committee you would love to chair
- What date you would like to do Library flowers



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## Sudbury Garden Club Hot Fashion



Our online store with Graphic Connections in Sudbury is  
now open! You can be seen around town in the newest  
trends of SGC swag. Click the link to place an online  
order. If you would like to try on samples for sizing head  
over to **Graphic Connections** at 730 Boston Post Road, a  
few doors down from Bullfinches. Various colors and  
sizes available. The safety vest will say Sudbury Garden  
Club.

Email Jo Ann at [co-  
presidents@sudburygardenclub.org](mailto:co-presidents@sudburygardenclub.org)

with any questions. Store will close **April 11.**

This is not a fundraiser, just a way to promote our club!

<https://surbiurygardenclub.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

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*Sudbury Garden Club*  
**Plant  
Sale**  
2022

Let's hope for a warm and sunny spring so we can  
**DIG DIG DIG**

More details to come...

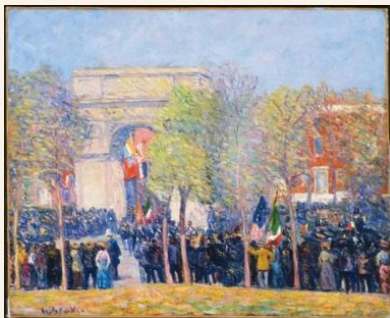
Also check out our [website](#) 'Count Down' and you can get the most up-to-date information on the Plant Sale!

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### **Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston**

This year Carol Shapanka and Nancy Hulme will be representing our club and we are hoping to get a group together on **Friday, April 29th**. We need to get a head count of how many members are interested in going on a 'trek' to the MFA if we plan to go in as a group. Alternately, members can visit the museum on any of the three days on their own. Please click on the link below!

[SignUpGenius](#)



This is the painting that Carol and Nancy will be interpreting.

H44 Italo-American Celebration, Washington Square. William Glackens about 1912  
Oil on canvas

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## Annual Meeting

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The planning process has begun for our Annual Meeting on **June 8**. This meeting is both a celebration of a successful Plant Sale and year of gardening and an official meeting to vote on a new Executive board and our budget. We will need a small group of members to plan the food/decorations for this meeting. This is a great opportunity for some new members or veteran members who love party planning to get involved! If you would like to help out, please contact Barbara Baumgardner: [b3baumgardner@gmail.com](mailto:b3baumgardner@gmail.com)

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## LS Adult Education Class: Flower Arranging for a Cause

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In March, Jo Ann taught a class through the Lincoln-Sudbury Adult Education program touching on some Flower Arranging basics. Janelle, Diane K., Juju and Barbara F. came to support her and assist with all aspects of the workshop. The Plant Sale and other garden club activities were highlighted and a handout was given that contained a list of possible plants available at the sale, some flower arranging basics and even a floral gin lemonade cocktail! Then all the participants made posies with leather leaf greens, daffodils, white mums and purple asters that were delivered the following day to Bear Mountain Healthcare & Rehabilitation in Sudbury, over 50 of them! The class participants also got to assemble and take home a simple arrangement created with a hydrangea as the structure along with daffodils, white tulips and eucalyptus all in an “old fashion” cocktail glass.



## Delivering Flowers to Bear Mountain Healthcare & Rehabilitation in Sudbury



### BIRDIE BITS



I know that Marilyn and I have mentioned this so many times before, but there is a very important article on the front page of the Crier from March 10 about the devastating results of rat poison on owls, hawks and eagles. If you have not read it, I encourage you to do so. It is very disturbing.

Now that Spring has arrived, I have bird building nests in the yard, and I thought it would be interesting to share the nesting cycle of our Robin.

Once a male and female are paired, and a nest site selected, the female builds the nest (the male may help buy bringing nesting material to her). The nest begins with a foundation of stouter twigs, then grasses cemented together with mud, ending with fine grass for the lining. Nest construction can take four to seven days.

Three to four days after the nest is completed, the female lays the first egg. Each egg amounts to about 8 percent of her body weight, but she will lay one a day until the clutch is complete at three to six eggs. The eggs of the American Robin are a beautiful greenish blue.

Incubation begins (and embryos begin to develop) after the second or third egg is laid. Only the female incubates. To help transfer heat to the eggs, a patch of bare skin on her belly, called a brood patch, develops extra blood vessels at this time. She spends 75 percent of the day and all night on the eggs, and flies away to forage, drink, and preen for about 15 minutes.

After 12 to 14 days of incubation, the eggs hatch within a few hours. The female carries the shells away and drops them far from the nest or sometimes eats them for the calcium. Newly hatched young are mostly naked, blind and unable to use their legs, but they instinctively lift their heads and beg for food when stimulated by the shaking of the nest or the calls of the adults. The female spends a lot of time in these early days sheltering the young and keeping them warm. At this stage, the male does most of the work of bringing food to the young.

Once the young are about seven days old, they have a full coat of feathers and can maintain their body temperature for longer periods of time, allowing the female to join the male in search for food. At this stage, the nestlings are growing very quickly and one can consume its body weight in food each day which means the adults have to bring food to the nest every five to ten minutes. The adults tend to perch on the same side of the nest each time they bring food, and the young compete for the best positions close to that spot.

About twelve to fourteen days after hatching, the young have well-developed wing feathers and strong legs. They are ready to leave the nest and take their first flight. They will continue to depend on the parents for food for twelve to fourteen days.

Many Robin pairs will raise a second brood beginning about seven days after their first brood fledges. The female will build a new nest, and the male continues to tend the grown young from the earlier brood.

Only about one-third of all American Robin nests succeed in fledgling one or more young, and only one-quarter of those fledged young will survive to November 1.

A very special thank you to Marilyn for a Christmas gift “What It’s Like To Be a Bird” for helping with the information for this Birdie Bits.

Respectfully submitted.  
Marilyn and Karen

## PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**MAY 2022 GRAPEVINE  
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 27**



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