



# Hampden Garden Club Newsletter – Spring 2017

The Hampden Garden Club  
P.O. Box 252 Hampden, MA 01036  
[www.hampdengardenclub.org](http://www.hampdengardenclub.org)

Officially Organized  
1932

Eighty-fifth year  
2017

### **Purpose**

The mutual improvement of the members in the Art of Gardening and the Advancement of Civic Beauty, in and about Hampden, by means of Horticulture.

### **Officers**

President – Michelle LeDoux  
Vice-President – Yvonne Peloquin  
Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Ryan  
Recording Secretary – Ellie Green and Peggy Webber  
Treasurer – Mary Ellen Bickley

### **Committee Chairs**

Historian – Connie Witt  
Plant Sale – Deborah Mahoney, Chair, and Mary Voight  
Program – Virginia Blake, Chair; Jean Kaddy, David Buel, and Nancy Ryan  
Publicity – Ellie Green and Connie Witt  
Nominating – David Buel, Alice Herder, and Yvonne Peloquin  
Membership – Ginny Blake and Connie Witt  
Yearbook Editor – Judy McKinley Brewer  
Yearbook Cover Art – Phil and Karla Grant  
Website – Eric Brewer



**Greetings Garden Club Members:**

**Welcome to another great season of Hampden Garden Club meetings and events. After a long, cold, and snowy winter, spring has finally arrived! We encourage you to participate in all events, from the Earth Day Putter on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, to the Holiday Gathering on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We come together as a community of gardeners to share our love of the beauty of nature. Enjoy!**

### **First Meeting**

**April 20, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Academy Hall**

**Speaker – Chris Wayne**

**Presentation – Gardening for Pollinators**

Hostesses for the April meeting are as follows: Paula Messier, Chair; David Buel, Deb Mahoney, Alice Herder

### **Memorial Day Plant Sale!**

**Monday, May 29, 2017  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Academy Hall**

**Remember to dig, pot, and label your plants!**

Need pots/popsicle sticks?  
Volunteer to help?  
We really need people to dig plants, so if you can, please contact:

**Deborah Mahoney – 566-0239  
Mary Voight – 566-3588**

### **“Earth Day Putter”**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**Senior Center Gardens  
And  
TWB School Gazebo**

**Meet at the Senior Center,  
104 Allen Street, Hampden,  
at 9:00 a.m.**

Call Judy McKinley Brewer at 566-8990

**Busy Hands are Happy Hands!**

### **Membership**

**Dues - \$10.00 per year  
(checks preferred)**

Payable at Hampden Garden Club meeting or send check payable to:

**Mary Ellen Bickley  
552 Springfield Road  
Somers, CT 06071**



# Things of Interest

**Hampden Hampshire Conservation District Plant Sale 2017** will take place on **Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Three County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, Gate 2A, 41 Fair Street, Northampton, Mass.

**The Wistariahurst Museum** will have their **Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** located at 238 Cabot Street in Holyoke, Mass.

**The Beacon Hill Garden Club** in Boston will have their 88<sup>th</sup> Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Annual Tour on **Thursday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Visitors will stroll the charming streets of Beacon Hill and visit spectacular private gardens. Over 2,500 visitors enjoy this annual event. From its first garden tour in 1929, club members have opened their gardens on the third Thursday in May through the Depression, World War II, rain and shine for 87 years. Visit the nooks, crannies, and charming spaces that make Beacon Hill special. For more information please visit their website [www.beaconhillgardenclub.org](http://www.beaconhillgardenclub.org) .

**The Berkshire Botanical Gardens** will have their **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale on Friday, May 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.** located at 5 West Stockbridge Road in Stockbridge, Mass.

**The Tower Hill Botanic Garden** will have their **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** located at 11 French Drive in Boylston, Mass.

**The Springfield Garden Club** will have their **Annual Quadrangle Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at the Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards Street. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

**The Springfield Garden Club** will have **"The Hidden Gardens of Forest Park" tour on Saturday, June 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Tickets for the 11 gardens are \$15 when purchased in advance (See Nancy Ryan) or \$20 on the day of the tour at the Tour Headquarters located at the intersection of Garfield and Greenleaf Streets in Springfield.

**The Springfield Garden Club** will have **"Gardening Workshops Under the Pines" at Forest Park Farmers' Market on Tuesday, July 11, and Tuesday, August 8, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.** Members will present brief demonstrations on a variety of gardening topics and answer gardening questions. Topics include unusual plants for containers, indoor worm composting, growing herbs in the garden, and do-it-yourself flower arranging. Visit [gcfm.org/springfieldgardenclub/](http://gcfm.org/springfieldgardenclub/) for an updated schedule of workshop topics. Use the entrance at 200 Trafton Road in Springfield for free admission to the Park.



**The Festival of Flowers at the Springfield Museums on Thursday, April 6, 2017, was wonderful.** Arrangements inspired by objects throughout the art, history, and science museums were absolutely magnificent. Shown below are some examples of the many beautiful arrangements that were enjoyed by the many visitors.



**The Monson Garden Club featured a wonderful presentation on Kitchen Garden Design by Ellen Ecker Ogden, an award winning food and garden writer, on Monday, April 3, 2017, at the First Church of Monson.** The event was well attended and participants enjoyed a presentation on how to combine artistic elements with classic garden design. Visit <http://www.ellenogden.com/> to sign up for Ellen's ***The Art of Growing Food*** newsletter.