



# Hampden Garden Club Newsletter – Winter 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 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 Grant  
Website – Eric Brewer



## **Greetings Garden Club Members:**

**This is the first of a series of newsletters that will be sent to you highlighting some of the important things planned for this coming year. Please be sure to review the *Things of Interest* section for information about exciting events in our community and beyond!**

### **First Meeting**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Academy Hall**



### **Planters**



**The planters looked beautiful around town. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project!**

### **"Putter"**

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

#### **Senior Center and TWB Gazebo**

Meet at the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.

Questions: Call Judy McKinley Brewer at 566-8990.

**Busy Hands are Happy Hands!**

### **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**

### **Membership**

**Dues - \$10.00 per year**

Checks made payable to the Hampden  
Garden Club may be mailed to:

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

or to

**The Hampden Garden Club  
P.O. Box 252, Hampden, MA 01036**





**Mark  
Your Calendar!**

## **Hampden Garden Club Meeting Dates 2017**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 - Putter**

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**Monday, May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day Plant Sale**

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

**Thursday, July 20, 2017 – Annual Picnic and Plant Exchange**

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**

**Thursday, November 9, 2017 – Annual Holiday Gathering**

**Details on 2017 meetings will be in the Yearbook.**



## Things of Interest

**The Springfield Garden Club** kicks off its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on **Friday, February 17, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.** at the Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham. Noted Springfield historian Frances Gagnon will be the featured speaker. **The "History of Springfield's Parks and Open Spaces"** will be the topic as she relates stories about the people and businesses that helped make open spaces available. The meeting will be held at the Wilbraham United Church located at 400 Main Street in Wilbraham. Mayor Dominic Sarno will present the Club with a proclamation in celebration of the club's 100 years of service to the City of Springfield, acknowledging the club's dedication and commitment. The Garden Club welcomes visitors to its meeting at which a light lunch is also served. The guest fee is \$5.00. For more information, contact Judy Cmero at (413) 599-0462 or [springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com) .

**The Botanical Garden at Smith College** presents the annual **Spring Bulb Show** from **Saturday, March 4, through Sunday, March 19, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** daily at the Lyman Conservatory, Smith College, 16 College Lane, Northampton. A spectacular array of blossoming crocuses, hyacinths, narcissi, irises, lilies, and tulips provides a glimpse of spring. For more information visit [www.smith.edu/garden/](http://www.smith.edu/garden/) .

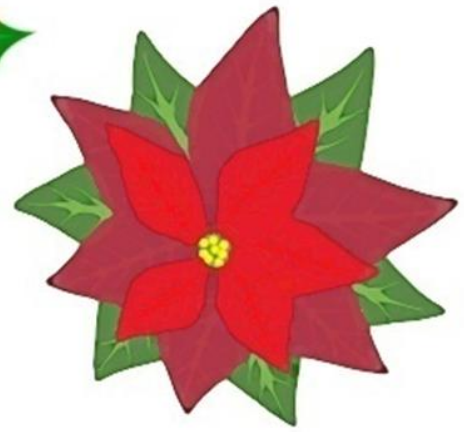
**The Springfield Garden Club** presents **"Serenity by Design—Simplicity, Sanctuary & Delight"** on **Saturday, March 25, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Fine Arts, located at the Springfield Quadrangle at 21 Edwards Street, Springfield. Nationally recognized landscape designer and author Jan Johnsen will reveal the three features of a serene outdoor setting. In honor of the club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, her presentation will also touch on different design approaches and popular plants over the last 100 years. The event is open to the public. Ticket price is \$5.00 prior to the event and \$10.00 at the door and seating is limited. For ticket information, contact Joann at 413-525-5694 or [joanndirico@aol.com](mailto:joanndirico@aol.com) . Jan Johnsen's website is [www.janjohnsen.com](http://www.janjohnsen.com) .

**The Springfield Museums** presents **the Festival of Flowers** event (part of the Culture and Cocktails) on **Thursday, April 6, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** View spectacular arrangements inspired by objects throughout the art, history, and science museums and be amazed by floral fashion. While touring each museum, enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The Springfield Museums, 21 Edwards Street, Springfield. For more information, visit [www.springfieldmuseums.org](http://www.springfieldmuseums.org) .

**The Springfield Garden Club** presents a **"Propagating Perennials"** workshop presented by **Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker on Friday, April 21, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. at the Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham.** A light luncheon and beverages will be served, and the guest fee is \$5.00. For more information contact Judy Cmero at (413) 599-0462 or [springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldgardenclubma@gmail.com) .

**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, 2017, 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) .

# Holiday Gathering 2016



*Many thanks to our gracious hosts,  
Ruth and Bill Kaley*