



# NEVER DONE!

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## November 19 Board Meeting

## November 26 Regular Meeting Farewell To Fall

Members will bring in dried grasses, foliage, seedheads, and flowers from their gardens and along the roadside.

Three or four volunteers will arrange these materials into beautiful bouquets.

We will learn what plant material keeps or dries well and the best time to pick them.

# President's Ponderings

**We are off and running!**

**Each Newsletter I will highlight some of our initiatives.**

**Bloom N Art** is booked for March 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup> in Volunteers Hall at the Harvard Library. Please contact Shirley Boudreau to get involved in our first reminder of spring with wonderful floral interpretations of the Bromfield artworks.

Our newest advisory group is up and running. The **Communication Group** (or the C team) is comprised of those leading our communications efforts both internal (Marijke Vallaeyes for Never Done Newsletter, Eileen Ryan for Yearbook) and external (Theresa Ledoux for Facebook) and for both (Helen Jean Berry for Publicity and Webmaster Betsy Howard). Carlene Phillips is both writer par excellence and editor, keeping us well within the lines of proper English grammar and structure in our written materials. This is the group that works hard with each other to share ideas and questions about how best to reach our target audiences, questioning and suggesting what works best for us, what we might tweak for increased effectiveness, and what we should consider that we have not tried.

They meet periodically with MaryAnn and me, and we are most appreciative for their impact on our club.

Our other advisory group is the **Finance Team**. They meet as needed to review the audit of the club's books, to review and make suggestions on the budget that will then be subject for Board discussion, and to suggest improvements for consideration by the board. For example there is currently a review of payment options we might consider adding to our "cash or check only" policy. The results of this research will come to the Board when complete.

More highlights will follow in subsequent issues.

Meanwhile, enjoy the change of seasons in our beautiful community!

Margaret Murphy

# Reminders for November/December

## Library flowers:

**Nov. 5: Marty Green**  
**Nov. 13: Deb Dowson**  
**Nov. 19: Lindsay Burke**  
**Nov. 26: Marijke Vallaey's**  
**Dec. 3: Phyllis Clawson**  
**Dec.10: Mimi Dorward**  
**Dec.17: Dee Lee**  
**Dec. 24: Nancy Gasser**  
**Dec.31: Denyse Cox**

## Hospitality Chair: Pam Marston

**Phyllis Clawson**  
**Molly Cutler**  
**Katie Gandek**  
**Connie Grabowy**  
**Betsy Howard**  
**Charlotte Vallaey's**

# Plants in our yards



Maria Day cuts back a rather  
fabulous Mandevilla vine  
to give to Bobbie Taylor.

Sharing is good!

# October Program

Since our regular speaker had a health issue, The Master Gardeners Speaker Bureau provided a substitute.

We got out of the Shade Garden and got into the vegetable garden where **Susan Hammond** talked about merits and methods of growing veggies in raised beds.



# Bloom N Art

Shirley Boudreau



As the days shorten and we settle in for the long winter, I want you to look ahead to March for an event to look forward to when it seems like the winter will never end.

**Think about the 3rd annual Bloom N Art, 2019.**

This year the exhibition will be on Saturday, March 16, Sunday, March 17, and Monday, March 18th at Volunteers Hall in the Harvard Public Library.

The response to our first two Bloom N Art shows was so positive and gratifying that we had to give a thumbs up to Bloom N Art 2019.

In the exhibit, Bromfield students will create works of art which will become subjects of floral interpretation for our GCH designers. The event brings together the talents and cooperation of so many people, from the participating students and floral arrangers to the teachers and garden club members behind the scenes. We are grateful to library personnel and members of the community who support our efforts.

Most of all, it's really fun for everyone.

So with that heartfelt promo, I invite all of our members to participate in this event in some way. If you would like to make an arrangement and have not had a chance to sign up yet, please let Deb Dowson know by our regular January meeting – Jan 28th.

Please don't be deterred because you have never "formally" arranged before. We had 7 novice arrangers last year and most of them have signed up again. We already have 4 new people who have volunteered this year. And if you'd like to work in a team, that's fine, too. There will be plenty of support from your member friends.

The more arrangers we have, the more pieces of art we can include in the show.

**WE WILL ALSO NEED HELP WITH:**

**hospitality**

**set up and cleanup crew**

**help with workshops (to be announced)**

**volunteers to be docents and greeters for the three days of the event**

**one or two people to water and tend to the arrangements on Sunday and Monday**

We will have a final piece arranging workshop on Friday, March 15th in the morning at Volunteers Hall and we will set up the exhibit that Friday afternoon. Or you may choose to arrange your piece at home and deliver it to the Hall.

During the first week of February arrangers who have volunteered will hear from Deb Dawson, our teacher liaison, who does a superb job pairing student art with our arrangers choices of what pieces of art they would like to interpret.

I will keep you all informed by email of upcoming events as the process unrolls.

So please join in the fun.

Shirley



# Library Flowers

Info: Bobbie Taylor



**Kathleen Turnbull**



**Becky Shives**



**Maria Day**

# REPORT ON THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT



The full committee met with the architects to do a 'page by page' overview of the building plans.

This was considered a 60% document completed meeting. As such, many things are still unresolved but important permits are being scheduled, the sewer connections and the ground water resolutions are just two.

The project is part of a Federal Incentive Plan for being solar ready.

A lot of discussion revolved around the construction of the new building while the students still occupy the present facility.

I give full marks to the committee who spend countless hours trying to make this the best building possible.

Pat Jennings

# Hort Corner

Connie Grabowy



This weekend I finally was able to get outside and mow and bag some leaves. I started to clean up all that debris in perennial beds using a new electric hedge trimmer which certainly sped up the process.

I planted some **tulip bulbs** and will plant some **crocus** in same holes, a couple inches on top of tulips. I'll have to keep an eye on those bulbs since the chipmunks can do some serious damage. I may have to cover with some hardware cloth to discourage that activity. This week I will pot up some **hyacinths** and **daffodils** for forcing. I'll use commercial potting mix. I will also pot up a new **Amaryllis** (*Hippeastrum*) bulb and **paperwhites**, again using potting mix. Lancaster Gardens has a great selection of Amaryllis bulbs as well as paperwhites. When potting the Amaryllis I will leave 1/3 of bulb above soil level and water thoroughly. There is no need to water again until first signs of green appears. I will pot paperwhites leaving tips of bulbs exposed, watering thoroughly. Paperwhites can also be placed on stones in bowl with water up to base of bulbs. The roots will grow amongst the stones, keep water level constant. I will plant several paperwhite bulbs at 2 week intervals to keep a constant supply of bloom.

It is time to put up **deer fences** around those woody ornamentals. Deer will start looking for buds and the leaves that remain on some of these plants now that herbaceous choices are gone. As an alternative "Liquid Fence" was recommended to me by a reliable source. This source claimed a monthly application kept deer off his *Arborvitae*, a favorite of deer. Tracks circled the plants but not a leaf was nibbled. My husband doesn't trust this option so he will be putting up fences.

I noticed my **Christmas (Thanksgiving) Cacti** showing flower buds. Now there's a plant that performs despite neglect. They stay in my house all year, occasionally watered in summer and never repotted. They are blooming right on time. I will keep soil on moist side as they bloom. I have one plant that blooms in spring called Easter Cactus. It is a different genus than Christmas Cactus genus *Schumbergera*. The genus of Easter Cactus is *Rhipsalidopsis*. Buds start appearing in April and May opening into star shaped red flowers.

I see some snow showers forecast in next two weeks, time is running out on those clean up chores. We'd better get to it. Connie Grabowy

# Garden Therapy

Mary Maxwell



We had our first session at Apple Valley on October 16. We used fall colors for our arrangements. In addition to our committee members we had a visitor from England, former Harvard resident and garden club member Amy Brown, to help our enthusiastic residents.

# Digging in the Archives

Shirley Boudreau

I've grown in secret.

I know none of these by name  
but have this garden now,  
and pastel somethings bloom  
near the others and others.

I have this trowel, these overalls,  
this ridiculous hat now.

This isn't a lung full of air.  
Not a fist full of weeds that rise  
yellow then white then windswept.  
This is little more than a way  
to kneel and fill gloves with sweat,  
so that the trowel in my hand  
will have something to push against,  
rather, something to push  
against that it knows will bend  
and give and return as sprout  
and petal and sepal and bloom.

Poem by Jamal May, 2016

# Holiday Greens Workshop

**Monday Dec. 10**

**9 a.m. – noon**

**St. Theresa Church**

Please join us for a wonderful holiday event on December 10 from 9 a.m.- noon at St. Theresa's Church. We will gather with fellow garden club members to create simple floral arrangements made from greens from our gardens and deliver them to homebound seniors from Harvard. You can help by donating greens, making an arrangement (instructions are provided), and/or delivering an arrangement and visiting for a few minutes with the recipient.

Once the arrangements for delivery are completed, we will have ample time to create arrangements for ourselves or to give as gifts. You are welcome to use the greens that have been donated to share, and in addition, there will be supplies such as containers and oasis and decorations for purchase. You may also bring your own containers if you prefer and please remember to bring clippers to use.

Please help out by coming to the Greens Workshop to make an arrangement or deliver one. It is one of our favorite activities of the year! There will be a sign-up sheet at meeting on Nov. 26 or you can let Denyse Cox [Denysecox@gmail.com](mailto:Denysecox@gmail.com) or Deborah Dowson [deb@dowson.us](mailto:deb@dowson.us) know if you plan to attend or if know someone who would benefit from a delivery of a holiday cheer.

*More on next page...*



## Good Greens for Winter Arranging

Bringing greens to share is vital to the success of our Greens Workshop. Without these contributions, our arrangements would be dull indeed! Here's a list of good choices:

White pine	Blue holly (Meserve), both green and with berries	Chamaecyparis (hinoki cypress)
Small leaved rhododendron	PJM rhododendron (nice red color now)	Boulevard Cyprus
Gold-thread cyprus	Spruce with soft needles	Winterberry
Umbrella pine	Arborvitae	Incense cedar
Mountain laurel	Andromeda/pieris	Yew
Variegated euonymus (Don't use hemlock; it dries out quickly and drops its needles.)	Variegated vinca vine	Seedpods of many kinds



# DAISY SCOUTS WALK ON SMALL TRAIL



Barbara Heim led an enthusiastic group of 15 Daisy Scouts on a hike on the Small trail in back of the elementary school. The Scouts had a preparatory lecture before they started and received bagged puff balls for planting on a tree back home, as well as fern and moss specimens. They then headed for the trail, into which Barbara had found a dry entry route, no small feat after the deluges we have had here.



On the trail they gathered fallen leaves, and looked at beech and birch trees, sniffing the bark of the birch tree for its characteristic root beer scent. They found mushrooms, lichens; nests and a tiny princess pine growing in the middle of the trail. They learned about trail markers, and discussed how to get back in freshly fallen snow, and practiced walking single file along the trail.

The toughest part of the adventure was figuring out by which door the school could be accessed just before 4:30. The scouts and their three adults attending had great fun while learning a lot, and said good-bye with a rousing cheer of thanks to Barbara.

# Fruitlands Museum Thank You Note and Tickets

8-16-18

Claudia and Members of  
The Harvard Garden Club -

Thank you so much for your  
generous donation to the Fruitlands  
Museum. And extra thanks for  
all your help with restoring our  
entrance garden area. It looks  
fabulous and really helps welcome  
our guests. Many Thanks!

