

## President's Message

Happy Spring! Mother Nature might have other ideas but spring is here. Although it might be later this year, the flowers will blossom and bees will buzz. And what is the buzz all about? The Plant Sale of course!

The big news is the change of location for the Plant Sale on May 19th. We are leaving The Commons where our fundraiser has been done "forever" and moving to Westward Orchards Farm Stand on Mass Ave (Rt. 111). For our new members, Westward Orchards/the Green family are very supportive of our club. This is where we have our potting workshops and we store our supplies in the basement of the building. The new location means that we don't have to move hundreds of pots early in the morning of the Plant Sale and then lug back all the other paraphernalia at the close of the sale. We are very excited about the change.

Our Plant Sale co-chairs, Janice Rusiecki and Kathy Hewett need everyone's help to make this a successful sale. All members are expected to participate in this annual fundraiser. You might already have plans for May 19<sup>th</sup> but there will be many opportunities to lend a hand for the whole month prior to the sale.

Please no more snow



At the March meeting we will start taking your renewal forms. Marty Green, our membership chair, will be handing out the forms. Please return the completed forms and checks to Marty. Make sure to fill out the committees you are interested in. No checks should be given to the treasurer.

Information will be out shortly on our Annual Meeting in June. This will mark end of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Have Fun!  
Mary Anne Jordy

**Regular Meeting on Monday March 26**  
**Program: Hip Hip Hydrangeas! Speaker Andi Ross**

# Membership

Marty Green, 978-456-3547

It's time to renew your membership, and we hope you will join us again for the 2018-19 season.

# Home – Brew Deer Repellant

Provided by Madeleine Ferguson

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**Don Dean, Past President of the AHS  
as told to the New England Hosta Society,  
October 2017**

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**\*\*\*FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY\*\*\***

In a blender or with a hand whisk, blend:

2 raw eggs (no shell)

3 to 6 tablespoons hot sauce

1 tablespoon Asian chili oil

½ to 1 teaspoon liquid dish detergent

Pour into a 2 gallon sprayer and fill with water. Mix well. Spray everything. Apply before deer browsing.

Reapply after heavy rain or multiple light rains.

Two gallons protect Don Dean's 1.25 acres from deer.

The ratio of 3 to 1 (oil to detergent) is the key. Editor's note: 1 T = 3 t

# Library flowers



*Flowers by Nancy Miller  
Pictures taken on February 21, 2018 by Barbara Taylor*

# Garden Therapy at River Court

*Garden Therapy with our former Garden Club members*



*Pictures taken by Mary Maxwell on February 22*

## Bloom N Art



The second Bloom N Art program was held the 17, 18, and 19 of March in the beautiful Volunteer's Hall in the Harvard Library. The event comprised a stunning exhibit of 23 pairs of Bromfield School student art and Harvard Club member floral interpretations. This a is wonderful community collaboration of the Library, the

Bromfield School, and the Garden Club, with additional funding support from the Harvard Cultural Council, a local chapter of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Students from all levels enjoyed the show, as did library patrons who stopped by after finding out it was in progress.

Although spring loomed on the calendar, winter had ruled through three successive nor-easters and the weather was frosty as visitors came in from the cold to the scent and sight of spring flowers accompanying cheerful artworks in a wide range of media. Kudos to Shirley Boudreau, who brought her suggestion to fruition last year, and further grew the program this year. Thanks to her wide Garden club team, especially Lois Frampton, its Muse of Arranging; Deb Dowson who paired up the artists and designers, and Barbara Heim who spearheaded the technical support and supply chain for the event. Director Mary Wilson and her library team were fantastic in both supporting and publicizing the event! Teachers Elizabeth Hoorneman, Cynthia Fontaine, and Cindy Harris inspired and delivered the amazing art works, with Principal Scott Hoffman's support.

Please enjoy the photos of the progression from preparation of floral interpretations through exhibit to congratulatory celebration of all participants.

(Article by Margaret Murphy) (Picture:the art teachers with Mary Anne and Shirley)

**The floral arrangements are being made on Friday March 16!**



# THE PAIRED ARTWORKS



***These photos show the amazing artwork of Bromfield School students paired with the unique floral arrangements of the Garden Club.***



*Photos of the people whose art and floral designs were paired*

# FLORAL DESIGNING EXPERIENCE

Barbara Heim, Dorene Lewis, and Margaret Murphy spent a fun afternoon introducing the local Girl Scout Daisy troop to the joys of flower arranging. They learned about oasis and basic design concepts. Most of the time was spent in hands on development of their own design, and the photos show how much everyone enjoyed it.



## FROM THE EDITOR

As you can see, this long cold winter has also been punctuated by the joy of flower arranging brightening up many venues and bringing harbingers of spring to a wide variety of groups – scouts, nursing home residents, and our wider community through the major Bloom N Art event.

These are featured in this very professionally developed edition of the newsletter, for which I would like to give a huge thank you to Marijke Vallaey's. Marijke is a new garden club member this year, and comes to us by way of her native Europe and California. She has graciously volunteered to take over the newsletter, and this is her debut. As you might guess from the impressive appearance, Marijke is a seasoned producer of newsletters, wildly competent in facing down technical challenges, and adept. I expect we are headed for a reputation having the premier garden club newsletter, and for her work, I am deeply thankful and most appreciative.

Please join me in welcoming her aboard as my successor, and add to that welcome your own submissions for the newsletter, be it updates, photos, questions, or calendar inclusions. Thank you and welcome, Marijke!