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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX

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A Message from the President

Welcome to the start of SPRING! We had a lovely visit to Smith College Botanical Gardens and enjoyed the colorful variety of floral, succulents and exotic greens. Afterwards, the group dined at Paul and Elizabeth's with a delicious menu and spirited conversation! **Thank you** Dianne for coordinating such a lovely day!



At our March meeting, Kim Jakobowicz shared her pussy willow cuttings with us! She braved the cold and snow up to her knees to bring them to us, so a special **thank you** for your efforts, Kim!



Additional **thanks** to MaryJane and Susan for the amazing spread that was provided: very nourishing, plentiful, and beautifully displayed! And to Jan and Sharon for working with me to put together a bright and cheery Spring window box at the Post Office, a special **thank you**!



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Our Natural Dye Presentation by Mallory Perone was also amazing! Who knew that leaves, flowers, and avocado could create such beautiful colors! Her scarves, slacks and jackets reflect the intensive process of arranging the plant materials, applying mordant and steaming / rolling the fabrics, which result in some unique and gorgeous items.

Thank you to the Program Committee for bringing us such an informative and colorful workshop!

As we plan for our April program on How to Arrange for a Flower Show, we will be welcoming members of the Historical Society. **Please bring a non-perishable donation for the local food pantry.**

And **bring some cash for the raffle** of two arrangements that will be created by Mary Ellen O'Brien during the workshop.

Garden Tip: Prune fruit trees, berry bushes, and shrubs that bloom on new wood (like panicle hydrangeas) while they are still dormant. Hold off pruning spring-blooming shrubs (like Forsythia and Lilac) until after they flower, or you will remove this year's blooms. Tasks this month include indoor seed starting. Hold off on major cleanup until daytime temperatures reliably reach the 50s—this protects overwintering pollinators. Once conditions are safe, remove matted leaves, cut back spent perennial stems, and start shaping beds for early planting.

Also keep in mind that we will need pressed flowers for decoupage pumpkins, grapevines for autumn wreaths and lavender for sachets...so plan your gardens to help if you can!

Save The Date: June 4, 2026 (Thursday) at the DoubleTree Hilton in Milford MA for the Annual Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM). Our club will be donating items for their raffle basket and if anyone is interested in attending, please let me know.

Enjoy the warm temperatures and see you all on **April 14th at 6pm for our next meeting!**

Gardeners Book Club is going to be held at the **Lenox Library**, in the Legacy Room, from **1:00-2:30 on April 16**. The book is *The Garden Plot*, author is Deborah Benoit. Come join us!!

Submitted by

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