

# Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

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## Presidents Message

### *Hello all!*

Autumn has officially arrived. From leaves turning color and beginning to fall to ferns and lily-of-the-valleys withering by the garden path, we see it all around us. Our bright afternoons with deep blue skies, red trees, and the rustle of leaves underfoot help lighten our days as winter approaches.

## Meetings

Our September 8th potluck meeting was busy, with business to cover and time to catch up after the summer. It was an evening of wonderful food and conversation!

Please mark your calendars, if you haven't already done so, for our **October 13th meeting**. Maryjane Fromme and Claudia Trombley will present a potpourri workshop. Please bring dried plant materials: mint, basil, thyme, scented geraniums, etc. The September Horticulture Column has more details for your reference.

## Garden Visit

On September 17, an Academy Garden Club group visited Black Barn Farm in Richmond. Matthew Larkin led our members through the gardens where fantastical bears, stags, bunnies stood with sculpted shrubs and trees.



## The Apple Squeeze

On Saturday, September 26th, 2026, The Lenox Apple Squeeze happened despite the most worrisome weather predictions. The Garden Club sold lavender and hydrangea bundles, hydrangea wreaths, seasonally decorated pumpkins and small house plants.

On the weekend of September 19th, Liz Celli and Claudia Trombley bundled lavender donated by Pat Kujawski.

On Friday, the 25th, eight- or so of us, processed a multitude of hydrangea blossoms from the homes of Theresa Fasano, Suzanne Pelton, and Susan Wolf.

The blooms from Suzanne's house were from a most timely pruning at her home. The blooms from Theresa's and Susan's homes were harvested by two groups earlier in the afternoon.

At the end of the day, five loads of leaves and twigs went into the community garden compost and bundles of hydrangeas rested on tables, chairs and floor.

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Our chairs, tables and tent were magically set up at the front of the Academy. We were ready!

Our morning team carried hydrangea, lavender, decorated pumpkins, basket arrangements and wreaths to the booth.

Rain fell, wind gusted for a grey, dismal, damp Saturday morning. Our members chatted with visitors, hovered over blowing hydrangea bundles, restocked, and were optimistic!

The northeaster, which had been threatening since 8:30 am, arrived at 2:00. We, and a majority of the others, folded our tents and went to drier ground.

At the end of the day, we earned \$495. A very admirable outcome. A financial report will be presented at the October meeting.

Thank you all for your hard work, humor, optimism and general good cheer!



## Upcoming

**Our November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th. This is our annual boxwood workshop.** Liz Celli and Dianne Romeo will be on hand to help with questions. The November Thymes will have further details.

## In the archives

**“Wow, we have had a busy few days” opens the 2015 Apple Squeeze fundraising report.**

**It continues: “it was a lot of work, but fun, and we meet some very nice people”.**

**True this year as well.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen**

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