

Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

JANUARY 2026

A Message from the President

Happy and Healthy 2026 to all our wonderful members!

As we have no meeting this month, I would like to look back on our fabulous Holiday Meeting and Raffle! Such a good time was had by all. I was with you in spirit!

Special thanks to Karen Spies for stepping into my shoes for the evening festivities! Her steady presence and infectious energy helped make the Season bright! From what was captured in pictures (thank you Tjasa, Jan and Cindy), it was indeed a festive night with lots of laughter, good food and great company!



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Thank you to all those involved with decorating and sponsoring a club entry to the Festival of Trees. Your initiative, creativity and camaraderie are hallmarks of our club!

And thank you to Liz, Jill, and Karen for their beautiful Winter scene in the Post Office window!



And for those intrepid members who braved the cold to ensure a beautiful display at the Historical Society/Academy Garden building, THANK YOU!

Garden Tip for January: Start dreaming of your garden by paging through catalogs! There are plenty of wonderful companies to enjoy such as:

Hudson Valley Seed Company

Johnny's

Jung

Guerneys

Seeds of Italy

Baker Creek

White Flower Farm



Do you have questions about gardening issues? Think of those questions and bring them to the February meeting. We will select one question from the Ask It Basket and seek responses from the group!

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We will be discussing a new initiative at our February meeting: a **mentorship focus for welcoming new members**. Please think about volunteering to help guide a new member and show them the ropes! We will discuss further at the meeting but give some thought on making our newcomers feel welcome by volunteering to be a guide.

The **Smith College Spring Bulb Show** is Thursday, March 12. We leave Lenox at 9:00 am, lunch at North Hampton. Please sign up at February meeting or call Dianne Romeo at 413-637-2684. Drivers needed.

And lastly, a reminder that **our next meeting on February 10, 2026**, at Lenox Community Center will have a presentation on **How to Prune Trees** by Mark Stonehill from Full Circus Farm in Pine Plains, NY. This promises to be a timely and informative event!

I wish you all a peaceful New Year and see you soon!

Respectively Submitted by,

**Linda Goff
President**