

Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

A Message from the President

Welcome everyone to a New Club Year! As you will see from our Yearbook, the Program Committee has done an outstanding job in creating a varied, educational and fun array of activities, speakers and events! Just as important are the contributions to the community through our civic projects. We beautify the Paterson-Egleston Monument and Academy Building planters with flowers, we honor fallen Firefighters with plantings at the New Lenox Fire Station monument, we decorate the Lenox Post Office window, and we create natural beauty in our new pollinator-friendly garden at the Lenox Community Garden.

Our end-of-the-year soiree at the BBG was memorable not only for the fabulous food, exciting raffle and engaging signup opportunities but for the torrential downpour as we were leaving!



This summer we had many opportunities for camaraderie and beautiful gardens! The Mount (see pictures) had a wonderful display of artwork and sculpture throughout the property.

What a lovely display of creativity and artistry from those who entered the Annual Academy Garden Show with the Lenox Historical Society on Saturday August 2 at the front porch of the Curtis.

Thank you to all who entered and a special thanks to those who volunteered to set up (Dianne Romeo, Jan Chague and Theresa Michney) answer questions (Collette Lemanski, Karen Spies, Dianne Romeo and Theresa Michney) judge the entries (Debbie Sweeney and Caroline Kessman) and cleaned up (Linda Goff, Dianne Romeo and Theresa Michney). It was an amazing effort!

Here are a few entries.



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Winners

Flowers of Peace

- 1st Caroline Kessman
- 3rd Linda Goff

Past, Present and Future

- 1st Theresa Michney

Together We Grow

- 1st Jan Chague

Let Freedom Ring

Tie for first place

- Barb Czelusniak. and Jan Chague

In the Horticultural Division.....

Potted Plants

- 1st Barb Czelusniak
- 3rd Dianne Romeo

Cut Specimens

- 1st Barb Czelusniak
- 3rd Barb Glickman

Vegetables

- 2nd and 3rd Dianne Romeo

The tour of **The Mount, Edith Wharton's home**, was a particularly enjoyable day. We got to view some incredible artwork in the garden.



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Our final garden tour on August 12 was to **Tanglewood**. Our tour guides Tom and Jodi were lovely hosts! This well attended outing showcased the grounds, trees and amazing annual and perennial plantings. We even learned how a falcon is brought in to keep the birds from making their home in the rafters of the shed!



Note

The Horticultural Corner will resume next month to allow some much-needed travel time for our contributor, Harriet Wetstone.

Our kickoff to the **New Club Year** is on **September 9 at 6:00 pm at the Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street, as a Meet and Greet, Eat and Auction! Meeting.**

Everyone brings a dish to share along with a place setting:

A – L Desserts

M – Z Appetizers and Mains

Our yearbooks will be distributed and dues collected (see Theresa Fasano!).

While I will not be able to join you, our wonderful New Vice President, Karen Spies, will lead our meeting and then let the festivities begin!

If unable to be at the 9/9 meeting, your check for \$40/active or \$50/associate can be mailed to AGC of Lenox, P O Box 2081, Lenox, MA 012140

Lastly, we don't want to forget our **Apple Squeeze booth on September 27 from 10-5**. Volunteers are needed to make light work of the necessary tasks like cutting hydrangeas, putting them together the day before, setting up and cleaning up the booth and manning the booth throughout the day. It is a fun and happy time with many out-of-towners returning to get their fix! It is also our main fundraiser! So **please be sure to sign up on September 9 at the Meet and Greet!**

And one final thought: I have been so blessed to have worked with Jill Dore this past year and I thank her for her tireless service for the betterment of the Club.

Humbly submitted,

Linda Goff