

Academy Garden Club
Of Lenox



2011-2012 Yearbook

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Academy Garden Club of Lenox shall be to promote interest in horticulture, artistic arrangements and education.

CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soils and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

Academy Garden Club of Lenox
Lenox, Massachusetts 01240

2011-2012

Member of the Garden Club
Federation of Massachusetts

Organized 1977

Federated 1990

Membership
42 Members

Shirley Nicolai
Joyce Kimball

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENT
Renee D. Blaschke

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR
Kathleen Thomas

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF
MASSACHUSETTS PRESIDENT
Heidi Cost Gross

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
Diana Harwood

ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX
P.O. Box 2081
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Shirley Nicolai

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Club shall be the Academy Garden Club of Lenox.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

Its object shall be to promote interest in horticulture, artistic arrangements, and education.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be limited to under 50 active members. **Active** members must pay yearly dues of \$21. Members in arrears shall be notified in a timely manner and if after receiving one reminder and a note from the Treasurer concerning nonpayment of dues they shall be dropped from membership.

Active members must participate in one fund-raising activity and one civic project.

Active members must attend at least 5 meetings a year. Meetings are held 9 times a year.

If an active member cannot fulfill the guidelines laid down for membership due to unusual circumstances they may request an extension or waiver from the Membership Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. Such circumstances could include serious illness or changing family circumstances.

To accommodate individuals who wish to participate in some club activities but cannot meet the requirements for active membership, a category of **Associate** member has been developed.

Associate members must pay yearly dues of \$31. If these dues are not paid within two months of the yearly notice, associate members will be dropped from the membership roster.

Associate members must attend at least 3 meetings a year.

When meetings involve workshop activities, active members shall take precedence over associate members in cases of limited participation.

When the Club membership reaches its limit of 49, the names of potential members shall be maintained on a waiting list. When someone drops out of the Club or becomes a sustaining member and a slot for a active member becomes available the first individual will be notified. This process will be activated twice a year (in January and in September). If said individual responds affirmatively, and pays their dues at the next scheduled meeting, they shall become an active member in good standing.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTION

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of two or more persons shall be appointed by the President to prepare a slate of officers. This slate shall be presented for acceptance at the May meeting. Floor nominations shall also be accepted at this time. Final presentation and voting will take place at the June meeting. These officers will assume their new positions effective September.

Section 2. No person shall hold the same office for more than one term; a term consists of two years.

Section 3. Vacancies shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Club shall meet at least 9 months of the year.

Section 2. There will be 2 or more open meetings per year.

Workshops and dinner meetings will not be open meetings.

Section 3. The final meeting shall be called the Annual Meeting, at which time the annual reports shall be given and officers shall be elected.

Section 4. Business can be conducted with the approval of a majority of the members present unless a quorum is requested.

Section 4a. Seven active members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI – LIST OF OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club, see that the provisions of the by-laws are carried out, and assume all duties assigned by custom to that office. The

President shall act as a member ex-officio of all committees.

The President shall not vote except in the event of a tie.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President, and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 3. The Recording/Corresponding Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of each meeting, shall have custody of the records of the Club, and take the roll at each meeting, and be responsible for all correspondence.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of the general funds. The Treasurer shall receive income and pay the bills of the Club after such bills are presented to the Club and approved by a majority vote.

Section 5. The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for publicity.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following Standing Committees: Nominating, Program, Handbook, Hospitality, Horticulture and Civic Projects.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers, the most recent past president, and chairmen of all standing committees. It shall meet by order of the President and oversee the general direction of affairs. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The committee in charge of a project has the authority to cancel that project with the approval of the President if in its best judgment that project becomes unworkable.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES

Section 1. The dues shall be \$21.00 per year payable by June 30 and delinquent by July 31. Non-payment of dues will result in removal from active membership.

Section 2. Any expense above \$100.00 incurred by an extra-curricular activity must be approved by two-thirds vote of the membership present.

ARTICLE IX – HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality Chairman shall submit any bills to the Treasurer

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present, providing such amendment shall have been presented to the Club in writing at one regular meeting immediately preceding the one in which the action is to be taken.

ARTICLE XI

In the event of dissolution, all the remaining assets and property of the organization shall, after payment of necessary expenses, be distributed to such organization as shall qualify under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law or to the Federal Government, a State or Local government for public purpose, subject to the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE XII

The Academy Garden Club of Lenox shall not permit in their conduct of club affairs, any restriction or limitation whatsoever based upon race, color, creed, gender, and national origin or employment status.

ARTICLE XIII

The fiscal year of the Academy Garden Club of Lenox shall be from July 1 to June 30.

2011-2012 OFFICERS

Academy Garden Club of Lenox

President

Colette Lemanski

Vice President

Maryjane Fromm

Secretary

Sandy Merlino

Treasurer

Becky Fuore

2011-2012 COMMITTEES

Hospitality

Sandy Merlino, Brooke Hawkins, Mary Ann Coakley

Program Committee

Maryjane From, Chair

Bobbie Salinetti, Anne Gannon, Dianne Romeo

Handbook/Publicity Committee

Jean Drees, Chair

Pat Archey, Colette Lemanski, Ingrid Taylor

Fundraising

Horticulture

Mary Spina, Chair

B.Salinetti, Margot Towl

Civic Projects

Membership Committee

Historian – Jean Drees

Nominating

2011-2012 PROJECTS

Civic Projects

Monument Plantings – Design, plant and maintain flowers around the town monument.

Post Office Windows – Plan and place attractive displays with outdoor and gardening themes in the windows of the Lenox Post Office four times a year along with displays from Lenox Memorial Middle and High School Students, under the direction of Karen Romeo-Leger.

September 13, 2011

Program: What Did You Do This Summer?

Come socialize with club members. Bring an herb d'oeuvres to share, wine and dessert will be provided.

Meeting Place and Time:

Maryjane Fromm's house, 32 Schermerhorn Park

Refreshment Hostesses:

Everyone

Post Office Windows

September, October, November

Joan Parker Mary Ann Coakley
Sandy Merlino Brooke Hawkins

Berkshire District Fall Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.

American Institute for Economic Research
250 Division Street
Great Barrington, MA

“Bee, Weeds & Gardeners, A Love/Hate Triangle”

October 11, 2011

Program: Garden Photography

How to take photos of flowers, use technology to enhance them and make into albums.

Meeting Place and Time:

Lenox Academy Building at 7 p.m.

Refreshment Hostesses:

Becky Fuore
Kathy VanOrman

November 8, 2011

Program: Forcing Bulbs

Meeting Place and Time:

Lenox Academy Building at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshment Hostesses:

Joan Parker

Brooke Hawkins

December 13, 2011

**Program: Holiday Party & Tour of
Decorator's Showcase**

Fees will apply

Meeting Place and Time:

Ventfort Hall

Refreshment Hostesses:

Everyone

Post Office Window

December, January, February

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

February 14, 2012

Program: Orchids

Meeting Place and Time:

Lenox Academy Building at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshment Hostesses:

Jean Drees

Barb Czelusniak

March 13, 2012

Program: Not Your Mother's Fruits and Vegetables

Meeting Place and Time:

Lenox Academy Building at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshment Hostesses:

Anne Gannon

Marilyn Valerie

Post Office Windows

March, April, May

Becky Fuore

Debbie Sweeney

Colette Lemanski

Carol Rumph

April 9, 2012

Program: Planning Your Garden
By Peter Salinetti

Meeting Place and Time:
Lenox Academy Building at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshment Hostesses:
Jane Leahey
Bobbi Salinetti

May 8, 2012

Program: Garden Book Talk

Meeting Place and Time:
Lenox Academy Building at 7:00 pm

Refreshment Hostesses:

Post Office Windows
June July August

June 12, 2011
Annual Meeting
at Berkshire Botanical Gardens

MEMBERS

Agar, Helen

Archev, Pat

Babbitt, Lucille

Celli, Liz

Christopher, Elaine

Coakley, Mary Ann

Cowhig, Nancy

Czelusniak, Barbara

Davidson, Jeanne

DeVylder, Kathy

Dunlaevy, Susan

Drees, Jean

Fromm, Maryjane

Fulco, Karen

Fuore, Becky

Gannon, Anne

Hamilton, Ceil

Hawkins, Brooke

Hill, Lois

Hoff, Alice

Leahey, Jane

Lemanski, Colette

Merlino, Sandy

Paddock, Margot

Parker, Joan

Romeo, Dianne

Rumph, Carol

Salinetti, Bobbi Ann

Sims, Barbara

Spina, Mary

Sprague, Tjasa

~~Steinert, Elaine~~

Swann, Margaret

Sweeney, Debbie

Taylor, Ingrid

Towl, Margot

Midge Trivers

Valeri, Marilyn

Vanorman, Kathy

~~Weatherhead, Marie~~

Whalen, Jane

Wilson, Emily

Email Addresses

Anne Gannon
Barb Czelusniak
Barbara Sims
Becky Fuore
Bobbi Salinetti
Brooke Hawkins
Carol Rumph
Colette Lemanski
Debbie Sweeney
Dianne Romeo
Elaine Steinert
Emily Wilson
Ingrid Taylor
Jane Leahey
Jean Drees
Jeanne Davidson
Kathy DeVylder
Kathy Vanorman
Liz Celli
Lois Hill

Email Addresses (con't)

Margaret Swann
Margot Towl
Marilyn Valeri
Mary Ann Coakley
Mary Spina
Maryjane Fromm
Midge Trivers
Nancy Cowhig
Sandy Merlino
Tjasa Sprague

Phone Tree

We are asking people who get email messages to call one or two people on the phone tree.

NAME	PHONE #	CALLED BY
Helen Agar		
Pat Archey		
Elaine Christopher		
Susan Dunlaevy		
Karen Fulco		
Ceil Hamilton		
Alice Hoff		
Margo Paddock		
Joan Parker		
Marie Weatherhead		
Jane Whalen		

This booklet was made
small so it can easily be
carried with you.