

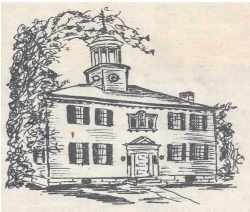
ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Our 2026-2027 Club President is Karen Spies and our Vice President is Theresa Fasano.

Our Garden Club was established in 1977 when several talented women, from Lenox, wanted to form a flower garden club that would be devoted to beautifying Lenox. The first official meeting of the Lenox Academy Garden Club (AGC) was held on April 5, 1977. The original steering committee which proposed the by-laws consisted of Lucy Babbitt, Marci Brown, Jeanne Dodge, Eleanor Morrissey, Linda Riewe, Adele Tane, Susan Tomasello and Marie Weatherhead all of Lenox, Massachusetts.



They elected their first president, Linda Riewe, and off they went! The first beautification project they adopted was the Academy Building in Lenox which became their home and name.



See more of our history on our website (agclenox.org) under the “About us” TAB

In September 2021, after Covid, we moved our meetings to the Lenox Community Center as the stairs to our meeting room at the Academy Building became challenging.

We meet the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm** from September to June (excluding January). We have 3 “Pot Luck” meetings (September, December and June) where members bring a dish to share, their plate, utensils and cup. The September meeting is held at the Lenox Community Center, the December meeting at Ventfort Hall – not to be missed, and our June (Annual General Meeting when we elect Officers for the following year and approve the Budget for the following year) is at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens where we can walk the gardens after our meeting. This is all detailed in your **Yearbook** which is provided at the September meeting to members who have paid their dues. Our website agclenox.org also has this information.

All other six meetings are at the Lenox Community Center: three are workshops, and three have speakers. The workshops and speakers are planned by the Program Committee for the following AGC year.

Members sign up at our June meeting to be hostess at one of these non-potluck meetings the following AGC Year (our year runs 1 July to 30 June) – they bring in snacks (finger food) and a drink for the other members. A box at the community center has napkins, paper plates and plastic cups. Note: We are not permitted provide drinks requiring a kettle at the Community Center.

We support our community through the following Civic Projects:

- Beautifying the Paterson-Egleston Monument and Academy Building planters with flowers
- Honoring Gold star families by weeding the front of the Gold Star Monument in Lenox
- Decorating the Lenox Post Office window
- Creating, Designing & maintaining a new pollinator friendly garden by the Lenox Community Garden
- Providing a scholarship for a Lenox or Lee High School Senior who is planning further studies related to horticulture

Members dues are for either **Active** membership where you sign up in June to participate in the above Civic Projects, or **Associate** membership where you are not required to.

You will find our History, Past Presidents, Current Officers, Current Committees, Bylaws (under About Us/Legal Information), Upcoming Meetings, Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Horticultural Column and more on our website: agclenox.org

Each month members receive an Email with our Newsletter & Horticultural column (AGC Thymes) for that month, Minutes of previous meeting and previous months Financial statement.

Our main **Fundraising** event is to sell bunches of Hydrangea at Lenox Apple Squeeze (usually the last Saturday in September). We cut hydrangeas (with stems ~1'-2' long) from 2pm to 4pm the afternoon before Apple Squeeze – either at a house where a member has offered their own hydrangeas or you can bring your own. Then we meet upstairs at the Academy Building (~5pm to 7pm) with all the Hydrangeas and put them into bunches wrapped in brown paper supplied by the AGC. Our tent is put up by friends of the AGC outside the Academy building.



The following day we meet at 9am to set up our tent and table. We have a roster for selling the hydrangea bunches during Apple Squeeze which is from 10am – 4pm.

Our Email address is academygardenclub@gmail.com

We belong to the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM) and their website is GCFM.org

If you would like a mentor in the Club to help you settle in please contact our Vice President – our Email address is academygardenclub@gmail.com, and our mailing address is **PO Box 2081, Lenox, MA 01240**