

Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Dear Academy Garden Club Members,

We are, officially, at the very end of the summer of 2026. I do hope you were able to enjoy all those long days offered: gardens, music, statues hidden among trees, walks with friends and neighbors and sitting as birds sing goodnight. It has been a special summer.

The Garden Club wishes to recognize and thank:

-Theresa Fasano for tracking our finances

-Sarah Hatch for recording the details of our meetings

-Dianne Romeo for planning and shepherding our trips and tours

-Linda Geoff for leading us

We are so appreciative of your many (and yes, many, many) years of work for us.

Our summer

Please join in sending our horticulture committee and members at large a huge pat on the back for their successes with the Civic Projects. The flowers at the Monument and the planters at the Academy are gorgeous. The blooms - and bees - in the pollinator garden are thriving!

This year, the Academy members visited Ron Kajawski's gardens, toured Chesterwood and its gardens, walked the Mounts paths with its outdoor sculptures.

The Lenox Historical Society and the Academy Garden Club of Lenox hosted the Summer Flower Show on August 1st at the Curtis Hotel porch.

The horticulture and flowers were stunning, our volunteers cheerful and our visitors most complimentary.

Thank you to the organizers, entrants, greeters, and especially those who set up and broke down the exhibition.

Lady Liberty

1st Place: Bobbie Ann Salenti

2nd Place: Linda Geoff

3rd Place: Theresa Udden

Inventions

1st Place tie : Liz Celli & MaryEllen O'Brien

2nd Place: Deb Cote

3rd Place: Tom Sullivan

Events that Changed History

1st Place: Jan Chague

2nd Place: Claudia

3rd Place: Brenda Durb

Melting Pot

1st Place: Diane Romeo

2nd Place: Vickie Salvatore

3rd Place: Caroline Kessman

Congratulations to Maryjane Fromm whose Berkshire Botanical Garden's Grow Show entry: a mirror surrounded by dried flora, was featured in the Berkshire Eagle's article "the best blooms..."!

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Coming soon!

Visit our website www.agclenox.org for photos and more!

Our September Meeting

Our September Meeting is Tuesday, September 8th, starting at 6:00 pm at the Lenox Community Center. This is our annual autumn meeting and potluck dinner.

Those with last names starting with A-K, bring a dessert; those with L-Z, bring an appetizer or main dish. Please remember to bring a plate, glass, and utensils!

A reminder!! If you have not had an opportunity to pay your dues, it is time! Bring a check for \$40 (or cash!) and find Jill Dore (our treasurer).

If you are unable to make the September meeting, your check can be made out to The Academy Garden Club of Lenox and sent to:

The Academy Garden Club of Lenox
P O Box 2081
Lenox, MA 01240

An Opportunity

Ventfort Hall is asking for our help with their gardens and grounds! This message is from Wendy Healy, the Hall's Executive Director:

As you may know, Ventfort Hall is working hard on our gardens and grounds, particularly around the main mansion and our newly acquired Gardener's Cottage (originally built for Landscape Architect John Huss in 1893).

Right now, our gardening "committee" is a dedicated team of one; your wonderful member, Kim Jacobowicz! With our expanded planters and borders at both locations, we are eager to find some enthusiastic hands to help Kim so she doesn't have to manage these beautiful spaces single-handedly.

We welcome any Academy Garden Club members who might be interested in helping out. We are incredibly flexible and would appreciate any level of involvement:

Regular helping hands: *For those who enjoy routine and want to assist with ongoing maintenance on a regular schedule.*

Project-based volunteers: *For those who prefer to jump in just for specific, limited-time projects or seasonal cleanups.*

Please contact Kim Jacobowicz at kim.jakob@icloud.com and cc Haley Barbieri, Ventfort Hall's Director of Operations at haley@gildedage.org

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Found in our Archives!

On September 12, 1996, the Lenox Board of Selectmen wrote to the Garden Club thanking *“everyone who has worked so hard at making the area surrounding the Monument so beautiful.”*

The letter continues *“planting... trimming, weeding, etc. of all those flowers is no small task and is enjoyed by many.”*

It ends *“**It looks simply great!**”*

(The bold Italics are mine.)

Yes! It still does; and, 30 years on, we still plant!!!

Be well!

Karen

Karen Spies
President