



# Lexington Field & Garden Club

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Co-President's Letter

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Finally, spring is here and hope is blooming all over the garden. I have been raking leaves relentlessly to unearth a few treasures. It is so lovely to see purple and yellow crocus, snowdrops, coral bells, hellebores and fragrant geraniums peeping out from their winter covers. The little green stalks of daffodils and tulips are starting to pop out of the ground. Miracles are happening on our small plot of heaven in Lexington. I have also been working on my traffic island. I've noticed bluebells, daffodils, and hellebores coming out to welcome people walking by.



I so look forward to this awakening time of the year. I look forward to meeting old friends and making new friends from LFGC, seeing people at traffic islands or civic gardening sites clean-up days in April, joining people to commemorate gardeners who have passed away at our Arbor Day celebration on April 29, congratulating the recipients of our *Grants for Gardeners* and Minuteman Scholarship program, visiting **Kathy Leva's** floral arrangement at the Boston *MFA Art in Bloom*, and finally starting to dig and pot in May with many people in preparation for our May 21 Plant Sale.



If you want to help with spring clean-up in April, it is not too late to contact **Judy Minardi**. If you want to help with potting for the Plant Sale, we are gathering May 5, 6, 9, 12, 13 and 16. **Sirinya Matchacheep**, our Plant Sale chair, has kindly set up a [SignUpGenius link](#) you can click on now or later, or you can contact her directly for plant sale activities. If you have attractive items such as statues or sculptures or gently-used garden tools to donate for the plant sale, please let Sirinya or me know. There are many ways to get involved and enjoy the welcome warmer spring days ahead!

With great affection,

**Marlene Stone**

Co-president

## Lexington Field and Garden Club Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022 • Via Zoom

**Ruthanne Igoe**, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 10:00.

### Announcements

- Membership dues deadline is April 15th.
- Grants for Gardeners honored three requests: Lexington Living Landscapes; Pollinator coordination with the Lexington High School Bee Club; and Munroe Center for the Arts garden. Information is available on the LFGC website.
- The sub-groups of Morning Study, Garden Party, and Wednesday Workshop have openings for new members.
- Civic Gardening island clean-up is from April 1 - 16. Volunteers are needed.
- The LFGC Executive Board nominees will be listed in the April newsletter. Voting will take place at the April 13 evening meeting.

Program Chair, **Marilyn Ryngiewicz**, introduced Elizabeth Szymczak. Betty gave a colorful power-point presentation showing us how to choose, care for, and propagate dahlias. Questions followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jane Halverson**

Recording Secretary



### It's Membership Renewal Time! Deadline is April 15!

The Lexington Field and Garden Club is busy planning its wonderful programs and events for the upcoming year. And we want **you** to be a part of everything that will be going on! Renewal notices have been sent by email or postal service for those without email. Kindly respond to the renewal notice as soon as you can. We are asking members to renew by April 15 so there's enough time to get your name in the Yearbook. If for some reason you don't get your renewal notice, **use this link: [www.lexgardenclub.org/renewing-members.html](http://www.lexgardenclub.org/renewing-members.html)** to renew. You can also retrieve all the information on the LFGC website on the Renewing Members page.

Thanks so much! We are looking forward to another memorable year.

**Jackie Potdevin**

Membership Co-Chair

## LFGC Elected Officers Nominations Slate

Drumroll, please....

I am happy to share with you the following slate of candidates who have graciously agreed to lead our club beginning in May.

Co-Presidents	<b>Marlene Stone</b> and <b>Georgia Harris</b>
Vice President	<b>Kitty Galaitsis</b>
Treasurer	<b>Miranda Cohen</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Debra Heaton</b>
Corresponding Secretary	<b>Jane Halverson</b>
Membership Committee	<b>Jackie Potdevin</b> and <b>Marilyn Ryngiewicz</b>

This slate of candidates will be presented at our evening meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00 PM. We will have a voice vote via Zoom.

Taking on these positions is a big commitment and we are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated, enthusiastic, and hard-working people to continue the mission and work of LFGC! Thank you everyone for your willingness to volunteer.

**Ruthanne Igoe**, Co-President



### Arbor Day Celebration April 29, 2022

Please join us as we celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 29, 11:00 AM, at the Lexington Town Pool Complex on Worthen Road. There will be a ceremonial tree planting to honor and remember the following LFGC members: **Marianne Abate, Adele Barnes, Diane Boyle, June Ekstrom, John Frey, Elinor Greenway, Mary Gillespie, Wanda McNair, Mary Nokes, Don Snodgrass, Jacquelyn Ward, and Helen Wickens.** Light refreshments will be served and brief remarks about Arbor Day, the town of Lexington, and our honorees will be made. We look forward to seeing you there! It is wonderful to be able to resurrect an important LFGC and Town tradition!

**Email LFGC** with questions.



## Get on Board with the LFGC's 90th Plant Sale!

We have been making our mark on the environment since 1876. That's over 145 years of fun, friendship, and focusing on the beauty of Lexington! This year you can be a part of it, too! Our plant sale is set for May 21, and we would like to invite you to our activities in preparation for the sale.

**Marlene Stone, Marilyn Ryngiewicz, Georgia Harris, and Meade Fasciano** will head up the potting. We will provide training on site for anyone who wants a refresher on our potting methods.

*Please kindly sign up through this link at [SignUpGenius](#)*

Each time slot is 2 hours, but please, sign up even if you can only stay for 1.5 hours.

Workers who have logged in at least 2 hours of potting can purchase up to two plants from a limited selection on Friday, May 20 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM.

**Having trouble with SignUpGenius?** Send an email to **Sirinya** with the time slot(s) that you'd like to participate.

Location: DPW, 201 Bedford Street, in the Salt Shed (behind the administration building and garage), with the exception of May 2, which will be at Hosmer House.

Here is our schedule:

<b>Monday, May 2</b>	9:00am – 11:00am	Potting Set-up (need 8 people)
<b>Thursday, May 5</b>	9:00am – 11:00am	Potting (need 8 people)
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
<b>Friday, May 6</b>	9:00am – 11:00am	Potting (need 8 people)
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
<b>Monday, May 9</b>	9:00am – 11:00am	Potting (need 8 people)
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
<b>Thursday, May 12</b>	9:00am – 11:00am	Potting (need 8 people)
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
<b>Friday, May 13</b>	9:00am – 11:00am	Potting (need 8 people)
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
<b>Monday, May 16</b>	9:00am – 11:00am	Potting (need 8 people)
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Potting (need 8 people)
<b>Friday, May 20</b>	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Plant Sale Set-up (need 12 people)
	2:30pm – 4:30pm	Plant Sale Set-up (need 12 people)
<b>Saturday, May 21</b>	7:00am – 10:00am	Plant Sale Day (need 20 people)
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Plant Sale Day (need 20 people)
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Plant Sale Clean-up (need 20 people)

## REQUEST FOR THE PLANT SALE POLLINATOR TABLE!

We are putting together a special table of native pollinator plants at the plant sale on May 21.

Would you please inventory your gardens and see if you have any of the following plants to donate to the sale? No cultivars please.

You can drop off donations on our potting days of May 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, and 16 at the DPW salt shed in the back. Here are some of the plants we're hoping for...

Butterfly Weed

Joe Pye Weed

Bartered Bride

Cardinal Flower

Great Blue Lobelia

New England Wild Aster

Purple Coneflower (or native yellow or orange)

Lance-Leaf Coreopsis

Anise Hyssop

Early Sunflower

Wild Bergamot

Purple Clover

Goldenrod

Red Bee Balm

Jacob's Ladder - blue

Queen of the Prairie

Virginia Bluebells

Unusual Milkweeds



*Virginia Bluebells*

Thank you very much!

**Kitty Galaitsis** and **Georgia Harris**



# Grants for Gardeners Program Announces Spring Grant Recipients!



The Lexington Field and Garden Club's *Grants for Gardeners* program is pleased to announce the SPRING 2022 grant recipients.

The recipients are:

## **"Lexington Living Landscape Speaker Series"**

*Sponsor: Georgia Harris Amount awarded: \$350 to fund one speaker in their educational program. The LFGC is one of the founding members of Lexington Living Landscape. This group promotes the use of native plants and sustainable gardening practices. This lecture will be available to all members of the LFGC as well as the public and aligns well with the LFGC mission of Education.*



## **"Fostering Pollinators with the Lexington High School Bee Club"**

*Sponsor: Alexandra Bartsch Amount awarded: \$200 to fund an educational brochure along with seed packets to be given out to the public at the LFGC Annual Plant Sale. The committee is pleased to encourage participation of high school students in this worthwhile educational project on the need for habitats that foster pollinators in our town.*

*Bee Club LHS students working on seed packets to be sold at our Plant Sale!*

## **"Art Garden"**

*Sponsor: Cristina Burwell Amount awarded: \$700 to fund two gardens that will be used for educational outreach to students and the public as well as for beautification of the Munroe Center for the Arts. A pollinator garden and a drought tolerant garden will be used as a part of classes for students.*

All three programs will be acknowledging the contribution of the LFGC in their project with signage or in their educational material.

The LFGC is grateful to the committee who reviewed all applications thoughtfully and anonymously to maintain impartiality during the process. The Grants for Gardeners program was conceived in 2019 to encourage new ideas within LFGC as well as to enhance its mission of "beautification, service, education, and friendship" within the town of Lexington. There are two grant cycles per year, one in the fall and another in the spring. This was the first year of a pilot program to provide grants. More information is available on the LFGC website. The website will be updated in August with an announcement of the next application deadline. We are grateful to **Ruthanne Igoe** who has agreed to Chair the Financial Advisory Council that administers the *Grants for Gardeners* program.

The committee included:

Kris Alaerts (Chair), Ruthanne Igoe and Marlene Stone (LFGC co-Presidents), Marilyn Goske Rudick (Grant Administrator), Bridget Galdes, Miranda Cohen (LFGC Treasurer), Ann Webster, Betsy Pollack, Jeremy Singh, Donna Smatlak, Linda Walsh, Jan Avallone, and Susan Cass.

Submitted by **Marilyn Goske Rudick**



## Cary Library Gardening Series

Wednesday, April 13, 1 PM

### Is Your Lawn Green and Lush?

The Boston suburbs are a showcase of stylish and varied architecture, complemented by a well-kept lawn to add beauty, curb appeal, and help water run-off. But many of us are confused by all the conflicting advice on tending our green spaces. Consulting Arborist/Lawn Care Consultant, Alton Cole, with moderator **Ashley Rooney**, will help us better maintain our lawns. To sign up, [register with www.Carylibrary.org](http://www.Carylibrary.org).



### New Member Spotlight

Hi, my name is **Vicki Blake**. My husband, two children, and I moved to Lexington almost fifteen years ago. I've always enjoyed gardening (thanks, Mom)! But with a full-time job, two kids, numerous fish, and a cat, I didn't have any bandwidth to look beyond my own little space.

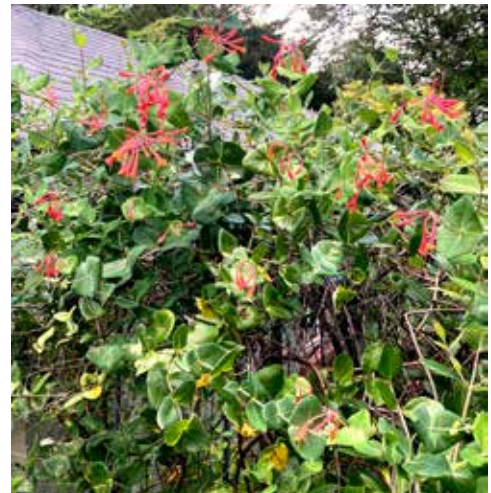


But now, the kids are young adults, and living in Texas of all places. Sadly, the pets have passed on to the great beyond. Three years ago, I retired from my professional life in marketing. This gave me the opportunity to spend more time in my garden and in nature in general. I joined Mass Audubon and spent lots of time wandering their wonderful sanctuaries, and taking all sorts of classes about plants and birding. When the pandemic hit, I signed up for a virtual *Designing with Native Plants* class at the Native Plant Trust. That was a game changer for me. And a friend mentioned conservationist Doug Tallamy, so I read his books, too.

Last summer I was chatting with a neighbor about gardening. She said, "You should join the Lexington Field and Garden Club." Being the obedient neighbor, I did. I'm so glad I did. It's a great group of people. Gardeners are some of the nicest people on earth, in my opinion. I've just joined the Board of Directors to help with the monthly newsletter and the Yearbook. I look forward to being more involved as I learn where I can contribute.



Here are some pictures of my garden. Do you recognize these native plants? Look for the answers at the end of the newsletter.



## Civic Gardening: In Praise of 'Old Garden' Roses

Nancy Trautman

I always feel protective and defensive when people complain about the finicky-ness or delicacy of roses. My experience has been otherwise; the roses I've met at the Munroe Tavern are the sturdy old workhorses of the rose world, the hardy, disease-resistant, prolific plants that were



grown in ancient Greece, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Turkey, and Syria. These are the luscious, blowsy blooms that might show up in a Dutch old master's painting, with long stamens that make them easy to pollinate and a waxy coating on their leaves to protect against powdery mildew. Some of them sucker aggressively, most prefer not to be pruned, and they have a lovely, rangy habit with beautiful flowers and luscious hips. They are also known for their intense fragrance; in fact, the Damask roses were said to be so full of scent they were an ounce heavier in the morning.

The story of Heirloom, or Old Garden, roses is one of beauty, romance, and resilience. There must have been gardeners armed with spades amongst the crusaders who traveled to the Holy Lands, as several species were brought back to Europe at that time. Among these were the Damask rose, from Damascus and the Spinosissima (meaning "the most spiny"), from Turkey. The Apothecary Rose grown by the Greeks and Romans may have arrived in Europe even earlier and became elemental to the

gardens of the Benedictine monks, including the fictitious Brother Cadfael, who used the flowers and oils to concoct potions to cure everything from hangovers to the plague.

The popularity of the rose in Europe continued throughout the Middle Ages. Gardeners in the Netherlands were particularly enthusiastic, as seen in a Gallica at Munroe developed in Holland and named Charles De Mills after a director of the Dutch East India Company in the 1600's.

A Damask with a storied past is the York and Lancaster. During the War of the Roses in 1455-87, nobles sported either a white rose, showing allegiance to the house of York, or a red rose, indicating they were loyal to the house of Lancaster. After the war, a rose was hybridized with a stripy mix of red, white, and pink to symbolize the unity of the two houses. The original York and Lancaster in the Munroe rose garden did not survive, but after two years on the wait list for a plant at Rogue Valley Roses in Washington state one is on order and will be installed this spring.



Beginning around 1867, the rose world changed. When the Empress Josephine Bonaparte was divorced by her beloved husband, Napoleon, she was granted full ownership of their estate, Chateau de Malmaison (either he felt badly about the divorce, or she was an expert negotiator). She devoted considerable resources to her gardens, greenhouses, free-ranging wild animal collection, and roses in particular, breeding 250 varieties with the help of skilled botanists. About half of these were Gallicas. Her contribution marks the beginning of roses with repeat blooms and a wider range of colors, often at the expense of fragrance or hardiness.

The origin of the rose garden at Munroe Tavern is unclear, but it was most likely planted by **Barbara Morgan** and **Kris Burton** of the Lexington Field and Garden Club along with their team of



gardeners. Ned and Eleanor Munro, the last Munros to live in Lexington, had made many improvements to the Tavern grounds during the 23 years they lived there, including a greenhouse, a flower garden, a yew hedge, and a grape arbor. Eleanor Munro served as a host at the Tavern, volunteered at Symmes Hospital, and was a member of the Morning Study Group of the LFGC. When she died in 1976, six months before Ned's death, a dogwood was planted at the Tavern in her memory.

Among the roses at Munroe are a Damask Ispahan, or "Rose of Castile," a Centifolia, the "100 petals" or cabbage rose, bred in the Netherlands in the 1600's, and both a double and single Spinosissima, the Scots or Burnet rose. There is also a lovely Alba, a blushy, pinky white rose, and many Gallica officianialis (perhaps an Alike), the Apothecary Rose.



The rose garden at Munroe has been recently revived with the encouragement of **Ashley Rooney, Kris Burton, Joanne Frey**, Teresa Mosher of the New England Rose Society, and Andy Venable, and the stalwart weeding, mulching, and conversational support of **Marilyn Ryngiewicz** and **Jessica Watterson**. With all of these Old Garden roses, their once a year blooming habit reminds the viewer to treasure those flowers while they may. Come and visit in June, when the roses will be at their loveliest!



## Sub-Group Openings

Morning Study Group has space for new members: Morning Study Group meets the second Tuesday of the month. Social time starts at 9:30 AM; program begins at 10:00 AM. A typical program is an illustrated talk on special plants, gardens or nurseries, conservation, or nature, or possibly a field trip! We care for the Hancock-Clarke House Herb Garden. We have holiday parties and collect socks at Christmas time for the Veterans at the VA hospital in Bedford. Contact **Georgia Glick** for more information.

The following sub-groups also have openings for new members. If interested, get in touch with the contact person below to get further information. You can ask to attend a meeting to see what you think! This is a great way to learn more and make new friends. Additional information is in the Yearbook on page 8. You can also look at each sub-group section in the Yearbook to see when meetings are and what kinds of programs are offered.

Garden Party – **Leslie Masson**

Wednesday Workshop – **Ellan Siegel**



## Green Thumb Gifts

### E. Ashley Rooney

One of the best gifts we ever received was a truckload of horse manure. Finding the perfect gift for gardening friends is not an impossible task. Some gardeners may lust for that new wireless min/max thermometer or a rain gauge, but others may long for that load of seaweed. I know I do.

From the practical to the extravagant, we have some ideas that will make your gardening friends' thumbs turn an even brighter green.

### Gift Certificates

Now that we have a closet full of clothes and the wonderful Cary Memorial Library, we just tell our kids to give us a gift certificate to one of the local nurseries. We covet the chance to get that plant that is just out of our price range or to experiment with a new species. A gift certificate provides access to the entire gardening world. It can be a magic wand to the frugal gardener or induce the timid to try something new or daring.

### Garden Ornaments



Today, sundials are popular garden ornaments, linking different parts of the garden or acting as a focal point. But they are not just decoration; they are an ancient method of telling time.

The oldest-known sundials date back to 1500 BC, when the Egyptians invented them to help calibrate their 365-day calendar. Subsequently, the Greeks introduced them to the Romans, who are said to have been the first to use sundials in their gardens. There they marked the passage of time and asked the passerby to consider how he or she spent his life with such choice mottoes as "Time flies" or "Death conquers all."

In ancient Greece and Egypt, sundials supplied the only form of accurate time-keeping. Public places often had large sundials to signal the official hours of the business day. As civilization grew, people used sundials to reset their clocks and watches, which were frequently inaccurate.

Today, sundials vary from a simple vertical dial to an elaborate armillary and can be cast in lead, bronze, or iron, or carved from stone. They can be placed on a pedestal or level with the ground. Colorful flowers or a formal herb bed complement them. Whatever strikes your fancy! As my neighbor says, "They are charming."

Then there are bird baths, rain chains, and the rare obelisk.

### Garden Ornaments, Jardinieres, Urns, Troughs – or Just Plain Pots

Pots allow you to grow your garden on a porch, rooftop, or in your driveway — wherever you wish. You can place a pot to direct the eye of the onlooker to a new vista, to nudge the viewer further on the path, or to solve an architectural problem. Pots are functional as well as ornamental.

Pots go back to the beginnings of civilization. The ancient Egyptians used pots – we know that from hieroglyphs. Asian civilizations used pots. By the late nineteenth century, gardening in containers was a standard practice.

Although many attractive containers are manufactured and sold specifically for use with plants, great containers come from many sources. Some like bronze, glass, or hollowed out rocks; others like old wheelbarrows, chimney flue pipes, and claw-footed bathtubs. Many like to coordinate the pot with the design of the space. A new pot brings out the artistic



soul of the gardener.

## Personal Care

Some gardeners take pride in their dirty hands, but their friends and family members don't necessarily appreciate those grubby fingernails. Many shops offer an array of herbal and botanical soaps. Then there are the natural-bristle brushes, insect lotions, lip balms, hand creams, and the gloves that might have prevented the problem from the beginning.

Of course, we all need hats to shade our fair skin from those harmful ultraviolet rays. And then there are those garden clogs, waterproof boots or what about an apron to carry garden tools?

## Tools

Gardeners are always losing their favorite pruners and trowels. You can give them another one – preferably with a brightly painted handle. There are 6-in-1 pocket pruners with sturdy belt pouches, solar lights, fancy hoses, and lightweight tillers. And for those who need a little enabling these days, manufacturers have developed some ergonomic tools such as long reach trowels and watering wands. You can find them at any good garden or hardware store.

One warning: Many serious gardeners are not interested in gadgets. They want good sturdy tools, hoses, and implements that will last to the next generation.



## Wonderful Maple Syrup

### Kitty Galaitsis

As a child in Middlebury, VT, I remember riding through the snow in a horse-drawn syrup cart while the farmer collected maple syrup from buckets on trees in his maple grove. I remember moths and other insects floating in the white liquid in the cart vat and being glad that the liquid would be boiled in the sugarhouse. Many years later, Tony and I attended a blueberry pancake breakfast, with a huge pitcher of maple syrup on each table, at the Weybridge, VT firehouse on a maple syrup weekend. We have all enjoyed maple syrup on our pancakes or in our food. Here's something new to know about the syrup!



Diana Beresford-Kroeger in her book, *Arboretum America*, (this book was donated by the Morning Study Group to Cary Library) writes about the sugar maple, and I quote from the book because I am so surprised by this information:

“The medicine of the maple is found in the bark, the leaves, the twigs, and the sap, particularly the sap of the sugar maple. *A. saccharum*. The sap of the sugar maple contains eight major biochemicals that are always in a constant proportion and never vary despite the geographical location of the trees. These bio-chemicals are the identifying tracers for true maple syrup.

This sap has a diuretic effect with a cleansing action on the skin. It has a positive effect on the spleen. One of the chemicals, acetol, acts as an anti-stroke agent by having a hemodilution effect on the blood. Vanillin and syringaldehyde impart taste and fragrance to the palate. The compound a-furanone has an antibiotic action and decreases cholesterol levels. The synergy of combined chemicals in the sap no doubt have an additional beneficial effect on the body.”

So maybe we should all have more pancakes with pure Vermont maple syrup for breakfast!



## Fairy Homes and Gardens Planning Calendar

Groups and individuals are collecting twigs, pinecones, nuts, moss, etc., to build their fairy houses for the May 28-29 event. There will be fairy houses situated from the Visitor Center to the Munroe Center for the Arts, Community Center, and onward through East Lexington. Thanks to LFGC member **Regina Sutton** and SNAP members, there will also be a scavenger hunt involving well over a dozen businesses up and down Mass Ave. The calendar of activities is expanding quickly!

One of the joys of fairy homes and gardens is the emphasis on being one with nature, using our imagination, and reusing things. The fairy homes and gardens tour is a large-scale community event for all Lexington residents and visitors. Anyone interested in making a fairy house to be part of the event is encouraged to sign up to obtain space in one of the parks. Sign-up and more information can be found at [www.munroecenter.org/fairyhouses](http://www.munroecenter.org/fairyhouses).

### ***Calendar of Events as of now***

#### **Patriots' Day Preparations**

Time: Saturday, April 2

Location: Munroe Center for the Arts

Be part of creating a large parade-sized fairy house for the Patriots' Day parade, as well as giant flowers, and fairy wands, or just look for them in the parade!

#### **How to Make Fairy Houses Workshop**

Time: Friday, April 29

10:00 -11:00 AM Parent/Child workshop for ages 2 – 6

3:00 – 4:00 PM Workshop for all ages

Location: Lexington Community Center

Join Recreation and Community Programs staff for tea, cookies, and a reading of Tracy Kane's Fairy Houses before setting off on the grounds of the Community Center to gather materials and build a fairy home.

#### **Make a Ceramic Fairy House for the Garden**

Time: Saturday, May 7

10 AM - 12 PM

Location: Munroe Center for the Arts

An all-ages event to create a fairy house using hand-building methods. Pieces will be fired and available for pick up within 2 weeks of workshop to be finished at home with paints, moss, or any variety of embellishment.

#### **Learn about Fairy Houses and Photo Op**

Cary Library will be featuring a fairy forest installation on their Idea Wall throughout the month of May. Admire the flying fairies and their homes and then take pictures standing under the hanging vines and fairy lights.



## Fairy House Inspiration

Live and Zoom Presentation

May 9, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Cary Memorial Library

[Learn more at www.Caryllibrary.org](http://www.Caryllibrary.org)

## Fairy Home Reception — Rock band performance

May 20

Location: Munroe Center for the Arts

Come to the field behind the arts center to see some of the fairy houses, and kick off the fairy house event with some dancing to the music of *The Blues Dogs*.

## Scavenger Hunt

May 28 - 29

Location: Businesses throughout town

## THE TOUR

May 28-29!

Stay updated as more details emerge over the spring: [www.MunroeCenter.org](http://www.MunroeCenter.org), or [www.facebook.com/MunroeCenter](https://www.facebook.com/MunroeCenter)



*Lexington Living Landscapes, Lexington Field & Garden Club, and The Cary Library present:*

## “Native Plants for Your Garden” with Uli Lorimer

Director of Horticulture, Native Plant Trust

Wednesday April 20 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: Online via Zoom

[Register here.](#)



Join Uli Lorimer, Native Plant Trust’s Director of Horticulture, for a presentation highlighting our region’s spectacular plant diversity and varied habitats. For those of us who care about the natural world, the decision to plant natives in the garden is one of the most impactful and important choices we can make. With so much under threat from a changing climate, invasive species, habitat loss and fragmentation, and declining numbers of birds and insects, planting natives in your garden shows you are trying to make a difference. Native plants have the power to heal our landscapes, welcome wildlife into our gardens, and inspire us.

In his role at **Native Plant Trust**, Uli oversees the facilities and operations at Garden in the Woods and at Nasami Farm. He has 20 years of experience working with native plants in public gardens, including Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the US National Arboretum. Uli’s upcoming book, ***The Northeast Native Plant Primer***, to be published in May 2022, provides a roadmap to help you to include native plants in your garden whether you are new to gardening or a seasoned professional.

*This online event is co-sponsored by Lexington Living Landscapes, Lexington Field and Garden Club, the Cary Memorial Library, and the Lexington Conservation Division.*



## Second Annual Pollinator Plant Kit Sale!!!

Building on last year's success, Lexington Living Landscapes is again collaborating with the Lexington Conservation Office to bring you Pollinator Planting kits for sale. This year we will be offering a Sun kit with plants that thrive in sun to partial sun and a Shade kit with plants that thrive in shade to partial shade. The kits will include three plants of four different species, which are selected based on bloom time and their attractiveness to pollinators. **SUN KIT Fox-glove Beardtongue** (*Penstemon digitalis*); (Early) **Spotted Bee Balm** (*Monarda punctata*); (Mid-season) **Clustered Mountain Mint** (*Pycnanthemum muticum*); (Mid-season) **Showy Goldenrod** (*Solidago speciosa*); (Late-season) **SHADE KIT Foam Flower** (*Tierella cordifolia*); (Early) **Woodland Phlox** (*Phlox divaricata*); (Early) **Hairy Beardtongue** (*Pentesmon hirsutus*); (Mid-season) **Blue stemmed Goldenrod** (*Solidago caesia*); (Late-season). The plants are grown at a certified organic native perennial farm in New Hampshire and come in quart size biodegradable pots. You can purchase a kit of 12 plants (three plants of each species) for \$65, which is a highly discounted price. The sale opened online March 15, 2022, at 6:00 AM and kits will become available for pick-up towards the end of May. Anyone wanting to buy a kit should set up a Town of Lexington MyRec account first at <https://lexrecma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>. For any questions, please feel free to contact us at [lexlivingland@gmail.com](mailto:lexlivingland@gmail.com) or [acarr@lexingtonma.gov](mailto:acarr@lexingtonma.gov).



## Signs of Spring!

**Georgia Glick** shares these wonderful photos of her backyard visitors! Enjoy!



*Male Cardinal and Sparrows*

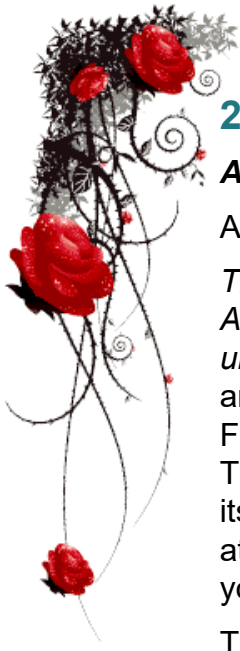


*Female Cardinal and Finch*



*Female and male Finches*





## 24th ART IN BLOOM

### ***A Showcase of Floral Extravaganza***

April 28 thru May 1, 2022

*The Laurelwood Garden Club* invites the *Lexington Field and Garden Club* to attend *Art In Bloom* to be held April 28th, 29, 30th and May 1st at the *Fitchburg Art Museum*, 185 Elm St., Fitchburg, MA. Hours are 11 AM to 5 PM. Admission fee is \$15 adults and \$10 Senior. Visitors will view 40 floral arrangements in the five galleries in the Fitchburg Art Museum. *The Material Girls Quilt Club* will have quilts on display as well. This is our 24th *Art In Bloom* and it is a gem in our local area. You will be amazed at its floral extravaganza. Visit [Fitchburg Art Museum.org](http://Fitchburg Art Museum.org) for more information. Stop at our Information Table and chat. If you attend, we'll give you an opportunity to select your favorite interpretation — People's Choice Award.

The Boston *MFA Art in Bloom* is also April 28 thru May 1. Interpretive floral arrangements of 50 artworks will be on display.



## April Amusements

What did the tree say when April began?

*What a re-leaf.*

What do sheep like to do in the spring?

*Have a baaaaa baaaaa cue!*

Have you heard of Murphy's Law?

*Of course...if something can go wrong, it will!*

Have you heard of Cole's Law?

*No, what is it?*

Thinly sliced cabbage.



**Answers to the native plant quiz from the New Member Spotlight**

*Rudbeckia laciniata, Monarda punctata, Lonicera sempervirens*