



# Lexington Field & Garden Club

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Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Thanks to all who contributed plants and/or time to another super-successful LFGC plant sale. Our loyal customers come rain or shine and we sold out in spite of the imperfect weather, generating over \$11,000 in sales. To celebrate your hard work and a job well done, you are cordially invited to a celebration party on Tuesday, June 4 at 3:30. It will be held at **Linda Walsh's** house at 10 Dane Road. Please bring something that you'd like to share with the group. A light folding chair is also welcome.

Discovery Day was a big hit, the weather was lovely and the crowd was large. The volunteers enjoyed the day and had lots of fun discussions with everyone who came to the booth. It was great to see all the members who stopped by to say hello.

We miss our garden club events over the summer so, back by popular demand, the brown bag picnics will start again soon! The first one will be Wednesday, June 12 at the home of **Meg Himmel** at 66 Hancock Street. Parking is allowed on the opposite side of the street. Please bring a folding chair if you have one. Offer your backyard for garden club members to get together and discuss the weather and all things gardening. Members, see whose garden will be open each Wednesday and visit with garden club friends over your own brown bag lunch. [Sign up to host a lunch or attend here:](#)

Send your content for the 2024/2025 Yearbook to **Vicki Blake** no later than June 1.

Enjoy these beautiful late spring days,

**Kathy Leva**, President

## Dates to Remember

May 30	VIRTUAL - Mosquito and Tick Control - <a href="#">Cary Library link</a>
June 1	Deadline for submission to the 2024 Yearbook
June 5	Executive Board Meeting, 10 AM
June 8	Garden Tour "Lexington Gardens Blossom"
June 12	First Garden BYO lunch at Meg Himmel's house

## Garden Tour "Lexington Gardens Blossom"

Saturday, June 8, 10 AM to 4 PM. Many of these gardens surround 19th century homes with their native and colorful plants and interesting landscape designs. Whether you are a dedicated gardener or just a lover of beautiful natural spaces, you don't want to miss this chance to experience the private worlds that lie behind these antique homes with a self-guided tour.

**Tickets are available prior to tour here** - \$25/person. Day of tour at the Church of Our Redeemer- \$30/person. Tickets can be picked up at the Church of Our Redeemer, Meriam St, Lexington starting at 9:30 am on June 8.



## Lexington Field & Garden Club Meeting Minutes

Lexington Field & Garden Club Meeting, May 8, 2024, Follen Church, Lexington MA

Social time-9:30 AM, Meeting-10:00 AM      Members-41

Kathy Leva, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. She introduced the new officers and recognized the out-going officers.

Announcements:

1. Kathy announced the death of Past President Kristine Burton. Kathy shared some thoughts about Kris from Regina Sutton. There will be a celebration of her life in June or July. We had a moment of silence in her memory.
2. Kathy announced the Ikebana Book silent auction.
3. Jane Halverson was thanked for the hospitality at today's meeting.
4. Ann Webster talked about the Plant Sale and asked us to use Signup Genius to volunteer for setup and the sale. We have a lot of great plants. The date is May 18, 8-11:30.
5. Summer Picnics were announced. They will be on Wednesdays. Linda Walsh is coordinating these and will set up a Signup Genius.

Kathy Leva was our presenter for the meeting, on the topic of "Fresh Seasonal Floral Arrangements." Kathy is the Past GCFM Middlesex District Director and a nationally accredited flower show judge. She has participated in several GCFM sponsored flower shows in New England and has represented LFGC at the MFA's "Art in Bloom" for many years. She teaches floral design programs, classes, and workshops around the area and is the LFGC President.

Kathy showed us how to create an elegant, fresh, floral arrangement using spring flowers.

The meeting ended at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Debra Heaton**, Recording Secretary, LFGC

## In Memory of Kris Burton

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Kris Burton**, longtime LFGC member and past president, last week at the age of 87. Kris served for many years as the steward of the Garden of Colonial Flowers at Munroe Tavern. Her tireless work produced a beautiful landscape that was admired by visitors near and far.

Fellow member **Nancy Trautman**, who maintains the Munroe Tavern rose garden, paid tribute, saying, "Kris took her job as steward of the Colonial Flower Garden at Monroe seriously and was committed to making it the place of peace and beauty that it is today. She also worked hard to ensure that the plants were authentic to the period, doing extensive reading, and wrote the well-researched brochure about the Colonial Flower Garden. Kris had a dedicated crew of LFGC volunteers who were there every Tuesday, rain or shine, to weed, plant, and tend. The fact that many of them had been with her for decades was a testament Kris's dedication and knowledge - everyone who worked with her learned from her."



## Stop, Smell, and See the Roses

### Nancy Trautman

The heirloom roses in the garden at Munroe Tavern only bloom once a year, in June, so come by this month to smell the rich fragrance of these old varieties that were grown before the toughness and scent were bred out in favor of repeated blooms in the mid-1800s. The plants include several types of *Spinosissima*, *Centifolia*, *Alba*, *York* and *Lancaster*, *Gallica officinalis* and *Gallica hippolyte*, *Centifolia muscosa*, and a *Damask ispanhan*. Indeed, a sight to behold!

Also on the grounds is the beautiful Colonial Flower Garden, which is always in bloom in season. If you go by on a Tuesday, you can visit with the LFGC team, who groom it weekly. And if you wander down the path towards the woods, there is a lovely, shaded native plant garden next to a rill (*small seasonal stream*). Altogether, well worth a stop.



## Hosta Digging Party

New member, **Lydia Knutsen**, taking advantage of a hosta giveaway!



## June Reading

### No Mow May

*For Pollinators' Sakes, Don't Spring Into Garden Cleanup Too Soon!* Here is a picture of my Stinzenplanter front lawn.



### Why Native Plants?

The Barker newsletter is written by a Winchester, MA gardener. *His most recent newsletter* has a very thoughtful piece on native plants.

Mass Audubon has a thorough article on *native plants here*.

### The USDA's gardening zones have shifted

*This fun map* shows you what's changed in vivid detail.

**Adding Microhabitats is an Easy Way to Make a Difference, *more from the Xerces Society***



*That's it for the June newsletter, hope to see you at a summer picnic!*

We'll send out a simple weekly update, when we have something to share. Otherwise, the next newsletter will come in late August, with our new events year.