

DRIFTWOOD GARDEN CLUB

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2018-2019

“Birds, Bees, and Bushes – Creating Year-Round Interest”

Month	Day/Time	Topic	Location
September 15		Fall Cocktail Party	
	Saturday 6:00 pm	The annual Fall Cocktail party is a wonderful way to kick off our new garden club season! Share stories about your garden successes and failures over the past summer. Learn more details about the theme for this year – Birds, Bees, and Bushes. Sign up as a host/hostess for one of the upcoming programs. Bring your spouse or significant other to meet the garden club members they have heard so much about! Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.	Barbara Graves & Ken Beaulieu 3 Waldron Court Marblehead
October 9		A Tour of English Gardens and the Chelsea Flower Show	
	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Our own Ginny Von Rueden interior designer and flower arranger extraordinaire will share her beautiful photos in a PowerPoint presentation of DGC’s custom designed tour of the best gardens in England. Tour group members met with head gardeners and learned their traditional as well as modern approaches to English garden design. Ginny will also showcase the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show with its extraordinary displays of blooms and unique show gardens.	Abbot Library
October 23, 24 and/or 27		Fall Clean-Up at Library Gardens	Abbot Library
	Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Saturday 9:00 am	Join one of the Fall clean-up crews to rake leaves, weed, prune shrubs and say “sleep well” to the gardens.	Abbot Library

November 6		Birdscaping: Home Sweet Habitat	
	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker from Enchanted Gardens explore the importance of creating welcoming habitats for birds through thoughtful landscape choices including native plants vital for food and nesting sites. Learn about the joys and benefits of creating beautiful layered gardens designed to bring avian performers right into your own backyard. Joan and Jan will provide a handout following their PowerPoint presentation.	Abbot Library
Date TBD		Hooper Mansion Holiday Decorations	
		Prior to the holiday decorating of Hooper Mansion, there will be a buying trip to Jacobson Floral in Boston, date TBD, and a decorating workshop.	Hooper Mansion 8 Hooper Street Marblehead
December 4		Christmas Greens for Seniors	
	Tuesday 6:30 pm	This program is another way for the Driftwood Garden Club to give back to the community. In this collaborative effort with the Marblehead Council on Aging (COA), we will decorate balsam wreaths and swags for the many Marblehead residents who participate in the Meals on Wheels Program. DGC will purchase and decorate the wreaths; the COA will deliver them the next day. It is a fun filled creative night. The best part of the evening is looking at all of the uniquely decorated wreaths. Members should bring plant cuttings and dried seed pods from their gardens, ribbons and decorations to adorn the wreaths and swags. Don't forget the glue guns. Please bring \$5.00 to help defray the cost.	Marblehead Community Center 10 Humphrey Street Marblehead
January 15		All About Bees	
	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Welcome to the Hive! Anita Deeley is a biologist who maintains approximately 30 honey bee hives in Beverly. She began as a backyard beekeeper full of enthusiasm and trepidation with only a single hive on her rooftop. Her passion and quest for beekeeping knowledge led her on an adventure across America that would change her path forever. Anita loves to experiment and try new things, and share those ideas. Wondering what you can do to help save the bees? Join us for her PowerPoint presentation about sustainable organic beekeeping. Topics include plants that attract bees, types of bee hives and how to survive bee stings. After the presentation her handmade beeswax candles, lotions, and artisan honey will be for sale.	Abbot Library

February 12		Hydrangeas for the Northeast	
	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Master Gardener Cheryl Monroe , who presented the popular Pressed Flower workshop last year, returns with an informative presentation on a Marblehead favorite: The Hydrangea. This presentation covers zone/climate, the best bloomers, native selections, hydrangeas for sun, shade and in-between, and best of all some superb choices for containers and small garden spaces. Cheryl will answer frequently asked questions about when to prune, changing the color of the flowers from pink to blue (or vice versa), and correct garden siting. Mophead and lacecap hydrangea blooms can be finicky bloomers in the Northeast. Cheryl updates her hydrangea list handout annually to reflect the BEST new introductions, and also includes a few lesser known species for the adventurous gardener.	Abbot Library
March 23		Pruning Workshop	
	Saturday 10 am to noon	Dan Bouchard , Head Horticulturalist at Long Hill Reservation, will lead a popular and practical pruning workshop at Long Hill, a 114-acre estate in Beverly managed by the Trustees of Reservations. Please bring your own tools. If needed, an additional date will be added for this hands-on workshop.	Long Hill Gardens 572 Essex Street Beverly, MA
April 9		Dig and Divide: Maximize Potential, Leave No Trace	
	Tuesday 6:30 pm	<p>Every year members “dig and divide” plants from their own garden to sell at the annual Plant Sale. In addition, the DGC has agreements with several very generous garden owners who open their gardens to us every year, allowing members to select and dig plants for the sale. Being invited back to these special gardens is important to the club. Garden owners depend on us to be good conservators and plant thinners for their gardens, appreciating our time and effort. Ellen Nash and other DGC members will lead a discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which plants and where to dig • Evaluation of how much to dig in order to leave a garden thinned and intact • The potting process • Pointers on after dig care of plants until plant sale <p>For members without gardens that need to find an alternative supply, we will review how to ask friends for permission to dig in their gardens and/or what plants to buy as your contribution.</p>	Abbot Library

April 17-27		Dig and Divide in Local Gardens	
	TBD	Final dates to be determined based on weather conditions and length of the winter season.	Members gardens
May 11		DGC Plant Sale	
	Saturday 8:00 am	Our Annual Fundraiser	Masonic Temple 62 Pleasant Street Marblehead
May 15, 18, and/or 21		Spring Clean-Up in the Library Gardens	
	Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Saturday 9 am	Join one of the spring clean-up crews to rake leaves, weed, prune dead branches and plant new annuals or perennials.	Abbot Library
June 1		Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting	
	Saturday Noon	Come join our end of year celebration luncheon and Business Meeting. Vote on the Slate of Officers for 2019-2020.	Please volunteer your home to host our Annual Luncheon!
June TBD		Members' Garden Tour	
	Saturday 10 am-noon	Back by popular demand! This will be an opportunity to share our gardens with each other. We will plan a tour of four to six of our own gardens - big or small, professionally landscaped or home grown – the greater variety the better. At the last stop, we will relax and compare notes with a picnic lunch.	Please volunteer to share your garden in the tour!