



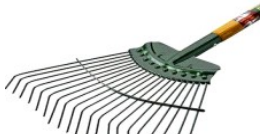


2024-2025 Driftwood Garden Club Program Schedule

Month		Topic	Location
September 7	Fall Cocktail Party		
	Saturday 6 pm	<p>The Fall Cocktail Party is a wonderful way to kick off our new garden club season! Spouses and guests are invited to attend and join in sharing stories about your garden successes. Learn more details about the plans for this year and enjoy hors d'oeuvres provided by our hostess. Meet new friends!</p>	At the home of Adrienne Sweetser and Rick Weed
October 7	Preparing the Soil for Gardening		
	Monday 6:30 pm	<p>The Quality and Make-up of your soil has a huge influence on how well your plants will do. Learn about soil structure, compaction, fertility, and pH, and learn how you can modify these qualities for a more successful garden.</p> <p>Gretel Anspach is a Trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, a Lifetime Master Gardener with the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, and a recently retired systems engineer for Raytheon. She won the MMGA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016. She established and maintains a 2,000 square food production garden that has provided produce to food pantries for 10 years. Her primary interest and focus is the science behind horticulture.</p>	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant St. Marblehead, MA
October 9	Garden in the Woods - Field Trip		
	Wednesday 11:00 AM	<p>Join us to tour a botanic garden that showcases New England native plants in a beautiful natural setting: 45 acres sculpted by retreating glaciers into eskers and steep-sided valleys, with a brook, pond, and wetlands. Here you'll find inspiration for your own garden. We will have a 1 mile guided walk in the woods followed by a boxed lunch.</p>	Garden in the Woods 180 Hemenway Rd. Framingham, MA



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November 1		Trip to Jacobson Floral in Boston	
	Friday 9:00 AM	We will travel to Jacobson Floral in Boston to purchase supplies to decorate the Hooper Mansion for the holiday season.	Meet at Old North Church Parking Lot at 9:00 to carpool
November 6		Gardens & Estates of the Hudson River Valley	
	Wednesday 6:30 pm	<p>Join the Driftwood Garden Club as a small group of members enjoy visiting several outstanding properties in the historic Hudson Valley including Vanderbilt Estate, Stonecrop, Boscobel, Lyndhurst, Kykuit Estate, NY Botanical Gardens and more. These beautiful fall gardens enliven the important history of the region as well as their importance for landscape design.</p> <p>Ginny Von Rueden is a member of the Driftwood Garden Club whose love for history and travel includes visiting beautiful gardens around the world. She is an award winning artist, interior designer and occasional floral and landscape designer.</p>	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant St. Marblehead
November 15		Workshop to make Hooper Decorations	
	Friday 9:00		Ginny Von Rueden's home 1 Mary Lane Marblehead, MA.
November 2,5,6,7		Fall Clean-Up	
		Join one of the fall clean-up crews to rake leaves, weed, prune dead branches and plant new annuals or perennials.	Abbot Library or Farrell Court




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December 2		Holiday Greens for Seniors	
	Monday 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 we will decorate balsam wreaths for Marblehead residents who participate in the Bag Lunch Program. Don't forget the glue guns!	Marblehead Community Center 10 Humphrey Street Marblehead
December 3 & 5		Hooper Mansions Holiday Decorations	
	Tuesday & Thursday	Every year, the Driftwood Garden Club decorates one of the rooms at the Hooper Mansion. Decorating the Hooper Mansion will take place on December 3, 9:00 am. Watch your email for additional dates and details! Laurie Boggis and Ginny Von Rueden are co-chairs of this event.	Hooper Mansion 8 Hooper Street Marblehead
January 13		Winter Sowing	
	Monday 6:30 pm	Join us for an exciting and informative lecture on Winter Sowing, a simple and effective seed-starting method that allows gardeners to jumpstart their growing season. Learn how to harness the cold winter months to prepare your garden for an early and healthy bloom in the spring! Learn techniques for starting seeds outdoors during winter using common re-purposed household supplies and the best plant varieties for winter sowing, including hardy perennials, annuals, and vegetables. Dawn LiVigne has been practicing Winter Sowing in New England for four years growing most of her garden flowers and a full season's worth of vegetables from seed. She is a lifelong crafter in a wide variety of mediums, an avid cook, and is deeply passionate about growing fresh ingredients and creating beautiful flower arrangements from her garden. She owns a bead and jewelry store, where she teaches classes on jewelry design.	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant St. Marblehead


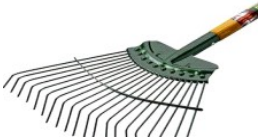


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February 12	A Begonia for Any Season		
	Wednesday 6:30 pm	<p>This program will feature how to grow begonias both inside and out. Far from ordinary, begonias are wonderful houseplants; many make lovely terrarium specimens. Begonias are a beautiful addition to any garden. It's time for "winter-flowering" and fancy-leaved hybrids to enjoy while waiting for spring.</p> <p>Betsy Szymczak is a Principle Certified MA Master Gardener, and volunteer at Elm Bank in Wellesley and the Longfellow House in Cambridge, MA. She is a National Garden Club (NGC) - Garden Consultant and training to become an accredited NGC Flower Show judge. She is a retired college professor, having taught clinical microbiology at several Boston area colleges and universities for over 35 years.</p>	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street
March 10	Hydrangea Ps & Qs: Planting Pruning, pH, Problems and your questions answered		
	Monday 6:30 pm	<p>Hydrangeas are deciduous shrubs or vines with large leaves and showy flowers. The flowers are arranged in large clusters for a dramatic show. Hydrangeas bloom in midsummer to fall, depending on the species. The most common type, bigleaf hydrangea (<i>H. macrophylla</i>), generally grows 3 to 6 feet tall and wide and bears huge, ball-shaped or flat-topped (lacecap) clusters of flowers. Come learn about this beautiful shrub.</p> <p>Kathie Skinner is a Lifetime Master Gardener, the past Education Coordinator and past Master Gardener Training Coordinator for the MMGA. She is a retired educator with over 40 years teaching and administering in K-12. She currently does education policy research and writing for various state and national education organizations.</p>	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street Marblehead, MA.

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March 20		Spring Pruning Workshop	
	Thursday 2:00	<p>Some trees are best pruned just after flowering in summer, others in the heart of winter. But there are trees and shrubs that do best when pruned in early spring. Join us in this workshop to learn the do's and don'ts of Spring Pruning. Long Hill</p> <p>Visitors delight in the beauty of Long Hill's structured and naturalistic gardens. A diverse collection of trees, shrubs, and distinctive perennial plants provide color and beauty throughout the year.</p> <p>Workshop led by Trustees of the Reservation staff at Long Hill.</p>	<p>Long Hill 576 Essex St. Beverly, MA.</p>
April 9		Preparation for Dig and Divide and Plant Sale; Garden Tools Demonstration	
	Wednesday 6:30 pm	<p>In addition to digging plants from local gardens, members are required to donate plants from their own gardens. You'll learn tips for selecting and preparing plants for the plant sale as well as what you need to know about the sale itself.</p> <p>We will also have a demonstration of some of our favorite Garden Tools.</p> <p>Dig and Divide Preparations by the Plant Committee and Lisa Biggio. Tools demonstrated by Kathy Bradford and Joy Purdin.</p>	<p>Abbot Library 235 Pleasant St. Marblehead, MA.</p>
April TBD		Dig & Divide in Local Gardens	
		<p>Take all of your newfound knowledge to the field!</p> <p>Final dates to be determined based on weather conditions and length of the winter season</p>	

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May 9 & 10		Plant Sale (and set up)	
	Friday & Saturday	Our annual fundraiser.	Masonic Temple 62 Pleasant St. Marblehead, MA
TBD		Spring Clean-Up	
		Join one of the spring clean-up crews to rake leaves, weed, prune dead branches and plant new annuals or perennials.	Abbot Library or Farrell Court
June TBD		Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting	
		Come join our end of year celebration luncheon and business meeting. Vote on updates to the Bylaws and the Slate of Officers for 2025-2026.	To Be Determined
June 19		Leaf Bird Bath Workshop	
	Thursday 2:00 PM	<p>This is a hands-on workshop where you will create and take home a bird bath to display in your garden.</p> <p>Visitors delight in the beauty of Long Hill's structured and naturalistic gardens. A diverse collection of trees, shrubs, and distinctive perennial plants provide color and beauty throughout the year.</p> <p>Workshop led by Trustees of the Reservation staff at Long Hill.</p>	Long Hill 576 Essex St. Beverly, MA.