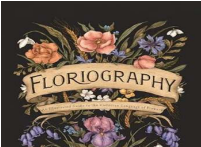


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Month	Day	Topic	Location
September 19, 2026		Fall Cocktail Party	
	Saturday 6:00 PM	The Fall Cocktail Party is a wonderful way to kick off our new garden club season! Spouses and guests are invited to attend and share stories about their summer garden successes. Learn more details about the upcoming year, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and connect with new and old friends in the club!	By Invitation
October 7, 2026		The Victorian Language of Flowers	
	Wednesday 6:30 PM	Did you know that in the Victorian era, every flower had a secret meaning? Author and illustrator Jessica Roux decodes the mysterious flower language, and shares her research and stories behind her favorite blooms. Her illustrated books will be available for purchase.	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street Marblehead
October 10, 2026		Horticultural Highlights of Mount Auburn Cemetery - Field Trip	
	Saturday 10:00 AM	Join us for a guided walking tour of Mt. Auburn Cemetery, the first landscaped 'garden' cemetery in the U.S. Established in 1831, the site has unique scenery, horticulture, and sculptural art. Its success helped launch the American parks movement. Mt. Auburn has a collection of over 5,500 trees, shrubs, and plants from around the world that cover the 175-acre cemetery. Wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to walk over a mile on this tour!	580 Mt. Auburn Street Cambridge
November 18, 2026		Gardens, Chateaux, and Historical Sites of Normandy, France	
	Wednesday 6:30 PM	DGC member Ginny von Rueden shares a journey through the beautiful province of Normandy in northwestern France. Her presentation includes award-winning gardens, majestic estates, and iconic locations like Mont St. Michel and Gilded Age seaside towns whose scenery provided inspiration for 19th-century Impressionist artists.	Zoom & Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street Marblehead
Date TBD		Trip to Jacobson Floral in Boston	
	Friday 9:00 AM	Each year, the Driftwood Garden Club decorates one of the rooms at the historic King Hooper Mansion. To prepare for this event, we travel to Boston wholesale source Jacobson Floral for supplies, and then host a workshop for members to make garlands, bows, and more! Watch your email for specific dates and details for the shopping trip, construction workshop, and installation at the King Hooper! Laurie Boggis and Ginny Von Rueden co-chair this event.	Meet at Old North Church Parking Lot at 9 AM to carpool 8 Stacey Street Marblehead

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December 9, 2026		Holiday Wreath Decorating at new location	
	Wednesday 6:30 PM	This year we are decorating holiday wreaths and swags in the function room at Old Farrell Court, and these decorated items will be distributed to the residents. Bring your pinecones, dried seed pods, shells, ribbons, and festive decorations to adorn wreaths and swags. Don't forget your glue gun!	Old Farrell Court Function room Marblehead
January 6, 2027		Plant Parenthood	
	Wednesday 6:30 PM	Popular speaker Betsy Szymczak is a Senior Principle Certified MA Master Gardener and a retired microbiology professor. This program focuses on propagating popular houseplants. Various techniques such as stem, leaf, and petiole cuttings will be discussed, along with pruning and grooming.	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street Marblehead
February 3, 2027		Eighteenth Century Herbs	
	Wednesday 6:30 PM	Join us for a presentation by Betsey Golon, and expert in 18th-century herbs. A board member at Joppa Hills Farm in Bedford, NH, Betsey has created and sold organic herbal products through L.L.Bean, botanical gardens, and specialty stores for many years. Betsey has managed the Sabbathday Lake Shaker herb gardens, and she serves as the herbalist honorarium for George Washington's Mount Vernon in Virginia.	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street Marblehead
March 3, 2027		Gardening with Wildlife	
	Wednesday 6:30 PM	Join in person at the library or on Zoom while Dr. Martha Gach teaches us why landscaping and gardening for local wildlife is so important, and describes simple sustainable practices that support it. Learn wild-life-friendly gardening practices to support local species and pollinators in a more sustainable fashion.	Zoom & Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street Marblehead
April 7, 2027		Plant Sale: Everything to Know and Then Some	
	Wednesday 6:30 PM	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. The Plant Sale Committee will present.	Abbot Library 235 Pleasant Street Marblehead

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Dates TBD		Dig & Divide in local gardens	
		Watch your emails for dates for Dig and Divide sessions in local gardens.	Members and Volunteer gardens
Date TBD		Spring Field Trip location TBD	
		Stay tuned for information on the location of a spring field trip!	
May 7 & 8, 2027		Plant Sale	
	Set up Friday 5/7 Plant Sale Sat. 5/8	*All hands on deck for our annual fundraiser.* On Friday 5/7 we organize, set up tables, and drop off our clean and labeled plants. On Saturday morning 5/8 at 8:30 AM we welcome customers to our sale. Optional luncheon to follow.	Masonic Temple 62 Pleasant Street Marblehead
June 5, 2027		Annual Meeting and Luncheon	
	Saturday noon	Come join our year-end celebration luncheon and business meeting. We enjoy a lovely luncheon with friends and vote on the Slate of Officers for 2027-2028 year.	By Invitation