



Andover Garden Club members Jen Turner, Kerin Gallo, Edibeth Farrington, Gail Parenteau, Nance Teach, and Vicky Mishcon make Bee Hotels for the Club's Earth Day celebration. Photo: Mary Lou McCrave

Garden Club Hosts Webinars, Plans Civic Beautification

Floral display contest coming in May

Mary Lou McCrave
Andover Garden Club

During May, Club members will begin civic beautification plans. Local businesses and organizations will be approached to participate in a floral summer window box or hanging basket display. Awards for first, second, and third place will be presented in mid-August.

Winning arrangements will be judged on color, container design and structure, and plant selection. Let's give our quaint and picturesque town of Andover a face-lift! Business owners, please respond "Yes!" when a member of the Beautification Committee approaches you to join in the fun.

In April, Garden Club members enjoyed a four-week webinar series on sustainable gardening. Each Tuesday, members gathered at the Andover Community Hub in front of a recently donated large-screen smart TV to view an informative Fine Gardening series. Topics covered were: sustainable garden design; naturalistic approaches to landscape planning; native alternatives for common plants; pollinator-friendly plant selections; habitat conservation; enhancing soil sustainability; and successful native-plant integration.

It was a great learning experience, not only giving members an opportunity to expand their knowledge of sustainable gardening practices, but also in introducing Club members with like-minded interests. Plans are now being made to offer webinars year-round featuring timely and relevant topics. The next webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 6 PM. For more information, email AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com.

On April 27, in honor of Earth Day, Club member and apiarist Kim Pease presented "Why Honeybees are Important and Other Pollinators." Native bee (and insect) "hotels" were given away, and native plant- and bee-themed books, art prints, and tote bags were sold, as well as honey products from Ball Family Farm in Salisbury. Proceeds benefit the Club's education programs and civic beautification efforts. It was a lively meeting, and much fun and learning was had by all.

The next Club meeting will be held at the Hub on Wednesday, June 8, from 3 to 5 PM, when Lilac Society President John Bentley will demonstrate how to prune lilacs, using the Hub's overgrown shrubs as examples. Members will also participate in an exchange of perennial plants. For more information, visit the Club's Facebook page at Andover NH Garden Club.

And be sure to "Like" the Club on Facebook to receive up-to-date information about events and activities.

The Andover Garden Club is a program of the Andover Community Hub, and membership is free and open to all.

Wilmot Garden Club Hosts Annual Plant Sale

One day only,
May 28, rain or shine!

Press release

The Wilmot Garden Club's famous annual plant sale will be held from 8 AM to noon on Saturday, May 28, on the Wilmot Town Green, right off of Route 11 next to the bandstand and Wilmot Town Offices at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road. Follow the signage from Route 11.

In preparation for the plant sale, Wilmot Garden Club members dig, pot, and nurture perennials donated by local gardeners to sell alongside a wide selection of picture-perfect, greenhouse-

raised annuals and vegetable plants trucked directly from Jolly Farmer Nurseries.

Every year funds raised by the plant sale are used to beautify the town of Wilmot and to award a scholarship to students demonstrating a strong interest in the field of horticulture.

As usual, the garden club's annual plant sale is a one day only, rain or shine event. Members of the Wilmot Garden Club will be on hand to assist you with your choices. Convenient parking is on-site. See you there!

For questions, contact Lindy at Lindy@HeimFamily.org or 603 748-2627.

Franklin Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 28

Press release

There will be a community-wide yard sale in Franklin on Saturday, May 28, rain or shine, from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Maps will be available for \$2 starting at 7:45 AM on the day of the event in front of Franklin High School at 115 Central Street, Franklin.

Proceeds from registration fees and map sales will benefit the Twin Rivers Food Pantry, which serves income-eligible individuals and families from Franklin and surrounding towns, including Andover.

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