

Academy Garden Club  
of Lenox



2018-2019 Yearbook

## OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Academy Garden Club of Lenox shall be to promote interest in horticulture, artistic arrangements and education.

## CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soils and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

Academy Garden Club of Lenox  
Lenox, Massachusetts 01240

2018-19

Member of the Garden Club  
Federation of Massachusetts

Organized 1977

Federated 1990

Membership  
49 Members

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENT  
Nancy L. Hargroves

NEW ENGLAND GARDEN CLUBS  
Susan Hinkel, Regional Director

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
Suzanne McCance, President

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
Sue Metzner

ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX  
P.O. Box 2081  
Lenox, MA 01240

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Club shall be the Academy Garden Club of Lenox.

### ARTICLE II – OBJECT

Its object shall be to promote interest in horticulture, artistic arrangements, and education.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**Active** members must pay yearly dues of \$30. (Changed in 2012) Members in arrears shall be notified in a timely manner and if after receiving one reminder and a note from the Treasurer concerning nonpayment of dues they shall be dropped from membership.

**Active** members must participate in one fund-raising activity and one civic project.

**Active** members must attend at least 5 meetings a year. Meetings are held 9 times a year.

If an **Active** member cannot fulfill the guidelines laid down for membership due to unusual circumstances they may request an extension or waiver from the Membership Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. Such circumstances could include serious illness or changing family circumstances.

To accommodate individuals who wish to participate in some club activities but cannot meet the requirements for active membership, a category of **Associate** member has been developed.

**Associate** members must pay yearly dues of \$40 (changed in 2012). If these dues are not paid within two months of the yearly notice, associate members will be dropped from the membership roster.

**Associate** members must attend at least 3 meetings a year.

When meetings involve workshop activities, active members shall take precedence over associate members in cases of limited participation.

A new member may join at any time by paying the annual dues fee.

#### **ARTICLE IV – ELECTION**

**Section 1.** A Nominating Committee of two or more persons shall be appointed by the President to prepare a slate of officers. This slate shall be presented for acceptance at the May meeting. Floor nominations shall also be accepted at this time. Final presentation and voting will take place at the June meeting. These officers will assume their new positions effective September.

**Section 2.** The term for President will be for one year. The term for Vice President will be for one year with the person in that position moving into the President's position for the following year. No person shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms; a term consists of two years. For the second term of Treasurer, after the first term, two non-officers will audit the Treasurer's records. Changed 2018.

**Section 3.** Vacancies shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The Club shall meet at least 9 months of the year.

**Section 2.** There will be 2 or more open meetings per year. Workshops and dinner meetings will not be open meetings.

**Section 3.** The final meeting shall be called the Annual Meeting, at which time the annual reports shall be given and officers shall be elected.

**Section 4.** Business can be conducted with the approval of a majority of the members present unless a quorum is requested.

**Section 4a.** Seven active members shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE VI – LIST OF OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**Section 1.** The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club, see that the provisions of the by-laws are carried out, and assume all duties assigned by custom to that office. The

President shall act as a member ex-officio of all committees.

The President shall not vote except in the event of a tie.

**Section 2.** The Vice-President shall assist the President, and shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.

**Section 3.** The Recording/Corresponding Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of each meeting, shall have custody of the records of the Club, and take the roll at each meeting, and be responsible for all correspondence.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall have charge of the general funds. The Treasurer shall receive income and pay the bills of the Club after such bills are presented to the Club and approved by a majority vote.

**Section 5.** The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for publicity.

#### **ARTICLE VII – STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** There shall be the following Standing Committees: Nominating, Program, Handbook, Hospitality, Horticulture and Civic Projects.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers, the most recent past president, and chairmen of all standing committees. It shall meet by order of the President and oversee the general direction of affairs. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 3.** The committee in charge of a project has the authority to cancel that project with the approval of the President if in its best judgment that project becomes unworkable.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – DUES**

**Section 1.** The dues shall be \$30 (changed 2012) per year payable by June 30 and delinquent by July 31. Non-payment of dues will result in removal from active membership.

**Section 2.** Any expense above \$100.00 incurred by an extra-curricular activity must be approved by two-thirds vote of the membership present.

#### **ARTICLE IX – HOSPITALITY**

The Hospitality Chairman shall submit any bills to the Treasurer

#### **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present, providing such amendment shall have been presented to the Club in writing at one regular meeting immediately preceding the one in which the action is to be taken.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

In the event of dissolution, all the remaining assets and property of the organization shall, after payment of necessary expenses, be distributed to such organization as shall qualify under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law or to the Federal Government, a State or Local government for public purpose, subject to the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

The Academy Garden Club of Lenox shall not permit in their conduct of club affairs, any restriction or limitation whatsoever based upon race, color, creed, gender, and national origin or employment status.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

The fiscal year of the Academy Garden Club of Lenox shall be from July 1 to June 30.

## **2018-2019 OFFICERS**

Academy Garden Club of Lenox

### **President**

Jan Chague

### **Vice President**

Harriet Wetstone

### **Secretary**

Jen Picard

### **Treasurer**

Ginny Akabane

## 2018-2019 COMMITTEES

**Civic Projects** – Jan Chague, Chair

**Fundraising** – Carol Newton Rumph, Chair

Jan Chague, Theresa Fasano, Anne Gannon, Sue Hoffman, Caroline Kessman, Colette Lemanski, Theresa Michney, Debbie Sweeney

**Handbook/Publicity Committee** - Patricia Neri, Chair

Ginny Acabane, Mary Ann Coakley, Sandy Merlino, Sudy Bell, Jan Chague

**The Thymes**, Patricia Neri, Editor

**Historian:** Tjasa Sprague, Chair, with Sarah Hatch

**Horticulture Co-Chairs** – Jan Chague, Kathy DeVlyder,  
Bobbie Anne Salinetti

**Monthly Horticultural Notes** - Harriet Wetstone

**Hospitality**

**Co-Chairs:** MaryAnn Coakley and Sandry Merlino

**Program Committee** – Harriet Wetstone, Chair

Janice Brindisi, Jan Chague, Colette Lemanski,  
Theresa Michney, Dianne Romeo

**Scholarship Committee** – Janice Brindisi, Chair  
Lois Hill, Dianne Romeo, Lynn Schmitter, Carol Way

**Summer Garden Tours** – Dianne Romeo, Chair

**Nominating Committee**

2018-2019 Officers

## 2018-2019 CIVIC PROJECTS

**Co-Chairs:** Jan Chague, Kathy DeVlyder,  
Bobbi Ann Salinetti

### Monument

- **Plantings** – Design, plant and maintain flowers around the town monument.
- **Designer:** Bobbi Ann Salinetti
- **Committee:** Dianne Romeo
- **Watering:** DPW

**Post Office Windows:** Plan and place attractive displays with outdoor and gardening themes in the windows of Lenox Post Office three times a year with fourth time with Lenox Historical Society from June through August. Lenox Memorial Middle and High School students in other window under direction of Karen Romeo-Leger. Over the summer into October the Lenox Historical Society will display in the high school window.

**September 11, 2018**

**Program: Meet & Greet  
& Pot Luck Dinner**

**Meeting Place and Time:**  
Lenox Academy Building – 7:00 pm

**Refreshment Hostesses:** *Everyone brings a main dish except the Dessert Committee*

**Dessert Committee:** Jan Chague, Jean Drees, Joan Hajduk, Caroline Kessman, Collette Lemanski, Jen Picard, Dianne Romeo

**Post Office Windows**  
**September, October, November**  
Theresa Michney, Nancy Crosson

*Don't forget your place settings!*

**October 9, 2018**

**Program: Deer Resistant Gardens**

**Speaker:** Chris Ferrero, a Cornell Master Gardener from Dutchess County, NY

**Meeting Place and Time:**  
Lenox Academy Building – 7:00 pm

**Refreshment Hostesses:**

Lynn Schmitter  
Carol Way  
Barb Czelusniak



**November 13, 2018**

**Program: Boxwood Wreath Workshop**

**Instructor:** Liz Celli

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Meeting Place and Time:**

Lenox Academy Building – 4:00 pm

**Refreshment Hostesses:**

Lois Hill

Jane Whalen

Bobbie Ann Salinetti

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**Spring Flower Shows TBA**

**December 14, 2018**

**Program: Traditional Holiday Party**

**Meeting Place and Time:**

Ventfort Hall - 6:00 pm

**Cost:** \$5 per member to cover cost of party

**Food Pantry:** A cash donation will be taken for the Lenox Food Pantry. Please be as generous as possible.

**Refreshment Hostesses:** *Everyone brings a main dish except the Dessert Committee*

**Dessert Committee:** Liz Celli, Jan Chague, Jean Drees, Theresa Fasano, Anne Gannon, Jen Picard, Carol Rumph

**Post Office Window**

**December, January, February**

Mary Ann Coakley, Joan Hajduk,

Lois Hill, Sandy Merlino

**January 2019**

**No Meeting in January**

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**February 12, 2019**

**Program: Glaze Ceramic Pots Workshop**

**Artist:** Deb Carter

**Meeting Place and Time:**

Lenox Community Center  
65 Walker Street, Lenox

5:00 pm

**Refreshment Hostesses:**

Janice Brindisi  
Theresa Michney

**March 12, 2019**

**Program: How to Mix Your Own Herbal Teas**

**Speaker:** Iris Bass, an Herb Associate and cookbook editor. Iris volunteers at Berkshire Botanical Garden and Berkshire Theater Festival.

**Meeting Place and Time:**

Lenox Academy Building – 7:00 pm

**Refreshment Hostesses:**

Colette Lemanski  
Nancy Cowhig

**Post Office Windows**

**March, April, May**

Jan Chague, Jen Picard

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**Watch for News on the  
Boston Flower and Garden Show**

**April 9, 2019**

**Program: Flower Arrangements**

**Speaker:** KK Zutter of the Berkshire Botanical Gardens

**Meeting Place and Time:**  
Lenox Academy Building – 7:00 pm

**Refreshment Hostesses:**  
Kathy DeVylder, Patricia Neri

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**May 14, 2019**

**Program: The Nature and Nurture of Coffee**

**Presenter:** Lisa Landry, Owner of No. Six Depot Roastery and Café

**Meeting Place and Time:** 6 Depot Street, West Stockbridge, MA – 6:00 pm

*Thoughts about  
Spring/Summer Road Trips*

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**June 11, 2019**

**Program: Annual Meeting**

**Meeting Place and Time:**  
Berkshire Botanical Garden's recently renovated Center House – 6 pm

**Refreshment Hostesses:** *Everyone brings a main dish except the Dessert Committee*

**Dessert Committee:** Ginny Akabane, Jan Chague, Nancy Cowhig, Joan Hajduk, Abigail McKee, Theresa Michney, Jen Picard, Carol Way

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*August Flower Show  
Academy Garden Club &  
Lenox Historical Society*

## MEMBERS

Agar, Helen

Akabane, Ginny

Archev, Pat

Bell, Anne Marie

Bell, Susan "Sudy"

Brindisi, Janice

Celli, Liz

Chague, Jan

Coakley, Mary Ann

Cowhig, Nancy

Crosson, Nancy

Czelusniak, Barbara

Devereaux, Barbara

DeVylder, Kathy

Dore, Jill

Drees, Jean

Fasano, Theresa

Fulco, Karen

Gannon, Anne

Hajduk, Joan

Hamilton, Ceil

Hatch, Sarah

Hawkins, Brooke

Hill, Lois

Hoff, Alice

Hoffman, Sue

Joyner, Karen

Kessman, Caroline

Leahey, Jane

Lemanski, Colette

Mack, Anne

Merlino, Sandy

**Michney, Theresa Terry**

**Neri, Patricia**

**Parker, Joan**

**Picard, Jen**

**Romeo, Dianne**

**Romeo-Leger, Karen**

**Rumph, Carol**

**Salinetti, Bobbi Anne**

**Schmitter, Lynn**

**Sprague, Tjasa**

**Sweeney, Debbie**

**Taylor, Ingrid**

Way, Carol

Wetstone, Harriet

Whalen, Jane

Wilson, Emily

**ADDENDUM**

McKee, Abigail

**Email Addresses**

Ginny Akabane  
Anne Marie Bell  
Susan "Sudy" Bell  
Janice Brindisi  
Liz Celli  
Jan Chague  
Mary Ann Coakley  
Nancy Cowhig  
Nancy Crosson  
Barb Czelusniak  
Barb Devereaux  
Kathy DeVlyder  
Jill Dore  
Jean Drees  
Theresa Fasano  
Anne Gannon  
Joan Hajduk  
Ceil Hamilton  
Sarah Hatch  
Brooke Hawkins  
Lois Hill  
Sue Hoffman  
Karen Joyner

Email Addresses (continued)

Caroline Kessman  
Jane Leahey  
Colette Lemanski  
Anne Mack  
Sandy Merlino  
Abigail McKee  
Pat Neri  
Jen Picard  
Lynne Roberson  
Dianne Romeo  
Karen Romeo-Leger  
Carol Rumph  
Bobbi Salinetti  
Lynn Schmitter  
Tjasa Sprague  
Debbie Sweeney  
Ingrid Taylor  
Theresa Terry Michney  
Carol Way  
Harriet Wetstone  
Emily Wilson

**Phone Tree #1**

*When information needs to be sent to members on very short notice, we use the phone tree. When you are called, please call the person below you on the list and leave a message if there is no answer and keep calling until you talk to someone who can then call the person next in line.*

<b><i>NAME</i></b>	<b><i>PHONE #</i></b>
Pat Archey	
Jane Leahey	
Liz Celli	
Sue Hoffman	
Colette Lemanski	
Carol Rumph	
Bobbi Ann Salinetti	
Deb Sweeney	
Jane Whalen	



## Phone Tree #2

*Read instructions under Phone tree #1*

Mary Ann Coakley  
Nancy Cowhig  
Jean Drees  
Karen Fulco  
Ceil Hamilton  
Brooke Hawkins  
Lois Hill  
Sandy Merlino  
Joan Parker  
Emily Wilson  
Lynn Schmitter

## Phone Tree #3

*See instructions on Phone Tree #1*

Kathy DeVylde  
Ingrid Taylor  
Janice Brindisi  
Karen Romeo-Leger  
Barb Czelusniak  
Tjasa Sprague  
Theresa Terry Michney  
Dianne Romeo  
Anne Gannon  
Carol Way  
Harriet Wetstone  
Susan "Sudy" Bell  
Sarah Hatch

## Phone Tree #4

*Read instructions under Phone Tree #1*

Jan Chague  
Theresa Fasano  
Ginny Akabane  
Nancy Crosson  
Barbara Devereaux  
Jill Dore  
Joan Hajduk  
Caroline Kessman  
Anne Mack  
Pat Neri  
Anne Marie Bell  
Karen Joyner  
Abigail McKee

*The red rose cries, "She is near, she is near";*

*And the white rose weeps, "she is late";*

*The larkspur listens, "I hear, I hear";*

*And the lily whispers, "I wait".*

**-Alfred Lord Tennyson**