

Academy Garden Club Thymes

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX

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Academy Building

SAVING SEEDS

Dan Tawczynski, owner of Taft Farms will show us how to save the seeds from our favorite plants for the following year.

Hi Everyone,

It's finally March! This has been a long drawn out winter and one I'll be happy to see go. There is an end in sight with daylight savings time around the corner, millions of gardening catalogs coming in the mail and our new spring display in the Lenox Post Office Window.

February's meeting was well attended, thank you for attending. Dr. Pettus was educational, interesting and entertaining. He gave us all a lot to think about. The message that I walked away with was to eat more "locally" grown vegetables and fruits. I hope that he motivated a few of you to grow a vegetable garden this spring or at least tuck a few vegies in between your flowers.

This month's meeting promises to be very educational as the owner of Taft Farm lectures on seed saving. It is easy and very rewarding to do.

On another note, last fall Anne Gannon and I attended a luncheon given by the Mass Garden Club Federation. All of the local organizations were invited so that we might introduce ourselves to each other and learn from each other. One project that they ALL do is to give an annual scholarship to their high school. Some give \$250 and others give \$500. It's supposed to be a part of our mission and it is something that we do not do. I propose that everyone think about this for a week and then we'll take a vote in March. I have spoken to the school department and we are not too late to offer one this year. Please give this serious consideration.

So, see you soon,
Dianne

A few events to consider attending as we dream of warmer weather:

- Berkshire Botanical Garden workshop, "Ready, Set, Grow" on March 7th
- Boston Flower Show is from March 11-15th
- Smith College Spring Bulb Show March 7 to March 22
- Western Mass. Master Gardeners Symposium
Lenox Memorial Middle/High School
April 11th

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Horticultural Corner

By Kathy DeVyllder

Snow-snow-snow It's all great winter mulch and is protecting your plants. So there is something good about it all. Good time to prune crabapple trees and blueberries if you can get to them.

Houseplants need "food" but only at 1/2 - 1/4 strength fertilizer. They will react to longer days with new growth. Pinch this growth to get bushier plants.

Buy/order seeds early. Research starting time for seeds as they vary. Example: pansies and heliotrope should be started late Feb. to mid March; petunias and impatiens mid March to end of March. Have fun starting your own plants.

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