

Academy Garden Club Thymes

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

MAY 2024

Dear Members of the Academy Garden Club of Lenox,

I hope you have been enjoying the nice spring weather. There is much news to share.

New Club Website

I hope you have had a chance to visit the new Club website that Jill announced in her email on April 22. Many thanks to Jill and to Pat Neri and her husband Bill Schaepe for designing and launching the website. The three of them did phenomenal work bringing to fruition an idea that Kathleen Lynch and I had back in 2022!! The address of the website is www.agclenox.org

Next Meeting

We have a big meeting coming up May 14 at the Community Center at 6 pm!

Please bring non-perishable food items for our donation to fight local hunger. Many thanks to Dianne Romeo for coordinating and transporting our donations.

Our agenda will include:

1. Nominating Report (we will elect the nominated officers at the June meeting)
2. Proposed budget and a look back at how we did financially in our 2023-2024 Club Year (we will approve the proposed budget at the June meeting)
3. Update on pollinator-friendly garden to be located at the Lenox Community Garden – we will have a plan from Chris Ferraro who will join us. In addition to hearing her vision, we will have a questionnaire to help identify which plants the Club prefers and to indicate any plants on the vision list which members have to donate (we hope to defray all plant acquisition costs with donations)

4. News on rescheduled flower arranging workshop, to be conducted at a wine and cheese fundraiser the date to be announced.
5. An exciting program to be led by our own Cindy Packard. Here is a description and information from Cindy, who hopes everyone can join in the fun:

- We will be creating nature prints from plant materials and acrylic paints (instead of the block printing mentioned in our handbook). This should be a fun class and you will take home a print of your own design. There are a few tips/recommendations for you to consider bringing to class:
- Wear or bring with you an old work shirt or apron that you don't mind getting paint on. Acrylic paint dries quite quickly and, if dried on your clothing, it will not come off. Cindy will have baby wipes available. If you get it on your clothes and it is still wet, it may be possible to wipe it off.
- You will get paint on your fingers which will come off with soap and water and maybe a nail brush. If you want to minimize "finger paint" consider bringing a pair of tweezers. You will probably still get a bit painty but it will help. Tweezers also make it easier to lift your plant material off of the paper you are printing onto but they are not necessary.

Other than those two things, all materials will be provided. Please let Cindy or our Secretary Sarah Hatch know if you plan to participate in the painting so we can be sure to have enough materials for everyone. Hope to see you at the May meeting.

Best, Susan

- Susan