



Gates Mills Garden Club

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Holiday Greetings Garden Friends,

It is hard to believe we are in the last month of 2020. What a year it has been! Despite the pandemic, Garden Club members have been busy with club activities, many of which benefit our community. I am humbled by their willingness to keep things going during an exceedingly difficult year. Gardening, flowers, and community outreach seemed to be the perfect therapy! Some of the highlights of 2020 include:

- **Arbor Day** - A White Oak was planted in front of the Post Office and dedicated in memory of our Club member and former Gates Mills Mayor, Connie White.
- **May Day Baskets** - With the help of members and the service department, we were able to continue the tradition of hanging baskets of daisies throughout the Village.
- **Bridge Box Planting** - Members continued the tradition of planting the summer and holiday bridge boxes.
- **Annual Plant Sale fundraiser** - We hosted the sale online this year and most of the plants sold within hours of opening.
- **National Garden Week**, June 7-13 - Special programs and community outreach were held each day to highlight the importance of gardening.
- **Scholarships** - Scholarships were given to students pursuing a degree related to horticulture or conservation.
- **Library & Post Office Flowers** - While the library was closed during the pandemic, members displayed weekly flower arrangements at the Post Office. We now provide flower arrangement to both the Library and the Post Office.
- **Petite Design Specialty Flower Show** - In September, we had an invitation only flower show to keep our members engaged and to enhance their creativity.
- **Youth & Senior Outreach** - Members helped youth plant Victory Gardens, wrote notes to seniors, and decorated pumpkins and mini-birdhouse plant stakes for Meals on Wheels.

For 2021, we will continue to plan our programs and events using social distancing guidelines while adhering to our Garden Club mission to *stimulate interest in gardening, preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Village of Gates Mills and promote charitable, educational, and scientific endeavors related to gardening.*

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable and healthy holiday season!

Mary Schmidt, Gates Mills Garden Club President

At all Garden Club events social distancing guidelines will be followed and masks required.

Virtual Board Meeting
December 1st
10 am
Details to Follow



Library and Post Office Flowers

December 7	Leah Whidden
December 14	Martha Robbins
December 21	Beth Jacobs
December 28	Beatrix Hegedus



The Holiday Luncheon
scheduled for
Tuesday, December 8th
has been cancelled due to COVID-19

Congratulations!

One of our youth, Geneva, (age 12 years) won an Honorable Mention in the Central Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs (includes Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia) for her "Adventures in the Garden" poem. She received a special certificate for this accomplishment. Congratulations Geneva!!



Holiday Greens Workshop
Tuesday, December 1st
3 - 5 pm
at the Barn

Members who RSVP'd by the November 13th deadline will watch as Maggie Fusco of New Growth Landscaping and Wood Road Salad Farm demonstrates how to create a beautiful swag on a 12" base. Participants will then be provided with all the necessary supplies to create a swag in the comfort of his/her home. Snacks and wine will be provided. Groups will meet from 3 - 3:30, 3:30 - 4, 4 - 4:30, and 4:30 - 5.

Save the Date

Movie Night

The 3rd annual John Tuckerman Movie Night will be tentatively held on Thursday, January 14th at 6 pm in the Barn. Movie and more information to be announced.