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President's Monthly Message

Wintery Greetings,

After all that marvelous sunshine, winter has settled in upon us. As much as I detest snow, cold rain and slush, let us hope for plenty of precipitation to end our autumn drought.

It is with deepest sympathy to Jina that I must report that her father passed away suddenly. She has gone to Oregon to be with her family. We send our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

If you have not viewed Diane's hard work on publicity at our website and HCAM you are in for a treat. Diane has done the best publicity job for the club in recent memory. She is looking for an apprentice who can help her this year and take over the duties of publicity chair next year. Previous experience is optional. Leslie has done a wonderful job setting up exciting programs for us for the year. She is also seeking an apprentice. Please consider working with these ladies. This is YOUR club.

The board continues to work behind the scenes to make the Hopkinton Garden Club a fun, educational organization for you. We welcome your ideas. Get involved!

I hope everyone has planted their bulbs and is now impatiently waiting to see the little green leaves poke through the ground signaling spring has come. I will be checking mine weekly for the next four months.

We are sad that Shannon is leaving us and taking her darling baby girl to Connecticut, but wish them all the best. Happy gardening, Shannon, in your new home.

Watch for our exhibit in the Garden Club's area at the Boston Flower and Garden Show. We will be entering a tablescape in the Garden Club competition.

Stay warm. It's time to settle in beside the fire and plan next year's garden.

Merylyn

Board Officers:

Co -Presidents - Jina Kessler &
Merylyn Mezzit
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McCauley & Leslie Chodnowsky
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Upcoming Events

HGC Holiday Party

Date - Tues 17th December

Time - 6:30 p.m

Place - The Oregon Club in Ashland

Price - \$36/per person

Price includes a three course meal plus coffee/tea. There will be a cash bar. Main course selections and payment are due by Friday, December 13th to Maureen Schumacher.

Directions to Oregon Club will be coming via email to club members

Hope to see you there!



Calendar of events 2014

January 21st 2014 - General Meeting and program

Meeting 6.30pm, Speaker 7.30pm

Venue - Faith Community Church

Information - Master Gardener Topic TBC

February 18th 2014 - General Meeting and Program

Meeting 6.30pm, Speaker 7.30pm

Venue - Faith Community Church -

Information -Speaker=Warren Leach, Tranquil Lakes Nursery, "Beyond Blooms", Color and Structure by Season

March 18th 2014 - General Meeting and Program

Meeting 6.30pm, Speaker 7.30pm

Venue - Historical Society Building, Hayden Rowe.

Information - Speaker Colleen Plimpton as "Beatrix Farrand"



Welcome to our newest members

Mary Reynolds & Dorothy Maruska

Beautification

The Gazebo on the Town Common was decorated for the Holidays on Saturday Nov 30th from 11 - 1 by Ann Hussey Hogaboom, Dick Hogaboom, Nancy Smith, Caitlin Smith, Maureen Kane Bumiller, Nora & Heather. Chilly but the sun was warm. Mike Whalen happened by & took down the flags & will put up the big wreath with the bow a bit higher. Many hands made for light work.

The Library was decorated on Sunday 1st Nov. With some additional trimmings for downstairs and expansion of the snowman theme in the Children's Room, the library looks very festive for their holiday events. The Friends of the Library donated money this year to cover the newest decorations and again so appreciative of the Garden Club's help each year to do the actual decorating.



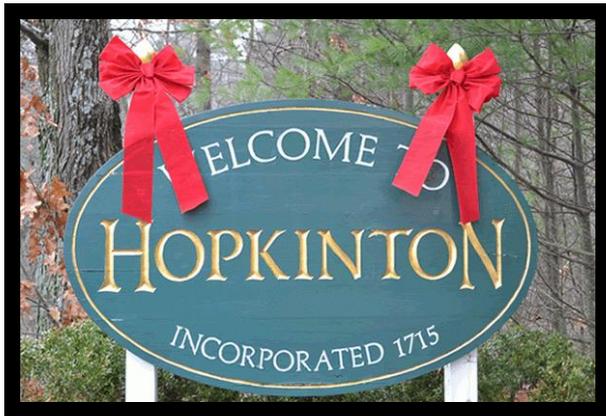
Beautification

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Preparations for winter have been taking place, although been drawn out to work around everyone's availability and the weather. Pots have been moved to Merylyn's barn, daffodils have been planted in the pots and town beautification areas, and garden cleanups have been started. We do still need a couple volunteers to clean up t Colella's garden area. I do appreciate the volunteers that have come forward in the past couple months to help.

We also need 1-2 additional people to come forward to help me with the Beautification Committee. With Shannon's move to Ct and Merylyn's current job as co-president, I do need help to run this committee. If anyone has any questions as to what is involved, please either call or email me.

Ann Hussey Hogaboom



Wayside Inn

Ann Hogaboom , Joan, Merylyn, Maureen S, Liz Swenson and I decorated the Howe Sitting Room , on Tuesday December 3rd.

We designed the room as last year with the crocheted Angels and cut out snowflakes with crystals in the windows.

2 wreaths, swag over the fireplace and hutch and lots of greens , bows , balls and berries,

Constance



Hopkinton Garden Club Receives a grant from the Hopkinton Cultural Council

I'm pleased to let everyone know our Beatrix Farrand, Rediscovered program, to be presented by Colleen

Plimpton, has been awarded a grant from the Hopkinton Cultural Council. This program will be presented on March 18, 2014 at the Hopkinton Historical Society.

We applied for the grant in October and were fortunate to receive a response in late November. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hopkinton Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Beatrix Farrand, Rediscovered is a first-person dramatic presentation, a unique style of performance that appeals to a wide audience. The audience will be thoroughly entertained while being informed about one of the first female landscape architects in this country. Reviews of this performance have been stellar. Our club sponsored a similar presentation on Isabella S. Gardner held in the same venue that was a resounding success and much appreciated by the residents of Hopkinton.

Hope to see you all there!

Leslie C



Hints & Tips to keep Xmas Tree healthy

Give it some sprite

A drop of sprite or a dilute mixture of water, sugar and lemon adds nourishment. The glucose in sugar will help the tree to maintain its cell structure and prevent needle loss, even several weeks after being cut. What's more, the carbon dioxide in sprite which gives it fizz is acidic and can help reduce the fungal and bacterial growth in the water that leads to unpleasant, stale smells.

... OR A SPLASH OF VODKA

A shot of vodka will do your tree the world of good. Alcohol will help to kill off bacteria in the water. Add a capful to the water every other day or so. Or even treat your tree to a vodka and lemonade cocktail.



Deadline for March
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“Elements of Floral Design” with Henry Schmidt and Diane Bullock

was a wonderful evening that inspired all of those in attendance to let their creativity flow. Most of the membership and a few town residents were in attendance for this intimate evening with two of our very accomplished club members.

Following a brief talk outlining the shapes of floral design, both of our speakers took turns creating designs with ongoing explanations and a free flow of questions from the audience. Henry did a masterful job creating two “traditional” designs - with pieces of a boa highlighting his harvest season design which used gourds as the container. He also showed how a simple pave design could be created by an inexperienced designer with Deb Cappadona volunteering to fill that role.

Diane made several “creative” designs - one duplicating a magnificent design she originally produced for a Neiman Marcus show interpreting their elegant jewelry. Others were seasonal designs including sunflowers on a tripod created out of bamboo and a horizontal design that highlighted the colors of the season. Names were drawn and several lucky members went home with an arrangement. You can see pictures of the event on our web site www.hopkintogardenclub.org.

A very warm and sincere thank you to Henry and Diane.



Henry Schmidt - Gourd Design



Diane Bullock - Neiman Marcus Design