



## GCFM “The Village News” December 1, 2025

### News from the Village Square – there is lots going on

As we all begin preparation for the upcoming holidays, we hope you take time to reflect on the past year. Many clubs have events in December that will keep members busy “greening up” the landscape. If you have time, take a stroll through your garden and see how it is preparing for winter.

 **Last call for State and Flower Show Award applications due on December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Send applications to [GCFMStateAwards@gmail.com](mailto:GCFMStateAwards@gmail.com) or [GCFMFlowerShowAwards@gmail.com](mailto:GCFMFlowerShowAwards@gmail.com)

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### JANUARY 2026 Deadlines:

**NGC Grant - AMES Tools Grant:** <https://gardenclub.org/ames-tools-grant>

Open: January 1 – March 1, 2026

Apply for high-quality tools to help your club complete its projects efficiently.

**NGC Grants - Open Year-Round:** <https://gardenclub.org/awards-and-grants>

- Native Plant and Wildflower Grants
- Youth Pollinator Garden Grants
- Natural Disaster Grants

These rolling grants are available at any time and offer support for specific needs.



### Here are some important dates for the upcoming Art in Bloom 2026:

We have shared this information previously, but as we approach the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> opening day, we are providing a friendly reminder of the deadlines and key due dates.

**Art in Bloom 2026 will mark the 50th anniversary** of this beloved spring tradition and preparations are already underway! For questions contact Linda Chernoff, Director, Special Events ([lcherbiff@mfa.org](mailto:lcherbiff@mfa.org), 617.369.3205) or Meg Kasuba, Art in Bloom Floral Design Coordinator - [mfa.org](http://mfa.org)



### Important Dates

- **Electronic Registration OPENS: Monday, December 1, 2025**
- **Designer Orientation Day: Monday, February 23, 2026, at 1:30 pm**
- **Inclement Weather Orientation Date: Monday, March 2, 2026, at 1:30 pm**
- **Arranging Day: Thursday, April 30, 2026 (*arrangements completed by 9 am*)**
- **Art in Bloom: Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3, 2026**
- **Arrangement Pick-Up: Monday, May 4, 2026 (*arrangements picked up by 9 am*)**



### Registration Details

Register promptly - there are **50 art objects** available for interpretation, and more garden clubs than slots. Once registered you will receive an email with a link to register your floral arranging duo. Then within 2 weeks of registering you will receive confirmation of your participation or addition to waitlist.



## Orientation Day

**Designer Orientation Day:** Monday, February 23, 2026 (*inclement weather date: Monday, March 2.*)

- **Both** designers must attend.
  - We will share all essential event information in advance. Note: there are a few updates this year. Each team will be introduced to the artwork they will be interpreting, always a memorable moment, then they can view their artwork and enjoy the Museum afterwards.
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## Arranging and Maintenance

New process this year: the MFA Floral Team will refresh floral arrangements on Friday and Sunday. Each design team must leave a bucket of replacement flowers for updates to your arrangements.

### Installation and Pickup:

- Design teams will install their arrangement on the morning of Thursday, April 30, 2026.
- All arrangements must be completed by 9 am on Thursday, April 30.
- Arrangements must be picked up by 9 am on Monday, May 4, 2026.

### Maintenance:

- One or two designers from each team must return on Saturday morning for maintenance. Your bucket will be available. Additional floral materials can be brought in for Sunday maintenance.
- Maintenance on Saturday will either 7 am or 8 am, and must be completed within 45 minutes.

### Security:

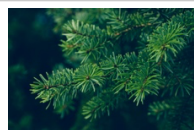
- For security reasons, only designers are permitted in the Museum before opening hours.
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## Guidelines and Restrictions

Certain works of art may have height or width restrictions. Restrictions will be strictly enforced to ensure the protection of all artwork. Only plant materials may be used.

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Best of luck to clubs holding greens sales or other events or fundraisers during December.

May you have good weather, a large crowd, and many club members to help.

Please send feedback or suggestions for future articles in the Village News to

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