

DETAILED MONTHLY PROGRAMS 26-27

Held at the Boys & Girls Club in Marshfield, unless noted otherwise

Monday, September 14, 2026 — 9:00 AM

Topic: Intersection of Plants and Wildlife

Speaker: Lisey Good

Lisey Good is the founder of South Shore-based environmental charity Wild Cohasset, which works to support New England's native plants and the wildlife that depend upon them for survival. She is the former Editor in Chief for the Garden Club of America's national magazine, The Real Dirt, and a frequent lecturer on biodiversity and wildlife. Lisey's topic today is the Intersection of Plants and Wildlife in our gardens.

- **Head Hostess:** Sheila Connors
- **Hostesses:** Dawn Vercollone, Penny Curran, Martha McCarthy, Linda Hughes

Monday, October 5, 2026 — 9:00 AM

Topic: Pruning, Planning, and Tools (*Demonstration — Bring branch samples!*)

Speaker: Christie Dustman

*Christie will give us a demonstration on Pruning and the thinking around pruning, and a tool overview. **Please bring samples (branches from your garden)**.*

Christie is the owner of Christie Dustman & Company Inc., a landscape design/build and maintenance company. She has won design awards, teaches at multiple venues including the MA Garden Federation, for Master Gardeners, garden clubs, and on the national stage. Her personal garden has been showcased on national tours. Currently there is a video of Christie in her garden on the Fine Gardening website. She is a Certified Landscape Designer with a passion for conifers and design that is meaningful and functional.

- **Head Hostess:** Susie MacPherson
- **Hostesses:** Eileen Sheehan, Gail Catalano, Carol Keaveny, Carolyn Kennedy

Monday, November 9, 2026 — 9:00 AM

Topic: Ecological Garden Design

Speaker: Demetra Tseckares

Gardens by Demetra owner Demetra Tseckares, is a native plant forward landscape designer with 20 years of experience who focuses on building ecological habitats. A stunning gallery of her work can be viewed at gardensbydemetra.com. Demetra will speak to us about design, touching on scale, reflecting yourself in your garden, what and why to plant under those large trees, plant combinations and environmental awareness in the process. It will be an eye opening and fun talk with plenty of time for questions and conversation.

- **Head Hostess:** Susan Sylvester
- **Hostesses:** Deb Lehman, Krista Blair, Marcia Joyce, Janet Clark

Holiday Greens Sale (Date & Time TBD)

Monday, December 14, 2026 — 9:00 AM

Topic: Annual Holiday Workshop

Presenters: Susie MacPherson and Eileen Sheehan

Hands-on holiday arrangement workshop led by GCFM President Susie MacPherson and Eileen Sheehan. (Members should bring floral shears/pruners).

- **Head Hostess:** Janice Brown
- **Hostesses:** Cindy Barry, Linda Curran, Josephine Bonaffini

January, Date and Time TBD

Event: Annual Winter Luncheon & Social Gathering

Monday, February 8, 2027 — 9:00 AM

Topic: Extending the Season: The Garden in Winter

Speaker: Joan Butler

Joan Butler is an avid gardener and plant collector, who believes gardens should invite you to linger in the world outside your door. She has presented programs to botanic gardens, horticultural societies, flower shows, garden clubs and libraries. Joan holds a degree in Geology from UMass Amherst and a Certificate in Landscape Management from UMass Green School. She is a Master Gardener, a retired Horticulturalist and a backyard birder. She is a former Chairman of the Massachusetts Landscape Design Council, a member of the Garden Consultants Council and is an Accredited Life Flower Show Judge. Joan is a past president of the Holliston Garden Club. She will speak today on Extending the Season in your garden, or The Garden in Winter

- **Head Hostess:** Carolyn Durfey
- **Hostesses:** Polly Washa, Lorraine Weeden, Marie Dowling, Regina Mortland

Monday, March 8, 2027 — 9:00 AM

Topic: Low-Maintenance Gardens and Ground Covers

Speaker: Leisha Johnson

Leisha Johnson is a garden and landscape designer who, for over 20 years, has helped homeowners transform challenging properties into vibrant gardens that bring lasting enjoyment. With a master's degree from the University of Michigan, formal training in design, more than 200 completed projects, and 20 industry awards, Leisha combines design expertise with long-term, hands-on experience. Returning to observe how plants respond, compete, spread, and sometimes fail, Leisha continually tests and refines her approach. She will speak today on Lower Maintenance Gardens and Ground Covers.

- **Head Hostess:** Eileen Aten
- **Hostesses:** Debbie Gill, Barbara Engstrom, Pam Snyder

Monday, April 12, 2027 — 9:00 AM

Topic: Harnessing Plants to Solve Problems

Speaker: Tovah Martin

Tovah Martin is a published author of multiple books on plants, has authored freelance articles in many garden focused magazines, and shared her garden knowledge on Public Radio broadcasts. She has lectured widely, believing that the dialogue between gardeners and garden clubs is her lifeblood. She has been honored by many awards including the GCA's award for outstanding literary achievement. Today Tovah will speak about Harnessing Plants to Solve Problems.

- **Head Hostess:** Alida Alberts
- **Hostesses:** Roberta Campbell, Andrea Sterling, Dana Tiberi

Monday, May 10, 2027 — 9:00 AM (Working Meeting) Wear gardening attire. Bring gloves, trowels, rakes, pruners, and yard waste containers.

Location: Historic Winslow House

Event: Annual Business Meeting, Leadership Elections, & Garden Work Party

Members will conduct annual elections, sign up for 2027–2028 assignments, and perform weed/trim maintenance at Winslow House gardens and Summer Street Island.

- **Gear Needed:** Gardening attire, gloves, trowels, rakes, pruners, and yard waste containers.
- **Head Hostess:** Sue Barber
- **Hostesses:** Roberta Fairbanks, Peg Davis, Ellie Hoehn, Jaclyn Robinson

Saturday, May 22, 2027 — 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: Marshfield Town Hall Green

Event: ANNUAL PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

Members are required to donate a minimum of 10 healthy, labeled plants, assist with setup, volunteer for sales shifts and breaks, and help breakdown at the end of the event. This is an all hands on event!!