

Attleboro Garden Club

Programs & Activities for Club Year 2026 – 2027

Meeting Schedule & Locations

Beginning in October and going through June of the following year.

Morning Programs

First Tuesday of each month
at 10:00 a.m.

Good News Bible Chapel,
235 West St., Attleboro, MA.

Evening Programs

Second Wednesday of each month
at 6:30 p.m.

Attleboro Public Library
74 North Main St., Attleboro, MA

**Any exceptions to these locations or times
will be noted in the individual program listing.**



TUES
OCT
06
10:00 a.m.

Pumpkin Floral Centerpieces | Joscelyn Varieur

Fall is in the air! Celebrate the change in seasons by creating an enchanting pumpkin centerpiece. Pumpkins and flowers will be provided. Bring your own pumpkin, if you prefer.

Please email Joscelyn if you plan to attend at cousinjos@gmail.com.

October Hostesses: Jessie Murphy, Lynn Moore, Penney Bush, Nancy Maguire Heath



WED
OCT
14
6:30 p.m.

The Chocolate History of Massachusetts |

Victoria Kichuk

Moderator: Andrea Dion-Purdy



Did you know that Boston and Massachusetts have many historical connections to chocolate?

We'll go on a sweet journey through this fascinating history. We will also enjoy five curated chocolate selections along with Victoria's expert tasting commentary.

Victoria's business, Cocoa Beantown, conducts tours, tastings, consulting and educational programs on chocolate to a wide range of local and international entities.

TUES
NOV
03
10:00 a.m.

Butterflies of New England | Lisey Good

Moderator: Andrea Dion-Purdy



Massachusetts boasts over 125 species of butterflies. Learn all about these fascinating pollinators and exactly which specific plants you can add to your garden to attract more of them.

We will also learn how to create a simple DIY puddling station to help butterflies survive our newly hotter summers.

Lisey Good is the founder of Wild Cohasset, a nonprofit which supports New England's native plants and the wildlife that depend upon them for survival.

November Hostesses: Linda Alger, Natalie MacDonald, Jane Carey, Susan McGinley

WED
NOV
11
6:30 p.m.

The Dirt on Dirt | Kathi Gariepy



Helping the trees, shrubs, and flowers grow well in your yard starts with soil. This presentation will cover how to understand the pH of your soil and how, what, when, and if you need to fertilize.

Additional topics include composting and proper watering techniques.

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting & program will take place at Kathi Gariepy's home, 1077 Pleasant Street, Attleboro

TUES
DEC
1
10:00 a.m.

Members Helping Members |

Jessie Murphy & Lynn Moore

Jessie and Lynn will guide us in making a seasonal item of our choice. We've made swag, boxwood trees, and wreaths in the past. It's always special when you make it yourself!

Call Jessie or Lynn with ideas or questions.

December Hostesses: Carol Lundquist, Sarah Brady, Kathleen Loftus



SAT
DEC
5
10:00 a.m.-
2:00 p.m.



Attleboro Parks Department Annual Holiday Parade

Attleboro Parks Department hosts the annual holiday parade starting at Attleboro High School ending at Highland Park.

The parade finishes with activities and raffles for children and adults.

WED
DEC
9
6:30 p.m.



Members Helping Members | Joscelyn Varieur

Decorate beautiful holiday wreaths with Joscelyn!

Wreaths will be provided.

Please email Joscelyn if you plan to attend at cousinjos@gmail.com.



SAT
JAN
9
11:45 a.m.

Winter Doldrums IX Luncheon

Enjoy the company of your Garden Club friends at

**Papagallos Restaurant,
87 Pleasant Street, Attleboro.**



What is the most beautiful place or thing you have seen in the past year?
Share your answer with us!

RSVP to Sandy Stuart if you plan to attend.

TUES
FEB
02
10:00 a.m.

Repotting House Plants | Andrew Potter

Moderator: Devon Lucas



Andrew Potter will do a hands-on demonstration of the art of repotting houseplants. Andrew has been managing the operations of the extensive greenhouse and the conservatory at Brigg's Nursery for over a decade. He is an avid gardener with a special appreciation for begonias, orchids, cacti, and succulents.



PLEASE NOTE:

This meeting & program will take place in the
Brigg's Nursery Greenhouse 295 Kelley Blvd., North Attleboro, MA
We will have reserved tables in Brigg's café.

Members can place an order, then sit and chat after the presentation.

WED
FEB
10
6:30 p.m.

Gardening for the Historically Unsuccessful |

Ali Coakley

Moderator: Sue McGinley



If you have tried growing vegetables and killed some plants—and who hasn't—then this is for you! Learn the basics in a way that will boost your confidence and get you to keep *something* alive in your garden, other than weeds this year.

Ali Coakley, owner of Night Owl Farms is a former educator turned farmer who is passionate about growing wholesome fruits and vegetables using sustainable, hand grown farming methods.

WED
MAR
10
6:30 p.m.

Humans & Their Use of Plants | Gretel Anspach

Moderator: Devon Lucas

People use plants for food of course, but also medicine, shelter, clothing, decoration, fuel, packaging. We'll talk about how the move from hunter-gatherer to agriculture and then industrial agriculture fundamentally changed everything about our lives and the world around us. We'll also look at how consumers influence the future of agriculture and the environment.

Gretel Anspach is a Trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, a Lifetime Master Gardener with the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, and a recently-retired systems engineer for Raytheon.



Bring a friend! This will be the Attleboro Garden Club Open Meeting.

March Hostesses: Janet Blair, Karen Connors, Linda Hallas, June O'Beirne

TUES
APR
06
10:00 a.m.

Painting Watercolor Cards | Linda Alger

Create beautiful handmade greeting cards while learning the basics of watercolor painting in this fun and relaxing class led by Linda Alger and Ann Friedman. Whether you're new to watercolor or already have some experience, you'll enjoy exploring simple techniques and creating one-of-a-kind cards perfect for any occasion. All materials—including watercolor paints, cards, envelopes, brushes, and more—will be provided.



Please RSVP to Linda Alger by March 31 so that the appropriate amount of supplies can be purchased.

April Hostesses: Lee Ghazil, Rachel Gavin, Mary Ellen Shriver, Carol Lundquist

WED
APR
14
6:30 p.m.

Nibbling on Native Plants in Your Back Yard and Beyond | Russ Cohen

Moderator: Sue McGinley

Join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of *Wild Plants I Have Known... and Eaten*, for a presentation featuring at least two dozen species of native edible wild plants suitable for adding to your own landscape, or nibbling on as you encounter them in other locales. Russ will bring several samples of foraged goodies made with native species to share.

Russ Cohen has set up a nursery where he grows/keeps over 1,000 plants. He partners with myriad groups to plant plants from his nursery in appropriate places on their properties.

SAT
MAY
01
9:00 a.m. -
Noon

Annual Plant Sale

at
**Capron Park,
Newell Shelter**



TUES
MAY
11
6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of the Attleboro Garden Club

*Please note this will be on a Tuesday this year.
The location will be announced closer to the date.*

Special combined Day and Evening meeting.
Reports from our committees, nominations, and
election of new officers for the 2026–2027 club year.

**May Hostesses: Donna Crookes, Andrea Dion-Purdy,
Kathleen Murray, Ellen Stebbings**

FRI
JUN
11
6:30 p.m.

Annual Field Trip

Join together for a talk and a tour of Diamond Hill Vineyards.
Explore the beautiful gardens. Toast nature!
Details on this fun evening outing to come.

**Diamond Hill Vineyards
3145 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland RI**



THURS
JUL
15
6:30 p.m. -
8:30 p.m.

Summer Garden Party

Kathi Gariepy will hold a garden party to get together
to see friends, talk about our garden successes and failures,
and how much the bunnies have eaten this year.

Partners are invited.

