

Program Schedule: 2026–2027

WHEN: Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 11:00 AM (note day and time)

PROGRAM: Fall Container Workshop

LOCATION: Nunan Garden Center, 269 Central Street, Georgetown, MA

Our new season will begin with a hands-on workshop at Nunan Garden Center. Linda Zukas will lead a fall container demonstration and then we'll have the opportunity to create our own containers. Linda will discuss soil, watering, fertilizing and overall care of containers.

You may bring your own container or purchase one at Nunan. Each person will pay for the plant materials and container they select. If weather permits, the workshop may be held outdoors. Nunan's is offering our club a 10% discount for all plant materials and containers. After the workshop you are welcome to enjoy lunch at Café Sarina.

WHEN: Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM (note day)

PROGRAM: Painting Class with local artist, Jim Maloney

LOCATION: Ipswich Town Hall, COA Cafeteria, Basement Level

Enjoy a creative evening with artist Jim Maloney as he guides us through painting wine glasses inspired by beautiful wildflowers. No experience needed — just bring your imagination and enjoy a relaxing night of creativity, friendship, and fun. The fee will be \$10.00 due that evening. The class has a limit of 25 so make sure you sign up early.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Floral Demonstration by Michael Derouin

LOCATION: Ipswich Town Hall, Meeting Room C, Upper Level

Join us for a floral demonstration featuring Michael Derouin. Michael is an engaging and entertaining presenter whose floral demonstrations offer a different kind of program experience. Michael will create three designs using one cohesive floral palette. Materials are included, and the finished arrangements will be raffled off after the presentation.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM (note time)

PROGRAM: Holiday Celebration

LOCATION: Ipswich Museum, 54 S Main Street, Ipswich

Celebrate the holiday season at our annual holiday celebration and gathering. Enjoy the beautifully decorated Museum with fellow garden club friends. Enjoy a glass of wine and feast on an amazing dinner provided by our creative and talented members. Entertainment will be provided.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2027

WHEN: Wednesday, February 10, 2027, at 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Books In Bloom

LOCATION: Ipswich Town Hall, COA Cafeteria, Basement Level

Books in Bloom is a creative program inspired by the idea of interpreting books through flowers, foliage, and design. The recommended book is “The Restoration Garden” by Sara Blaydes and is available on Amazon for \$8.73. This is your chance to get creative and show how you can bring a book to life through a floral interpretation. The program offers a fun way to showcase creativity and celebrate members’ talents. More details will be provided at our December holiday celebration.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 10, 2027, at 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: Living with Wildlife in Massachusetts: Tracks & Signs

LOCATION: Ipswich Town Hall, Meeting Room C, Upper Level

Maura Genova, Lead Educator at Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield will lead us in a discussion on how tracking and animal sign observation can help us understand the habits of local wildlife, including nocturnal mammals and birds. Members will learn about tracks, scat, homes, feeding signs, and seasonal clues that reveal which animals share the places we live.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 14, 2027, at 7:00 PM (*Open to the Public*)

PROGRAM: Composting with Black Earth Compost

LOCATION: Ipswich Town Hall, COA Cafeteria, Basement Level

Join us as Andrew Brousseau helps us explore the art of composting. Andrew is an organic waste management expert and the Compost Operations Manager and Partner at Black Earth Compost. Discover how kitchen scraps and garden waste can be transformed into rich, healthy soil. Learn simple techniques to create compost, reduce waste, and nourish your garden naturally. Andrew is a trained soil technician so feel free to bring all your technical questions!

WHEN: Wednesday, May 12, 2027, at 11:00 AM (note time)

PROGRAM: Field Trip to Long Hill Estate

LOCATION: 572 Essex St, Beverly

Long Hill was owned and cared for by the Sedgwick family from 1916 to 1979, their beloved summer home that, in the 1950s, became the year-round haven of Mabel Cabot Sedgwick, an accomplished gardener and author. We’ll tour the estate with Senior Horticulturist Dan Bouchard who will lead us through the beautifully landscaped gardens.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 9, 2027, at 6:00 PM (note time)

PROGRAM: Annual Meeting and Dinner

LOCATION: The Ipswich Inn, Two East Street, Ipswich

COST: To be announced

Back by overwhelming popular demand is our end of year celebration at The Ipswich Inn. The Ipswich Inn provides a perfect backdrop for us as we enjoy the beautiful patio for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a buffet dinner in the dining room. We will review and celebrate our success and accomplishments for the year and toast the start of a beautiful summer in Ipswich. More information on costs will follow.