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| **SAVE THE DATE*****4/23/24   Spring Native Plant Garden Clean Up,*** 10:00AM***4/24/24   Luncheon RSVP Deadline******4/25/24*Forbes Land Spring Cleaning,** 10:00AM-12:00PM**4/26-28/24**  **Art In Bloom**, Museum Of Fine Arts Boston **4/30/24**   **Native Plant Garden Mulching,** 10:00AM**5/2/24    Annual Meeting**, Weston Golf Club, 11:00AM**5/2/24**   ***Sweet Tray Competition,*** All Entries in Place By 9:15AM**5/2/24**  ***Thrall Bowl Competition,*** All Entries in Place By 9:30AM**5/18/24**  **Celebrate Weston**  11:00AM - 3:00PM**6/6/24**    **Field Trip,** Blue Stem Natives, Norwell, MA**6/22-23/24**  **Overnight Field Trip** to visit Gardens in the States of NY and CT   |
| **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT** |
| Weston Garden Club Members!We have kept this Green Sheet short so that you can focus on the action items. Of particular note before the Annual Meeting:1. Luncheon RSVP's are needed by Wednesday April 24th!2. Info and forms for the Thrall Bowl and Sweet Tray competitions are under the    Horticulture and Design Committee updates.3. Field trip sign-ups 4. Sign up for Summer Watering Trough/Town Center Planter and Native Plant     GardenSee you at the Weston Golf Club on May 2nd!~ Holly Kulow and Elizabeth Eaton ~ |
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| Weston Garden Club will vote on the **Slate of Officers** and **Budget**for 2024-2025  at the Annual Meeting on May 2nd.[**CLICK HERE for Proposed Slate Of Officers 2024-2025**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=%2b6eW2UmrbmbIgUxqvuTHKlOMF8XhIkajLogofa%2buZrxNU56B6hvCr095vHkwtWJARiz%2b0bKsttbBUePa0q5MxmaXCUa0LKrVR%2fTzr9cjuWE%3d)[**Click HERE for Proposed Budget for 2024-2025**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=6pIm6xxudi6BXZAcprzqv%2fe5Ep2kCkOnnI1Oeaiad%2feMl3gO93vWcKsnrv3yJdstG21bXlGBIZFwdq67tsYLpJPVVBNksSnaNB2UXEDR0Tc%3d) |
| **TREASURER** |
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| **The deadline for Luncheon RSVP is Wed. April 24.**Email **Lynn Taff** (LRT.1@comcast.net) to include you in the count.   And send your check ($43 lunch & $75 dues) make out to WGC to Lynn Taff, 370 Glen Road, Weston.**Your prompt response is appreciated!** |
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| We have launched an Instagram account ***thewestongardenclub.*** Please forward photos to share on this social media platform. It can be club-related or personal gardening experiences.  Photos should be sent by email to **Lisa Howe** (lisadimasihowe@gmail.com). |
| **PROGRAM** |
| **Join us for our Annual meeting.****Thursday, May 2, 2024****Location: Weston Golf Club****275 Meadowbrook Road. Weston, MA**The program will begin at **11:00AM,** followed by**luncheon at 12:00 noon**with award presentations, announcements, and annual officer and budget votes. **Note: Proper attire is required (NO DENIM)****Program: "Gardening to Support Nature" by Dave Epstein**In a world that is increasingly climatologically unpredictable, meteorologist and horticulturalist Dave Epstein will explain how important it is to use native plants and strategies to help mitigate a changing climate. By making small changes on how we use compost, when we clean our gardens and how we water, gardeners can become an integral part of the fight against climate change. |
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| Please review the available slots and click on the button to sign up for at least one of the weeks. For your week(s), coordinate with the other volunteer to set up times to water, weed, and deadhead the Watering Trough and the Town Center Planter. You can work together or separately depending upon your schedules. Bring a trowel, clippers, and a watering can or empty jug. There are water sources at both places. If something comes up and you cannot do your week, please find someone to switch weeks with you. Thank you so much!If you need help or guidance email **Holly Kulow** (kulow5@gmail.com) |
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| **CONSERVATION** |
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| **Spring Forbes Land Clean Up****Thursday, April 25 from 10:00-12:00**Rain date: Friday, April 26, from 10-12:00The best parking is on Coburn off Church Street near Old Road. For those who haven’t participated before, we can meet there and set off for the short walk down the sidewalk back towards town and then onto the trail over the stone wall.Bring along gloves, clippers, loppers, small saw, whichever is your preferred tool. We clear branches from the trails and attempt to keep invasives under control. There is usually lots of burning bush and multiflora rose to contend with. Make sure to protect yourself from poison ivy and ticks. Boots that can get muddy are a good idea.Hopefully, things will be springing to life and there will be some interesting wetland blooms.For questions about the Forbes Land Clean Up, please contact **Vicky Huber** at v.huber@comcast.net |
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| **Blue Stem Natives Field Trip****Norwell, MA** |
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| **Thursday, June 6, 9:25AM departure**, carpooling recommended**10:30AM** Program: **Climate Conscious Gardening: Building Sustainable Landscapes****11:30AM** Tour of the nursery. Blue Stem is offering a 10% discount for WGC participants shopping that day. They expect to have 200-350 native species at that time.The cost will depend upon the number attending ($200 for the program – if 10 attend then the cost will be $20 for example).We are looking for a place to stop for lunch in the area afterward (not included in the cost) for those interested.Please contact **Joyce Frank** at joyceffrank@gmail.com if you have any questions. |
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| **SWEET TRAY COMPETITION****MAY 2, 2024 Weston Golf Club****“SPRING ELEGANCE”****All Entries Must Be in Place by 9:15AM**Embrace the elegance of spring with a simplified Ikebana-inspired arrangement that embodies the philosophy of "less is more." Use no more than two kinds of fresh plant materials in the container of your choice. Please note that accessories,  faux   foliage and  faux   flowers are **not permitted.**Dimensions not to exceed 30”wide, with no height limit **Scale of Points:**Conformance 15Design             40Distinction      20Creativity        25Total              100CLICK HERE for the Sweet Tray Competition Entry FormPlease email **Jean Zhou** (zhouxiaojingbj@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. |
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| **THRALL BOWL COMPETITION****May 2, 2024, Weston Golf Club****All Entries Must Be in Place by 9:30AM**Please join in the fun of participating in the Thrall Bowl Competition at our annual meeting. All it takes is a clear bottle or vase and some flowers or plants that are special to you. Check the schedule, which starts on page 21 of the Green Book to find something in your garden to enter. Directions for entering specimens can be found on page 16. You can also click below for Helpful Hints for Thrall Bowl Exhibitors. If you have any questions, please contact **Elizabeth Soares** at elizabeth.p.soares@gmail.com or anyone else on the Horticulture Committee. If you are entering something for the competition, be sure to allow enough extra time for placing your entries after signing in to the club meeting. Completing your entry form(s) the day before will help keep you from rushing at the last minute. Lastly, be sure to look at the weather forecast and if it is supposed to rain on Wednesday, plan to collect your entries on Tuesday.You can find the most current version of [**Helpful Hints for Thrall Bowl Exhibitors here**.](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=E3TfqwQMwc4oEMzJYZiJjfj7GZFlWdhdGOdpbIgIK%2feGdWtho9GqQ55X%2fN4GnxRyUUStbyO%2fsFIPq%2fIUev1BvENxFEpCeZ%2fnKvGcPOz40dI%3d)Please complete your entry forms at least the night before, to keep you from rushing. [**Click here for the Horticulture Entry Form**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=keT%2fAGq%2fggkD0%2b68ZRBdfQ8vnlhlQu%2ftpaNU9Rxw91PnbZ13OZZFyQomPkTQoHqoBUBPXZOTmI80B72D5PcF5Nmz2%2fVpPeS4UqGgD%2b0bk7Q%3d) |
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| Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for at least one of the weeks.For your week(s), coordinate with the other volunteer to WEED and WATER when we experience heatwave or dry days. You can work together or separately. The long hose and a shower head is behind the bush, connected to the faucet of the town municipal building. If something comes up and you cannot do your week, please find someone to switch weeks with you.If you have a question, email **Linda Gillooly**(LXGillooly@gmail.com). |
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| **SPRING NATIVE PLANT GARDEN CLEAN UP****TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd from 10:00AM** |
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| We have plenty to do during our cleanup this spring.1: Weeding to get the garden ready for new mulch.2: Taking out Barren strawberry plants which invade other plants’ area.3: Moving the Ninebark bush to sunnier location. In order to make space for the bush, we need to take out several clethras, which will go to the empty spot after the ninebark is removed.4: Thinning out iteas.5: Moving heucheras which are smothered by barren strawberry plants.6: Removing fallen leaves which are in/on the bushes and covering the growth points of the plants.7: Widening the garden boarder near the oak hydrangea.8: Making crisper edge around the garden.9: Moving tall monarda plants at the edge of the garden to appropriate locations.As we have so much to do, we decided to set separate date for mulching, which will be April 30, from 10:00AM to apply minimal amount of mulch.**I would love as many people as possible to participate this clean up. Even if you are not a Landscape Design Committee member, if you are free and have strength to help even for a short time, we really appreciate your participation! You might well go home with barren strawberry plants, iteas, or clethras!**If you have questions,  please contact Yuko Kojima (kojimafamily@hotmail.com). |
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| For those who signed up to participate the field trip to the **Stevens-Coolidge Place****Meeting place:** Parking lot of the Brothers’ Market Place**When:** Wednesday, April 24 at 10:00AM. We are leaving at 10:15AM**Lunch:** Autograph American Tavern in Andover, from 1:00PMThe detail has been already notified by Email. If you have your plan changed on the day, please text or call **Yuko Kojima’s cellphone at (908)-642-6134**. My phone number in the Green Book is for the landline, so for the very last minutes change, please use my cell number. |
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| **Overnight Field Trip to visit Gardens in the States of NY and CT**We now have full 10 people signed up. |
| **THE EVENING GROUP** |
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| **May Events*** Wheatland III Showcase of Spring Wreaths and Landscape Design discussion is Tuesday May 21st, 7:00PM at Ha Orbon's house

**Other Evening Group News*** Kirstin Schena and Margo Flint led an initiative to explore naming options that are easy to consistently use, retain affiliation with Weston Garden Club and are descriptive.  The outcome is that we will stick with The Weston Garden Club Evening Group.  Please note we are trying to be consistent in how we refer to ourselves.  In print, please use WGC Evening Group or Weston Garden Club Evening Group.  In verbal communications, The Weston Garden Club Evening Group or Evening Group for short are appropriate.
* Follow us on our newly established Instagram account, which was established to build awareness about the activities that we do in the community. It can be found by searching for “Weston Garden Club Evening Group.”
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