



# Paxton, MA Garden Club

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## Programming Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026

Attendees: Robin, Cecelia, Marylin P.

### Committee member update

- Sadly Daniel is unable to continue on the committee.
- Ideal to have 1 or 2 more members join us

### Need Volunteer to present brief report at Jan 13th Winter Business Meeting

- Marylin offered too. Robin to send her the info to cover

### Review of programs already booked:

- Reviewed spreadsheet what we have upcoming and in the works  
All Programs Year Over Year Tracking (see FY25-26 tab)
- We are over budget by \$311.42. This will change though once upcoming programs are finalized. While not ideal to be over budget, (overage comes out of operating costs) we are meeting the needs of our members.

### Status of programs in discussion:

- Springtime Visit to Turn Back Time Farm (2025 Ed Grant winner)
  - Cecilia booked for 5/17
- RML program for April is National Gardening Month on 1920s Gardening
  - Presenter will be from the Worcester Garden Club, one of the oldest GCs, so lots of great history. 1920s saw a boom of garden clubs. GCA 1913, GCFM, 1927, NGC 1929
- Annual Meeting, May 31, Guest Speaker
  - Cecilia booked Brian Bjorklund & Alexis Sigillo, Wildlife Biologists with USDA. Topic is "Wildlife Disease and Invasive Insect Management in Massachusetts". They are free!

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- Daniel: Book binding/paper making workshop
- Floral Piano Concert
  - Rhonni was away, but we reviewed the past discussions
  - This will be expensive.
  - Need to develop a full budget of costs and find a grant to cover the expenses. Barre Savings Foundation or Paxton Cultural Council Grant
- Rhonni, speaker Russell Steve Powell. Has a number of topics charges \$250-300
  - This would be good for next fiscal year
- Watch parties at RML on various topics (locked down recordings)
  - Robin keeps signing up for free horticultural webinars under the club so we get the locked down recordings.
  - We had a watch party in April 2025 (w/popcorn and snowcaps) at RML. Watched the recording then had a discussion on it. It was well received
  - The committee agrees this is a great idea, let's book one at the Hills in April. Cecelia to secure a date.

Start booking FY26-27 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027) Garden Year Programs

- We do not know what our budget will be for FY26-27 because it's based on the June Plant Sale proceeds, but let's plan for \$3000-3500
- Reviewed Year over Year program tracking

Fiscal Year (Jul 1-Jun 30)	Budget Allotted	Total Cost	Total Attendees	Total Programs	Program Type: Lecture	Program Type: DIY	Program Type: Field Trip	Program Type: Community	Fundraisers
2022-23	NA	\$1,334.41	192	13	4	5	2	2	3
2023-24	NA	\$1,689.80	467	27	10	8	7	2	3
2024-25	\$3,000.00	\$3,272.25	581	31	10	11	8	2	5
2025-26	\$3,500.00	\$3,063.18	297	23	8	7	5	3	4
Average FY	\$1,625.00	\$2,339.91	384	24	8	8	6	2	

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## 2026 Bus Trip

- Committee agreed it makes sense for them to plan the bus trip
- Looking at Sat/Sun in July or early Aug.
- Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls guided tour, plus a visit to the Three Sisters Sanctuary in Goshen MA <https://threesisterssanctuary.com/visit/> and somewhere for lunch
- Marylin to confirm cost for 3 Sisters
- Robin emailed the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for lunch options, Cecelia will contact them for details
- Bus is tentatively booked