



Paxton, MA Garden Club

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Programming Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026

Welcome members

- Confirm this meeting can be monthly on the 1st Tuesday
- Need a note taker volunteer, no one volunteered, but will ask this question monthly

Review of FY25-26 programs already booked:

- Discuss budget - we have tentatively overspent by \$112.57. The number will continue to change as costs are finalized

Status of FY25-26 programs in the works:

- Reviewed all the programs booked and in the works for the rest of the fiscal year.
- Robin should have the RML program for April is National Gardening Month on 1920s Gardening finalized for next month
- Watch Party "From Foliage to Flowers...Raise the Bar! Develop a Year-Round Container Program for Your Community" at the Hills - Cecelia is checking on the date

Bus Trip in July

- The plan is a guided tour of the Bridge of Flowers, then visit to the Three Sister Sanctuary and then somewhere for lunch
- Date will be a Sat/Sun in July or first weekend in Aug.
- We have the bus!
- The hope is to keep the attendee cost under \$90

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

- Great discussion on ideas for the next gardening year.
- Budget not assigned yet (will be at July Business meeting)
- Floral Piano Concert spring 2027 - Rhonni & Carol to tackle
 - Music written about flowers
 - Pianist connect via Rhonni \$400
 - Need venue (Briarwood has piano \$) AMC \$1200
 - Projected paintings/flowers while music playing

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- Discussed having artwork from MAG, they would need to help fund, not sure this is a good fit. Decided to nix
- Speaker Russell Steve Powell - Rhonni
 - Has a number of topics charges \$250-300
 - Rhonni to pick topic and find out his availability - Tues/Thurs night or Sat
 - Going Green: Gardening Chemical- and Machine-Free," including composting; native plants and planting for pollinators; soil amendments; managing invasives; and starting new gardens.
 - "The Art of Gardening," using my experience as a visual artist to offer ideas for site-appropriate garden design.
- DIY Leaf Casting with Denise Worden - Cecelia
 - Book for Aug-Sept 2026
 - Cost \$40 pp, no artist fee
 - we will discount \$30/\$40 and Cap at 20-25
- DIY Journals with Sharon Debonis - great winter project - Cecelia
 - Book for Jan 2027
 - Cost \$15 pp, \$75 artist fee
- John Goodhile Stewart's history of chocolate lecture - Carol
 - Carol to find out his lecture fee and availability, need to avoid the holidays
- High Tea for 2027 Annual Meeting
 - Fun idea, just need to be mindful we have men in our club

Robin reminded the group we can always get a lecture from the MA Master Gardeners.

- Cost \$225
- Over 200 topics

Books & Blooms Oct 1-3 in conjunction with RML's 100th Anniversary Gala

- 14 arrangements
- Paired books 1920-1929
- Drop Thurs 10/1 6-7:30
- Display fri 10/2 9-3 pm
- Gala 7-10 pm
- Sat 10/3 display 10-1 people choice award