

Springfield Garden Club * Programs for the 2025-2026 Club Year

September 19 - Monthly program – Friday @11:30 am

Carriage House at the Barney Estate, Forest Park, Springfield, MA

LOVE GROWING PLANTS? ENTER THEM IN A FLOWER SHOW!

Presented by club members Beate Bolen, Janet Dolder and Suzanne Reed.

We will help “demystify” the process of preparing entries for our SGC’s Horticulture Specialty Flower show “Let’s Party”. We’ll give you guidelines for grooming, pots and containers, what’s allowed as top dressing, nomenclature (botanical and common names), entry card completion, transporting exhibits, and of course how to determine what classes you can enter. Light refreshments, including gluten free options, sweets, coffee, and tea will be served. In-person raffle for members and guests. Guests are welcome - Guest fee is \$5.00

October 8-11 “LET’S PARTY”, AN NGC HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY FLOWER SHOW

Presented by The Springfield Garden Club, at Historic Forest Park Springfield, MA in the ‘Old Monkey House ‘

Program & entry dates Wednesday October 8th – Saturday October 11th

Entry dates:

- Horticulture Division Entry: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7:30 am - 9:30 am
- Education Division: Entry: Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7:30 - 9:30 am

Judging begins: Thursday, October 9th, 2025, 11:30 am

Special Preview only for SGC members - Friday, October 10, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Show is Free & Open to the Public with Admission to the Park

- Friday, October 10, 2025, 2 pm–5 pm & Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 am–4 pm

November 21 - Monthly program – Friday, 11:30 am

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FALL INTO WINTER *presented by Bob Whitney AIFD*

A fresh flower design program. Our own Bob Whitney will create 6 designs (which will be raffled off). Bob will cover topics such as care and handling, color, line, texture, mechanics, foliage manipulation, focal area, and more. Light refreshments, including gluten free options, sweets, coffee, and tea will be served. In-person raffle for members and guests. Guests are welcome - Guest fee is \$5.00

December 12 – Monthly Program – Friday, 11:30 am

Old Monkey House, Forest Park, Springfield, MA

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS WITH FLORAL DESIGNS AND TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Presented by SGC Members - Join us to celebrate the holidays with creative and traditional ideas presented by some of our club members, from various countries around the world. Several members will participate to create these international family traditions with flowers and holiday festive items. Light refreshments, including gluten free options, sweets, coffee, and tea will be served. In-person raffle for members and guests.

February 20 - Monthly Program – Friday, 11:30 am

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A LOOK TOWARDS SPRING WITH A CUTTING GARDEN *Presented by Becky Sadlowski, founder of Rooted Flowers, a specialty cut flower farm located in Agawam, Massachusetts*

Join us for a fresh look at how to design and grow a productive, beautiful cutting garden. Rebecca will share practical tips on garden planning, favorite varieties, and planting strategies that maximize blooms through the seasons. She’ll also offer a behind-the-scenes look at how her family-run flower farm transformed from

overgrown land to a thriving intentional business rooted in sustainability and seasonal beauty. Light refreshments, including gluten free options, sweets, coffee, and tea will be served. Directions to the Carriage house at: www.barneycarriagehouse.com. In-person raffle for members and guests. Guests are welcome - Guest fee is \$5.00

March 20 - Monthly Program – Friday, 11:30 am

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BONSAI *Presented by Ken Guerin, owner of Garden Art in Agawam*

Ken will share his collection of Bonsai, care techniques and his absolute love of bonsai with us. Light refreshment, including gluten free options, sweets, coffee, and tea will be served. In-person raffle for members and guests. Guests are welcome - Guest fee is \$5.00

April 17 - Monthly Program – Friday, 11:30 am

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LAWNS AND LAWN ALTERNATIVES *Presented by Gretel Anspach, a Trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and Lifetime Master Gardener* Lawns are imported garden fixtures from places with cool, wet summers. Here a “perfect” lawn is a major drain on water supplies, a source of pollution, and a lot of work. Look at options for tailoring your lawn and your lawn care to fit your needs, potentially eliminating hundreds of hours of labor and expensive treatments every year. The talk will include some discussion of alternatives to the traditional grass lawn. Light refreshments, including gluten free options, sweets, coffee, and tea will be served. In-person raffle for members and guests. Guests are welcome - Guest fee is \$5.00

May 22–ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON Friday, 11:30 am

Under the tent at the Carriage House at the Barney Estate, Forest Park, Springfield, MA

Club members and invited guests will enjoy our festive luncheon, review the past year, meet our scholarship winners, and enjoy a display of **BLOOMING ART!**

BLOOMING ART - CALLING ALL MEMBERS!! Time to have a little fun!

- Choose a favorite piece of art (painting, sculpture, needlepoint, even dance pose)
- Prepare to bring the piece of Art or take a picture of it or print one from the web. (It will need to stand up, so if you need help with that, let us know!)
- Create a floral design out of anything but it must include some plant material (cut/ potted/ dried or fresh) that captures the essence of that piece of Art (Think Festival of Flowers or Art in Bloom, but more fun)
- Bring the photo or Art piece and your design to the Carriage House on Friday, May 22, 2026, by 11:00 am.

(if you need help with transport, let us know!) To sign up, email: Vana.Nespor@gmail.com

Directions to the Carriage house at: www.barneycarriagehouse.com.

Directions to the ‘Old Monkey House ‘Entrance at 200 Trafton Road off Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA