

Seaside Gardeners Programs

2023-2024

All meetings are at the Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield
unless otherwise specified

Monday, September 9, 2024

Betsy Szymczak
“Plant Parenthood”

This program focuses on propagation of popular houseplants. Various techniques such as stem, leaf and petiole cuttings will be demonstrated. Houseplant pruning, and grooming will also be discussed. Tips on early Spring propagation of popular summer bedding plants will also be included. Betsy previously spoke to our club on “Gardening with Dahlias”!

Monday, October 7, 2024

“Floral Design Mechanics Demonstration”
Lorraine Walsh and Mary Lou Ashur

Did you ever wonder why florists’ arrangements look spectacular? Have you noticed how they sometimes seem to fly, to defy gravity – or just hold their shape. Listen in as Lorraine and Mary Lou of Artistry Floral – share some of the secrets of the trade. “It’s all about the Mechanics, Darling.” Even the simplest of arrangements benefit from thoughtful mechanics. The chief designers of Artistry Floral, demonstrate some of the basics: how to think about wide or narrow containers; what mechanics to choose for stiff or soft stems. You will also see some creative and sustainable methods of mechanics – like using leaves or sticks, wire, collars of natural materials, and the foliage and flowers themselves. Learn to hide your mechanics – or show them off as part of the design. Be ready to learn floral traditions, but also break floral conventions as we form.

November 4, 2024

“Ikebono/Ikebona”

Mimi Santini-Ritt

Mimi Santini-Ritt is a Level 15 Professor of Ikebana who has studied Ikenobo extensively in both the U.S. and in Japan for almost 25 years. In February, 2020 she completed the Kyoyoka – a course of studies at the Ikenobo Central Training Institute in Kyoto and is currently enrolled in Kyoyoka-B. Mimi teaches, exhibits and demonstrates the art of Japanese flower arranging throughout the greater Boston area. She is Past President of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Boston. When not practicing Ikenobo, Mimi can often be found at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, where she does volunteer work in Egyptian Storage and Conservation.

November 29, Greens Workshop

November 30, Greens Sale

December 9, 2024

“Hanging Holiday Ball Workshop”

Susie MacPherson and Eileen Sheehan

Please come to enjoy making holiday “kissing balls”. This is a very simple project which can be completed during our meeting together.

The inner structure of the balls will be completed and available to you at our meeting so all you have to think about is making your creation to your liking! All basic materials will be provided other than embellishments. The greenery selection will be based on what is available at the time and how many balls need to be made. As we are going to make all of the forms ahead of time, we are going to ask members to sign up for the project at the previous month’s meeting, so we have an idea as to how much plant material we are going to need to provide. A sign up sheet will be available in November.

January – TBD (luncheon)

February 10, 2025

TBD

March 10, 2025

“Not Your Mother’s Garden”

Deborah Churd

In *Not Your Mother’s Garden*, Deborah will take us on a photo tour of her dramatic Piet-Oudolf-style New Perennials garden and describe the design principles underlying it. Many of the plants are unfamiliar – even to experienced and knowledgeable gardeners. These “New Perennials” constitute a special canon of plants that exhibit qualities valued by members of the New Perennial Movement – pioneers in the shift toward naturalistic landscape design. What’s new about New Perennials and what can they do for you? Walk through her garden with her to find out. This will be a virtual presentation at the Boys & Girls Club.

April 14, 2025

“Artists’ Gardens in New England

Jana Milbocker

Some of our most beloved painters, sculptors and authors were inspired by the gardens they created. Visit the private havens of Edith Wharton, Julian Alden Weir, Chide Hassam, Daniel Chester French, Emily Dickinson, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Celia Thaxter and others.

Jana Milbocker is the author of “The Garden Tourist’s New England.” She also previously spoke to our club on “Pots with Pizzazz”.

May 12, 2025

Meeting Location: Historic Winslow House

