

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

FRED CARL *presents*

RAINBOW OF DAHLIAS

MAY 4 AT 7:30 PM



This presentation offers an informative look at the world of dahlias, highlighting their wide range of colors, forms, and growing habits. Through a series of slides and personal stories, this program explores the basics of dahlia cultivation, including planting techniques, seasonal care, and tips for maintaining healthy blooms. Whether you're new to dahlias or have been growing them for years, the presentation will provide practical insights and a deeper appreciation for these striking plants.

Fred's family has been growing dahlias since 1928 as a part-time passion. Five generations have helped. After a long career working with computers, Fred retired from the Princeton University Physics Department. As a volunteer starting in 1993, Fred led the successful effort to establish the 37-acre Camp Evans Historic District in Wall Township. This saved it from destruction. Now a National Historic Landmark, Camp Evans is managed by the InfoAge Science and History Museums. Eight museums have been established to create an awesome visitor experience.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 29 at 9 am
Unload Plants
 Maplewood Pool

Saturday, May 2 at 1 pm
Plant Sale Table Set-up
 Maplewood Pool

Monday, May 4 at 7:30 pm
 Woodland Parlor
 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood

Monday, May 4 at 9 am
Plant Transfer
 From the greenhouse to the pool
 Meeting at the greenhouse

Monday, May 4 at 9:15 am
Plant Off-Load
 Receiving plants at the pool

Monday, May 4, 12:30 - 4 pm
Tue., May 5, 9 am - 12:30 pm
Wed., May 6, 9 am - 12:30 pm
Pre-Sale Staging
 Maplewood Pool

May 7 - 9
MGC's 89th Annual Plant Sale
 Maplewood Pool

Sunday, May 17
Mayfest
 Springfield Avenue

Monday, May 25 at 9 am
Memorial Day Parade

Monday, June 1 at 6:30 pm
MGC Annual Dinner & Awards
 St. George's Church

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MAY 2026

HELLO EVERYONE! IT'S MAY and finally the warm weather is here! I read that this March was the warmest March in the U.S. on record. I know that it was warm out west but I think that we had a chilly spring. Even in April I was cold! But now the sun has warmed us and we can enjoy our gardens.

“My garden blooms when it's the right season. Its memory warms me when it is freezing.”

IT IS SO NICE TO SEE all the plants coming back in my garden. My mountain mint spread and some yellow twig dogwood branches that I buried in the ground after pruning have buds on them. My Golden Alexandra has spread too. I will have little plants to share and bring to the garden club sale. A gooseberry bush that someone gave me survived and my two little winterberries made it too! Unfortunately, the weeds also came back. I spent some time in April digging up the wild onions, dandelions, wild plantain and mock strawberries. My lilac bush did well. I hope yours did too. Last year a lot of people were worried about the lilac bushes. Happily, I saw a lot of the violets that I transplanted last summer. The purple and white ones are spreading. I don't have any yellow ones. I will have to put them on my list. My alliums spread and are doing well. This is only the second year that I have them. I have a few different sizes and they are a real delight. I didn't plant any pansies this spring. My mom loved pansies and I would always plant some in her memory. It was just



Wood Poppy

too cold and then too late. Something ate the few tulips that I have and the leaves were eaten too. Deer, I think. I am a long block from Ivy Hill, Newark and I have deer in my front yard. The houses behind me have deer too! They sure do know how to adapt. Nature is amazing like that, it adapts to a lot of the harm that we do.

I HAVE A BARREL FULL OF compost to spread around my garden. I read that the price of fertilizer will be higher this summer because of the rising cost of fuel. I am glad that I have so much compost and that I don't have to get any fertilizer. The worms made it through the winter and are very active this time of year. I have an off the ground round, turning composter. It works well and doesn't attract rodents. My veggie garden is ready for the tomatoes and other yummy things that I will buy at the Plant Sale.



Trillium

MY TRILLIUM AND Trout Lily which I bought at our great Plant Sale have also bloomed. I love having early spring blooms for the pollinators. Margo, a fellow member, sold me the wood poppies that are spreading nicely.

HAVE YOU ALL SIGNED up to help at our sale? I am hoping that this is our best Plant Sale yet!



Trout Lilly

~ Virginia Nordberg
president@maplewoodgardenclub.org

COME TO THE 2026 MGC 89TH ANNUAL

PLANT SALE

THURSDAY, MAY 7 **NOON - 8 PM**

FRIDAY, MAY 8 **8 AM - 8 PM**

SATURDAY, MAY 9 **8 AM - 4 PM**

This is the Plant Sale of the year! Everything you need for a great garden is here. Meet our Garden Club experts who can help you pick out plants and answer most of your questions. Come for your vegetable and fruit plants. Browse through the annuals, perennials, tender perennials and tropicals. Do not miss the fragrance of the herb tent. Look for Mother's Day baskets, houseplants, and beautiful hanging baskets for that special someone. For more information visit: www.maplewoodgardenclub.org.

~ Lisa Lackey (917) 334-9265 ljlackey6@yahoo.com

HELP UNLOAD BEAUTIFUL SHRUBS AND PERENNIALS!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 9 AM

On **Wednesday, April 29, at 9 am**, MGC will receive its first Plant Sale week delivery of shrubs and perennials. Many hands are needed to unload the truck, price the plants and stash them behind the pool gates. If you can help, you'll get a sneak peek at all the beautiful Clematis, Irises, Hydrangeas, etc. that will be available at the sale. With enough hands, the job will take about 2 hours. This event will be on Signup Genius or feel free to contact me directly. Many thanks!

~ Laura Nial (973) 762-4136 nial590@verizon

~ REMINDER ~

The deadline for the June newsletter is **May 15**.

Send your news items and photos to
dianemcollins@yahoo.com

PLANT SALE FOOD

The MGC Plant Sale is a FUN, bonding experience for our membership and our customers. To make it even more fun and to keep everyone's energy up, we FEED our volunteers. For that **we NEED your HELP**. Our soup queen Maria will be making soup daily for lunch that we will serve with some side dish or salad. We will also have dinner available on Thursday and Friday. We would truly appreciate it if everyone brought something to share with your fellow volunteers. Cookies, desserts, salads, side dishes, snacks, we can use it ALL.

Tea, coffee, snacks, & cookies will be available all day. Jugs of water will be available so PLEASE bring a refillable water bottle. There will be **NO SINGLE USE WATER BOTTLES**.

For planning purposes, please contact us about what you are bringing BUT feel free to bring any surprises if you get inspired at the last minute.

The food and volunteer **REST AREA** will be located in the old First-Aid Squad/Library building this year because of construction in the pool building. Transportation will be provided between the Plant Sale entrance and the rest area for those that need it or just too weary and need a "pick me up."

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!!!

~ Karen Donovan (973) 519-4956

Maria Mulkern (917) 733-3138



THE MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 25, MEET AT 9 AM

The Maplewood Memorial Day Parade is coming soon, and our Club will once again be joining the fun. Along with an awe-inspiring group of community organizations, we will proudly carry our Club banner through the streets of town dressed in our Club's finest - MGC Logo T shirts, to which you can add your chosen floral finery - and toting our favorite garden tools.

All Club members are encouraged to join in and proclaim their love of gardening as we promenade through town, promote our phenomenal Club, reflect on the purpose of the day, and remember the sacrifices so many have made so we can now enjoy the freedoms and liberty we have living in our wonderful town.

The Parade will take place on **Monday, May 25**, when we will gather at **9 am** in the parking lot on West Parker Avenue between Valley Street and Dunnell Road. The Parade route is 0.6 miles long on mostly flat ground. It proceeds up Parker Avenue and turns onto Maplewood Avenue, through the Village, then onto Baker Street and back along Valley Street to end at Jerry Ryan Plaza in front of Town Hall, where the Township Memorial Day program will be held. You can join in at any point along the way or meet us at Town Hall.

Hope to see you there!

~ *Kathy Kohlman* (973) 886-4440 kpkoehlman@gmail.com

MAPLEFOOD YOUTH GARDEN PROGRAM

Join the kids and families in the MapleFood garden on weekends this spring, summer, and fall! Located behind Town Hall across from the rental greenhouses, the MapleFood garden grows organic vegetables for kids and families to harvest, eat, and donate to our local food pantries and community fridge. We've been spending March and April mixing raised beds with compost, planting a few hardy early spring seeds (snap peas, spinach, beets, carrots and radishes), and tending to spring seedlings in the greenhouses.

Email youthgarden@maplewoodgardenclub.org for more information about program dates and times. This program is free to the public.

~ *Monika Hannemann*

youthgarden@maplewoodgardenclub.org



VOLUNTEER FOR MAYFEST 2026

SUNDAY, MAY 17, SPRINGFIELD AVENUE

Last year, for the first time, we hosted a table at Mayfest and afterwards, Sarah G. said, "So...we're doing it again next year, right?"

Mayfest 2026 is scheduled for **May 17**, the Sunday after Mother's Day on Springfield Avenue. We need a little help transporting a few flats of plant material from and to the Cronin's house and helping with set up/take down. We invite you to spend some enjoyable time answering the community's questions, walking around the festival, and chewing the fat with other MGC members. You can stay as little or as long as you like.

If you are free to assist, please shoot me a text or email or talk to me directly. Thank you!

~ *Liz Demkin* (973) 906-1511 liz@uffcorp.com

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT THE MGC 2026

PLANT SALE

BOXES FOR CUSTOMER PURCHASES

Grab as many boxes as you can (the shallow ones produce is delivered in — we need many **HUNDREDS**) when you're doing your grocery shopping and bring them to the sale for our customers to carry their "loot." So, when you are doing your grocery or Costco shopping be sure to collect as many boxes as you can and bring them to the Sale.

WAGONS and/or CARTS

We would like to borrow your wagons or carts. Bring them, with your name on them, to the pool anytime the week of May 4 before the sale, May 7th. You can pick them up on Saturday before 4:30 pm.

LAWN SIGNS

To help promote the Sale we have signs for you to display on your front lawn. They will be available for pick-up at the May meeting, or anytime after the meeting, to the side of the Lackey's house at 37 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood. They should be displayed from **Wednesday, April 15th** until after the sale. These signs are reused each year. You can return them to the Upper Greenhouse behind City Hall or bring them to the June Awards Dinner.




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PLANT SALE VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!

There are still

-  **93 openings for pre-sale and sale days.**
-  **49 openings cashiers and talliers.**
-  **110 openings for food service.**

You have not missed your chance to participate! You can quickly link to sign-up Genius here:

www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13570DB05A3DEECFA81-mgc2026

Or use the QR Code!

If SignUp Genius is full, please come to the sale to help regardless. Just give Lisa Lackey a call so you can be included on the Volunteer List.



We can always use your help!

Questions or need help?

Contact Lisa Lackey at

(917) 334-9265 or

plantsale@maplewoodgardenclub.org



CONSERVATION CORNER

MAY 2026

Fertilizer. It's everywhere. You see (and smell) it on shelves in garden and home centers, lawn signs advertise its use, news stories tell how wars affect the global supplies and prices. If we want healthy productive plants we've got to use it, right? Not so fast.

First a bit of fertilizer history: somewhere around the end of World War II the manufacturers of bomb ingredients like Ammonium Nitrate realized



that with bomb demand waning they needed a new market. Plants need nitrogen, and so agriculture became the obvious new customer.

And for awhile it worked. Global yields of field crops like corn skyrocketed with the addition of large amounts of synthetic nitrogen. But then yields started to level off, and then to decline. What was happening?

It turns out that synthetic nitrogen and other fertilizers actually destroy soil biology—the beneficial bacteria and fungi that cycle nutrients and perform many other

miraculous functions, and they need organic matter to survive and thrive. With the transition in farming away from compost additions and cover cropping to synthetic fertilizers the soil biology was starving and dying. The solution? Apply more fertilizers, which most often end up as pollution in our atmosphere, our soils and our waterways. This is a global problem.

We can at least break this cycle at home, by making homemade fertilizers from coffee grounds, banana peels, egg shells and water. We can add compost and make compost teas, and keep diverse roots in the ground year round. We can steward our soils back to life, and gain many benefits in the process, like water storage, beneficial insects, and healthier plants.

I was visiting a friend recently and she had the most beautiful orchids. She told me that she poured the rinse water from rice into ice cube trays and added one a week to each pot, and that she used her spent coffee grinds to make a foliar fertilizer (coffee grinds are loaded with nutrients! Just search “coffee grinds for fertilizer” for more info. They can also be used as a pesticide, odor neutralizer, exfoliant, scouring agent, and drain cleaner!) For the past couple of years, I have been making homemade houseplant food with Bob Vila's recipe—Epsom salts, ammonia, baking soda and water with some egg shells and banana peels thrown in for calcium and potassium. (Search “Bob Vila's plant food”.) Give it a try!

~ Virginia Lamb virginialamb1@yahoo.com

P.S. Kudos to MGC for no single use plastic water bottles at the plant sale, and for reusing table plastic year after year! Bravo!

MGC ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS DINNER

Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm
St. George's Church Community Room

Every year, we hold a fun dinner where we eat, drink, and applaud each other for another year. Well done!!! The main courses are catered, while appetizers and desserts are brought by members. It's good to know in advance how many people who are coming so we can plan out all the logistics. Seating is limited! There will be a Sign-up sheet at the May meeting, a SignUp Genius link in May's email newsletter blast, or log onto www.signupgenius.com/go/MGC2026AwardsDinner. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Hope you can make it!

~ Ginny Needham-Doyle (973) 985-1926, Krystina Mahoney (201) 679-7456

How Does Your Garden Grow?



Our garden is very small—approximately 15' by 25'. In April, Michael turns over the garden soil and adds fireplace ashes for minerals, potash, coffee grounds, standard garden fertilizer, and cow manure. Coffee grounds are a “free-be” from Dunkin’ and Starbucks. We also add a bag of worm casings which is a super fertilizer.

At the end of March and beginning of April, I pull out and clean my older 8" pots to replant my Dahlia, Canna, and Elephant Ear bulbs which have been stored in the basement in corrugated boxes in peat moss. I get a large bag of organic potting soil usually from Costco and plant my bulbs. We are fortunate to have a 3-sided “storm-windowed-porch” which is perfect for regrowing my bulbs. I put down plastic sheets, and “winter boot trays” and place the pots on the trays. I water with powdered fertilizer when needed.

By Mother’s Day just after our Plant Sale, my Cannas, Elephant Ear, and Dahlia plants are anywhere from 4" to 8"+ high and ready to transplant into the garden along with my new purchases from our Plant Sale.

HAPPY PLANTING!

~ Jane and Mike Brick

MGC SPRING GARDEN THERAPY

Garden therapy uses nature-based activities to enhance physical, social, and emotional wellness. Our garden therapy workshops two-part spring series were held at the Maplewood Senior Center. In March, Francine Colon led the workshop on Succulent Containers, and in April, Joelle Peterson conducted a Floral Arranging workshop incorporating seasonal Spring flowers. Garden Club members Peggy D’Amato-Freeman and Megan Hartley assisted with the classes. Participants from the Maplewood Senior Center were delighted to attend!

~ Francine Colon and Joelle Peterson



APRIL EXHIBIT WINNERS

ARTISTIC DESIGN

Theme: Clear Blue Skies Ahead with Large Puffy Clouds - Round Flowers with Puffy Appearance

Challenge: Tubular Design

1st: Vicky Borrone
2nd: Sue Tully

Intermediate: Creative Line – Mass Design
No Entries

Novice: American Traditional Line Design – Horizontal Line
No Entries

Open: Designer's Choice

1st: Vicky Borrone
2nd: Christina Ainge
Not Judged: Nerissa Nandram

HORTICULTURAL

1. *Narcissus* (daffodil)

1st: Jane Brick
2nd: Vicky Borrone
Susan Darwin
Virginia Nordberg
Jennifer Richardson
Not Judged: Nerissa Nandram

2. Flowering House Plant

Class A: Orchid

1st: Jane Brick – *Phalaenopsis*

Class B: Other House Plants

1st: Susan Darwin – *Begonia masoniana*
2nd: Steven Kuiper – *Kalanchoe
blossfeldiana*
3rd: Jennifer Richardson – *Begonia zumba*

3. *Helleborus* (Lenten Rose)

1st: Lori Bierman – White, and Confetti Cake
2nd: Mike Brick – *Helleborus*
Jennifer Richardson – Wedding Cake

4. Open

Class A: Large Orchid

1st: Jess Gordon – *Cattleya Jewel box*

Class B: Small Orchid

1st: Steven Kuiper – *Phalaenopsis*
2nd: Nerissa Nandram – *Phalaenopsis*

Class C: Hoya

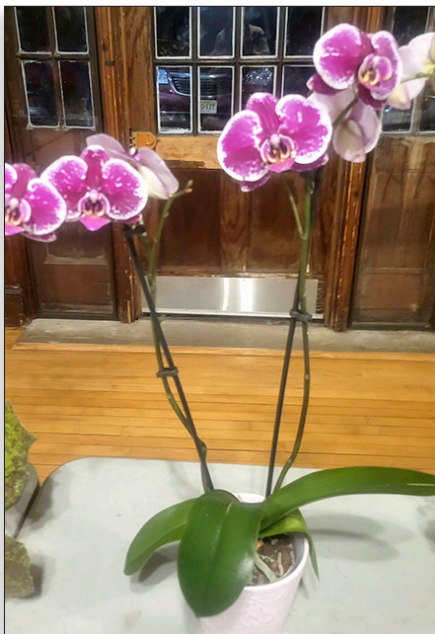
2nd: Megan Hartley

Class D: Succulent

1st: Jennifer Richardson – *Echeveria zorro*

Class E: Peperomia

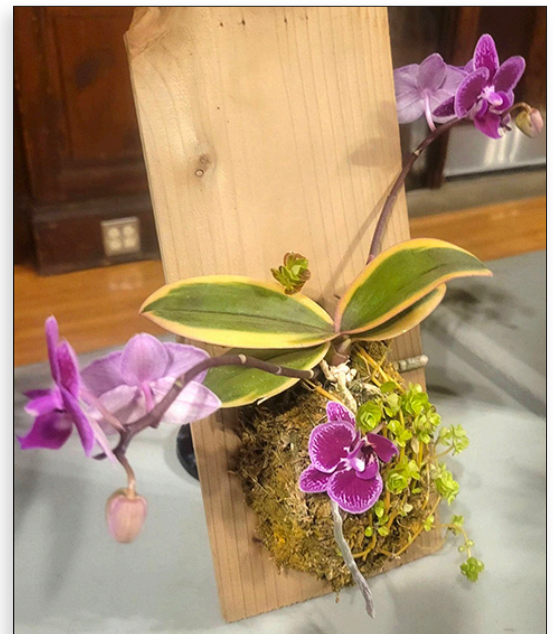
1st: Jennifer Richardson – *Peperomia
puteolata*



Jane Brick - 1st



Nerissa Nandram - 2nd



Steven Kuipers - 1st

MAY EXHIBITS

ARTISTIC DESIGN

Please read "Artistic Division Rules" on page 13 in the current yearbook, as well as the 2024 revised edition of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (see right).

Theme: Rain or Shine - Flowers with a Mix of Shapes and Colors

Challenge: Creative Mass Design, see *Handbook*, page 74.

Intermediate: Framed Spatial Design, see *Handbook*, page 74.

Novice: European Traditional Design - English: Victorian Era, see *Handbook*, pages 69-70.

Open: Designer's Choice (one entry per member)

HORTICULTURAL

Please read "Horticulture Division Rules" on page 13 in the current yearbook, as well as the 2024 revised edition of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (see right).

1. **Pelargonium (geranium)**, potted (container not to exceed 10" radius)
2. **Flowering Branch**, not to exceed 24"
3. **Marigold**, potted (container not to exceed 10" radius)
4. **Open** (maximum 2 entries per person)

REMINDERS:

- **Judging starts at 7:15 pm.** Please clear the area of the exhibit tables so the judge and exhibit team can score your plant material and designs.
- Please do not interrupt the team while they are judging; they are working as quickly as possible so that the guest speaker can begin.

Thank you for bringing in your horticultural exhibits and floral designs for all to see! The Exhibits team deeply appreciates your involvement in the monthly exhibits.

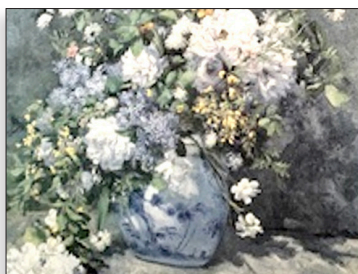
~ [Vicky Borrone \(973\) 763-0633 mborrone@hotmail.com](mailto:VickyBorrone@9737630633)
[Sue Tully \(862\) 266-3991 stullynj@gmail.com](mailto:SueTully@8622663991)

EXHIBITORS CORNER

All designers should refer to Chapter 7 of the latest version of the "National Garden Clubs, Inc., *Handbook for Flower Shows*" (revised July 2024) for more detail. The *Handbook* is available on the MGC website maplewoodgardenclub.org under **Calendars** → **Design Exhibit Schedule** → **National Garden Club-Handbook for Flower Shows** ([blue link](#)). Not all design requirements are listed in this newsletter.

Note that the designs are listed for the physical pages of the *Handbook*, the online counter adds another 11 pages, i.e., page 71 of *Handbook* is page 82 of page counter on website.

ARTISTIC DESIGN May's theme is "MGC Plant Sale- Rain or Shine: Flowers of a mix of shapes and colors."

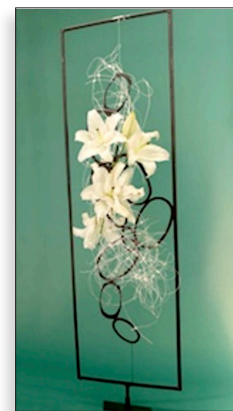


English Victorian Design example

NOVICE designers are to create a "European Traditional Design - English: Victorian Era." Time to try something outside of the American Traditional Designs. English Designs of the Victorian era were compact mass arrangements, circular in form with greater width than height. Colors were bold and rich or white and vases were often elaborate.

INTERMEDIATE level designers are to create a "Framed Spatial Design." A Creative Design arranged as a single unit suspended in a frame or frame-like structure. The Framed Spatial Designs must not have actual movement and therefore should not be able to sway within the frame.

Framed Spatial Design example



CHALLENGE level designers are to create a "Creative Mass Design." A Creative Design emphasizing a greater proportion of plant material and other optional components than space. The silhouette of the design is visually closed, and rhythm contained within.

Creative Mass Design example

MAY 2026 EXHIBIT AWARDS



Vicky Borrone - 1st Challenge

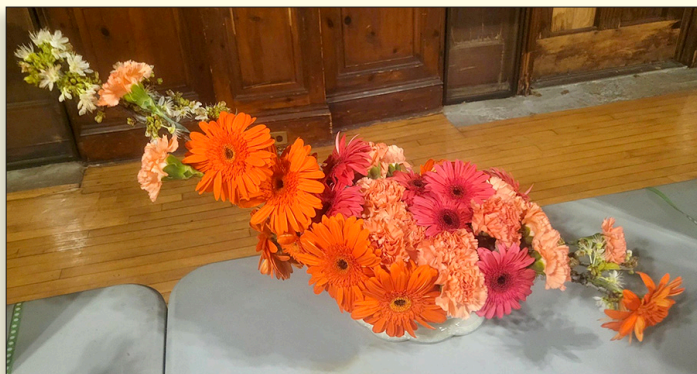


Sue Tully - 2nd Challenge



Nerissa Nandram - Open Design

*Thanks
for your
entries!*



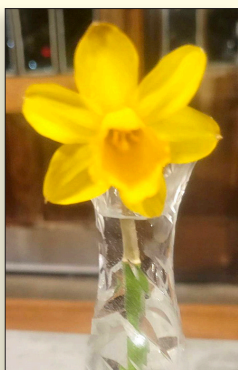
Christina Ainge - 2nd Open Design



Jess Gordon - 1st



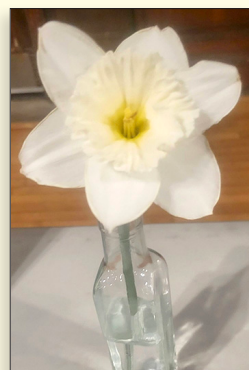
Jane Brick - 1st



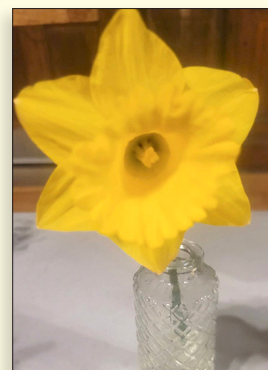
Susan Darwin - 2nd



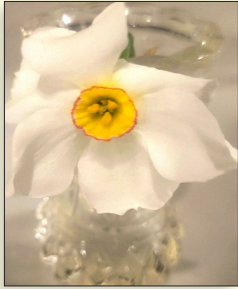
Nerissa Nandram



Virginia Nordberg - 2nd



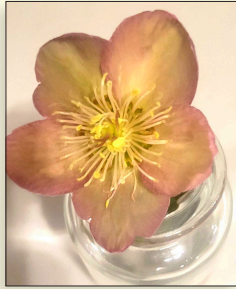
Vicky Borrone - 2nd



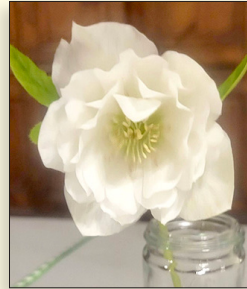
Jennifer Richardson - 2nd



Jane Brick - 2nd



Mike Brick - 2nd



Lori Bierman - 1st



Lori Bierman - 1st



Jennifer Richardson - 1st



Susan Darwin - 1st



Megan Hartley - 2nd



Vicky Borrone - 1st Open Design



Jennifer Richardson - 1st



Steven Kuipers - 2nd

MEMBERS KEEPING IN TOUCH

👤 We received this lovely note from Ellie Winslow:

I now live in a retirement community in Bucks Co., PA, but have continued my membership in the MGC. A president from 1988-90, an active gardener and involved with the club for many years, I'd like you all to know how impressed I am with how your membership has grown and all the good things for my beloved Maplewood you all are doing now. As I read the newsletter, there are still some members whom I know, but so many active, good new ones.

Carry on! You are all making an important contribution to the community which I have valued for a lifetime.

~ Eleanor Winslow

~ Evie Bharucha (973) 763-6875 bharucha@verizon.net



Jennifer Richardson - 3rd



MGC LOGO WEAR

The last chance to purchase MGC Logo T-Shirts and Sweatshirts for the Plant Sale will be at the May meeting on May 4. **T-Shirts** are **\$15** and **Sweatshirts** are **\$50**. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. We request that members wear an MGC shirt while working at the sale for easy identification by customers if they need info or help.

~ Juliet Powell (646) 642-3228 julietpowellesq@gmail.com

GET YOUR GARDEN GLOVES EARLY!

Garden gloves are being offered to Club members for purchase during the month of April. We have assorted colored nitrile gloves and green and yellow latex gloves. Both are machine washable/air dry and cost **\$8 each**. Sizes are XS, S, M, L and XL.

To order and arrange for porch pick up in Maplewood, contact Judy Cronin. Exact cash or checks only.

Note: These gloves will also be available for purchase during the Plant Sale.

*~ Judy Cronin
(973) 763-5070
judymcronin@gmail.com*



2026 MGC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Dear Members,

It is that time of the year again when we renew our memberships with the Maplewood Garden Club. It is important that we get all our renewals completed by April 30th when our membership roster is due to The Garden Club of New Jersey who provides us our insurance policy to which the member roster is critical. So please get your renewals in on time so we can include you on our roster with GCNJ. Any new members who joined after December 1, 2025 are considered already paid for 2026 and do not need to pay again. I will be at the meetings and if members don't want to make any changes, they can leave checks or cash with me.

Thank you,
Christina Ainge
MGC Membership Chair

INDIVIDUAL: \$20.00

FAMILY: \$30.00

Please make check payable to [Maplewood Garden Club](#), and mail along with this form by April 15th to:

Maplewood Garden Club, c/o Christina Ainge, P.O. Box 188, Maplewood, NJ 07040

Name: _____
(please print)

Address: _____
(please print)

Phone #: _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____
(please print)

Note: Email is our preferred method of communication and for those members who give consent email addresses will be printed in the yearbook. *Please print clearly.*

Email: _____
(All email addresses are used for Garden Club business and correspondence only)

Please check boxes:

- I give MGC permission to also include my email address in the Club's yearbook.
 I want to "Go Green", please email me my Maplewood Garden Club Newsletters.

All email addresses are for the use of the Garden Club business and correspondence only.

INTERESTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Plant Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Durand-Hedden Herb Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Meeting Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Propagation | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Station Decorating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wreath Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticultural Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Day |

If your circumstances have changed and you wish to resign your membership, please let us know by sending a note in the enclosed envelope, so that follow-up calls to you won't be necessary.

APRIL RAFFLE

Our lucky April raffle winners are: **Andrea Cernichiari** who will hydrate her garden with a flex hose; **Terry Schwartz** who will hydrate hydrate himself with a reusable water bottle; **Joanne Doude** who will be easily trimming plants with a cordless trimmer; **Jane Brick** who might invite you over to play "Garden Guests," a fun garden-theme game; **Lori Bierman** who has some interesting reading in "A Garden of Marvels;" **Debbi Black** who will look cute gardening with some beautiful purple hand tools; **Jen Lieberman** and **Steven Kuipers** will be growing Lavender in a cute little jar. **Anne Simms** was the lucky April Birthday Raffle winner, taking home a cute cheese board set and some yummy cranberry cheddar. Happy Birthday to Anne and everyone else celebrating an April birthday.

At every meeting we have FREE raffle of fun items which I try to coordinate with the season or the speaker. If you have something NEW or LIKE NEW that you would like to donate to the raffle, you can bring it to any meeting or drop it off on my front porch. This month, THREE of the nine raffle gifts were donated. THANKS to our benefactors.

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