**Hopkinton Garden Club Volunteer Opportunities**

**Please see** [**https://www.hopkintongardenclub.org/**](https://www.hopkintongardenclub.org/) **for full descriptions**

**Town Beautification.** Design, install, and maintain fourteen planters and several sites in the downtown area for spring, summer, and fall. **All club members participate.**

**FUNDRAISING**

**Annual Plant Sale.** In early May, HGC members contribute plants and committee members purchase plants for sale. Help is needed for pre-sale plant purchases, publicity posting, donation requests, day of sale set-up and sales, and clean-up. **All club members participate.**

**Site Sponsorship “Help Hopkinton Bloom” Program.** In Spring, members conduct an annual outreach effort asking local businesses to contribute funds to support our beautification efforts and then, in turn, publicly recognizing these businesses for their generosity.

**Marathon Runner Fund Drive.** Liaison(s) works with the Town to apply for a Boston Marathon bib and recruit a runner. Members then promote the runner and solicit donations both within and outside the Club

**EDUCATION**

**Program Planning.** Committee members research and contract speakers or plan workshops for club meetings. The committee also applies for grant funding. The chair communicates program information within and outside the Club.

**Scholarship.** Members promote the HGC scholarship program for Hopkinton students of all ages studying horticulture, design, the environment and/or related subjects. They oversee the approval of recipients and the payment to recipients.

**PUBLICITY**

**Public Media.** Members inform local papers and community internet sites about our events and achievements.

**Social Media (Facebook and Instagram.)** Member(s) post information about upcoming events, and all things gardening.

**HGC Interest List with Mailchimp.** Maintains an HGC mailing list that notifies interested parties of speakers and activities.

**Membership** Members manage membership renewals and membership and committee member lists. They welcome new members as well as provide club information to both new and prospective members.

**HGC Website Maintenance.** Regularly updates both the members only and public pages of the HGC website.

**HGC OneDrive Library.** A volunteer is needed to manage the Club’s on-line archive of documents and photographs for club members’ use. They will monitor capacity and delete obsolete items as well as assist club members in using OneDrive.

**HGC 100th Anniversary in 2024. (Ad-hoc committee.)** Plan miscellaneous educational and social events for March through November 2024.

**COMMUNITY (see also Town Beautification and Floral Exhibitions)**

**Flowers for Veteran’s Breakfast.** On the Thursday preceding the first Friday of the month (Sept to June), members meet at the Senior Center to arrange centerpieces. Members share the planning and purchasing of floral materials or cut flowers from their gardens.

**Garden Therapy.** Approximately three or four times per year, members meet with seniors at Hopkinton Senior Center to create a floral craft or conduct a horticultural activity.

**Family Day.** Committee members plan an activity (typically pumpkin painting) and staff the HGC booth at this annual, September, family-oriented Town event.

**Holiday Decorating:**

#### Town Common Gazebo. This group strings lights and hangs greens and wreaths.

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**Hopkinton Public Library.** This group decorates at Thanksgiving for the holiday season.

**The Wayside Inn.** Members decorate a room with a theme selected by the Inn’s Management.

**FLORAL EXHIBITIONS**

**Hopkinton Center for the Arts “Arts in Bloom”.** Liaison(s) work with the HCA to stage an spring exhibit featuring six HGC members’ floral interpretation of selected works of art.

**Hopkinton Public Library “Books in Bloom”**. Liaison(s) work with the Library to present an October exhibit featuring eight members’ floral arrangements interpreting book covers selected by the Library.

**GCFM Flower Shows (ad-hoc committee)**

**SOCIAL**

**Hospitality.** Our hospitality committee coordinates with club members who take turns providing beverages and treats for in-person club meetings as well as the May annual meeting. Members also serve as greeters for visitors.

**Club Gatherings/Outings.** This committee organizes garden outings for HGC.

**Holiday Dinner.** Members organize a December gathering at a special venue to celebrate the season.

**Bulk Bulb Purchase.** This committee researches and provides information to our club members to avail us of discount pricing by ordering as a group. They then organize bulb distribution.

**Seed Starting Group.** Members start seeds each winter for their personal enjoyment as well as for the spring plant sale.