

POLLINATORS will be our topic

February 14 at 1pm at All Saints Church

There will be a board meeting at 11am at All Saints

Presidents Message February 2023

Dear Gardeners,

Small Changes, Big Impact

February 3 marks the midpoint of winter - the exact halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Currently we have about 10 hours of daylight, which is increasing by two minutes a day. It seems such a small change; but slowly and steadily we are building toward 15+ hours of daylight on the summer solstice. Small changes can make a big impact! **Deborah**

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There are other options. You are free to shop their north Wolfeboro store (across the street from 7/11)

And order directly from them.

Bobbie



MESSAGE FROM MARTIE

I just want to thank Trish Leopold and her committee: Inger Woerheide, Lynn Willscher, Shelly McGee, Bobby Boudman and Jennifer Osgood for the creative and clever "Bear Theme" tablescape. The bear track cookies! Delicious. Bear track's, owls and everything was delightful. Wonderful Speaker and delicious food. GREAT MEETING. Martie Lincoln

OUR SPEAKERS FOR FEBRUARY——SHELLY MCGEE AND SUSAN POIRIER

They will speak to us on creatine a Pollinator –friendly Garden. The Extension Service has a Certification Application available for those that wish to create a rich environment for our important pollinators. You may view and complete the application

https://extension.umaine.edu/gardening/pollinator-garden-certification/#:~:text=In%20order%20to,contact%20form.

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Susan Poirier....After a career teaching in the English department (middle and high school) of a large district in New York, Susan returned home to New England and became active in volunteer opportunities in Wolfeboro. Becoming a Master Gardener is the best of them. It combines a love of gardening with a love of teaching since the main focus of the Master Gardener program is sharing information with other gardeners. As part of the program, Susan is co-coordinator (with Shelly) of the Food Pantry Garden. In operation for more than a decade, this entirely volunteer run garden raises organic vegetables for LIFE Ministries food pantry.

Recently Susan has become interested in the plight of native pollinators and has worked for several summers to put in a dedicated pollinator garden at home. Over the years, she has removed a number of non-native plants from her gardens and replaced them with native ones. It's always good to walk the walk and not just talk about it.

When not working on her own perennial, shrub, and vegetable gardens, Susan enjoys reading, struggling with cross word puzzles, knitting, and stitching.

A member of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, she is a past president of the Northern New England Chapter and has taken many classes and attended several seminars to learn new techniques and materials for stitching. She also loves walks in the woods and sitting in the bird stand watching the herons which nest over the beaver impoundment near the home she shares with Bob.

Susan has been active as a volunteer for the Wright, Boat, and Libby Museums and currently serves on the board of the Friends of the Wolfeboro Library.

She served for 20 years as a ballot clerk, both in New York and here in Wolfeboro.

Shelly McGee has degrees in Chemistry, Biology, and Environmental Studies and worked in the field of chemistry for a number of years before starting her family. She and her husband now run a Japanese translation business from their home and in off hours, she works as a community volunteer. She has been especially involved in after school and summer programs in science with the public schools and the Kingswood Youth Center. Shelly is an active Master Gardener and the co-coordinator of the Food Pantry Garden.

Send me pictures of OUR ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND GARDENS, FOR OUR WEBPAGE!!

SEND PICTURES TO BOBBIE STAVE bastave@metrocast.net

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE— We have LOTS of good pictures on the pages

https://wolfeborogardenclub.org/

FROM MARTIE LINCOLN

On December 5th,2022, I was watching BBC News and it was reported that Monarchs' numbers were up 1/3 from last year in Mexico. Good news considering they struggle from habitat loss and pesticide use and are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

I noticed in many of our Member Gardens which I visited last summer, there were Monarchs and bees and many flowers wich supported these species needs. Our Ledges Garden which is charied by Lillian Shepard and her group is an example of many flowers and shrubs where the bees and butterflies can rest and feed. They need milkweed and I have seen more in our gardens and fields. These pictures are our Clark Historical Garden and our Planters down at the Wolfeboro

Dock area.



PREVIEW FOR MEETING, **MARCH 14.** OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT **THE MAKERS MILL** ON BAY STREET, WOLFEBORO. 1pm TOUR, MEETING, AND FREE WORKSHOP!

Though we will need you to sign-up. On the pass around at the Feb. meeting or by emailing Bobbie Stave bastave1@gmail.com

MAKE YOUR OWN GARDEN BOOK!!

