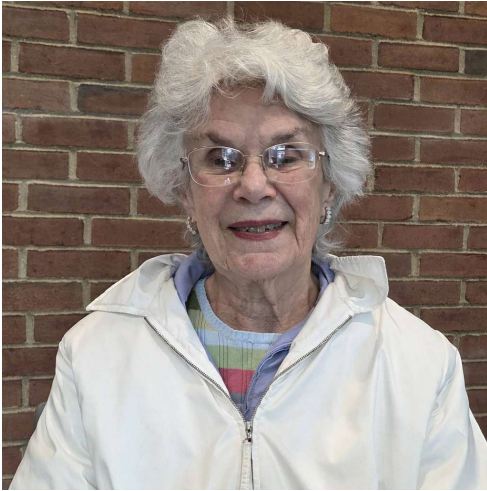


Member Spotlight: Ann Scott



At 91, Ann Scott is not only the Garden Club's oldest member, but also one of its longest-standing, having joined in 1995. Over the years, she has become a familiar and admired presence—known for her warmth, her work ethic, and her remarkable energy.

Ann was born and raised in Oradell, New Jersey, but her connection to New Hampshire began early when she attended Colby Junior College. As a teenager, she spent her summers working in New York City as a model for a company that sold juniors coats and suits. It was a different era—she

recalls being styled in skirts, stockings, and heels—and she loved every minute of it. Perhaps that experience helped shape the sense of style she still carries today.

She met her husband, Roger, in New Jersey. After his service as a Navy pilot and a career flying commercially for Delta, their life together would take them from Dover, New Hampshire, to Atlanta, Georgia, and eventually back north. When Roger first suggested moving to New Hampshire, Ann wasn't entirely convinced—she remembers wondering if she really wanted to live in what she called “cow pasture” New Hampshire. As it turns out, that's exactly where she landed—and she wouldn't have it any other way.

In 1980, Ann and Roger moved to Wolfeboro, where they built a home on a beautiful property overlooking Lake Wentworth. For 28 years, that home—now known as the Lakeview Inn on Martin Hill Road—was the center of family life. Ann stayed busy raising their children while managing a small farm that included cows, chickens, and a horse. Life was full, hands-on, and, at times, unpredictable. She still laughs about the particularly clever cow that learned to open the gate and lead the horse on regular adventures—down the hill, across Route 109, and into Camp Birchmont. Ann would have to retrieve them, leash in hand, and walk them back home.

Once her children were grown, Ann began working at Parsons Furniture in Wolfeboro, where she spent 19 years in sales. She became a familiar face to many in the community, bringing both her natural style and her people skills to the job.

Gardening has always been part of Ann's life—“it's in my genes,” she says, crediting both of her parents as avid gardeners. When she and Roger first built their Wolfeboro home, the property had no established landscaping. Ann worked with a garden designer to create a plan that included perennials, boxwood, and evergreen structure. Once the gardens were in place, she took over their care and maintenance.

In 2006, Ann and Roger moved to West Ossipee, settling in Soaring Heights, an aviation community where their home included its own airplane hangar. Over the years, Ann and her family enjoyed flying with Roger, even landing on the ice runway in Alton and taking trips to Greenville, Maine with fellow pilots. When they arrived in West Ossipee, Ann once again created gardens from scratch, this time working with Bearcamp Gardens to establish beds filled with hardy perennials—bee balm, coneflower, hydrangea, salvia, sedum, and more—anchored by the structure of boxwood.

Today, Ann continues to care for her gardens herself. She weeds, mows her lawn with a riding mower (a two-hour job), goes to the gym, and walks the mile loop in her neighborhood whenever weather allows. She still drives and remains fully engaged in her daily routines—an inspiration to all who know her.

Ann's involvement in the Garden Club has been equally active. She has served as both Treasurer and Membership Chair and is especially known for her success with the annual wreath sale. In 2025, she sold an impressive 88 wreaths to friends, neighbors, and local businesses—her best year yet, and an accomplishment she is proud of.

She enjoys all of the Club's programs but especially appreciated a recent presentation by fellow member and floral designer Rebecca Dufort on dahlias. Ann grows dahlias herself, though she modestly notes it's on a much smaller scale than Rebecca's.

At home, she finds joy in the simple pleasures of her garden—especially watching the birds as they visit her flowers. Her cat, Tilly, adopted from the Lakes Region Humane Society, enjoys keeping a close eye on them as well. Spring is her favorite season, when fresh color and new growth return after a long New Hampshire winter.

In addition to gardening, Ann has always been creative. She once sewed clothing for herself and her family and now spends her time knitting, making hats for a fellow League crafter who incorporates them into her own creations.

From her early days in New Jersey to a life rooted in New Hampshire, Ann Scott's story is one of adaptability, hard work, and quiet determination. Whether tending her gardens, supporting the Garden Club, or simply enjoying the view from her home, she continues to live fully—and on her own terms.