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# The Monthly AGC 'Dirt'

February 2021

**All monthly meeting for the time being will be conducted virtual via Zoom.**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Meeting** There will be 2 parts to the Monthly Meeting using the same zoom link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6884517160?pwd=ckszU0E5NXZobFRqM3NwOCtPMEpMUT09>

**Sign in with your favorite breakfast beverage and snack. You can wear your pearls with your favorite jammy bottom.**

**Part 1: Monthly Business Meeting.** You can join the meeting any time after 9:00 AM. The Business Meeting will begin at 9:30 AM.

**Part 2: *Sequence of Bloom* 10:15 AM**



The program "**Sequence of Bloom**" will begin @ 10:15 AM. Landscape designer **Laura Bibler** will provide a photographic calendar that follows perennials, shrubs and ornamental trees as they progress through the seasons.

Laura has created and directed the installation of landscape designs at private homes and historic estates for the past nineteen years. She is the former Chairperson and long-time member of the Stevens-Coolidge Place Committee in North Andover and served on the Advisory Council as a Corporate Trustee. She is currently serving on the Chairman's Council and Cultural Resources Committee for the Trustees of Reservations.

**February 9<sup>th</sup> 9 AM Horticulture Study Group.**  
**Chuck Omer will introduce us to Rock Gardens**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 AM Board Meeting**

**February 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Reports Due**

Susanne Fuller



I brought in these broken-off magnolia branches a few weeks ago, hoping the blossoms would open, and they are beginning to do that.

The last picture is of the rebloom of my amaryllis. This bulb has multiplied, and the second bulb is beginning to put up a flower stalk, too.

**White Flower Farm** recently advertised 4 Magnolia branches to force for \$64!

**Stephanie Reed** sent us the delightful video. **ART IN BLOOM AT THE CONCORD MUSEUM (45 minutes)** Please click the link.

<https://youtu.be/nUNtzhHMM2Q>

**Washington Post** 1/23/21

**Planting Crops & Carbon too**

Help fight climate change. Pull down the climate warming gas, carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in the ground. If farmers throughout the world adopted similar “regenerative” methods, experts estimate they could sequester a sizable chunk of the world’s carbon emissions. The idea has been endorsed by soil scientists, a slew of food industry giants.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2021/climate-solutions/climate-regenerative-agriculture/>

## January Floral Design



Judy Rice



Thelma Shoneman



Rheta Roebber

## Arrangement in a Bottle



Sue Nordhausen



Heather Makris

Very creative folks. These are examples inspired by Thelma Shoneman's January 19<sup>th</sup> Floral Design Study Group: "Design Your Heart Out" – Arrangement in a Bottle.

Seeing the designs created by some of our members during Thelma's January 19<sup>th</sup> workshop should entice you to sign up for the **March 16<sup>th</sup> Floral Design Study Group Program: "Design Your Heart Out" Celebrating Green.**

A flyer for a floral design workshop. The background is a collage of various green leaves and plants. The text is arranged in several sections. At the top left, it says 'Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am', 'Floral Design Study Group', and 'Design Your Heart Out! Series'. At the top right, it says 'Payment at pickup is \$22', 'Check to "Acton Garden Club"', and 'Memo "March Floral Design"'. In the center, the main title 'Sign up for March FLORAL DESIGN!' is written in a large, bold, orange font. Below this, a paragraph of text describes the workshop: 'Thelma Shoneman & Cathy Fochtman will present a virtual Zoom workshop on Celebrating Green. Create an all-green design suitable for a St. Patrick's Day table centerpiece, long and low; and explore the use of texture and leaf manipulation to provide contrast. All components will be provided. Cathy will forward instructions about supply pickup at her home and send a Zoom invitation. Please register if you would like to observe, all are welcome! Call or e-mail Cathy Fochtman to register, [fochtman@verizon.net](mailto:fochtman@verizon.net).' At the bottom, it says 'Deadline is Saturday, March 6.' in a bold, orange font.

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## Is It Really Too Late to Learn New Skills?



You missed your chance to be a prodigy, but there's still growth left for grownups.

***Art in Bloom is on for 2021!***

The **Acton Garden Club** was offered an invitation to participate as a floral arranger for this year's **virtual-only presentation of Art In Bloom** by the **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston MA**.

**Maureen Christmas**, assisted by **Cathy Fochtman**, will be interpreting a museum object, its identity to be revealed at the opening of the much-anticipated event. **Art in Bloom** will be open for **viewing online by signing up to attend tours scheduled from Friday, April 30 through Monday, May 3**. These virtual themed tours will either be conducted in real-time or pre-recorded. Tours will be announced in mid-March, with tour reservations available on the Museum of Fine Arts website, <https://mfa.org>.



Sherry Ryder

I saw this t-shirt in a catalog and thought it was really cute so I took a screen shot

**Should this be our mantra and sell these at our plant sale?**