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# The Monthly AGC 'Dirt'

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January 2022

**The board passed a motion regarding Covid protocol for all indoor club gatherings including General Meetings, Hort Meetings, Board Meetings and Floral Design. All attendees must wear masks. There will be no refreshments served allowing us to remain masked throughout. If you are not vaccinated, please do not attend.**

**There isn't a General Meeting in January but the club is offering other stimulating activities.**

**January 11 Horticulture Study Group** will meet at 9 AM at the Public Safety Building, 371 Main Street.

Now it is time to plan the Horticulture Study meetings for the next fiscal year (September 2022 – June 2023). I know it's hard to think about 2023 when we have just begun to write 2022.

In preparation for this planning meeting, please think about what topics you would like to know more about. Or think about some topics about which you already know a great deal and would love to share that knowledge with the rest of us.

Please also consider presenting a program. The Horticulture Study meetings are primarily member led, and thanks to our wonderful members, we have had excellent programs over the years. As you know, we are an informal group, and a friendly audience. Consider inviting another member to join you, if that makes it easier.

Attached a spreadsheet that lists all the programs we have had since 1991, grouped by type of program (presentation, workshop, tour, etc.). A second worksheet in that file shows the topics grouped by year. You might like to scan through the files to see if you get some inspiration. It may be that a topic that was covered many years ago would be worth repeating because we have had so many new members since then.

The meeting offers you the opportunity to bring any unwanted or extra gardening books and magazines to share with fellow Hort members.

Susan looks forward to seeing you on January 11, our first Hort meeting of the new year.

**January 18<sup>th</sup> Floral Design Study Group**

**"Woodland Explorations" – Bark Covered Container**

Program leaders are Thelma Shoneman and Cathy Fochtman.

Forage for bark in the woods. You need to bring pieces of bark, a tin can, your floral shears, wire cutters and your tool box.

**For \$22 you will be provided with flowers to fill your creation and glue. Make your check payable to *Acton Garden Club*, memo "*Floral Design*". Mail your check to *Cathy Fochtman, 18 Wright Terrace, Acton, MA 01720***

***The DEADLINE is Saturday, January 15. Contact [lcfochtman@gmail.com](mailto:lcfochtman@gmail.com)***

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 9 AM. Board Meeting to be conducted on ZOOM.**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> Financial Reports Due**



**Noreen Rowe's fun seasonal floral arrangement greeted patrons at the circulation desk at the Acton Memorial Library on 12/13/21. *Acton Garden Club* members are providing the cheery touch at check out. Join the club in participating in getting our name out to the public by contacting Peggy Garrison, [peggygarrison1@verizon.net](mailto:peggygarrison1@verizon.net), to see which weeks are available for your creative endeavors.**

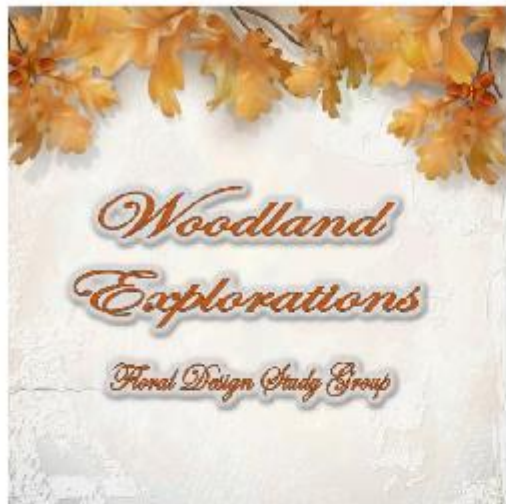
The **Nominating Committee** is looking for someone to assume the position of **club photographer** for next year. This position primarily consists of taking pictures of club activities and creating a picture album of the year's work. Photographer also works closely with the publicity chair in promoting the club's activities around town. ***If you have interest in this position or want more information, please contact Anne Sterling, Gena Manalan or Fran Portante.***

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## Sign Up for January Floral Design!



### ***Bark Covered Container***

Tuesday, January 18, 9:00AM

St. Matthew's

United Methodist Church

435 Central Street

Acton, MA 01720

Cost is \$22, check to

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memo "Floral Design".

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Create a woodland container from pieces of found bark and a tin can. Bark pieces should be provided by designer, but some can be brought to share. After creating the container, we will fill it with flowers, completing the woodland feel! Flowers and glue provided. If you have a glue gun, feel free to bring and use it. Bring your floral shears, wire cutters and your tool box.

Thelma Shoneman | Cathy Fochtman

***Floral Design Study Group***



Questions? Contact Cathy Fochtman, Acton Garden Club Floral Design Study Group