

Welcome to the Acton Garden Club!

Thank you for your interest in the Acton Garden Club! Since 1934, we have been bringing together gardening enthusiasts of all skill levels to share knowledge, enjoy each other's company, and give back to our community. We would love to have you join us!

Why Join Us?

Whether you are just starting your first herb garden or you've been growing for decades, you will find a warm welcome here. Our club offers:

- Educational programs on everything from floral design to native wildflowers
- A chance to make new friends who share your passion for gardening
- Meaningful opportunities to beautify Acton and support our community

When We Meet

We gather on the first Tuesday morning of each month at Acton Town Hall (Room 204, 472 Main Street). Come early for light refreshments. It's a great time to chat before our business meeting and the program begins.

What We Offer Members

Monthly Programs

Our speakers are top-notch! We've hosted floral designers, horticulturists, landscape architects, and environmental educators. Programs range from beautiful slide presentations to hands-on flower arranging demonstrations.

Horticulture Study Group

This casual group meets 8-9 months a year and is perfect for anyone wanting to deepen their gardening knowledge in a relaxed, small-group setting. The informative programs prove great opportunities for members to share their knowledge and to learn from each other. We also explore nurseries, tour public and private gardens (including those of our members!).

Floral Design Study Group

Meeting three times a year plus a holiday workshop, this group welcomes everyone from complete beginners to experienced arrangers. We focus on design principles and the practical techniques that help you create stunning arrangements.

Gardening with Young People

We are passionate about inspiring the next generation! This program helps children discover the joy of gardening and learn to appreciate and protect our natural world.

Special Perks

As a member, you'll enjoy discounts at local garden centers. Plus, our membership in the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts gives you access to their monthly programs and National Council courses in Flower Show Judging, Gardening Study, Landscape Design, and Environmental Studies.

How We Serve Acton

Giving back to our community is at the heart of what we do. Here is where you'll find our handiwork around town:

- **Beautiful seasonal plantings** at Town Hall, Memorial Library, the troughs in Acton Center and West Acton, and the Public Safety Building
- **Historic herb garden** at the Acton Arboretum, planted in an early 18th century foundation
- **Native wildflower garden** and the lovely daffodil displays at Meeting House Hill
- **Garden therapy program** at Emerson Hospital, where we help patients create beautiful fresh flower arrangements

Supporting Education

Our annual plant sale in May funds these wonderful programs and allows us to award one to two scholarships each year to Acton high school seniors pursuing environmental studies. We also provide grants in the amount of \$50-\$500 to any full-time employee of The Town of Acton or a representative of a town organization for horticultural or environmentally related programs or projects.

Community Events

Throughout the year, you'll find us at Oktoberfest, Art in Bloom at the MFA, our biannual flower shows, National Gardening Week celebrations, and the Acton's Looking Good Awards.

Ready to Join?

We'd love to meet you! You are welcome to visit one of our monthly meetings as a guest. If you decide to become a member, here's what we ask:

- Volunteer four times a year on community service projects (it's more fun than it sounds!)
- Help with hospitality at one monthly meeting per year
- Pitch in at our annual plant sale in May

- Pay annual dues of \$30
- Attend four monthly meetings per year (we recommend it, but understand life gets busy!)

What Happens Next?

Once you submit your application, our Executive Board will review it, and our Membership Chairperson will reach out to welcome you and arrange for you to attend your first meeting. You'll receive our yearbook with the full calendar of events, membership directory, and by-laws. We can't wait to introduce you to everyone!

Get in Touch

Want to learn more or attend a meeting? We would love to hear from you!

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We look forward to growing together!

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