

BELLINGHAM GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership begins on Jan 1st and ends on Dec 31st of each year.

Name _____ Spouse's name (optional) _____

Date _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip +4 _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail _____ Mobile Phone (optional) _____

BGCM Membership Requirements

Reqs: members are required to attend at least 4 meetings, September through May, ideally serve on two standing committees per year, lead in two workshops and participate in the annual Plant Sale.

Download the e-form on website; (for Electronic Membership Application Version only)

(Mailed applications: please include signed application with payment and mail to address below.)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND DUES – Please check one _____ \$25 Individual _____ \$40 Family (any two family members residing at same address) Dues include a yearly subscription to The Green Tomato, the newsletter of the Bellingham Garden Club of MA. Club members also receive early access to e-Podcasts annually, enjoy educational workshops and speaker events.

MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS INCLUDE: Attending at least 4 meetings. Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday monthly in evenings, Jan through November (there are a total of ten meetings which include the Plant Sale in May, and the Annual Meeting in November) & participate in two Workshops. (Meetings are *both* in person and remote in inclement weather.)

Serving on two Committees. *Officers are: President, V.P.Treasurer/Jr. Accountant, Secretary Please select **committee** choices below: *(If unable to serve but would like to join, click box.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Gardening/YAG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Beautification/Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating/Standing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help wherever needed | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Board/Standing | <input type="checkbox"/> *Unable serve on a Committee |

Participating in the yearly Plant Sale. This is our most important fundraiser. Plants are contributed from member's gardens. The Sale is a major undertaking and requires the participation of **all** Club members. There is something everyone can do to help.

Active membership participation is the key to our success and development.

PAYMENTS: Select **MEMBERSHIPS** tab (for *Online Debit/Credit payments* at: <https://bellinghamgardenclubofma.com/>)

If mailing checks along with your completed application, please make checks payable to:
BELLINGHAM GARDEN CLUB OF MA

Mail to: BGCM, Memberships, P.O. Box 223, Franklin, MA 02038

Please contact us if you have questions at: bellinghamgardenclubofma@gmail.com

_____ (Sign) _____ (Date)

GARDEN CLUB HISTORY

The Bellingham Garden Club of MA was formed on January 17, 2022 in Bellingham. At that time, the bylaws applied to only 8 garden enthusiastic members. Our membership has grown and is strong and increasing annually and open to the public. The Club has grown not only in the number of members but also in activities relative to our community.

Our mission is to encourage and enrich the interest of our members in the beauty and artistic skill of gardening and support food security. Our Club fulfills this mission by offering to the community our expertise in horticultural and landscape design by creating lovely small gardens and horticultural displays for communities. We encourage our fellow members to expand their knowledge of horticulture with respect to floral and garden design by presenting to the public educational programs, engaging youth, providing garden tours, engaging in beautification projects and flower shows while supporting our program serving food insecure communities.

Seasonal meetings are held virtually during inclement weather or locally in-person and consist of presentations by well-qualified individuals regarding conservation, environmental issues, landscape design, floral design, food preservation, garden health and horticulture. They are supplemented by workshops given by club members in their own areas of expertise and by leading experts in the field.

Any garden enthusiast can join, we welcome you!

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