THE GARDENERS' GUILD OF BRAINTREE



2026-2027

MEMBERS HANDBOOK

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Past Presidents

**Active Members*

* Lucille Barton	1975-1976
Kay Carroll	1977-1978
Peggy McCarthy	1978-1979
Brenda Manley	1979-1980
Renee Scott	1980-1981
Rose Kennedy	1981-1982
Lorraine DiMartinis	1982-1983
Gertrude Breen	1983-1984
Angela Healy	1984-1985
Margaret Kelley	1985-1986
Marguerite Hession	1986-1987
Jean Graziano	1987-1988
Claudia Rucky	1988-1989
Charlene Juffre	1989-1990
Dale Foley	1990-1991
Judy Caristi	1991-1992
Ann Moore	1992-1993
Donna Anderson	1993-1994
Barbara Wuestefeld	1994-1995

Kathryn Graham	1995-1996
Lynne Bearden	1996-1997
Bobby Kay Davis	1997-1998
Marjory O'Day	1998-1999
Mary Joyce	1999-2000
Betty Barton	2000-2001
Claire Mulligan	2001-2002
Jeanne Gilbert	2002-2003
Kerri MacKenzie Eck	2003-2004
Carol Morley	2004-2005
Lynda Mitchell	2005-2006
Joanne D'Amico	2006-2007
Christine Chilstedt	2007-2008
Catherine Sullivan	2008-2009
Erin Wilson	2009-2010
Maggi Johnson	2010-2011
* Etta Forti	2011-2012
Christine McIntyre	2012-2013
Donna Banville	2013-2014
Barbara Black	2014-2016
Joan Hutcheon	2016-2017
*Rochelle Moore	2017-2018
*Gail Rotondi	2018-2019

Millie Yeung	2019-2020
Millie Rochon	2020-2021
*Regina Zahran	2021-2023
*Gail Rotondi	2023-2025
*Regina Zahran & *Phyllis MacPherson	2026-2027

GENERAL MEETINGS

All general meetings are held on Mondays at 7 PM
Masonic Temple: 403 Washington Street

September 13 – Meet + Greet @ Santina's	January 4 – Holiday Party
October 5 – Presenter	February 1 – Presenter
November 2 – Bow + Bundle Making	March 1 – Presenter + Plant Sale prep
November 19 – Greens @ Town Hall	April 5 – Presenter + Plant Sale prep
November 22 – Boutique @ Town Hall	May 3 – Banquet

(In order to retain membership, each member ***must*** attend at least 4 meetings, serve on two committees, and pay dues by June 1st)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

All meetings are held Mondays at 7 PM at hosts' homes, unless indicated otherwise

Date		Host
September	21	Julie Sweetland @ library
October	19	Gail Rotondi
November	16	Phyllis MacPherson @ library
December	14	Carole Wilson
January	11	Lynne Pike & Missy Albert @ library
February	15	Regina Zahran @ library
March	15	Karen DeLeo
April	12	Patty Jenkins
May	17	Santina Giannino @ library
June	21	Regina Zahran @ library

WEBSITE

www.braintreegardenersguild.com

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENTS	Phyllis MacPherson & Regina Zahran
VICE PRESIDENTS	Lynne Pike & Melissa Albert
TREASURER	Julie Sweetland
RECORDING SECRETARIES	Jenn Chipman
CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES	Nancy Foley & Sheila Donahue

STANDING COMMITTEES WITH CHAIRS

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION	Michaela Reilly
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
FIELD TRIPS	Patty Jenkins & Sheila Donahue
HOSPITALITY	Patty Jenkins & Heather Walker
MEMBERSHIP & REMEMBRANCE	Rochelle Moore & Karen DeLeo
NOMINATING	Regina Zahran
PLANT THERAPY	Sheila Donahue & Roi Armstrong
PROGRAMS	Lynne Pike & Missy Albert
PUBLICITY & SOCIAL MEDIA	Santina Giannino
WAYS & MEANS—Boutique	Gail Rotondi & Nancy Foley
WAYS & MEANS—Greens	Carole Wilson & Phyllis MacPherson

AUDITOR

CHAIR – MARY BETH FORBES

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

CHAIR – MICHAELA REILLY

Lucille Barton
Valerie Bragg-Byrne
Susan Burgess
Gail Burns
Karen DeLeo
Sheila Donahue
Missy Albert
Nancy Foley
Diana Fitzgerald
Rochelle Moore
Julie Sweetland
Gail Rotondi
Ann Toland
Carole Wilson
Lynne Pike

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CHAIR –

Roi Armstrong
Lucille Barton
Missy Albert
Lynne Pike

CUSTODIAN

CHAIR –

FIELD TRIPS

CHAIR – PATTY JENKINS & SHEILA DONAHUE

Valerie Bragg-Byrnn
Nancy Foley
Nancy Bean
Michaela Reilly
Carole Wilson
Maureen Watson

HOSPITALITY

CHAIR – PATTY JENKINS & HEATHER WALKER

Roi Armstrong
Susan Burgess
Jenn Chipman
Barbara Cooper
Diana Fitzgerald
Nancy Bean
Etta Forti
Missy Albert
Phyllis MacPherson
Regina Zahran
Mary Beth Forbes

MEMB ERSHI P &

REMEMBRANCE

CHAIR – ROCHELLE MOORE & KAREN DELEO

Gail Burns
Jenn Chipman
Etta Forti
Ann Toland

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHAIR – REGINA ZAHRAN

PLANT THERAPY COMMITTEE

CHAIR – SHEILA DONAHUE & ROI ARMSTRONG

Barbara Cooper
Phyllis MacPherson

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

CHAIR – LYNNE PIKE & MISSY ALBERT

Patty Jenkins
Regina Zahran
Rochelle Moore
Sheila Donahue

PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA

CHAIR – SANTINA GIANNINO

Marybeth Forbes
Nancy Foley
Maureen Watson

WAYS & MEANS (BOUTIQUE)

CHAIR – GAIL ROTONDI & NANCY FOLEY

WAYS & MEANS (GREENS NIGHT)

CHAIR – PHYLLIS MACPHERSON & CAROLE WILSON

Diana Fitzgerald
Nancy Bean
Santina Giannino

MILLION DOLLAR WREATH RAFFLE

CHAIR – DIANA FITZGERALD

Phyllis MacPherson	Maureen Watson
Regina Zahran	Sheila Donahue

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE EVENT

The Gardeners' Guild Holiday Boutique

Braintree Town Hall
One John F Kennedy Memorial Drive
Braintree, MA 02184

Sunday, November 22
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Set up November 21
3 – 5 p.m.

CHAIR:
Gail Rotondi & Nancy Foley

PLANT SALE EVENT

The Gardeners' Guild Spring Plant Sale

Braintree Town Hall
One John F Kennedy Memorial Drive
Braintree, MA 02184

May 8, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Drop off plants (same day) by 8AM

CHAIR:
Phyllis MacPherson

PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 13: *"Afternoon Tea – Meet + Greet" at Santina's House*

Welcome back to the Guild! This meeting provides new members an opportunity to meet ongoing members and to hear about different committees that they can join, and for existing members to catch up after summer. We are all looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones!

OCTOBER 5: "*All Things Dahlia"*
Guest Presenter: Nikki Bartley

Dahlias are in season! Nikki is part of a small team of women who run Cross Street Flower Farm in Norwell at the historic Jacobs Farm, whose mission is sustainable grown cut flowers. Working in concert with nature, delivering high quality flowers, respecting the land, and cultivating a sense of community.

NOVEMBER 2: "*Bows + Bundle Making Workshop"*
Presenters: Phyllis MacPherson + Carole Wilson

In this presentation, Phyllis and Carole will demonstrate how to make bows and bundles and how to attach them to wreaths. This is important preparation for Greens Night and all members are expected to attend. Please bring any vessels or vases that might make good centerpieces but that may need some "love" prior to greens night.

NOVEMBER 19: "*Greens Night"*
Location: **BRAINTREE TOWN HALL Start Time 5:30 p.m.**

Our greens meeting at Town Hall is a required event and all members are expected to attend. Please arrive as early as possible, and bring any empty vessels or vases that you think might make a good base of centerpieces. We will all be attempting to construct at least three amazing projects each. Please be sure to bring at least one big bag of greens. The Way's and Mean's Committee will also provide guidance on what you should bring for tools, wires, etc.

JANUARY 4: "*Potluck and Yankee Swap*" Member Only Meeting

Please join us for an evening of fun and camaraderie with friend and colleagues at our annual Potluck and Yankee Swap. Come relax, have some laughs, and dine on sumptuous appetizers and desserts prepared by your co-gardeners! Bring a wrapped item for the swap: anything goes!

FEBRUARY 1: " "
Guest Presenter:

MARCH 1: ""
Guest Presenter: Maybe Lizz @ Norfolk Flowers

APRIL 5: ""
Guest Presenter: Warren Leach

MAY 3: **Annual Spring Banquet**
Details TBA

MEMBERSHIP

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

as of April 30, 2026

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking at South Shore Bank	$10,767.64
TOTAL ASSETS	$10,767.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	
Equity	$13,553.34
Net Income	($2,785.70)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	***$10,767.64***

INCOME STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2026

Cash Balance as of April 30, 2026			11,462.64.34		Actual 25-26
Anticipated Income (May 2026 - April 2027):					
	Dues (35 x $30.00)		1,050.00		1,063.00
	Banquet checks				875.00
	Boutique Table Rentals		2,400.00		2,310.00
	Boutique Sales (Greens)		2,800.00		2,653.96
	Boutique Wreath Raffle		2,500.00		2,500.00
	Boutique Vendor Raffle		700.00		690.00
	Miscellaneous Income (donations & CD Interest)		300.00		287.66
	Plant Sale		3,500.00		2,480.00
Total Income:			13,250.00		12,859.62
Allocations					
	BHS Scholarships (4 @ $1,000.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00
	Community Beautification		800.00		568.82
	Friends of Pond Meadow Park Maintenance		1,500.00		1,500.00
	Hospice (Xmas & Easter flowers)		200.00		106.14
	Library Donation / Gardening Books		300.00		300.00
	Pond Meadow Camp Scholarships		3,000.00		3,100.00
	School gardens		600.00		-
Total Allocations:			10,400.00		9,574.96

Anticipated Appropriations (Expenses)					
	Banquet (Flowers, Misc.)		200.00		70.06
	Banquet Meal Expense				
	Festival of Trees		300.00		160.02
	Hardware event		50.00		63.17
	Hospitality		50.00		-
	Insurance		500.00		509.00
	Membership & Remembrance		100.00		347.98
	Meeting Location (Masonic Temple) & Clean Up		900.00		900.00
	Office Expenses				100.30
	President's Gifts		100.00		-
	Printing for flower sale and boutique		800.00		687.49
	Programs		1,500.00		1,419.00
	Raffle tickets		100.00		-
	Town Hall rental		1,258.00		-
	Treasurer's supplies (checks, postage)		125.00		118.00
	Ways & Means (Greens)		900.00		622.67
	Ways & Means (Plant Sale)		500.00		542.53
	Website (Annual fee and maintenance)		1000.00		426.25
	Wreath raffle costs / gift cards		250.00		250.00
Total Expenses:			8,633.00		6,216.47
Net Income			( )		( )

GARDENERS' GUILD PROJECTS

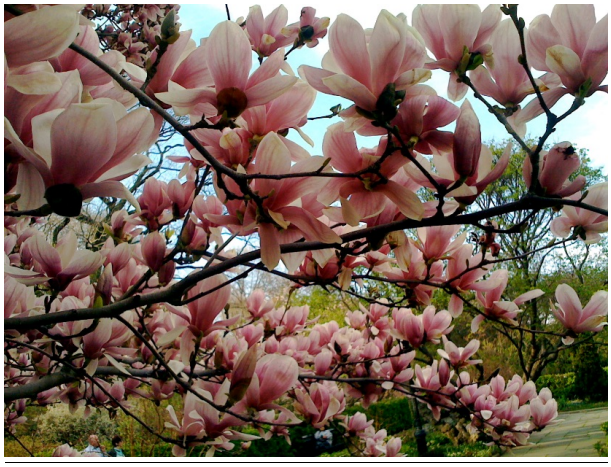
Plantings: *Thayer Herb Garden, Town Hall Mall, Plain Street Cemetery, Hollis Playground, Marge Crispin Center, and the Council of Aging*

Holiday Plants: *Hospice (Easter and Christmas)*

Other: *Adopt an Island Program & Pond Meadow Park*

MEMORIAL TREES

The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree has planted eight trees in loving memory of deceased members and special friends of the club. They are the Southern Magnolia, the signature tree of our philanthropic organization. These beautiful trees bloom at various locations throughout Braintree. Each tree is marked with an engraved sign with the name of the recipient as well as the name of our organization. One magnificent tree is planted at the Plain Street Cemetery in memory of Eleanor MacDonald. Two lovely trees are planted at the Hollis Playground in memory of Roe Flaherty and past president, Renee Scott. Two splendid magnolias grace Laffin Park and were planted in memory of Blanche St. Andre and Dorothy Crowley. At Furlong Park, an exquisite magnolia memorializes Jennie Reilly. At the Watson Park Library, two beautiful magnolias thrive in memory of the organization's long time benefactor and local columnist, Olive Laing, and past president, Brenda Manley.



CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOURS PAST

December 13, 1976	"CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON DISPLAY" *Bernard and Angela Healy, 49 Alexander Road, Braintree*
December 12, 1977	"YESTERYEARS' YULETIDE" *Carl and Beatrice Johnson, Jr., 766 Washington Street, Braintree*
December 10, 1978	"HOLIDAY HERITAGE HOUSE TOUR" *Anthony and Anne Marisco, 205 Pilgrim Road, Braintree*
December 9, 1979	"A WARM CHRISTMAS WELCOME" *Samuel and Florence Logan, 15 Logan Drive, Braintree*
December 7, 1980	"ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS PAST" *John and Christina Eaton, 516 Middle Street, Braintree*
December 6, 1981	"YE MERRY OLDE CHRISTMAS" *Beverly Dee, 275 West Street, Braintree*
December 5, 1982	"TURNING THE PAGES OF CHRISTMAS" *Peter Silowan, 150 Cedar Street, Braintree*
December 4, 1983	"A NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS" *Henry and Jeanette Davies, 310 Tremont Street, Braintree*
December 2, 1984	"A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS" *George and Phyllis Troupe, 95 Colby Road, Braintree*
December 8, 1985	"ELEGANCE OF A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS" *Richard and Shyla Settles, 56 Monatiquot Avenue, Braintree*
December 7, 1986	"HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" *Leonard and Marie Cuscianna, 61 Christina Drive, Braintree*
December 6, 1987	"THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS" *Nicholas and Katherine DiGiusto, 795 Commercial Street, Braintree*
December 4, 1988	"CHRISTMAS ON WALNUT STREET" *John and Linda Nugent, 50 Walnut Street, Braintree*
December 3, 1989	"YULETIDE VISIONS" *Ronald and Marion Abell, 47 Packard Drive, Braintree*
December 2, 1990	"OUR YULETIDE HERITAGE" *Daniel and Ashlie Riley, 355 Middle Street, Braintree*

December 8, 1991	"A CELESTIAL CELEBRATION" *Joseph and Elaine Iantosca, 40 Albee Drive, Braintree*
December 6, 1992	"A CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL" *Fred and Eleanor Rugnetta, 101 Sycamore Road, Braintree*
December 5, 1993	"A CHRISTMAS MEDLEY" *Ronald and Florie Gurnon, 17 Vine Street, Braintree*
December 4, 1994	"HOLIDAY ENCHANTMENT" *Edward and Deborah O'Hearn, 71 Zana Park Drive, Braintree*
December 3, 1995	"AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS" *David and Mary Ann Wilbur, 132 Park Street, Braintree*
December 8, 1996	"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" *Joseph and Kerri Eck, 80 Hollingsworth Avenue, Braintree*
December 7, 1997	"CHRISTMAS WITH A SPLASH" *Thomas and Rita Murphy, 59 Canavan Drive, Braintree*
December 6, 1998	"CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS 1878-1998" *Kelley and Rochelle Moore, 46 Hollis Avenue, Braintree*
December 5, 1999	"THE COLONIAL ELEGANCE OF CHRISTMAS" *Jeffrey and Sandra Kunz, 89 Hollingsworth Avenue, Braintree*
December 3, 2000	"1842 CHRISTMAS ENCHANTMENT" *Richard and Karalyn Clancy & David and Mary Ellis* *1091-1093 Washington Street, Braintree*
December 2, 2001	"TREASURED CHRISTMAS MEMORIES" *Steven and Diane Smith, 111 Hannah Niles Way, Braintree*
December 8, 2002	"THE SPLENDOR OF CHRISTMAS PAST" *Edward and Ginny Lizotte, 43 South Street, Braintree*
December 7, 2003	"A NEIGHBORLY CHRISTMAS" *Patrick and Karen Connelly, 35 Greenhouse Way* *Richard and Roe Flaherty, 19 Harvest Lane*
December 5, 2004	"CHRISTMAS IN GRAND STYLE" *John and Jean Speredelozzi, 39 Albee Drive, Braintree*
December 4, 2005	"CHRISTMAS DOWN THE LANE" *Ron and Laura Ciccolo, 30 Buker Corner Lane, Braintree*
December 3, 2006	"MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST" *Bob and Janice Cusack, 86 Cochato Road, Braintree*
December 2, 2007	*"*CHRISTMAS AROUND THE TOWN*"*

	Carl and Maggi Johnson, 17 Brewster Avenue *John and Lori Jackson, 891 Liberty Street* *James and Eileen Pasman, 132 Cedar Street*
December 7, 2008	"HOLIDAY DUET" *Brian and Laura McGourty, 15 Colby Road* *Kathleen Cummings, 27 Packard Drive*
December 6, 2009	"CHRISTMAS SPLENDOR" *Steven and Lynn Kelly, 47 Addison Street*
December 5, 2010	"CHRISTMAS ON TREMONT STREET" *Betty Edwards, 320 Tremont Street*
December 4, 2011	"A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS" *Seamus Healy, 37 Maple Street*
December 2, 2012	"THE JACHONIAS THAYER HOUSE: A GEORGIAN HOLIDAY" *Barry and Debbie Culkin, 216 Elm Street*
December 8, 2013	"YULETIDE AT THE ASA FRENCH HOUSE" *Bob Harris and Aziz Karsan, 766 Washington Street*
December 7, 2014	"CHRISTMAS BY THE RIVER" *James and Cindy Manganello, 23 Vine Street* *Sean and Cindy Hastings, 28 Vine Street*
December 6, 2015	"OLD TIME CHRISTMAS VISITS CONTEMPORARY ELEGANCE & CHARM" *Peter and Heather Thompson, 269 Peach Street*
December 4, 2016	"AN ARTISTICALLY CLASSIC CHRISTMAS" *Frank and Christy and Frankie Marinelli, 1 Marinelli Court*
December 3, 2017	"A PORTRAIT OF CHRISTMAS" *Peter & Linda Silowan, 150 Cedar Street*
December 2, 2018	"A QUEEN ANNE'S CHRISTMAS" *Steven and Joyce Eby, 72 Mt Vernon Ave*
December 1, 2019	"HOME SWEET HOME" *Richard and Denise Horrigan, 139 Cedar Street*
December 2020	"THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY" *798 Washington Street*

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree, Massachusetts, organized and formed on December 1, 1975 for charitable purposes and beautification of our community.

Said organization is organized exclusively for, and will be operated exclusively for charitable purposes. No part of its net earnings will inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers, or other private individuals.

It will not as a substantial part of its activities attempt to influence legislation or participate in a political campaign for or against any candidate for public office.

All assets of The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree will be permanently dedicated to charitable purposes. Should The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree dissolve, its assets will be distributed for charitable purposes. None of the assets of The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree can in any way be distributed to the members, officers, or private individuals or be used for any purpose other than charitable.

The officers and members of The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree will not be compensated for any services rendered in the operation of this organization.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree shall not, except to any insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree. The purposes are to promote interest and knowledge of gardening and beautification of our community through charitable contributions.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this 1st day of December 1975.

THE GARDENERS' GUILD OF BRAINTREE BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree.

Section 2 The object of this club shall be to promote interest and knowledge of gardening and beautification of our community.

Article II

Section 1 Number of Members – The club shall consist of 100 members plus past Presidents who remain as members.

Section 2 Applications – Applications for membership must be presented in writing to the Corresponding Secretary, endorsed by ONE member and accompanied by the Entrance fee of $1.00. The Corresponding Secretary shall refer such application to the Executive Board for approval. The Corresponding Secretary shall state the name of the new applicant at the next meeting and notify her of approval.

Section 3a New Member Admission – Everyone who is elected a member, shall, within ten days after notification of admission, pay the Treasurer the fee due, and receive a membership card which shall constitute a receipt for the annual fees. This card shall entitle the member to all the privileges of the club until the close of the club year.

Section 3b Waiting List - Once membership reaches 100, names of candidates will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received. Braintree residents will take preference. These candidates may attend meetings as guests. A guest fee of $1 is applicable. Guests/candidates may not attend the business portion of the April meeting.

Section 3c Annual Membership Renewal – After June 1 of each year, the nonpayment of dues shall be considered equivalent to resignation from the club.

Section 4a Membership Cards – Every member shall be asked to show her membership card at the door of each meeting.

Section 4b Standing Member Fee – The fee for each member shall be $30 annually, which includes their membership card and entrance to the house tour/boutique. After June 1st of each year, the nonpayment of dues shall be considered equivalent to resignation from the club.

Section 5 Attendance – Subject to the approval of the Executive Board, a member must attend a minimum of 4 meetings a year, or membership shall be forfeited.

Section 6 Committee Requirements – It is mandatory for all members to actively serve on at least two committees during the club year. All members are required to participate in the annual house tour/boutique Greens by serving on either Creative Potpourri (Holiday House) or the Holiday Boutique.

ARTICLE III

Section 1 Club Officers – The officers shall be a President, a First Vice- President, a Second Vice- President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers, the Chairmen of Standing Committees, and the immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2 Elections – The officers shall be elected at the April meeting. They shall hold office for one year. The annual term shall expire at the Annual Meeting in May. The Second Vice-President shall assume the office of First-Vice President; and, the First Vice-President shall become President.

Section 3 Vice-President Requirements – To stand for office of Second Vice-President, a nominee must have served on the Executive Board for at least one year.

Section 4 Election Process – The election shall be by ballot. The vote of the majority present and voting shall be necessary for a choice. If there is only one nominee for each office, by vote of the club, the Recording Secretary shall cast one ballot for the entire list, or for as many as there are sole nominees for an office.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 Executive Board Responsibilities – The Executive Board shall transact all

routine business of the Club, fill vacancies in office, appoint special and standing Committees Chairmen as required, and arrange for meetings of the Club. Specific appointments made the Executive Board are for the positions of Auditor and Custodian.

Section 2 President's Responsibilities – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, and the Executive Board and perform all other duties incident to that office.

Section 3 1st Vice-President's Responsibilities – The 1st Vice-President shall perform the duties usually devolving upon this office and shall act as a Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 4 2nd Vice-President's Responsibilities – The 2nd Vice-President shall perform the duties usually devolving upon this office and shall be Editor of the Club Hand Book.

Section 5 Recording Secretary Responsibilities – The Recording Secretary shall keep the records of all meetings of the Club and Executive Board.

Section 6 Corresponding Secretary Responsibilities – The Corresponding Secretary shall keep a record of members, club waiting list, chairmen of standing committees, and notify new members of their acceptance. The Corresponding Secretary shall also conduct and preserve all correspondence, attend to all club notices, and prepare and send the monthly newsletter.

Section 7 Treasurer's Responsibilities – The Treasurer shall receive monies, pay all bills, and keep an account thereof. She shall sign and issue all Membership cards, and make a statement at all monthly meetings of the General Membership and the Executive Board. She shall close all accounts annually and submit all related documentation to the Auditor for approval.

Section 8 Auditor's Responsibilities – The Auditor shall review and audit all bills and accounts of the Treasurer twice during the Club year and report in writing the at the end of the calendar year and at the Annual Meeting.

Section 9 Custodian's Responsibilities – The Custodian shall have charge of all items and properties belonging to the Club, and provide a written report to the Executive Board annually.

Section 10 Standing Committees – The Standing Committee shall do such work as is approved by the Executive Board and shall render a written report in triplicate at the April Board Meeting, one to be filed with the Recording Secretary, one to be handed to the incoming Chairman, and one to be handed to the President.

Section 11 Standing Committee on Finance – The Standing Committee on Finance shall consist of the First VP who shall be Chairman, the President and the Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to prepare a list of appropriations for acceptance by the Board.

Section 12 Standing Committee Chairs – The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board. Each Chairman shall call her committee together as soon as possible after appointment and hold such meetings as may be deemed advisable to carry on its work. Plans for committee activities shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Section 13 The Club will be responsible only for bills to the amount appropriated unless otherwise voted by the Executive Board. All money must be paid to the Treasurer. All bills received must be paid by the Treasurer.

Section 12 All Executive Board members shall attend all Board and regular club meetings unless excused by the President.

ARTICLE V

Section 1 The President shall appoint a regular day for the monthly meeting of the Board.

Section 2 The Executive Board shall hold special meetings upon the call of the Corresponding Secretary at the request of the President or any other three members.

Section 3 The regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the first Monday of each month. The day, hour and place of meetings may be varied by the unanimous vote of the Executive Board. The object of the special meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent out at least five days previous to the meeting.

Section 4 Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be parliamentary authority at all

meetings. Plans for committee activities shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1 Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Section 2 One third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 All money received by the Treasurer shall be used only for furthering the educational object of the club.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1 At least one month previous to the April meeting, the Executive Board shall present to the Club a list containing the names of four Club members. With the Past President as Chairwoman, these members shall constitute the Nominating Committee for the following year.

Section 2 Members of the Executive Board shall be required to familiarize themselves with the Bylaws of the Club and the qualifications of potential officers. Written recommendations may be accepted for consideration from any club member. The slate will be presented at the March meeting. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor at this time, the ballot will be closed. Voting will take place in April.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1 These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of those present and Voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at two consecutive meetings and approved by the Executive Board.

STANDING RULES

Any member may bring a guest to only two meetings upon payment of guest fee of $1.00 per meeting. Programs/Workshops requiring a fee to the general membership may be offered to guests at a non-member rate.

Any past member wishing to rejoin the Gardeners' Guild must pay $1.00 and will be placed at the end of the Waiting List.

Any applicant being accepted as a member after January 1st will pay one-half year's dues.

All annual reports and folders, including past years, will be passed on to new Standing Committee Chairwomen at the Annual Banquet.

Members of the Nominating Committee should be Guild members in good standing for a minimum period of three years.

No member may serve on the Nominating Committee for a second time until a period of 5 years has elapsed since her previous term as a member of the Nominating Committee.

We urge all of our members to adhere to our By-Laws, to contribute her talents and knowledge of the Guild, for only in sharing and participating will we be successful.

The Executive Board may vote upon an expense less than $100.00. (Amended from $25.00 at March 2010 General Meeting)

The club members must vote upon an expense greater than $100.00. (Amended from $25.00 at March 2010 General Meeting)

HELPFUL HINTS TO BE A GOOD MEMBER

1. General meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Programs/Workshops begin at 7:30 pm. Please make every effort to be on time.

2. Check your name off at membership desk, have your membership card stamped and put on your name tag. Be sure to return your name tag after the meeting. In order to remain a member, each member must attend at least 4 meetings. The banquet is considered a meeting.

3. We collect money at each meeting for our Sunshine Fund. There is a can set out at each meeting. We use this money to by cards, and/or flowers for our members who are sick, have had an accident, operation, new baby, lost a loved one, or need a little cheer. Your contributions are important, please contribute to the Sunshine Fund.

4. Talking amongst members when a speaker is presenting his/her topic or when the Executive Board is opening the meeting can be quite distracting. Please refrain from talking during these times.

5. If your circumstances change and you feel that you will not be able to continue as a member, please let us know as soon as possible. A letter would be nice.

6. Everyone will be asked to bake for a meeting. Your name will appear in the upcoming newsletter and you will receive a telephone reminder. Bakers are also expected to help clean-up at the end of the meeting. Ways and Means members must bring 2 food items for the Boutique refreshments and Creative Events members must bring 2 food items for the House Tour workers unless otherwise notified.

7. Since our primary fundraiser is the House Tour and Boutique, and in order to meet our annual goals, house tour / boutique tickets must be sold. Please make every effort to promote these events and sell tickets to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and other acquaintances.

8. Annual dues are $30.00 which includes the cost of your ticket to the house tour/boutique. Your membership card serves as your ticket. Dues must be paid by June 1st in order to remain in good standing.

9. All members must sign up for at least two committees, one of which must be Creative Events (House Tour) or Ways and Means (Boutique). To continue all our worthwhile community services, we need the commitment of the whole club and your **100% PARTICIPATION** on these committees. Thank you!

NOTES

(IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN PLANNING FOR THE NEXT YEAR, IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU SEND IN YOUR DUES AND RETURN COMMITTEE SHEETS BEFORE THE MAY BANQUET.)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date _____

Ms./Mr. _____
(Please Print)

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

Phone & Email _____

Birthday _____
(Month and Day)

How Did You Learn about the Guild _____

I hereby apply for membership to The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree to promote interest and knowledge of gardening.

_____
Signature of Applicant

$1.00 must accompany this application

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Signature of Sponsor, if applicable

Please mail completed application to the:

Gardeners' Guild of Braintree
c/o 46 Hollis Avenue
Braintree, MA 02184

www.braintreegardenersguild.com

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Date Application Received _____ Date Application Approved_____

The official Guild Logo
was first presented in May of our
first year, 1975-1976.
The Magnolia was chosen because
of its connotation of
dignity, perseverance,
and love of nature, ultimately,
the goals and ideals of the Guild.

GARDEN CLUB BEATITUDES

Blessed is the club which plants long lived trees and shrubs, for generations shall call them blessed.

Blessed is the club in which each member makes a garden, for God may be seen in the heart of a flower.

Blessed is the club which cleans up the highways and home grounds, for cleanliness is next to godliness.

Blessed is the club which considers the children, and teaches them to garden, for these children shall become the garden clubs of tomorrow.

Blessed is the club which teaches conversation, for their work shall live long after them.

Blessed is the club which puts love and service into all their works, for greater shall be their reward.

Blessed is the club which works and complains not.

Taken from *The Volunteer Gardener of Tennessee*