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Blowing Rock Garden Club  
Member Newsletter



## September 2024 Newsletter

# Hello, Friends!

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
Wednesday, September 4

**Note earlier time and location:**  
**Program starts at 11:00 am**  
**Location: Blowing Rock Art and History Museum**  
159 Ginny Stevens Lane, 2nd floor

We are coordinating with BRAHM again to present a program that dovetails with the museum history and current exhibits.

This year we are fortunate to have landscape architect Ron Cutip as our speaker. He has done notable work with golf course design, the playground at Blowing Rock School, and Rockefeller Center in New York City. Members and guests can also enjoy the Alex Hallmark exhibit at BRAHM. Mr Hallmark was the artist and sculptor who designed The Gardener that graces our Memorial Garden. You are probably familiar with another one of his sculptures in downtown Boone: Doc Watson sitting on a bench playing the guitar.

The program is FREE to garden club and museum members. Please visit the BRAHM website to register for the program. The public is invited to join us for a \$8 fee. Board members are asked to arrive early to set up for the meeting.

Register at <https://www.blowingrockmuseum.org/calendar/garden-club-talk>

Following the meeting, we are invited to tour the garden of members Alice Roess and Ineke Thomas. We thank both members for their hospitality.



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**Danielle Stewart from The Mustard Seed** joined us at the August meeting and entertained us with her story of the begining of her journey with buying the roadside stand and raising plants and flowers for our community. As she was telling her story, she demonstrated how to create centerpieces with a variety of flowers, both with our usual favorites and unusual stems.

How to extend the bloom time of your centerpiece? Change the water daily and snip the ends of the stems at an angle. No special formula needed. I decided I needed some Mountain Mint for my garden.



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**WEBSITE UPDATE:**

Lise Jenkins has graciously agreed to manage our website! This is a work in progress, and we are excited and grateful that she is willing to tackle this project.

This will be a website that the community can access for garden club happenings. Sections can include Featured Events, Learn with Us, Coming Events, and the Blowing Rock Memorial Garden. A membership application



has already been uploaded with details on how to join the club.

The website will include a Members Only section that will be password protected for paid members to enjoy.

Check out the website at <https://blowingrockgardenclub.org>

## Mark Your Calendars

### Garden Club Meetings:

Wednesdays: September 4, at BRAHM, 11 am

October 2: Luncheon and Installation of Officers for 2025

**Sip and Shop**, Friday, September 6, 11 am - 5 pm. J.McLaughlin, 1081 Main Street.

**Mile of Flowers planning meeting:** Sept 12, 2:00 pm

**Wildflower Bingo:** Thursday, September 26

\*\*\* Donations requested by Tuesday, September 24

**Apple Cider Making** and Plant Exchange, Sunday, October 6, Noon to 4 pm

**Mile of Flowers:** Friday, June 27, **2025**

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### Member Events:

**New Member Tea** was hosted by Joyce Zellner at her unique and inviting barn on Monday, August 26. We welcomed our new members, and are delighted that they are joining us to contribute to and enjoy our many activities.



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## Wildflower Bingo

**Win Prizes! Entertain our community! Have FUN!**

**Thursday, September 26**

6 pm - 8 pm  
\$20 per person  
American Legion Building, Blowing Rock

Last year's successful event has inspired us to repeat the performance. Everyone is invited to participate for fun and camaraderie. This event allows us to support the Memorial Garden and our other projects. The \$20 ticket includes one bingo card to play for the evening, a raffle ticket, and refreshments. Members who are working the event and who do not plan to play bingo are admitted at no charge. We plan on selling out, so get your ticket early.

The planning is in progress, and we are well on our way to another delightful event. All members are encouraged to participate and show their support. Put on your baking apron or chef's hat and bring a treat to the event.

J.McLaughlin is sponsoring a Sip and Shop to support our fundraiser. 15% of all proceeds will benefit the Blowing Rock Garden Club. Please stop by on Friday, September 6 to check out their new arrivals to enhance your wardrobe.



## **2024 Field Trips**

Thanks to Mona Johnson for organizing the field trips for this year. Members enjoyed visiting nurseries in June, touring the Lavender Farm and picking blueberries plus touring Arborcrest in July.

**October offers Apple cider making** and **Plant Exchange** at the Steele apple orchard on Sunday, October 6 from 12 noon to 4 pm. Bring containers to take home some really fresh apple cider. We pick apples, wash and trim them, then put them in the hopper and watch as the incredibly delicious cider emerges.

Please bring a snack to share, relax to some music and take home a new plant for your garden. Location: 165 Briarcliff Road, off Edmisten. From 321, turn



at the Visitors Center going toward Appalachian Ski Mountain. Maps will be available at the October meeting.

\* Contact Mona at 954-465-4111 for more information.



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### Gardening tips for perennials:

What to cut back in August and September:

- \* **Lady's Mantle**, also known as Alchemilla Mollis. Good for ground cover, and the deer haven't eaten mine.
- \* **Bronze Fennel** - an aromatic herb. Good pollinator
- \* **Coreopsis** or Tick Seed - you can also cut back by a third to encourage re-bloom
- \* **Delphiniums** - love these tall spikes of colorful flowers
- \* **Hardy Geraniums** - also known as Cranesbill geranium. Cut back to ground in August for rebloom in fall
- \* **Salvia** - prune lightly for second flush of bloom.

*From Homes and Gardens website*

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At each of our club meetings, we're excited to continue our tradition of member raffles, adding an extra element of fun and prizes to our gatherings. If you would like to participate by bringing a plant or garden treasure, please contact **Mary Horsman at 772-472-3817**.

### DECORATORS WANTED:

In addition, at our October meetings we have been delighted by having some of our members decorate the tables with a fall theme. If you are interested in decorating a table, contact Mary.



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Dues for 2024 are \$35.00 per member. Please mail dues to  
Blowing Rock Garden Club  
PO BOX 2673  
Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
Or bring your dues to the next meeting.  
Thanks!

### *Notes & Reminders*

- We are officially a 501 C3, which allows donations to be tax-exempt. This will be beneficial for our Wildflower Bingo donations
- We are asking for donations from the restaurants and merchants for our Bingo fundraiser. If you have connections and would be willing to ask for donations, please contact Marie Caracuzzo at 561-315-9913 to ask for the donation form. It would be much appreciated.

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### *Club Officers*

President- [Mary Babbitt](#)  
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Treasurer- [Malia Shorts](#)

### *Committee Chairs*

Membership- Kathy Medosch  
Horticulture- Evenlight Eagles  
Hospitality- Mary Horsman  
Programs- Elmyra Morris and Mary Babbitt  
Field Trips- Mona Johnson  
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4th of July Parade - Amanda Lugenbell  
Community Outreach - Amanda Lugenbell  
Newsletter - Lynda Steele  
Website- Lise Jenkins  
Wildflower Bingo - Marie Caracuzzo



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