

**Norwood Evening Garden Club**  
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**NORWOOD EVENING GARDEN CLUB ELECTS**  
**NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The Norwood Evening Garden Club today announced the installation of a new slate of officers for a two-year term. Nancy Costa of Norwood was elected President; Sheela Venkatesh of Norwood was elected Vice President; Tracy Firth of Walpole was elected Secretary; and Susan Cosman of Walpole was elected Treasurer.

Ms. Costa has selected her Board and says she is confident that with such a strong support team, the club will continue its 20 year tradition of being an asset to the communities it serves.

The new Board of Directors includes Donna Lane, Awards, Scholarships, and Publicity; Janet Taylor, Civic Beautification; and Barbara Hopcroft, Membership; Anne Marie Bielenin & Carol Cheek, Hospitality; and Anne Heller, Horticulture. Also assisting the Board will be Nell Rose Maresco, Sunshine; Kathleen Pellegrini, Garden Therapy; Debbie Wells, Plant-A-Row; Debbie & Jim Schulz, liaisons to the Trustees of Reservations for Francis William Bird Park; and Lisa Oberly and Laura Lee, Plant Sale.

According to Ms. Venkatesh, the new Programs chair, the Garden Club has an interesting lineup of speakers scheduled for this year, including talks and demonstrations covering garden design (foliage, dahlias and hydrangeas), floral design, holiday traditions, cactus and succulents and the environment. The Club plans to continue its Plant-A-Row for the Hungry campaign, as well its annual Art in Bloom event, where club members interpret the drawings of Norwood and Walpole High School art students. Most club programs and events are open to the public.

In addition to offering a variety of entertaining and educational programs, the Club will continue its significant civic beautification efforts for the towns of Norwood and Walpole. The Club's most visible community contributions to date have been the design and care of the "Washington Street Corridor" which includes the beds in Norwood's Guild Square, the Round in Norwood Center, the corner of Cottage and Washington streets at the Common, Hawes Pool Park in South Norwood, and the beds at the entrance to Bird Park in Walpole. They will also care for the Walpole Library's rain garden.

Because the Club meets in the evening, it draws members from a number of towns – Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham and several others. The Club is celebrating its 20 year anniversary welcoming novices, experts and all levels in-between. "Membership is open to anyone who loves gardening and is willing to further the Club's goals," says Costa. "Our primary objectives are to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening, and to promote environmentally sound horticultural practices, civic beauty and the conservation of natural resources."

The Norwood Evening Garden Club has won many awards at the local, regional and national levels from the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, the New England Region of Garden Clubs, National Garden Clubs, Inc., the Boston and Newport Flower Shows and the Marshfield Fair. They have also won numerous awards from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and an award of distinction from the Garden Club of America.

For more information about becoming a member of the Norwood Evening Garden Club or to learn about upcoming club programs, contact Donna Lane at 781-769-3854 or visit [www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org](http://www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.org).

*Newly elected officers of the Norwood Evening Garden Club (from left to right):*

*Tracy Firth, Secretary; Susan Cosman, Treasurer; Sheela Venkatesh, Vice President;  
and Nancy Costa, President.*

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