

Garden Club brightens up soup kitchen

Submitted by Boxford Village Garden Club

The Boxford Village Garden Club (BVGC) recently received a 2018 Partner of Appreciation Award from Bread & Roses of Lawrence, a soup kitchen that provides hot meals, pantry support, medical services and community food outreach to all who are in need in the Merrimack Valley area.

"The Boxford Village Garden Club is happy to help brighten the atmosphere for Bread & Roses clients and staff members," said BVGC member Frances Wheeler.

"As co-chairs of the committee in charge, Nancy Woolford and I are grateful for the volunteers who share their time and talent. They all seem to enjoy it, and we have no trouble getting club members to participate," added Wheeler.

During the months of January and February, members of the BVGC visit the Bread &



On behalf of the Boxford Village Garden Club, Nancy Woolford, left, and Frances Wheeler are happy to accept the 2018 Partner of Appreciation Award from Bread and Roses, a soup kitchen in Lawrence. [COURTESY PHOTO]

Roses soup kitchen, bringing with them enough colorful bud vase arrangements to decorate all of the tables.

The gardeners also create a couple of larger floral arrangements for the facility during the winter months.

Woolford and Wheeler have been spearheading this garden

club community project for the last four years. Each year, they recruit more than 20 volunteer club members who then purchase, arrange and drop off the flowers at the Lawrence soup kitchen.

BVGC members have been carrying out this project for more than 10 years.