

Boxford Garden Club decks the halls

By Boxford Village Garden Club

More than 50 members of the Boxford Village Garden Club (BVGC) recently teamed up to create beautiful holiday wreaths, baskets and swags for the exterior of several town buildings as well as a local shelter.

Donning their bright green aprons, the gardeners met early on the morning of Friday, Nov. 30 at the Boxford First Congregational Church armed with clippers, wire cutters, rolls of ribbon and, of course, a huge pile of pine, hemlock, spruce, holly and other greens.

The owners of two Boxford tree farms donated greens to the BVGC for this workshop: Tom Price of Ingaldsby Farm on Washington Street and Tom LaPointe of Future Generations Forestry on Herrick Road.

Every year the Garden Club makes wreaths and/or baskets for the doors of the Community Center, the First and Second Congregational Churches, the Holyoke-French House, the Police Station, the Library/Town Hall, the Historical Document Center and the West Village Library. This year a wreath was also created and donated to the women's shelter, Ishah House in Lawrence.

All members of the garden club also purchased a mix of warm scarves, gloves, hats and pajamas, which were also donated to the women who live in the shelter.

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Standing in front of the baskets they made are Diane Gori, Tara Mahoney and Carolyn Tanner. [COURTESY PHOTO]



This team of gardeners from the Boxford Village Garden Club created a giant wreath for the First Congregational Church on Georgetown Road. Shown, from left, are: JoAnn Noyes, BVGC President Ginny Keilty, Jean Melzar, Lynn Minich, Susan Giallombardo, Erin Garston and Marianne Strong. [COURTESY PHOTO]



Donating delicious chicken pies for the holiday luncheon were Wally, Dan and Suzy Arsenaault of Boxford, owners of Harrows Chicken Pies, which has locations in Reading, Saugus, Methuen, Tewksbury and several other locations. [COURTESY PHOTO]

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other locations.

Several members of the Garden Club contributed to the success of the holiday

luncheon, which was held at the Family Life Center. The BVGC hostesses made salads and desserts to round out the menu, and served the food to the gardeners who made the wreaths.

Members of the club also dropped off food donations at the Boxford Food Pantry, which is housed at the church.



Boxford Village Garden Club members Norma Shaw and Kathy Tusini display the holiday wreath they made at the Holiday Greens Workshop on Nov. 30, 2018 at the First Congregational Church Family Life Center in Boxford. [COURTESY PHOTO]