Litchfield Garden Club Initiates Bluebirds of Happiness Program

To continue its mission of educating and engaging the community in various areas of conservation, the Conservation Committee of The Litchfield Garden Club (LGC) initiated a "Bluebirds of Happiness" program.

Spearheaded by Conservation Chairperson Grace Yagtug, the project will commence in the Spring of 2020, with the installation of nine bluebird nesting boxes at the Tapping Reeve Meadow in Litchfield. The boxes will be placed in groupings of three with three boxes in each group, allowing adequate room for the nesting of other birds in addition to bluebirds. This method encourages 'neighboring,' which occurs when different bird families guard 'neighboring' nests while the parents forage for food.

The LGC plans to install one hundred bluebird nesting boxes over a two year period in the Litchfield area with the goal of providing enough habitat and food plant sources to encourage bluebird families to winter over in this zone. Bluebirds symbolize joy, prosperity and good health. Their colorful plumage is associated with blue skies and eternal happiness. A bluebird sighting is a harbinger of good things to come.

The "Bluebirds of Happiness" program is a collaborative effort between the LGC, The Litchfield Historical Society (LHS) and Sharon Audubon Center all working together to create habitats for wildlife. If you have an open area of land in Litchfield, bordered by trees or hedges and wish to participate in this program, please contact the LGC at litchfieldgclub@gmail.com.

For additional information about any of these organizations, please visit the following websites: LGC at litchfieldgardenglub.org, LHS at litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org and the Sharon Audubon Center at sharon.audubon.org.

Photo caption: Members of The Litchfield Garden Club present bluebird nesting boxes to Catherine Fields, Director of The Litchfield Historical Society. (Pictured L-R) Rosie Furniss, Jane Hinkel, Fran Devlin, Catherine Fields.