

LGC Newsletter



April 2018

Dear Member,

"April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain." Of course this quote is from T.S. Eliot's "Waste Land", and no cliché-ridden letter is complete without it. At last Spring has arrived, and the big show is about to begin with those April stars, the daffodils. All of the rain and wet winter should give us a good show this month. Now is the time to take a few minutes to reintroduce yourself to their divisions and decide what to plant next year. Put your favorites on your summer calendar so you can order them for fall planting. Now is also the time to mark those clumps with no flowers for division after flowering. I usually remove dead foliage around mid June and start to dig the old clumps then.

This month we have one of our Open Meetings on conservation. If you have someone in mind for membership, April is a good month to invite that person to a meeting. The more the merrier. In the meantime, enjoy early spring; it doesn't last long. I hope to see you all at our April meeting.

Best, Diane



Image from "Earth Tones Nursery Website"

**Native Shrubs in the Garden
Presentation Given By Earth Tones Native Plants Nursery**

April 12, 2018

3:00 P.M.

**Litchfield Community Center
Open to the Public**

Photography Sweepstakes!

If you haven't done so already, RSVP [Joan Burgess](#)

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Flower Design: Lee Reese

We will demonstrate how to make a tussie-mussie on April 23rd at 9:30 at St. Michael's Community House in anticipation of our floral sweeps for the May meeting. Everyone is invited.

We had a wonderful display of our inspiration sweeps at our March meeting. Thank you to all who entered. Pictures of the entries are on our website.

Happy Spring, Lee

Horticulture: Julia Metcalf

I neglected to get you all your tomato seeds at the last meeting, and for this I am very sorry. I will leave them at my front door in a small box. Please take one of the two types of packets. These seeds are for the challenge at our September meeting: "Who grew the prettiest tomato?" We really need to get them going by April 7th if you want to plant them in the soil around Memorial Day.

FYI, I use Pete and Gerry egg cartons as my seed starters. They are clear, and you can see the roots very easily. Here is a link on basic seed planting, if you don't already have this information - [Click HERE](#).

These tomatoes will be harvested, and I will teach a quick seeding workshop in the fall.

Thinking ahead, I wondered if any of you would be interested in doing a soft-cuttings workshop in June? Perhaps we could meet before our meeting at the Bellamy Ferriday House. Please let me know if this workshop would appeal to you.

I am also thinking of doing another trough workshop again next fall. Is there any interest there? Let me know, and I will set it up.

Our next Sweeps will be at the meeting in May. I am working on getting judges and will publish a schedule after our April meeting.

Julia

Hospitality: Lisa Horne & Margy Miner

Thanks to all of you who have signed up for our 2017-2018 meetings. We will reach out to you again for our 2018-2019 Programs.

Lisa & Margy

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:-
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

SWEEPSTAKES FOR APRIL

Class 1: Birds and Bees: A macro or close-up image of a bird or insect relating to a flower or leaves. Color

Class II: April Showers: An image depicting the beauty and mystery of moving water. Color

Class III: Salute to our Natives: An image including native plants, flowers, trees or shrubs. Color

All images should be at least 36" and not more than 50" in circumference, flush mounted on mat or foam core. Any questions, call Cathy at 860 921-7280. Help is available on a moment's notice.

Our program on using native shrubs and trees will be presented by Earth Tones Nursery. The meeting is open to the public. Please do enter!

In preparation for our Wildflower sweeps in May, there is a program at Flanders Nature Center, Bethlehem on April 6th. For details about the program, carpooling and maybe a glass of wine, call Cathy at 860 921-7280.

Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, NY will host its monthly Wildflower Walk at 11 am on Saturday, May 5th. For carpooling and maybe a glass of wine, call Cathy at 860 921-7280

Cathy

Visiting Gardens: Nancy Rath

We have two very exciting trips planned for May and June.

INNISFREE GARDEN IN MILLBROOK, NY

Wednesday, May 23rd

Cost of tour: \$15

Cost of catered lunch - TBD

We are so fortunate to have Innisfree's landscape curator and graduate of Cornell's MLA program Kate Kerin to be our guide through this amazing 150 acre garden. All of the garden features including streams, waterfalls, terraces, retaining walls, rocks, and plants are based on principles of Chinese landscape design. Most of the plants are native, and the rocks come from the local forest. The gardens are watered by the deep glacial Tyrell Lake. This trip should be spectacular! I hope that many of you will join us.

NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW

Friday, June 22nd from 10:30am to 5pm

For those of you who have attended this show in the past, you know that it is truly delightful. I hope that many of you will join us again this year or come with us for the first time.

In order to qualify as a group, we need a minimum of 20 people. If we have fewer than 20 attending, we will be on our own. So please let me know ASAP if you are able to come.

Hope to see you then! Nancy Rath, (H) 860.567.8222 (C) 860.806.2998

Website: Joan Burgess

The website has been updated with photos and new information - please visit these pages:

- Visit the [Conservation Page](#) to read about *Calling all Pollinator Advocates -How can you help?*
- New pictures have been posted from the Terrariums & Plants meeting with Tovah Martin - Visit the [Hospitality Page](#).
- Visit the [Design & Flower Show Page](#) to see the Design Sweeps from the March meeting.
- Visit the [Photography Page](#) for new Tip and Hints - posted by Cathy.

Did you forget a date for a meeting, visit our [website](#) for the Club Calendar - login in and scroll down. The calendar has been recently updated!

Don't see something but want it posted or have a question - contact [Joan](#). Need LGC information - use our website! It's all there and easy to find.

Upcoming Events & Member News



Jane Hinkel



Ellen Oneglia



Seton O'Reilly

Jane Hinkel and Ellen Oneglia are pictured above working on the trough at the end of The Green. Seton is pictured in front of Murphy's Drugstore also bringing a touch of color to the town planters.

Kate Fahey and Marie Kennedy were part of the Good Friday team sprucing up the Norfolk Planter. Rose Brooks was also assisting. The Willow and Pussy Willow was generously given by Sylvia Abbot from her property. Jane Hinkel organized all the efforts and worked all three projects.



Kate and Marie

The 35th annual Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale is coming up April 14th and 15th! This event is the largest and most diverse display and sale of cacti and succulent plants in Connecticut. Admission is free, and it is family friendly.

Saturday, April 14th from 10 to 5
Sunday, April 15th from 10 to 4

Bristol Senior Community Center
240 Stafford Avenue
Bristol, CT 06010

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN - On the Road with the GCA -

A new educational program for all GCA club members. In 2018, learn more about the GCA, and have fun doing it! GCA hopes to see you "On the Road." - Note the upcoming events or Click [HERE](#) for full details.

New York, NY GCA Headquarters:

June 8, 2018 (Fri) Highlighting the High Line

June 15, 2018 (Fri) For the Birds! Audubon on Display

There is an upcoming GCA Visiting Gardens Trip to Dallas, scheduled for April 9-14, 2018...and there are still spots available!

The Founders Garden Club of Dallas will entertain guests in their Smithsonian Institute's Archives of American gardens and in private estates filled with world-class art and library collections. The trip includes a visit to the 15-acre urban park on the grounds of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, The Dallas Arboretum which is one of the Top 10 Botanical Gardens in America, as well as the fine art collection at the AT&T Stadium.

For additional information and to sign up on the interest list for the Dallas-Forth Worth trip, please click [HERE](#)! You must be logged into the GCA website to view link.

Questions, contact [Nancy Rath](#).

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