

LGC Newsletter



August 2019



Message from the President

Greetings!

What better way to enjoy the fruits of our labors (quite literally) than in a beautiful garden with the company of our LGC friends!

As we gather together in August, we will also be gathering enthusiasm and momentum for our September flower show. Keep those gardens growing and creative ideas flowing!

As an added bonus, it even counts as a monthly meeting. There will be opportunity for announcements and toasts. My first toast is to Frank and Andrew for generously opening their home and garden.

Cheers and see you at Frank's!

Annie

It's a LGC Garden Cocktail Party at Frank & Andrew's House!

Members and their spouses are invited to a Garden Cocktail Party!

Please join in on the fun...rain or shine!
Frank Fontana and Andrew Becker's Home
1747 Turner Road, Thomaston, CT 06787
Thursday August 15, 2019
6pm-9pm

Please refer to the Meeting Notice for details

Flower Show Committee News

The September 19th – 21st Flower Show, *Town Crier to Twitter*, still needs volunteers for various small jobs. Please let me know if you can volunteer to help set up, move staging into place, or be a hostess. In the Floral Design Division, the following classes still have openings:

- Class 1. Colonial Quilt – Filled
- Class 2. Melting of Statue of George III – one opening
- Class 3. Beecher Family Residents – one opening
- Class 4. Fire Bell in the Night – Filled
- Class 5. Camp Dutton (Men) – Open
- Class 6. Picnic by Bantam Lake – two openings
- Class 7. Topsmead Summer Cottage – three openings
- Class 8. From Parchment to Pixels – three openings

Please register with [Sara Gault](#)

Thanks!

Ronnie

THE FLOWER SHOW STAGING COMMITTEE has a special request for CLAMP LIGHTS. Note the picture. Members should include the brightest bulbs they own (60W equivalent or more; 100-150W is preferred). Members are welcome to drop them off at my house in a bag, or bring to the set up on the Thursday before the Flower Show. Each lamp should have the member's name written on it with a sharpie. [Click HERE](#) to sign up so I have a bunch of them. I need at least 20 clamp lights.



If you happen to have any extra yardage of burlap, we could sure use it too.

Thank you so much!
Julia

Committee Reports & Announcements

Civic/Projects

Dale Ryan and I are very excited to spear-head the 2019-2020 Projects/Civic Beautification Committee. We would like to invite you to join the committee. Dale and I will be sending out upcoming meeting dates/locations soon - stay tuned. Please e-mail [Lynne Sherman](#) or [Dale Ryan](#) if you are interested in participating.

Thanks to all those who watered. We still have two slots available for West Street, 8/16 - 8/31. The easiest way is to [Sign-up online](#) , or you can contact [Lynne Sherman](#)

Thanks, Lynne and Dale



Garden History & Design

GH&D will meet August 7 at 3 pm at my home - 183 Maple Street. It will be our first meeting of new year and all are welcome. We will talk about new projects. Hope you will join us.

[Diane Stoner](#)

Horticulture

Susan Magary will be attending the Shirley Meneice Conference in Denver in September as Club representative. In that capacity, she needs to bring some special LGC seeds to share with the other participants. So, pack up your seeds, label them, and put them in a small, sealed envelope for travel. Please be sure to label your seeds with the botanical name (genus, species and cultivar) as well as the common name. You may drop envelopes at Susan's house, 39 Fern Avenue, in a shoebox labeled SEEDS on the breezeway (unlocked). Just shoot her an email afterwards so she knows that they are there. Call with any questions, and thanks in advance.

Susan Magary
860 567-5219.

Photography

Everyone is welcome!!
Put on your walking shoes!! Cameras or not!!

We have two wonderful opportunities to explore parts of our Litchfield natural sites that may be unfamiliar to you. It seems that since we are social creatures we often put aside exploring new territory if we are just by ourselves. So let's get together and explore the Bantam River Headwaters and Medicine Rock Trail with Berta Andrulis Mette on the morning of **August 6th** . We will meet at the Community Center at 8:30a.m. and return between 10:30 and 11. Then, on



the evening of **August 7th** , we will meet at the home of Frank Fontana at 6:30 p.m. - 1747 Turner Road, Thomaston, for a Golden Hour Photography and Walk to explore Nystrom Pond. If you have already signed up for one of our classes in the photography division of the Flower Show in September, these walks just might inspire you to sign up for an additional class. We hope so.

Please RSVP at any time up to the last minute to Cathy at coneglia@gmail.com or cleso@optonline.net .

Happy Trails!
[Cathy](#)

Program

The Program Committee is always in search of places to have meetings and or workshops. We welcome your suggestions, and would be absolutely delighted to have members offer their homes for specific occasions. Please share your thoughts and houses with us!



Feel free to contact me with any questions or offers - [Fran Devlin](#)

From the Communications Desk

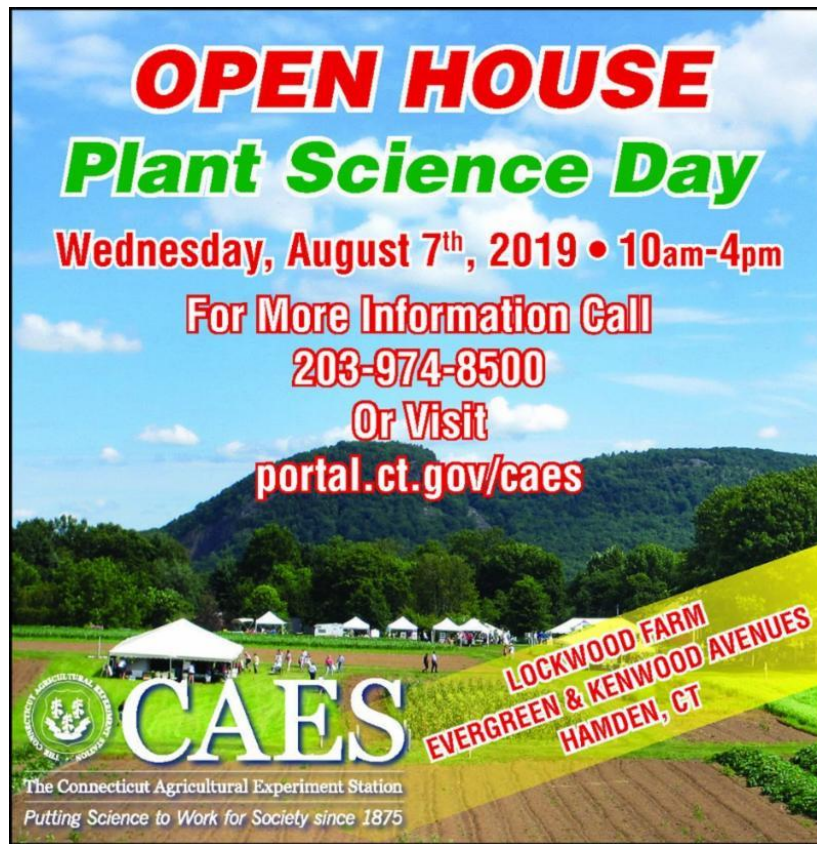
Images from the Annual Luncheon meeting are on the [Photo Gallery](#) page. Take a look.

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.

If you want something posted on the [LGC Calendar](#), please contact [Joan](#) .

[Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events & Member News

The poster features a scenic background of a green field with white tents and a forested hill under a blue sky with clouds. The text is overlaid in various colors and fonts. At the top, 'OPEN HOUSE' is in large red letters, and 'Plant Science Day' is in large green letters. Below that, the date and time 'Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 • 10am-4pm' are in red. Contact information 'For More Information Call 203-974-8500 Or Visit portal.ct.gov/caes' is also in red. A yellow diagonal banner at the bottom right contains the address 'LOCKWOOD FARM EVERGREEN & KENWOOD AVENUES HAMDEN, CT' in red. The CAES logo and name are at the bottom left, with the tagline 'The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Putting Science to Work for Society since 1875' below it.

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Come and enjoy a day of fun and education sponsored by Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES). The gates open at 9:30 and programs begin at 10:00. There will be barn displays, 80 field plots and exhibits, technical demonstrations, plant disease diagnosis, plant and insect identification as well as passports for children. The event is free and open to the public. For more specific information [Click Here](#)



The South County Garden Club
cordially invites you to attend our

Wilson Dunbar Lecture

“Eating with the Ecosystem”
Kate Masury, Program Director

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
5:30 PM

The Dunes Club
137 Boston Neck Road

Appetizer selections from the “*Simmering the Sea*” cookbook will be served.
The cookbook will be for sale following the presentation.

RSVP by August 16th to Anne O’Neill at coastal4ri@cox.net. The lecture is open to the public but seating is limited –
Reservations required. Cash Bar.

Attire: (No denim): Gentlemen – Collared shirt, long trousers and shoes. Ladies – Slacks, dress or blouse and shirt and footwear.



The Garden Conservancy Open Days



**Roxanna Robinson -
Treetops**

On the grounds of a family Arts & Crafts house built in 1928 is an idiosyncratic hillside garden incorporating granite ledge, steep ravines, placid greensward, and a wooded slope leading down to a lake. The gardens themselves are separated into two areas. [Read More](#)



Garden of Jane Garmey .

An idiosyncratic garden that began to take shape about twelve years ago and surrounds an 1827 house, shielded from the road by a row of 250-year-old sugar maples. [Read More](#)

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