

LGC Newsletter



August 2023



Dark Knight Shrub

Message From The President

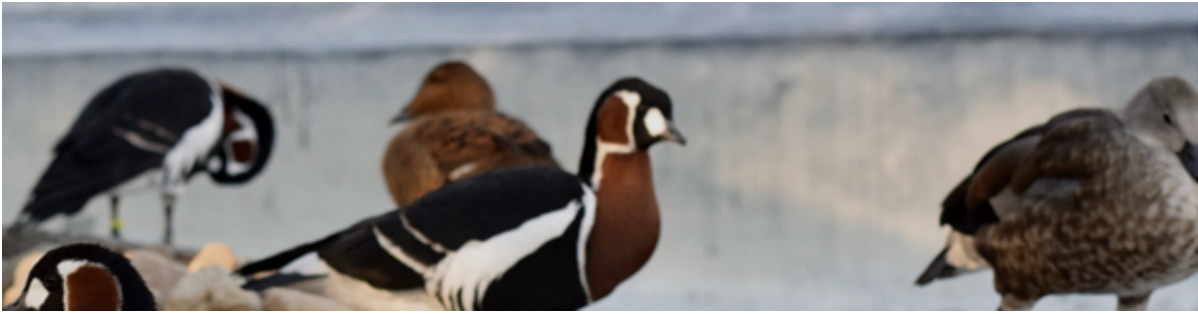
My hope for the coming year is that we enjoy the successes of last year and look ahead to continuing our learning and enjoying the camaraderie of friendships we have developed through our work together. We have great opportunities and together we will identify programs and projects that support our mission and enhance our community.

I am looking forward to working with you and want to hear your ideas and suggestions for continuing to make LGC a significant and vital part of the community.

Please note since August is a quiet month there are no committee reports!

Sara Gault

August 2023 Program



Tour and Tea

Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy

55 Duck Pond Rd, Litchfield, CT 06759

August 17th

3:00 pm

RSVP

Announcements & Articles of Interest

Communication

Please visit our [Flower Show Web-page](#) - additional images have been added!

Images from the Luncheon Meeting have been added, please visit the [Hospitality Page](#).

The 2023-2024 Program is now available, click [HERE](#). The Slate of Officers is also available, click [HERE](#).

Our Blog page has been updated with new entries - [take a look](#). Do you want to make a post? Email Joan (click below) to send her an image and comments on an interesting local gardening event or your garden activity.

[Joan Burgess](#)

Monthly Floral Design "IDEAS"

The Floral Design Committee is happy to announce a new monthly column "IDEAS".

Each month you can look forward to a featured IDEA piece with *tips and tricks* to produce an easy floral design for your consideration. Given that we are all aware of the need to be more attentive to the materials that we use; this monthly feature will embrace floral designs without the use of floral foam as

often as we are able. Of course, there will be those times when we include the use of floral foam for certain design styles. If you are so inclined, save the monthly IDEAS: File digitally or print out the PDF for your convenience. The goal of this new addition to the newsletter will focus on floral design education and just having fun with flowers. See the pdf link below the image.

[MaryEllen O'Brien](#)



FLORAL DESIGN COMMITTEE *Tips & Tricks to Try* **ideas**
with MaryEllen O'Brien AUGUST 2023

Floral Foam FREE

Tools
Clippers or Jack Knife

Supplies
Low Round Clear Glass Vase
Paper Towels
Water

Plant Materials
Apples, Oranges, Pears, Mini Pumpkin, Gourd or other sturdy Fruit or Veggie
Lilies
Gerbera Daisies
Alstroemeria
Daisy Mums
Carnations
or any Supermarket Bouquet

Technique

- Thoroughly wash the glass vase and wipe clean. Be careful of fingerprints.
- Place your apples or chosen fruit or veggie in concentric circles starting at the outside edge and work inward.
- Add water (not too full) especially if you need to move the floral design.
- Group your largest flowers (lilies in this design) and place as a focal point. Avoid placement directly in the center to avoid a bull's eye effect. Asymmetrical placement creates more interest.
- Group smaller flowers in like groups of color and textures.

This low floral design is perfect for any dinner table.

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IDEAS from the Floral Design Committee • Litchfield Garden Club

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CALENDAR

Reminder from the Treasurer

The annual dues for the Litchfield Garden Club are \$175 and payment is due on July 15th. **If you have not yet paid your dues**, you may do so by check or online through PayPal. If paying by check, click [HERE](#) for the mail-in form. If you're paying your dues online, please visit the LGC [WEBSITE](#) to pay with PayPal or Credit Card.

NOTE: If paying via PayPal the fee is \$5.50.

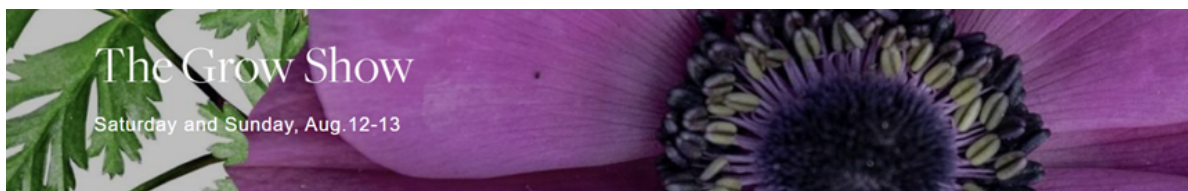
**Please make your check payable to:
Litchfield Garden Club**

[Diane Stoner](#), Treasurer

Member News and Upcoming Events



For those of you who knew Martha Mudry Tuttle, she passed away peacefully with her family at the age of ninety-four. Click [HERE](#) to read Martha's obituary.



August 12-13 the Berkshire Botanic Garden is having a flower show at the center in Stockbridge MA. Floral designers and backyard gardeners are the celebrities at the **Garden's annual Grow Show**, where beautiful floral arrangements and the peak summer harvest are spotlighted in this upbeat, judged event featuring five designs and nearly 80 horticulture classes on display in the Exhibition Hall.

There are 4 floral design classes available for entry: Pot-et-Fleur, Ikebana, Free Style, and Mass-Traditional or Modern Mass. The Horticulture Division has many classes of container-grown, and cut specimens for entry. It is a very low-

key, small show but a good experience and judged by GCA judges. Think of entering and spending a fun day at the show, and enjoying all the available places of interest in the area.

[Read More](#)

Flashback, A LGC Memory - Laurel Ridge Foundation

The LGC Photography Committee held a workshop at the Morosani Daffodil Annual Extravaganza on May 8, 2007.



Our presenter was John McKenna, a reporter for the Waterbury Republican. Our goal: To learn how to photograph in the afternoon bright light (fill flash for the closeups, polarizing filters), how to tell a story, how to scout good composition, including children for interest. Thank you, John! Thank you Laurel Ridge Then and Now, as the Photography Committee is invited to come and photograph again this year. Enjoy the images below.



LGC Town Planters

Thank you to all those who signed up to water the North Street planter or the Horse Trough on the Green and the Meadow Street planter.

Drew and Ellen





ConWatch Summer 2023

GCA's ConWatch showcases the work of passionate conservationists. Discover the heroes saving redwoods and sequoias, protecting nature through films, and restoring hope for the wilderness. It's a great read! Click below.

[ConWatch 2023](#)

Follow us on Instagram!

The LGC is on Instagram and we love to post your news and photos! Please send upcoming events, club activities, civic projects, milestones, and hort tips. Include photos and a brief write-up of news on our club events you would like to share. The best format is text in an email with jpg photos attached. Take active photos showing members at work or showcasing beautiful gardens, flowers, and plants (please name the flower if it is a hort only photo).

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Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to share an event for the newsletter? Send in any info or images to be included in our upcoming newsletter. Please do so by the 25th of the month.

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