

LGC Newsletter



December 2019



The LGC Holiday Tea
Is at the Home of
Doreen Tango Hampton
257 North Street, Litchfield
December 12, 2019
4:00 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for more information
If you haven't already, Please RSVP to [Emily Dalton](#)

Committee Reports & Announcements

Conservation

Our next Conservation Meeting is December 16, 2019, 10.00am at the Oliver Wolcott Library.

During these early stages of creating our teams, all Conservation notices will go out to everyone in the club. We encourage and welcome each of you to join in and participate in Conservation!



Conservation teams are delighted to report progress in our programs - please Click [HERE](#) to see our projects.

[Grace Yagtug](#)

Garden History & Design

There will be a meeting of the GH&D committee on Friday, January 10th, 10am at Diane Stoner's House. Everyone who is interested is invited to attend. We will be reviewing our documentation of the Ethan Allen garden at Jane Hinkel's home. Please contact [Diane Stoner](#) if you can attend.

[Diane Stoner](#)

Horticulture

How can it be December already! We just dug up and divided our dahlias. We had a small but robust group on the 15th of November at Diane Stoner's barn. We have extras to hand out at the Holiday Tea, so bring a purse or a pocket if you are interested. They are already split and packaged for winter's sleep in a ziplock of cedar shavings thanks to Julia. We are hoping to have a sweepstakes that includes cut stems of dahlias at next September's club meeting.

However, even before dahlias come daffodils! I attended the Greenwich Daffodil Society's annual meeting where Brent Heath from Brent and Becky's

(family owned bulb company) spoke about daffodils and companion bulbs. I brought back from the meeting 25 bulbs of the historic and reputable daffodil Mount Hood, which is a tradition that the group started many years ago to encourage interest in daffodils amongst the clubs. They were given to Lynne Sherman to plant out in a public space to beautify and educate those who live in the area. The Greenwich Daffodil Society holds a flower show each April with a judged program in cut stems, planted containers, floral design and more. Please go to the attached link for more information.

We also just received seed for next year's Gavel competition October 13, 2020 at the Zone II Annual Meeting in Greenwich. They are a pretty annual ornamental pepper called "Hot Pops Purple". I will be ordering more to hand out at the December tea or at the January meeting. If you will not be able to pick them up at a meeting, they can be purchased directly from Harris Seeds (www.harrisseed.com). They will need to be started approximately 14 weeks in advance for flowers and fruit. As always, if you have a question, drop me an email. Thanks!

[Kate Jamison](#)

Hospitality

We hope you will be able to join us for some LGC holiday cheer at 4:00 pm, Thursday, December 12th! As we have done in the past - members may bring canned or non-perishable food items to contribute to FISH food pantry in Torrington. If you wish to contribute, items will be collected at the party and delivered to FISH immediately following the festivities. A list of acceptable items is listed below. Food items in cans or jars such as vegetables or fruits, Peanut butter, Jelly, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Tuna, and or Grocery store gifts cards.

Don't forget to send any and all pictures of our Holiday Tea to Emily and Frank so that we may post images on the site for all to enjoy.

Thank you all.

[Emily](#) & [Frank](#)

Message from our Vice President

As part of my ongoing duty to oversee Provisionals, we gathered a group of “nearly new” members to learn more about the Federated/National Garden Clubs from Polly Brooks. It was an informative meeting, touching on the annual Flower Show in Hartford, NGC schools, judging, projects, and website. Polly provided helpful materials, and we thank her for sharing her knowledge about the LGC partner. We had a group of 9, including our President, Annie Borzilleri, who commented on her experience with The Federation. We will have another get together in a few weeks for those who missed this meeting. In addition, we plan to gather the same new members for an informational session after the 1st of the year to discuss GCA and its offerings.

[Susan Magary](#)

From the Communications Desk

Take a look at the [Hospitality Page](#) for the postings of our last meeting.

Do you want to be part of a LGC Committee - and be included on the committee mailing list? Visit our [Clipboard](#) page to learn more.

See what the [Conservation Committee](#) has been up to!

Do you need help in logging into the GCA website? Each member has their own user name and password. Do you need the password for The Federated Garden Club of CT? Check with [Joan](#) if you need help.

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](#)

Member News & Upcoming Events

Grace was published in GCA The Real Dirt - *My Favorite Thing - Buckwheat!* Grace Yagtug, Litchfield Garden Club, Zone II

Grace writes: Fagopyrum, Buckwheat is a genus comprised of many species. Among those it can be either an annual, Fagopyrum esculentum, or a perennial, Fagopyrum dibrotys. Though it is thought to have originated in Southeast Asia, its first real debut took place in the Balkan area of Europe around 4000 BC. Buckwheat has long been used America as well.



[Read more](#) as published on page 7 of the **GCA The Real Dirt**

Susan Magary attended the 2019 Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, September 11, 2019 – September 13, 2019

Susan reports - It was my great pleasure to attend the Shirley Meneice Conference in September, 2019 on behalf of the Litchfield Garden Club. I arrived armed with seeds from our members Kate Jamison, Martha Phillips, Diane Stoner, and Grace Yagtug. Upon registering, I contributed these packets to the Seed Swap.



[Read more](#) and see all the images.

November 22, 2019, 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) has initiated a "Bluebirds of Happiness" program.



The Bluebirds of Happiness 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. [Read more](#) about this terrific project.

An invitation from GCA. The LGC is cordially invited to a Holiday Open House on December 11 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at GCA Headquarters in NYC.

Enjoy friends and refreshments and find your club's ornament on the tree!

Spring into Connecticut for the 39th annual Flower Show of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT., Inc at the Convention Center in Hartford - a NGC Standard Flower Show "Spring into Connecticut" from February 20 – 23, 2020.

You'll get that first taste of Spring that we all need in late winter as you enjoy more than 60 creative floral designs inspired by Connecticut's Cityscapes, Orchards, Rivers and the Shoreline.

Visit ctgardenclubs.org for additional information

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