

# LGC Newsletter



December, 2020



## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

### Holiday Event!

It's party time! Join in on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the evening to enjoy the company of LGC friends and a virtual GCA program on the revolutionary gardens of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Don your festive attire and deck the halls for us all to see in your zoom background. Our party will begin with drinks and chat, then we'll share a toast at 6:00 before viewing the program, "Revolutionary Gardeners: Gardening Wisdom from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson".

To get in the spirit (pathetic pun intended), prepare your favorite cocktail/mocktail or be inspired by the suggestions of our expert Program and

Hospitality crew.

Zoom and Hospitality info will be sent in advance on Monday, December 7th.

Annie and Fran

## Committee Reports & Announcements

### Vice President

Get to know our new Provisionals by checking out their bios - click [HERE](#). Password required for access.

[Susan Magary](#)

### Conservation Programs 2021

Our ongoing programs will continue on the basis of safety and wellness which means social distancing, wearing masks, and possibly not gathering in groups greater than 6 people when it is permitted again.



#### **Owl Nesting Program**

Our Own Owls program is championed by Frank Fontana, and we anticipate repeating the great success of the Bluebirds of Happiness program.

#### **Pollinator Garden**

After the winter, we will begin the planting under the black wild cherry trees along the middle stretch of the garden. As you think about moving and transplanting plants in your garden in the Spring, please consider donating some of your plants to the Pollinator Garden which will have just gone through its first year process in the 3 year cycle of sleep, creep and leap! We can expect the third year in the garden to be full and glorious, created from your generosity both in plants and your energy and dedication to the garden.

#### **Seed collecting, cleaning, and planting Workshops**

We will hold several workshops on seed collecting, cleaning and planting next year, either outdoors if safety and wellness permit, or online. Schedule to be announced at a later date.

#### **Rain Garden**

Our rain garden installation at White Memorial is a great success and has prompted us to look for another site where we can install a second rain garden. Please think of an area, public or private, where there is a low Earth depression resulting in run-off that could benefit from a rain garden.

#### **Every Day Is Earthday**

We still have our tree to plant in front of Tapping Reeve House in the Spring time and look forward to enjoying that ceremony together when the circumstances allow us to gather together again.

### **White Memorial Sixth Grade Education Program**

We will continue our financial support to the White Memorial Sixth Grade program which is conducted now primarily through online classes and may continue that way next year as well.

### **Rockefeller**

Yes, as we are beginning to focus on all things owl nesting boxes, a tiny saw-whet owl traveled 170 miles to Manhattan, on the Christmas tree for the Rockefeller Center. After surviving 3 days without food or water, the little owl was rescued, named



Rockefeller, and released on the grounds of Ravensbeard Wildlife Center where he will have acres of trees to create a new home.

Unfortunately Sharon Audubon does not have the woodworking staff over the winter to build our owl nesting boxes for us, and we are researching other wildlife centers and organizations to get them made in time for our Spring installations. Prices and availability to be announced soon.

### [Grace Yagtug](#)

### **Horticulture**

Although it is December, the weather has been all over the place. I am just finishing planting my daffodils (with the help of my husband) and am waiting for the rains to come and settle everything in. My milk jugs are back in use with the perennial seeds that I hope to integrate into our meadows and gardens next spring. I hope everyone else who attended the workshop at Grace's barn last winter has put their milk jugs back to good use again.

Amaryllis has been ordered for those who want to try their hand at the Cybister Amaryllis that is a part of the GCA Annual flower show which is happening next spring. The schedule is below - under News and Upcoming Events. Be sure to take a look if you haven't already, as it should be a great event.

This show 'Around the Green' is a virtual show and has been a huge learning curve, including how to register, how much to have in the way of classes, and how to submit. Please participate but don't wait too long to enter. Since there aren't many venues these days, things are filling up.

I hope we can reach into ourselves and find our creative side for decorating our homes for the holidays. I have been out foraging (hobbling) for greens and pinecones, to make the best of our times. Soon it will be January, and we can think upon how to share our enthusiasm for the upcoming year of 2021!

[Kate Jamison](#)

## Photography

We are pleased to report that there will be a Photography Division in the GCA Annual Meeting that is hosted by Zone II. The schedule is below - under News and Upcoming Events. Please note that the Photo Entries are due in January! So, let's use the next few weeks of quiet repose to come up with our best photos. Should you need advice or assistance, please give Cathy a call - 860 921-7280 - or email at [coneglia@gmail.com](mailto:coneglia@gmail.com), and we will find somebody who knows the answer to your question. Amy Wilton of Amy Wilton Photography is in Litchfield and will teach us any quick skill we might need. Enjoy this challenge!

[Cathy Oneglia](#)

## Projects and Civic Beautification

We will be decorating the three planters in town on or around December 1<sup>st</sup>.

[Lynne Sherman](#) & [Dale Ryan](#)

## From the Communications Desk

The membership Directory has been updated with email changes. Please note: Joan Burgess, [joangyorburgess@gmail.com](mailto:joangyorburgess@gmail.com) and Cathy Oneglia, [coneglia@gmail.com](mailto:coneglia@gmail.com).

Blog Posts: How and what to post? Take a look at what has been posted already, and that may spark a thought. Entries are up to approx 200 words. Send your image(s), article and article title to [Joan Burgess](#) for posting.

## News and Upcoming Events

The Garden Club of America  
Presents



AROUND THE GREEN



A Virtual GCA Annual Meeting Flower Show  
Hosted By Zone II  
May 11–12, 2021

**Click [HERE](#) to read more about the GCA Flower Show**



Honoring the

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day

Litchfield  
Community  
Center  
2020years!

Litchfield Community Center presents

## “One Earth, Our Earth Film Series”

### Doc’s & Dialog

Join us the first Wednesday of the month, 6 – 8 p.m.,  
to watch the following documentaries and share in a  
facilitated dialog at the conclusion of each film.

You are welcome to bring a “brown bag dinner”.

Tea, coffee & packaged snack served

Wednesday, Nov 4 “The Biggest Little Farm”

Wednesday, Dec 2 “The True Cost”

Wednesday, Jan 6 “A Simpler Way”

Wednesday, Feb 3 “A Time to Choose”

All Are Welcome ~ Free Will Offering

**\*Limited to 25 and Pre-registration is Required\***

**Attendees must wear mask & all social distancing protocol will be followed**

For more information and to register:

[info@thecommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@thecommunitycenter.org)

[www.thecommunitycenter.org](http://www.thecommunitycenter.org)

860-567-8302

### Upcoming events from GCA

Next year, conferences that could only be offered to a few GCA club members in the past will be available to every club member at no cost. For these conferences, we are assembling a powerhouse of speakers who will share with you their lifelong accumulation of knowledge and wisdom. But, we don't plan to just tell you or teach you; we plan to involve you in dynamic experiences that will offer you the opportunity to apply what you have heard.



Mark your calendars now, and save these dates:

- January 21, 2021 ~ Photography Conference ~ NEW!
- February 23-24, 2021 ~ National Affairs & Legislation Conference
- April 8, 2021 ~ Floral Design Conference ~ NEW!
- May 11-12, 2021 ~ GCA Annual Meeting
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Further information on these events will follow.

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