

# LGC Newsletter



♡ ♡ ♡ February 2023 ♡ ♡ ♡



February Flower: Primrose

## Message From The President

Hello Members;

An update regarding LGC charitable funds: We have now received our distribution from the Brickley Estate which has been deposited in a low interest-bearing money market account at Litchfield Bancorp, awaiting final disposition. On the Centennial Fund front, the check for our anonymous matching grant of \$10,000 is en route. Once received, it will be added to our account at the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation. Thanks to the

generosity of our members and friends, we have successfully matched this amount.

Regarding the Strategic Plan adopted by the membership on May 19, 2022, the EC will be previewing a presentation by the four Task Force groups on their actionable recommendations for issues raised in the Plan. Sometime in the spring, we will schedule a meeting of the membership to discuss the recommendations.

We are now on the homestretch to “A Tapestry in Nature” Flower Show June 16-17. Sylvia and Kate have been planning this since early 2022, and their efforts are finally coming to fruition. Our stunning Save the Date invitation has been sent, and many prospective guests have marked us on their calendars! The Flower Show Committee will update us on plans at the February 9 meeting, so be sure to attend -- soup and treats included. Fittingly, our Flower Show will be dedicated to the memory of Ronnie Schoelzel. Recently, the EC voted unanimously to extend Honorary Membership to Hugh Schoelzel for his many efforts throughout the years on behalf of our Club. He has graciously accepted the offer, and we have invited him to join us at the February meeting. It’s gratifying to have a Schoelzel on the membership roster once again!

[Susan Magary](#)

## Message From the Vice-President

### GCA Founder’s Fund Finalists

It is time, once again, for our club to cast its annual vote to help select the recipient of the GCA **Founder’s Fund** award. This year there are three finalists:

- Cylburn Arboretum Friends Nature Education Center Garden
- The Butterfly and Bee Pollinator Meadow at Chickasaw Park in Honor of Muhammad Ali
- Sowing and Growing Evanston Grows: Urban Gardens and Community

Please click [HERE](#) to read more about these worthwhile projects. Then [RSVP](#) via email by clicking on my name below to vote and express your support for one of these worthwhile projects. Susan Magary will cast our club vote with the GCA.

The Founder’s Fund prize awarded by GCA is \$30,000 to the ultimate winning project and \$10,000 to each of the two runners’ up. We hope you will participate.

[Kristen Mahan-Kraut](#)

## February 2023 Program Notice



**February 9, 2023**  
**Litchfield Community Center**  
**12pm-2pm**  
**Soup, Cookies and will be served**

Please join your club for a RARE February Meeting

From Our very own Flower Show Chairs:

The Tapestry of Nature Flower Show/ Preview Party/ Auction Committee is looking forward to a February Meeting! We will have a chance to have a light lunch while seeing some images from past flower shows. Committee chairs will report on their plans thus far. Get an inside look at the colorful publications and find out how you can add your talents to this important event which we hope will add to our Civic Fund coffers! There will be instructions on entering, filling our entry cards, and volunteers are needed for several different kinds of jobs, i.e., hostessing, prepping properties, staging, etc. It takes our whole club to pull off these shows. Let's get excited!

Come and bring your questions, comments, and happy faces! It will be a fun winter get-together! Let's get excited for a Club Flower Show.

Please RSVP to Nan Skeie by clicking [HERE](#).

Zoom will also be available for those of you not able to attend in person: Litchfield Garden Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85843127213?pwd=ZkZNM3B2Z2F5cnBhSTkrN1RUMGsxUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 4312 7213  
Passcode: 114910  
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**UPCOMING MEETING  
SAVE THE DATE  
23 MARCH 2023 at 5PM**

The Program Committee will also note our March Keynote Meeting will be Jane Godshalk. Our club will allow guests from other Federated and GCA clubs as well as prospective members.

Members will be required to RSVP to Nan for the March meeting. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

Cocktails to follow the meeting.

**Julia Metcalf & Lynn Chapman**

## Committee Reports & Announcements

### Communication

#### **Flower Show "Tapestry of Nature" Plant Sale**

This years flower show will include an LGC plant sale on Saturday when the show is open to the public. Please start to think about what plants you might donate for the sale. We wanted to give you plenty of time to consider your inventory, what you might dig up in spring and/or propagate to be ready in June. We have 5 months until the big day so Kristen and I are hoping that we will have a fabulous selection of specimens from all of our gardens. Details on logistics for the sale to follow in the coming months.



The LGC Instagram account is now up and running and Lynn and Jessica invite you to feel free to share your photos or interesting seasonal information to share on the site. Information of interest might include plants you are propagating, a plant that you have that is flowering, an upcoming event that can be attended by the public, photos from a recently held LGC event,

historical facts about the garden club etc. Submissions should include a clear photo with a brief caption or description.

Please forward this information via email to either Jessica Travelstead [HERE](#) or Lynn Chapman [HERE](#).

## **Crystal Carminati**

### CALENDAR

#### **LGC Member Profile**

**Sara Gault**

**LGC Member Since: 2006**

#### **When did your interest in gardening initially blossom?**

*I had a general interest in gardening growing up however 'my hands in the dirt' gardening did not start until I retired several years ago.*

#### **Favorite flower and/or tree?**

*My favorite flower is the geranium, and my favorite tree is an acer trifolium*

#### **What is your favorite garden tool?**

It is whatever tool will do the job at the time I need it!!

#### **What is your favorite gardening tip or "trick of the trade?"**

With me it's just trial and error! And hopefully not too many errors!

#### **Who is your favorite "gardening guru". This can be a person, a favorite book or gardening website or someone you might follow on social media or the internet.**

*One website I like to reference is the Proven Winners. It has lots of good information on a variety of topics.  
er at Shakespeare's garden.*



## Horticulture

Happy winter!! We had a fun topiary workshop last month at Diane's toasty barn. It went well and everyone seemed to overcome any timidness there might have been. Like gardening in general it's always a learning curve!

This week's Kokedama workshop will be led by a horticulturist (and judge) from the Hortulus Garden Club, Trina Horine, about the art of Kokedama. It should be great fun and educational too.

Be sure to look at the schedule for the Federated Flower Show. I'm sure someone will be going from our club and I am going to bring some horticulture entries myself. Online entries will be accepted until February 14<sup>th</sup> and they will be accepting walk-in entries on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> only. Then, when the Nancy Post's Visiting Garden Group attends the show they can see your blue ribbons! 🏆

### Kate Jamison

## Membership

### *Membership News*

As of January 15, 2023, our Membership Committee is not accepting any new portfolios. Please remember that you should be actively seeking new potential provisionals during the year. Our guidelines are clearly spelled out in our Bylaws, so please review them prior to submission.

Diversity is our key word for potential members. My committee and I are looking forward to receiving several applications from YOU.

Please email me at [lynne.sherman@yahoo.com](mailto:lynne.sherman@yahoo.com) or phone me at 860-567-0677 even snail mail me at 154 Old South Road, Litchfield.

**Announcement:** Emily Dalton has resigned from the Litchfield Garden Club in accordance with our LGC ByLaw 4.8 effective immediately.

### Lynne Sherman

## Photography



Photo Credit: Cathy Oneglia

Six LGC members field tripped to the New Britain Museum of American Art on January 11 for a tour of the Edward Burtynsky photography exhibit, “Earth Observed”. His large scale format of images chronicling man’s effect on the earth in the name of progress is indeed impressive. As it is congruent with the mission of our garden club, I would like to offer for your consideration that we put together a collection of photos that we take of man’s effect on the earth, for better or worse, some efforts that improve that environment, harm it, or perhaps remediate past harm. LGC members also visited the Fazal Sheik exhibit at Yale, viewing not only the impact of war in the Mideast through intimate landscapes and portraits of the people there, but also the ruination of lands in the American west, primarily on native American land, by men in the mining industry and the portraits of those people. Through photography we can raise awareness of what is going on around us to either contribute to sustainability or to cause harm to land and the environment.

If you missed this trip to the NBMAA, we are going again with club chairs from around our zone and you are all welcome.

***Wednesday, February 15, 11am  
Tour led by Docent Maxine Gleason  
Meet at St. Anthony's parking lot at 9:45am***

We can then put our creative thinking caps on to come up with a project where we document what is going on around us that fits with our GCA mission and raises awareness of the quality of life in CT. These images would not be judged, but rather serve to elevate awareness in our club, perhaps in conjunction with the Conservation Committee at some point.

Please **RSVP** to Cathy Oneglia by clicking [HERE](#).

**[Cathy Oneglia](#)**

## Visiting Gardens

### Visiting Gardens Trip to the Connecticut Flower Show February 23rd

This year's flower show theme is "Gateway to Spring" organized by the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, of which we are a member.

We will meet at 9:30 at St. Anthony's parking lot. Tickets may be ordered in advance on-line for \$14 or you can pay at the door for \$20. We hope you will join us.

**To RSVP** or to ask any questions you can email me at [npost1126@gmail.com](mailto:npost1126@gmail.com) or by clicking on my name below.

[Nancy Post](#)

## Member News and Upcoming Events

### 41st Connecticut Flower and Garden Show

Federated Garden Clubs of CT  
"Gateway to Springtime"  
An NGC Standard Flower Show  
**February 23, 2023 thru February 26, 2023**  
Connecticut Convention Center



*For more information and to view the Schedule click [HERE](#).*

*Discounted Tickets are available for Federated Garden Clubs of CT members for \$14 but orders must be received by February 10th. They may be ordered online by clicking [HERE](#).*

**February 28, 2023**  
**11:00am-12:30 p.m. EST**  
**and**  
**1:30 – 3:00 p.m. EST**





**The Garden Club of America**  
Invites you to register for the 2023  
Floral Design conference. Join us  
virtually for an exciting day of  
creative inspiration.

### **New LGC "In Memorium" Policy**

The EC recently approved an "In Memorium" Policy in order to establish consistency regarding notices of the deaths of active and associate members and spouses. Please review that policy as we will have a membership vote on it at the March 23rd meeting. Thank you. Click [HERE](#) for policy.

### **Susan Magary**

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GCA Website

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