

LGC Newsletter



February 2024



Message From The President

Happy February! Groundhogs, Valentines, and Presidents' birthdays all are associated with February as well as dreaming about our spring garden plans!

Now is the time to think about how you would like to be involved with our Club. Please consider taking on new jobs that might challenge you. It is one of the many benefits of being part of this wonderful organization that pushes you in ways to learn new skills and explore positions that might be out of your comfort zone. Please do consider a leadership role if you are called.

There is no LGC monthly meeting in February. We hope you will attend the Annual Flower Show sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and energy.

GCA's annual meeting is in Hartford this year. It is April 25-April 28. See my message below.

Stay warm and enjoy this fun, busy month!

Sara Gault

Click the button below for a listing of all upcoming Club meetings, workshops, and other events. Do you have something to add to the calendar? Click [HERE](#) to submit an event for the LGC calendar.

CALENDAR

Program

THE CT STATE FLOWER SHOW IS “BURSTING INTO SPRING”

February 22-25, 2024

Read more at the bottom of this email

Visiting Gardens carpooling is available on February 22nd.

[Click for Carpooling Info](#)

Announcements and Articles of Interest



GCA's Annual Meeting

GCA's annual meeting is in Hartford this year. It is April 25-April 28. Each club in Zone II has a role in putting on the meeting. Litchfield Garden Club's responsibility is to handle the Information and The Lost and Found Table.

We need volunteers to take shifts throughout the duration of the meeting. The shifts will generally be 4 hours in duration. Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer. I will work with you to schedule a time that works for you. Call (860.459.8101) or email me, click my name below.

Please volunteer!

[Sara](#)

Monthly Floral Design "IDEAS"

Idea #7, Be My Valentine?

MaryEllen O'Brien



Tools

- Clippers
- Paper Towels

Supplies

- Clear Glass Vase 4" x 4"
- Floral Foam 2" x 2"
- UGlu Dashes
- Water

Plant Materials

- 10-12 Roses
- 4-5 Stems Green Hypericum Berries
- 10 Stems Variegated or Solid Color Lily Grass
- 1 lb. Cranberries

Technique

- Place your 2" x 2" piece of floral foam into a clean 4" x 4" clear glass vase. Add cranberries, around the outer area in the vase along with some water.
- Add Lily Grass, 5 strands on the right and 5 on the left in a rabbit ear fashion.
- Cut the roses with 3" stems and place in the floral foam. Be sure to keep them snugly fit together.
- Add Hypericum Berries around the outside edge and in any areas between the roses to hide any floral foam.
- Next, you will begin to create your Lily Grass Heart. Place 2 pieces of UGlu to the front center of the glass vase. Beginning with the center pieces of Lily Grass, (one strand from the right and one strand from the left) bring the grass to the front and attach to the UGlu. Continue until all strands are affixed to the front of the vase. This technique is referred to as SHELTERING: (the placement of additional material over or around other component(s); the enclosed space becomes a protected focal area).
- Finish by adding one more UGlu Dash at the intersection of the Lily Grass, add attach a single leaf or a special Valentine Note Card.

HINTS: If cranberries are not available consider using red hypericum berries around your floral foam.

February 2024 | Be My Valentine

IDEAS from the Floral Design Committee | Litchfield Garden Club

[Click here to view in larger format](#)

Committee Reports

Communication

Visit our [Blog page](#). Do you want to make a post? Email Joan to send her an image and comments on an interesting local gardening event or your garden activity.

Hospitality

March is right around the corner, and our March meeting, featuring Kent Russell, the “Garden Guru,” is an open meeting with free admission for members and guests. As always, we hope to draw a nice crowd from our local community and other garden clubs. Rosie Furniss and Susan Magary are the co-chairs and Meredith Penfield and MaryEllen O’Brien have already signed up to be hostesses. Please consider volunteering as we still need 4-6 additional hostesses for this event. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the March meeting.

Looking ahead, we still need a hospitality team (chairperson and hostesses) for the May Business meeting. Please check your calendars and see if you can help out!

If you have been considering ways to increase your LGC club participation this year, being part of a monthly hospitality team is fun and a great opportunity to connect with members old and new!

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up!

[Crystal Carminati](#)

Instagram

As a reminder, the LGC Instagram account has been up and running for some time now, and photos taken at our LGC events may be posted on our IG account. If you do not want your photo to be shared in any LGC Instagram posts, you can OPT OUT by clicking [HERE](#) and your photo will not be used.

[Crystal Carminati](#)

Membership

Hello Fellow Garden Club Members,

The Membership Committee is anxiously awaiting your letters for Provisional Candidates. We are always looking for members to add new talent to our various committees.

Please remember to ask a friend or acquaintance to join our open meeting on March 21 if you believe they would like to become a member of our club. There

is also an opportunity to invite them to the Hartford Flower Show on February 22-25.

Please remember that our policy for proposing candidates is *never* to let the person know they are being considered for membership.

Questions? Click my name below to email.

Thank you

[Lynne Sherman](#)

Photography



There will be a LGC Photography Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 13th at the Litchfield Community Center at 10:00 AM, with morning refreshments served. Please try to watch the GCA Virtual Photography Conference from January 25th (click [HERE](#) for the link) before you come so that we can discuss it, re-watch areas together, etc. If you have images that you would like to share that tell your story, you could send them to me beforehand, and we can look at them together or if you need any help or have questions about the March Sweepstakes, bring it all. This will be a fun way to catch up on photography issues and share any new directions you would like to take.

The GCA Photography Committee chose “Storytelling” as its theme for 22-23. That virtual conference can still be accessed on the GCA website if you missed it last year. This year’s theme is “Storytelling II”. I think they did a great job finding three outstanding and innovative photographers who work very differently to tell the story. In our March Sweepstakes, we have an opportunity to tell a personal “story” with three very different classes. I hope you will enjoy exploring some new ways of expression.

Thank you to Sylvia Abbott and Tierney Moran for taking charge of the March 21 sweepstakes. Please send [Tierney](#) a jpeg of your entries and give a mounted print to Sylvia Abbott, by Monday evening, March 18th. The print should be flush mounted on mat board or foam core, between 36” and 50” total circumference; for instance, 8x10, 8x12, 11x14, 10x10. Click [HERE](#) for Sweeps on March 21, 2024.

Cathy Oneglia

Member News and Upcoming Events



Help Save Connecticut's Migratory Birds

By joining Lights Out Connecticut, you can help reduce light pollution's impacts on birds, fish, insects, amphibians, reptiles, plants — and humans! You will also save energy and money, reduce your carbon emissions, safeguard your own human health, and help preserve views of the night sky!

Place

By Taking the Pledge to go Lights Out, you become a part of the growing community of CT residents, businesses, schools, churches, and nonprofits who pledge to turn off unnecessary outdoor and indoor lighting from 11 pm to 6 am each night during peak bird migration (Spring: April 1 - May 31; and Fall: Aug 15 - Nov 15) to reduce the risks caused by light pollution.

The Litchfield Community Center is hosting a *Lights Out* Presentation on Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Sign the Lights Out Pledge Today!

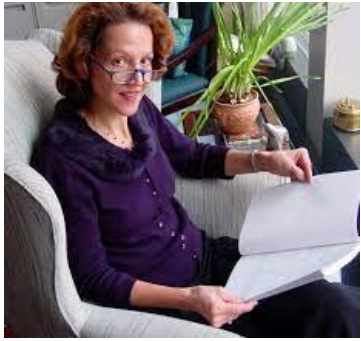
Karyl Evans, Documentary Film Producer "The Life and Work of Mabel Osgood Wright"

Farmington Public Library
6 Monteith Drive, Farmington

February 6, 2024
11:30am Light Refreshments
12:15pm Business Meeting
12:45 Speaker begins

RSVP Head Host [Kelly Jarvis](#)

The Garden Club of Hartford is pleased to invite our club members to attend their February 6th Public Meeting at the Farmington Public Library to featuring Emmy winning Documentary Film Producer, Karyl Evans speaking on "The Life and Work of Mabel Osgood Wright", a pioneer in the American Conservation Movement.



Karyl Evans, owner of Karyl Evans Productions, has won six Emmy Awards for her documentary projects, among many other national and regional awards. Karyl has been producing and directing video projects for more than 30 years, on both the East and West coasts. She has worked nationally in broadcast television, locally on documentaries, and on multiple-part series for public television and network affiliates. Karyl also worked in Los Angeles for five years in feature film development and production.

In her recent documentary, she tells the virtually unknown story of Mabel Osgood Wright (1859–1934) who was a pioneer in the American Conservation Movement, founded the Connecticut Audubon Society, and went on to establish "Birdcraft," the oldest privately-owned songbird sanctuary in America. She has authored more than 30 books, and is a professional photographer.

GCA 2024 FLORAL DESIGN CONFERENCE

February 6, 2024 • Virtual

Who's Invited

Once again, this year, all club members are invited to come together from across The Garden Club of America for the 2024 Floral Design Conference. [Read more.](#)



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CT Convention Center, 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT

Continued...

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. invites state residents to join us as we “BRING ON THE HEAT” in 64 Designs guaranteed to put some “HUSTLE AND BUSTLE” into our lives. A Club Competition Floor Design will be a “Clean Sweep” of “SPRING CLEANING.” Four Designers will interpret a Jackson Pollack poster in “Vibrant Explosions.”



[Learn More](#)



[Read more](#)



Do you want to be part of one or several LGC Committees - and be included on the committee mailing list? Just use the [ONLINE FORM](#) to select your committee of interest.

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.

Send Submissions

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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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Do you need the password for our website, if so - click [HERE](#).

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