

LGC Newsletter



July 2022



Message From The President

Dear Members:

June was another busy month for LGC. Now, we begin to plan a new club year, starting at our Annual Meeting/luncheon on July 21 at 10:45 am. This wonderful event brings us together to celebrate each other, and those in our club and the community deserving of special awards. Many thanks to our VP, Awards Chair, Emily Dalton for organizing the accolades. We rushed the season a bit at our last meeting and presented Sylvia Abbott with a well-deserved Club Appreciation award, citing her "...dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm which make her a joyous beacon of hope for members of our club." Sylvia is always away for the Annual Meeting, so it was wonderful to recognize her in person with this award. Go Sylvia!

Continuing on the awards front, Kristen and I attended the Zone II meeting recently in Hartford. Grace Yagtug won the Betty Stanley Novice Award in Horticulture for her white oak specimen. And Susan Fearey took home a second-place ribbon in Photography for her dynamic manipulated image of a spring garden. At the meeting, it was announced that Julia Metcalf and Cathy Oneglia have been tapped by GCA for leadership positions in our Zone II. Julia will be chairing the Hort Committee; and Cathy will be chairing Photography. It was a terrific meeting -- completely sustainable -- with badges printed on eco-friendly compostable seed paper, laden with wildflowers for planting in the garden!

Our Notable Tree Tour on June 18, in co-partnership with the Litchfield Historical Society, was a great success, and completely sold out! We have scheduled a repeat on Sat. Aug. 20 and will be announcing sign up details in the future. Thanks to our project Chair, Drew Harlow, for fostering this excellent idea.

While Covid is still with us, it appears to be winding down, at least in terms of positivity rates. Accordingly, we have adjusted our previous policy, and will now follow State guidelines. In a nutshell, that means there is no need for anyone to wear masks outdoors anymore. Unvaccinated persons still need to wear a mask indoors, with others free to be more cautious if they like. Hopefully, adoption of this policy will guide us going forward to a new Covid-free era!

And now, get ready to party at our big birthday bash for Frederick Olmsted on Sat. Aug 27 at 5 pm at Montfort House for members, spouses and partners. Fun and surprises await! Happy Summer!

Susan Magary

July 2022 Meeting Notice



**July Annual Luncheon Meeting
Litchfield Country Club
21 July at 10:45 am**

July Sweepstakes: Horticulture

The meeting will begin promptly (please note the new time) at 10:45 am with the Awards ceremony outdoors, followed by group pictures, so wear your favorite frock. We will also welcome our three new Provisional members at this time. Arrival at 10:30 am is suggested.

There will be a served, sit down luncheon in the Club's new dining rooms following the Awards.

To reserve your place at the luncheon and to insure that we have an accurate count for the meal preparation please take the following 2 steps:

- RSVP to Nan Skeie [HERE](#) along with your attendance and dietary concerns (vegetarian or omnivore or allergy)
- Pay in advance by mailing a check for \$40, made out to the Litchfield Garden Club to:

Rosamond Quay
P.O. Box 686
Litchfield CT 06759

Thank you,

Julia Metcalf

Message from the Vice-President

REMINDER

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for one of the 4 committees/teams that will be addressing the important issues outlined in our strategic plan.

Member participation is the hallmark of this effort.

Committee options are:

- Member Engagement
- Member Recruitment
- Community Presence
- Projects and Programming

The sign-up will close on July 6th. Once sign-up is complete, you will be contacted by the committee chairs with more information on meeting dates and times.

Emily Dalton

Committee Reports & Announcements

Conservation

Making A Difference

As a result of our bird nesting boxes projects, 80 bluebird nesting boxes and 28 owl nesting boxes have been installed in your Litchfield gardens and fields. In a single year, one family of bluebirds has an estimated 11 baby birds, and owl families have an estimated 5 baby owls. It is possible that we have provided new habitats for 880 bluebirds, and 149 owls here in our community.

We took a small conservation step together and look at the amazing results - possibly 1000 birds have new homes and habitats - well done all!



Bibby Veerman in her beautiful no mow May garden.



Hugh and Ronnie Schoelzel in front of their stunning espalier tree.



Hugh, pointing out the newly installed owl nesting box in their Litchfield woods.



Sue Kennedy is ready for a parliament of owls and a flock of bluebirds.



Cathy Oneglia on a lovely misty morning.



Jamie Fischer and Grace Yagtug with the newly installed wood duck nesting box by the pond at the Pollinator Garden.



**Family Program
July 9th, 10am
at
The Pollinator Garden at White Memorial**

Litchfield Hills Audubon Society is hosting a family program at the Pollinator Garden to learn about pollinators, how to incorporate them into your gardens, and take a short walk around Ongley Pond.

Contact Marie Kennedy at 914-393-6270 or to email Marie click [HERE](#).

Floral Design

Floral Design Sweepstakes

The June FD sweepstakes were light on entries, but the quality was the best! Class 1. Beauty From The Garden, designs created from plant material grown by the exhibitors, were simply gorgeous and well done. Class 2. Garden Pathway, a line-mass design of any type of plant material, were also colorful and executed with expertise. Many thanks to our exhibitors as the sweepstakes add interest and beauty to our meetings as well as gaining experience and knowledge with the exhibitors. You can see these designs on the LGC website [HERE](#). The next FD sweepstakes will be in the fall.



2023 Flower Show

After months of work, our schedule of classes for the show is approved by GCA and we are 'good to go!' Summer will be a time of relaxation and vacation and we will pick up plans again in September. Meanwhile, visit the [LGC website](#) for the full schedule of Design, Horticulture, Photography, and Conservation & Garden History and Design Classes. Happy summer to all!

Sylvia Abbott

Horticulture



Pot-et-Fleur design

Greetings on this final start to summer. It has been a lovely cooler spring and my daffodils foliage is finally dying back. Of course there is always something more to do in the garden! Speaking of which I hope everyone enjoyed Nancy DeBrule-Clement's talk at the June meeting. If you like what you heard and would like to learn more, log onto their website [HERE](#) to sign up for their educational emails, they are terrific.

July Horticulture Sweeps and Workshop Pot-et-Fleur

There will be a Horticulture sweepstakes at the July membership meeting. This will be a container class with the design Pot-et-Fleur. This is a style of container design that came into fashion as long ago as the Victorian era, but has become increasingly more popular these days. Click [here](#) to see Class information for this sweeps on the LGC website.

Horticulture Workshop July 14th at 10am

We will have a workshop led by Ronnie Schoetzel on July 14 at 10am at Crystal Carminati's house at 231 Maple Street. To prepare for both the workshop and the sweeps check out this great article on Pot-et-Fleur by Jane Gottshalk [HERE](#).

Send me an email to let me know if you plan on attending this workshop clicking [HERE](#).

Flower Show 2023

Please be sure to continue keeping an eye out for plants to buy that are appropriate for cut specimens for our June 2023 flower show. remember our seasons can be early or later depending on the weather. Anything for par must be in your hands by now but other container classes are still attainable timewise.

Kate Jamison

Membership

Provisional Members

Please welcome our newest Provisional member, Tierney Moran. Tierney joins our two other recently announced Provisionals, May Bogdanovics and Sarah Worden. Please be sure to introduce yourselves to all three of them at our Annual Luncheon on July 21st.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Lynne Sherman

Projects

Projects Committee members Sara Gault, Ellen Oneglia and Victoria Sansing planted the three planters in the center of town. Thanks to members who are volunteering to water on a weekly schedule. In August, there are 4 weeks available on West St. and 2 weeks available on Norfolk Rd. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Dale Ryan offered a workshop to members re: pruning the Pear Espalier planted a year ago at the brick building at Town Cemetery. Several members attended. Lynne Sherman and Dale will continue to water and oversee this beautiful espalier.

The first of two Tree Walks along South and North Streets took place on Saturday, June 18th. Kate Zullo, from the Litchfield Historical Society, Susan Magary and Ellen Oneglia helped with identifying the Oliver Wolcott Trees and other trees planted over the years by the LGC. The tour was a great success with 20 people signing up. The next tour will be held on August 20th.

Susan Magary, Drew Harlow and Gary Rodgers from Professional Outdoor Services inspected the Oliver Wolcott, Jr. trees and it was decided that two of the trees need pruning and one sycamore tree will be evaluated and may need feeding.

**2022-2023 LGC
Dues Notice Reminder**

If you haven't yet paid your LGC Annual Dues, please do so by July 15th. You can pay [ONLINE](#) or click [HERE](#) for mail-in form.

Sara Gault

From the Communications Desk...

LGC Member Profile

Lynne Sherman
LGC Member Since 2009



When did your interest in gardening initially blossom?

My gardening experience initially began with my father at an early age in the flower gardens, probably around 5 years of age. He loved his veggie garden but the flower gardens were his pride and joy. I received 5 cents for every Japanese beetle I removed from the rose bushes.

What is your favorite flower and/or tree?

My absolute favorite flower is the peony. We have a peony plant (a double bloom Felix Crousse) that has been in my husband's family for 75 years.

What is your favorite garden tool?

The garden tool I love the best is my father's galvanized watering can. I also have my child sized one that was given to me by my parents.

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

I actually have two favorite gardening tips. I always use milorganite in my flower and vegetable gardens. It is a natural fertilizer and deters the deer and rabbits from feasting on my plants. My second tip is patience in the garden. Gardens do not exist overnight. It takes time, energy, patience and planning

Who is your favorite "Gardening Guru?" This can be a person, a favorite book, or any garden-oriented website site you follow on social media or the internet.

I have two all time favorite books for gardening, "Perennials All Season: Planning and Planting an Ever-Blooming Garden," by Douglas Green and "Classic Garden Style," by Ines Heugel. My favorite garden is Dunbarton Oaks Gardens in Washington, D.C. The house and gardens began in the 1920's by the Woods family. These gardens are spectacular and the house is filled with pre-Columbian works of art, jewelry and mosaics.

Crystal Carminati

LGC Website

Please visit the [Design Sweeps](#) page, images of the sweeps are posted from the June meeting. The schedule for the 2023 Flower Show is online - Click [HERE](#) to view. Also visit the [Hospitality page](#) for images of June meeting.

While on the website, check out the [Blog page](#), as it has several new entries!

All *Blog submissions* should be sent to me at:
joangyorburgess@gmail.com

If you have any updates or changes to your profile (address, phone number or email) please let me know so I can make the change in our Membership Directory.

Some members have expressed a desire to be notified when a new blog post appears on the website. If you are one of those who would like to be notified, please contact me via email by clicking on my name below.

Joan Burgess

Calendar

Member News and Upcoming Events

**Gardens & Art
in the Country**
A Self-Guided Garden Tour and Arts & Crafts Fair

**Saturday
July 9, 2022
9am - 4pm**

Save the Date!

The gardens chosen for this event will offer a variety of diverse and unique gardens to visit, filled with lush perennials. The tour also includes shade gardens, historic farms, pocket gardens, vegetable gardens, formal gardens, and intriguing patios and outdoor spaces. Each garden will have entertainment: *plein air* artists, musicians and craftsmen.

**Tickets: \$25 day of event
\$20 if pre-ordered**

Order tickets at:
www.quietcornergardenclub.com
(Children under 12 are free.
Visit our website for more information.)

The Quiet Corner Garden Club is a 501 (c)3 non-profit affiliated with Federated Garden Clubs of CT & National Garden Clubs.

This fundraiser event supports our annual scholarships to high school and college students living in the Quiet Corner and for our many local civic projects.

Gardens & Art in the Country
Art & Craft Show
SATURDAY, JULY 9TH
9AM - 4PM
40 VENDORS
WOODSTOCK FAIRGROUNDS
Route 169, Woodstock, CT

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