

LGC Newsletter



June 2018

Dear Member,

We have finally reached the pinnacle of our garden year, June. To celebrate our arrival, our meeting this month will be at Bellamy Ferriday House in Bethlehem, and Martha Kelly, author of Lilac Girls, will be our speaker. In addition, we are hoping to have a tour of the garden by the on-site horticulturist Santa George (don't ask, think it's the beard). We are working on an informal softwood cutting workshop as well. It should be a fabulous meeting.

This is the last meeting of our garden club year. We begin anew in July with new sweepstakes and some new officers. Please speak to one of us on your Executive Committee if you have things you would like to see or do in the coming year. Our main purpose is to serve our members, so let us hear from you. We are always open to new ideas.

Enjoy June. It always flies by.

Best, Diane



Lilac Girls

June 21, 2018

2:00 P.M.

Bellamy Ferriday House

If you haven't done so already, RSVP [Joan Burgess](#)

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Committee Reports and Announcements

Conservation: Tonja Curry

The next conservation committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 6th at 1:00 p.m. Please meet at the White Memorial shed where we will discuss upcoming events.

Tonja

Flower Design: Lee Reese

Sylvia Abbott will give a power point presentation on hats at the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. on Monday June 4th. Our next sweeps will be hats made of or decorated with floral matter. Please try to attend as this presentation will be inspiring.

Lee

Horticulture: Julia Metcalf

SOFT CUTTINGS WORKSHOP!!! GET EXCITED!!!

Do you want to hone your propagation skills? All members of LGC are welcome to take part in our soft cuttings workshop at 1p.m. at the Bellamy Ferriday House, located at 9 Main Street North in Bethlehem. Our workshop will be followed by our meeting at 2 p.m.

Mr. George from the Bellamy Ferriday House will show us various plants from which we will be able to take our own cuttings for our own propagation. Please email me with the subject line "Soft Cuttings", and I will add you to my list. If you want to carpool with another Co-Hort, that would be smart.

This is going to be GREAT!!!

You will need the following gear:

3-5" pots (Plastic is better to get those roots going)
Clippers (I will bring rubbing alcohol to clean them prior to cutting)
Gloves
Small stakes 6-12" tall, 2-3 per pot
1 large plastic bag per pot with a rubber band

I will bring potting soil, masking tape and markers, and of course root hormone.

See you there.

Thank you.

Julia

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

Ronni Anderson's lovely Jack-in-the-Pulpit was judged First in our May Wildflower Sweepstakes and will represent LGC at the Zone II Annual Meeting in New Canaan June 13-14. Congratulations Ronni, and thank you to everyone who participated in the sweeps.

Cathy

Projects: Jane Hinkel and Maryanne McNeill

It is that time of year again - the West Street & Norfolk Road planters/trough needs to be watered. Please Click [HERE](#) for the schedule and contact [Jane](#), 860-567-8305 or [Maryanne](#), 203-273-1049 to sign up for the two week period you would like to water. Always fun to do it with a friend - so reach out and make it happen. Looking forward to lots of responses!

Jane and Maryanne

Visiting Gardens: Nancy Rath

On May 30th a group of fourteen of us spent a fabulous day touring both Innisfree in Millbrook and Copperheads in Dover Plains. We started our visit at Innisfree with an 1 ½ hour guided walking tour given by their landscape curator. Recognized as one of the "world's ten best gardens", Innisfree is a powerful icon of mid-twentieth century design. This 150 acre garden with streams, waterfalls, terraces, retaining walls, rocks and plants is based upon principles of Chinese landscape design and is a must see for everyone!

After lunch, our next stop was to a private garden called "COPPERHEADS" in Dover Plains, NY. The owner Jeanne Goodwin and her gardener of eight years treated us to a wonderful tour of the very formal English cutting gardens, vegetable and herb gardens and an interesting wooded area, all overlooking the magnificent views of the rolling hills in the distance. It was spectacular!

Visit our [Website](#) to see the images.

There will be a visiting gardens trip to the **Newport Flower Show** on Friday, June 22nd. The show is open from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. We will carpool and have a delightful day. It is a 2¾ hour drive, so we probably will leave Litchfield at 7:30 a.m. sharp.

In order to qualify as a group, we need a minimum of 20 people. If we have fewer than 20 attending, we will be on our own. So please let me know ASAP if you are able to come. More details to follow.

Hope to see you then!

[Nancy Rath](#)

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Website: Joan Burgess

- New pictures have been posted from our May business meeting - visit the [Hospitality](#) page.
- See what our members have been up to - visit the [Events/News](#) page and see the new posting of the Visiting Gardens trip.
- Did you forget a date for a meeting, visit our [website](#) for the Club Calendar - login in and scroll down.

Member News & Upcoming Events



Planter at Murphy's



Trough on the Green

The Norfolk Road planter, Murphy's planter and the trough were all planted Memorial Day weekend. The planting team: Kate Fahey, Jane Hinkel, Rose Brooks, Ellen Oneglia, Maryanne McNeil, and Diane Stoner.

THE MIDDLETOWN GARDEN CLUB
HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR
featuring
Properties in Middletown and Durham
JUNE 9, 2018
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Rain or Shine

**7 GARDENS!
2 HOMES!**
Including the
Community Health Center
Roof Top Garden and
The General Mansfield
House Garden.

FEATURING:
Music • Refreshments
Table Scapes
*Pre-ordered Box
Lunch available.

NEW THIS YEAR!
Visit our Boutique for
our "Buy-tag" sale
featuring the finest new
and gently used items!

TICKETS: \$30 ADVANCE — \$35 DAY OF
Purchase after April 1st, 2018 online at MiddletownGardenClub.com or at Stone Post Gardens, 1185 Randolph
Road, Middletown, CT 06457 (Stone Post Hours: M-F 9:00am-6:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm)
Stone Post is offering a 20% one-day sale the day of the tour!

The Middletown Garden Club House and Garden Tour of seven gardens, two historical houses, music, refreshments, boutique, tablescapes raffle and optional box lunch. Homes/Gardens are in Durham and Middletown.

The Tour will begin at Stone Post Gardens, 1185 Randolph Rd in Middletown.

\$30 Advance tickets . \$35 day of tour.

Information: 860.227.0513

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN - On the Road with the GCA -

A new educational program for all GCA club members. In 2018, learn more about the GCA, and have fun doing it! GCA hopes to see you "On the Road." - Note the upcoming events or Click [HERE](#) for full details.

New York, NY GCA Headquarters:

June 8, 2018 (Fri) Highlighting the High Line

June 15, 2018 (Fri) For the Birds! Audubon on Display

Quick Links

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