

# LGC Newsletter



June 2019



## Message from the President

Greetings!

Finally Spring! After all the rain we have had, we now have to deal with the weeds which pose a high-class problem this year. At least it is starting to warm up a bit.

Our club delegate Julia Metcalf and I spent what turned out to be the best weekend of the year (so far) in Boston at the GCA Annual Meeting. It was a weekend extravaganza with a fine flower show, good food, garden tours, the chance to see old friends, and a two day business meeting that culminated with the installation of the first president from Zone II in more than 60 years, Debbie Edwards of the New Haven Garden Club. The program was spectacular.

Julia and I came away enchanted with the horticulture workshop led by the founder and prime mover of the [Caterpillar Lab](#), Sam Jaffe. We hope to drag him out of New Hampshire at some point to enchant the rest of you. That's what Litchfield girls do: pass on the Boutique to learn about caterpillars. We will be looking under odd leaves all summer for our abundant native caterpillars.

We are into countdown mode for our September flower show. Our June meeting will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> (a week earlier than usual) at White

Memorial and will feature the final show schedule. It will be both fun and informative, so please try to come. We promise to efficiently present it all so you will be excited about entering.

Enjoy beautiful June!

Diane

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**TOWN CRIER TO TWITTER**  
**Litchfield Garden Club Flower Show Presentation and Pollinator**  
**Garden**  
**Celebrating Litchfield's 300th Anniversary**

June 13, 2019  
White Memorial Carriage House  
10:00 a.m.

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

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## Committee Reports & Announcements

### Civic/Projects

Members - It is that time of year again! The 3 containers in town have been planted and dressed in red, white & blue splendor. Please sign up for watering - the plants need you! And don't forget the Buddy Partnership. The easiest way is to [Sign-up online](#), or you can contact [Jane Hinkel](#)



### Floral Design

On Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m., Nancy Post will demonstrate how to create a *pave arrangement*. We will meet in the parish hall of St. Michael's. The *pave arrangement* will be our final sweeps for the year and will be judged at our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. This should be a fun and colorful challenge. Please call (860-567-5417) or [email](#) me with any questions.



Lee Reese



## Horticulture

Diane and I are back from the Annual Meeting, and we brought seeds...which we will distribute at the June meeting. Yay!

If you grew a Rudbeckia for the Zone Gavel show, please let me know ASAP. We will need to look at all of them and see who has the best. Please bring your plant to the June meeting so we can decide as a group who will send (their baby) to the Hilstead Museum. If you can't bring it to the meeting, please contact me.

I have included a large sweeps (click link below), and I really hope that the whole club brings at least one item as it is great practice for our September show. I will review and outline the September show during our June meeting.

Members, please take a moment to think about your container when displaying your goodies at our June sweeps. Please ask fellow club members for help if you need to borrow a container. All plant materials should be upright. I suggest using a container with a neck (such as an old clear wine bottle).

Please have your Horticulture in place by 8:45 am

Click [HERE](#) for the schedule. (you must log into the website) or Click [HERE](#) for print version.

Thanks you, [Julia](#)



## From the Communications Desk

Check out the [Photography Sweeps](#) and the [Hort Sweeps](#) pages.

The [Hospitality](#) page as been updated with images from the May Meeting.

If you want something posted on the [LGC Calendar](#), please contact [Joan](#).

Don't see something but want it posted or have a question - contact [Joan](#). Need LGC information - use our website! It's all there and easy to find.

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## Gardening Tips From Our Members

Tip from Polly Brooks

Stage a poison ivy painting party. Pour a small amount of Round-Up in a glass jar you're recycling. Screw the cap back on. Put on a long-sleeved shirt, grab gloves, and take one of the small foam-tipped craft paintbrushes you bought by the bag at a craft shop. Carefully "paint" the poison ivy leaves with Round-Up. You won't destroy anything else in your border, just the poison ivy.

If you have weeds in your driveway, or on a patio, Round Up isn't your answer. Vinegar is. There are all sorts of recipes. You don't really need them- just vinegar.

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Tip from our President!



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## Upcoming Events & Member News

Longtime LGC member, Em Cleminshaw has died ~

Em was an Active Member of LGC since 1969, and she was always one of the hardest working, most dependable and committed members of the club. She served as Secretary for years as well as Vice President. Despite pleas for her to be our President, she felt she could serve better in other positions, so we never had that pleasure. Em was an active gardener and a beautiful flower arranger. She worked tirelessly on all our flower shows in various capacities and other fund raising events. You could always count on her to be a willing and happy worker on any project. [Read More](#) about Em.

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## Projects Committee did it again - the Town Planters are Planted!



On Friday, May 24, 2019 Jane Hinkel, Ellen Oneglia, Drew Harlow, Annie Borzilleri, Seton O'Reilly and Lynne Sherman gathered to plant the three planters. Murphy's and the Norfolk containers were filled with Angelonia blue, Verbena white and Superbells red for the Litchfield 300 year and Memorial Day celebration. At the West end of the Green were New Guinea's in white, ivy, Lobelia in blue and Begonias were red.

Visit the [Website Projects](#) page for more images.

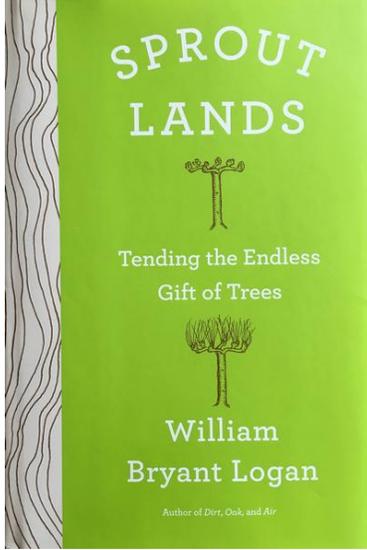
## The Photography Committee takes a walk in Litchfield!

On May 21st, Frank Fontana and Andrew Becker led an informative and fun "Walk and Talk" for the photography committee. Topics included aspects of architectural photography, composition and design, light and shadows. Thank you to Andrew and Frank.



## GCA's Library Committee's Spring Book Talk

On Thursday, June 13th, William Bryant Logan, author of the recently published *Sprout Lands: Tending the*



Endless Gift of Trees (2019), as well as *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth* (1995), *Oak: The Frame of Civilization* (2005), and *Air: The Restless Shaper of the Earth* (2012), will be the Library Committee's Spring Book Talk speaker. He will be speaking about *Sprout Lands* and the long history of creating healthy, diverse and sustainable woodlands. The event will take place at GCA Headquarters at 2pm, followed by tea and cookies

[Read More about this event](#)

**300**  
**Years of Architecture**  
**The Litchfield Open House & Garden Tour**  
**July 13th, 2019**

*A one mile walking tour within the Borough of Litchfield featuring ten homes and gardens from the 17th to 20th centuries*

**Celebrating Litchfield's Tercentennial Year**  
**Benefiting the Connecticut Junior Republic**

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