

LGC Newsletter



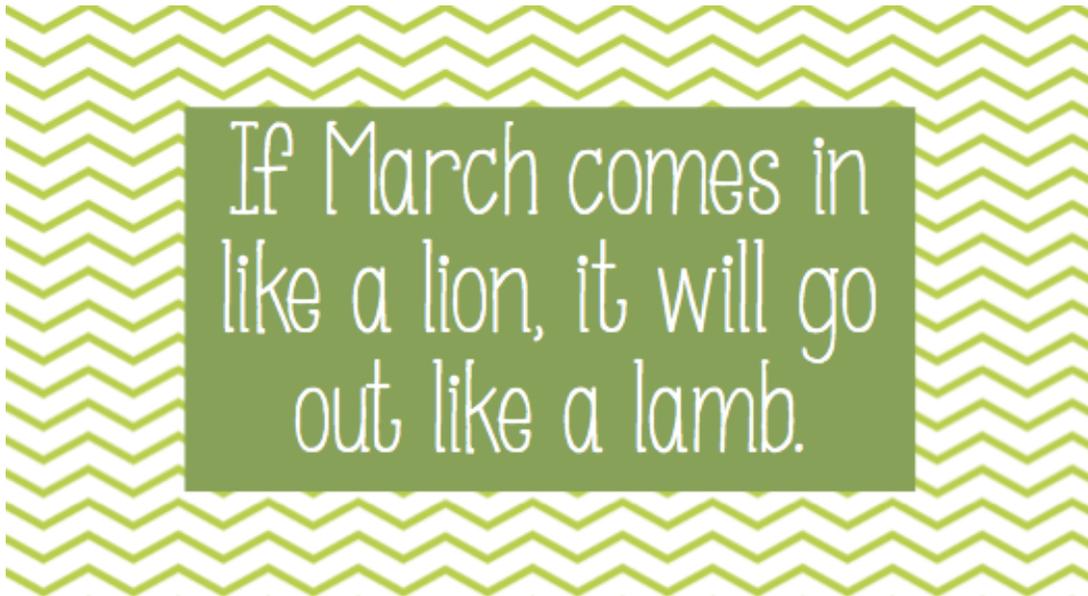
March 2019

Dear Member,

It is hard for March not to "come in like a lion and out like a lamb". Every month has its well-earned clichés, but March's 31 days have more growth and greening than all the rest. Take a snap of your garden on the 1st and again on the 31st and be amazed at all that happened when you were not looking. It is truly an incredible month.

In March we resume our garden schedule both with meetings and early spring garden chores. So on one of those chilly and glorious early spring days, grab your clippers and putter around your garden trimming and dreaming. Order your dahlias if you have not done so already and finally(!) start your seeds. Ignore those late winter snows (never serious; March sun melts them ASAP) and get ready for garden season!

Best, Diane



Bugs & Biodiversity
James Sirch
Coordinator, Public Education
Yale Natural History Museum

March 21, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Litchfield Community Center

If you haven't done so already, [RSVP](#) to Lisa Horne

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Committee Reports and Announcements

GCA FOUNDERS FUND - your vote matters!

We previously sent out this info but are featuring again in our newsletter. It is important that our voice be heard!

To read about the the GCA Founders Fund finalists - click [HERE](#).

The GCA grant is special because it is the only award that is voted on by each and every member of the GCA member clubs. The first Founders Fund award was granted in 1936 in the amount of \$700. GCA has come a long way since then as today the winning proposal receives \$30,000 with \$10,000 granted to each of the 2 runners up. This year's three finalists represent a tremendous commitment to their communities.

STEP 1: REVIEW THE PROPOSALS for full descriptions and photographs of each project. Please read the 500-word descriptions by clicking the link above.

STEP 2: CAST A VOTE - Please email [Annie Borzilleri](#) with your vote. After all our Club votes are tallied, Annie will submit our selection to GCA. Our Club vote is due April 1. Please take the time to fully read the submissions and cast your vote!

HOSPITALITY

Please sign-up to hostess at one of our spring meetings - **hostesses are need for our upcoming meeting**. The easiest way to sign-up is online - click [HERE](#) or send [Lisa](#) an email or call 860.567.8216. You can sign up to bring a sweet, savory, fruit or make a centerpiece. Thanks in advance.

Lisa and Margy are looking forward to hearing from you!

PHOTOGRAPHY

SWEEPSTAKES for March 21, 2019. This month, the Photography Committee holds our third sweepstakes of the year. The program is Bugs and Biodiversity presented by James Sirch of the Yale Museum of Natural History. Please, everyone, dig deep and pull out your gorgeous photos of our industrious and environmentally helpful insects, birds and wildlife from shoots in beautiful gardens, woodlands and open spaces, wetlands and wonders in your stash. We want to have a large and colorful display of images to entice Spring back to Litchfield. Or, roam around in our winter landscape and find a few early birds or winter wildlife.



All entries should be no more than fifty inches in circumference, flush mounted on black or white foam core. There is a supply of foam core for sale at the Litchfield Community Center. Any questions regarding presenting your photo, call Cathy at 860 921-7280. You may enter in TWO of the classes.

Class I: Adequate food and available appropriate habitat are basic crucial needs for bird population and wildlife presence. The birds and wildlife present in Litchfield

indicate a healthy environment for biodiversity. Please enter a local scene that includes a bird or birds or of our precious wildlife (even a bear). Color

Class II: Please enter a macro or close up image of an insect or "bug" going about his daily life; for instance, a bee at work or ants actively gathering. It will probably ipso facto include a flower or plant, tree, leaves, vegetables, grass, water, etc. Please identify your insect and its location. Color. No butterflies, see below.

Class III: Please enter your favorite image of a butterfly and identify name and location. Color.

Please Note that this is a revised version of the Sweepstakes.

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL: Local photographer Jill Davenport of Litchfield Hills Photography will conduct a two-part workshop. The first meeting will be on April 24th at 4 pm and will consist of a walk around the Borough of Litchfield with our cameras. Jill will speak as we walk about photographing architectural forms and detail, homes, public buildings, and churches. We will concentrate on composition and lighting. Bring whatever camera you like to walk with, from iPhone to more complex DSLRs. Then, on April 25th we will meet indoors, and Jill will review and give advice on our images from the day before. This will be a terrific opportunity to prepare us for our final sweepstakes in May which will focus on our local architecture and buildings. Since there will be no photography division at our Zone II Annual Meeting this year, we will not need to send in our winning May photograph as our entry this year. Our May sweeps will be a regular sweeps with three classes.

[Cathy](#), Photography Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

Take a look at the new "Bios" page on the website. It features all the Executive Committee Board Members and the Provisionals. I hope you enjoy - click [HERE](#).

Our [Events/News](#) page as been updated with images of the CT Flower Show.

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.

Upcoming Events & Member News

Hartford Flower Show - on February, 21, 2019 a garland of fresh flowers and greens was ceremoniously cut to officially open the "38th annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show" at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. The theme of the 2019 show was "The Charm of Spring."

The LGC was well represented - Sylvia Abbott, Polly Brooks, Sara Gault, Kate Jamison, Julia Metcalf, Ronnie Schoelzel and Grace Yagtug all won awards! Click [HERE](#) to visit the Website to see their entries.

Image below - *L to R*: Polly Brooks, Grace Yagtug, Rose Brooks, Ronnie Schoelzel, Emily Dalton, Cathy Oneglia and Annie Borzilleri pictured below.



The World Premier of a New Documentary Film

News from GCA - More exciting than the Academy Awards! On March 15, a much-anticipated documentary on GCA advisor and medalist Beatrix Jones Farrand debuts at the *New York Botanical Garden*. Moderated by GCA Honorary Member Lynden Miller, the documentary outlines Farrand's receipt of the GCA Medal of Merit.

Beatrix Farrand was one of the most influential and innovative garden designers of the early 20th century and the only female charter member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Over a 50-year career, she completed design commissions at the White House, the Morgan Library, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden in Maine, the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at NYBG, campus designs at Princeton and Yale, Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D.C., and many more. [Learn MORE](#) and how to register for the film.



March is Women's History Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. There is no better women's history than that of *The Garden Club of America*. In her sprightly prose, Ernestine Goodman recounts that the GCA's founder Elizabeth Price Martin "cast into our midst the bomb which was the idea of uniting in a larger group to increase our usefulness in the cause of good gardening. [Learn MORE](#) about Women in History!



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