

LGC Newsletter



May 2019

Dear Member,

On May 16th at 10 am we will have our annual business meeting in my barn at 183 Maple Street. This will be a jeans and sturdy shoes meeting in which we conduct the real business of the club, so come prepared to work. The lilacs should be in full bloom, and the May sweepstakes are always breathtaking. Later on in July we will have our Annual Meeting and luncheon celebration, a festive occasion which is less substantive than the one in May.

For the May meeting, feel free come in either driveway and park. We can do a garden tour after if there is interest. As I said above, wear old shoes. Now let's hope no disaster strikes the garden between now and then.

Best, Diane



Image by Cathy Oneglia

Annual Business Meeting

May 16, 2019
The Stoner Barn
183 Maple Street, Litchfield
10:30 a.m.

Horticulture & Photography Sweepstakes

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

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Committee Reports and Announcements

HORTICULTURE

A big shout out to Susan Magary for being our club delegate for the Shirley Meneice conference! We are so excited that she will represent the LGC and all that we do. Thank you Susan.

My fellow co-horts, it's time to get ready and excited for our May sweeps. PLEASE HAVE ALL PLANT MATERIAL IN PLACE BY 8:45 AM AT DIANE STONER'S BARN. Feel free to arrange with me if you need to drop it off the night before. Diane and I will come up with a strategy. Our own Kate Jamison will judge this time. YAY!

If you have not clerked yet, please give it a try. I would love for a new person to clerk, maybe a provisional?

We are going with our typical May Sweeps:

Class 1. Flowering Shrubs

Single specimen, not to exceed 36" from tip to cut end (please choose a container that can support such a large cutting)

1. Viburnum - Viburnum
2. Syringa - Lilac
3. Other

Class 2. Narcissus

1. Daffodil, one cut specimen, no foliage
2. Narcissus - Daffodil, three different types (and color) of cut specimen, no foliage

Class 3. Tulipa

1. Tulipa - Tulip, one cut specimen with two attached leaves
2. Tulipa - Tulip, three different types (and color) of cut specimen with two attached leaves

Class 4. Other bulbs

1. Other bulbs - one cut specimen

Class 5. Perennials

1. A single cut specimen, any genus and/or cultivar

Class 6. A flowering Potted Plant owned for 1 year or more. This is to prepare you all for a typical PAR class. I am really hoping to see some wild goodies!

If you signed up for the Dahlia Challenge, I will have your Dahlias on my front porch for you in a named bag in the lead lattice planter. If you forgot who you are, here is a list:

Susan Magary: Yoro Kubi	Ronnie Schoelzel: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.
Grace Yagtug: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.	Annie Borzilleri: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.
Kate Jamison: Nick Sr.	Suzanne Blaicher: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.
Sylvia Abbott: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.	Ellen Oneglia: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.
Tonja Curry: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.	Victoria Sansing: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.
Diane Stoner: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.	Nancy Post: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.
Meredith Penfield: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.	Kristen Kraut: Yoro Kubi and Nick Sr.
	Julia Metcalf: Yoro Kubi & Nick Sr.

At the May meeting, I will hand out the pumpkin seeds for the September show. You are able to have 5 seeds total of each type. If you want them beforehand, email me. I will put some seed packages on my front porch.

Please send in your progress photos for your trained topiaries to [Joan](#) for our Hort Page.

Reminder - Joan has set up a [Sweepstakes/Info](#) button on our website Horticulture page. You can use that button if you lose these emails and links.

As always, email me with any questions. I am here for you all!

[Julia Metcalf](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. The Photography Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 21, at 9:00 AM @ the Corner restaurant for a short catch up before heading out on foot with Andrew Becker and Frank Fontana for a "Walk and Talk" about photographing some of the finest examples of historical architecture in Litchfield. Bring your camera, tripod optional. They will share with us many tips for taking good architectural photography.

2. SWEEPSTAKES for MAY 16, 2019

Usually in May our photographers are diligently seeking that one special photograph for our club's entry to the annual Zone II meeting. This year, however, the meeting will not have a photography division. We will hold a regular in-club sweepstakes, our fourth and last of the club year, at our monthly meeting.

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. For any questions, please call Cathy at 860 921-7280. You may enter in TWO of the classes.

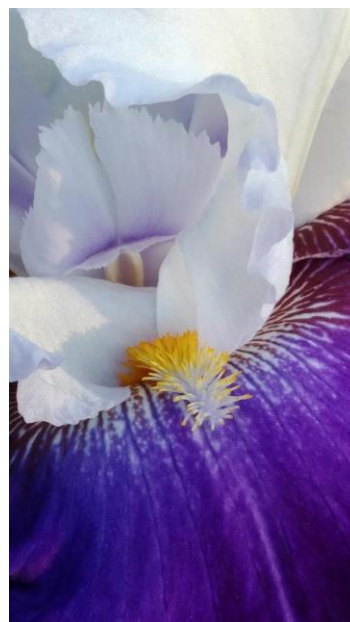
All entries need to be left with Cathy by Wednesday afternoon, May 15 by 5:00 PM
Call to arrange pickup or delivery.

Class 1 An image depicting flowering shrub(s) and/or tree(s) in glorious spring array in a natural setting.

Class 2 A macro or close-up of a spring bloom - daffodils, tulips, pansies, the choice is yours.

Class 3 An environmental portrait of a gardener working in a garden, field, greenhouse, yard, farm, etc. The gardener does not have to be a garden club member.

An environmental portrait is a portrait executed in the subject's usual environment, such as in their home or workplace, and typically illuminates the subject's life and surroundings. The term is most frequently used of a genre of photography. For more information click [HERE](#) and for dark room gallery, click [HERE](#). Many other articles easily referenced by any google or yahoo search.



Macro image by Frank Fontana from his garden.

Please visit the [Photography web-page](#) as it is kept up with the most recent postings. There are buttons for "Tips & Hints" and "Sweepstakes".

[Cathy](#), Photography Chair

VISITING GARDENS

VISITING GARDENS LOCAL TRIP, TAPPING REEVE MEADOW

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 10:30 am

This is a reminder of our upcoming tour of Tapping Reeve on Tuesday May 14th at 10:30am. Bring your lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. Details below:

Kate Zullo from the Historical Society Museum will give us a guided tour of the newly installed meadows behind the Tapping Reeve House. With the assistance of Landscape Architect Lauren Richardson, the Litchfield Historical Society has re-imagined the six acre Tapping Reeve site, not as a strict interpretation of the time period, but rather as a community resource with landscape elements that would have been found on the site, and in Litchfield, from the 18th to the 20th centuries. The project will use elements of the historic landscape as an educational tool and includes a children's garden, educational pavilion, small orchard, a chestnut grove, a wet meadow, stone walls and traditional fencing. The Society has designed the project to provide the community and visitors with opportunities for learning, relaxation and reflection. This new exhibit will be part of our permanent collection, just in time for Litchfield's 300th anniversary next year.

After our tour we will gather at the Tapping Reeve Gazebo and enjoy a BYO lunch (Bring your own). Rosie Furniss, Susan Magary and I will provide beverages and desserts. It will be a morning of learning and ending with LGC members enjoying a casual lunch with other garden club members. The Tapping Reeve House and Law School will also be open for all who want to wander about. Cathy Fields, LHS Director, is hoping to join us. We hope you will all come!

Please RSVP w/email [Nancy Rath](#) or call 860 567-8222.

COMMUNICATIONS

Check out the Photography [Tips & Hints](#) page.

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

Upcoming Events & Member News

April 22, 2019 was Earth Day ~ The Civic Beautification and Projects Committee celebrated this day at the Center School, grades K-3. Drew Harlow introduced our guest speaker, Bruce Bennett, owner of Kent Greenhouse. The program was to promote environmental awareness and to celebrate the planting of trees.

The Center School science teacher prepped the students on the importance of trees and their contributions to the planet. A Chinquapin Oak tree was planted in front of the school. At the conclusion of the program each student received a pencil that was stamped with Plant A Tree. Article written by Lynne Sherman

Below Civic Projects Committee - from back to front: Rosamond Quay, Maryanne McNeill, June Dalton-Morris, Margy Miner, Jane Hinkel, Nan Skeie, Frank Fontana, Ellen Oneglia, Lynne Sherman, Bruce Bennett, Tonja Curry, Drew Harlow and Nancy Rath. Photo by Sue Kennedy.



On April 30, 2019, The Conservation Committee - (Frank Fontana, Ellen Oneglia and Tonja Curry) planted seven deciduous shrubs. The shrubs selected are: two cornus red twig dogwoods, two physocarpus nine bark, two viburnum popcorn and one cornus yellow twig. The committee planted the shrubs. The hedgerow will be a nice addition to the pollinator garden for the flower show and in celebration of the tricentennial. Click [HERE](#) to see the rest of the images.



Free Horticulture Clinic! Remember those baby coleus, myrtle, and ivy plants we started raising at our January meeting? Bring them with you to the May meeting and we'll all see how they are doing and also get some great further tips from our guru, **Kate Jamison**, on how to continue to turn them into prize winning specimens for September's flower show. Put your name on your pots so no one adopts the wrong baby home with them!

Photography Committee field trip to [COLORBLEND](#)s in Bridgeport followed by bag lunch at O&G Earth Products. Two good looks at Bridgeport. The home owned by [COLORBLEND](#)s that is open to the public until May 12, is very interesting, full of both antique and new unusual modern furniture, lots of art for sale, gorgeous original woodwork and fireplaces and a very interesting lower level that features in exhibit form photographs, maps and all we need to know about tulip sourcing. The yard is one big garden with numerous kinds of narcissus and tulips, hyacinth, and a test garden blend with new varieties. Beautiful! Visit the [Photography](#) page to see all the images of the day - there are many!



Sara Gault, Jackie Miller, Cathy Oneglia and Ronni Anderson

Do you have a garden story to tell? Now is the time to start capturing those images that will tell your gardening story. Visit the "[Plants in our Gardens](#)" web-page to see the stories told through the lens of a camera. What is your story? Start snapping

those pictures, write your story and send to [Joan](#) for posting. Or - maybe it's the story of "[Buildings in your Gardens](#)".

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