

LGC Newsletter



May 2023



May Flower: Lily of the Valley

Message From The President

Today we celebrate the return of May and the promise of a gorgeous summer to come. In preparation for the upcoming LGC year, we will hold our annual Business Meeting on May 18. Please plan to attend as we have important matters to discuss and approve. There are ByLaw and Handbook revisions, a new slate of LGC Officers, and a Budget to review. In addition, we have early Awards and Membership announcements to share!

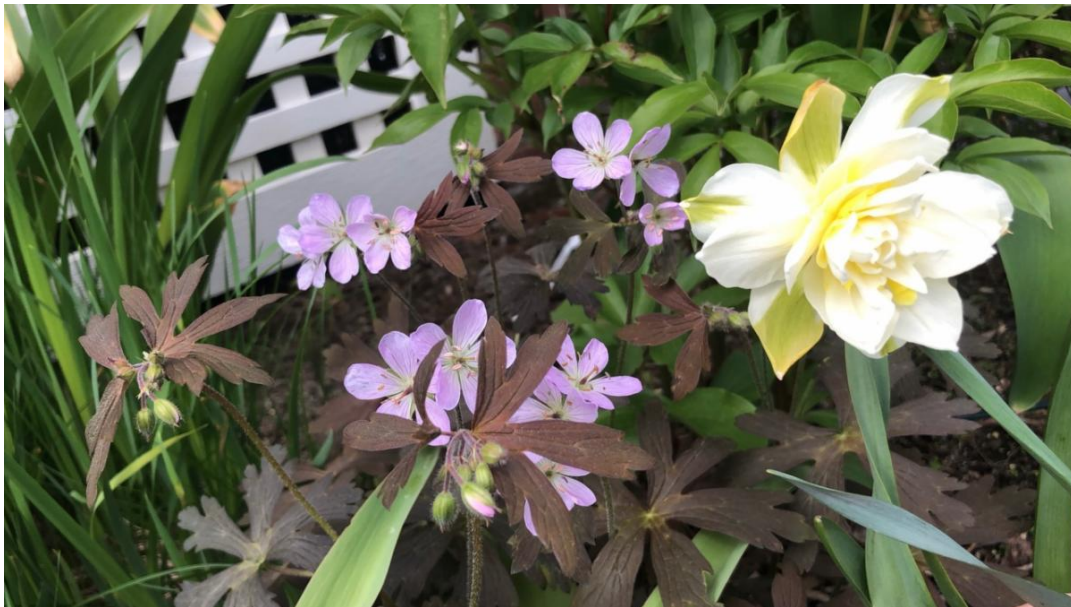
With only 47 days to go, we are truly on countdown to our June Flower Show, *A Tapestry of Nature*. It is shaping up to be one of our best and most fun Shows ever, all thanks to the leadership of Sylvia and Kate and their marvelous committees.

Until June!

[Susan Magary](#)

PS: Just a reminder that my new email is smagary1963@gmail.com Please use this address when contacting me. Thank you!

May 2023 Program Notice



**May Business Meeting
St. Michaels Parish House
May 18, 2023
10am**

Sweepstakes: Horticulture and Photography

Dear Members:

Let's get down to Business at our Annual Business Meeting. We have the following matters on the agenda:

Review of Proposed Budget
Vote on Slate for Executive Committee
By-Law and Handbook Revisions

Per our By-Laws we need 25 Members to be there to vote. Attendance will be taken!

If you can volunteer as a host, please email Nan Skeie by clicking [HERE](#).

If you can't attend in person, join your club via Zoom:

Litchfield Garden Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Club Meeting Link

Time: May 18, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every 2 months on the Third Thu, 10 occurrence(s)

May 18, 2023 10:00 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEIc-qprDwoG9cNTTpg00_ejFoiwZXk3q4A/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtpj8pG9aSshiERpwMGo-gb-vzpmZBjfpesivREycDMjzzPMRNO6VFKNOD

Join Zoom Meeting

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Julia Metcalf

Committee Reports & Announcements

Communication

**Flower Show "Tapestry of Nature"
Preview Party Updates**

Thanks to Joan Burgess the invitations to our "Preview Party" were sent out to over 300 invitees on April 19th via Paperless Post. Tickets can be purchased online via the invitation and on the LGC website. You have the option to pay by check or via Credit Card or PayPal.

If you have not received your invitation please check your Junk Mail or contact Joan Burgess by clicking [HERE](#). Also, if you plan on attending please purchase your tickets **ASAP** as it will help us fine tune the planning for our event.

Corporate Sponsorship Update: To date our committee has raised \$19,750 in corporate sponsorship dollars. We are grateful to our local businesses as they have shown overwhelming support for our club, and our civic and beautification projects. You can see their names scrolling on the landing page of our website by clicking [HERE](#). Please patronize them and be sure to thank them for their support while you are there.

Silent Auction Update: We have some fabulous auction items for the Silent Auction that will take place at the Preview Party. Items/descriptions will soon be posted on the website so you can plan your bidding strategy!!!

LGC Plant Sale is On Hold

The LGC plant sale that was to take place on the Saturday of our flower show is postponed. We set the bar quite high for the sale and feel it would be best to wait until it can get the attention it deserves as a singular event and not part of the show itself. Stay tuned!

Crystal Carminati & Kristen Mahan Kraut



LGC Instagram

Litchfield Garden Club is on Instagram and we'd love to post your news and photos, also to be shared on our [Blog](#). Please send upcoming events, club activities, civic projects, milestones, and hort tips. Include photos and a brief writeup of the photo you're sending.

The best format is to send in an email with jpg photos attached. Take active photos showing members at work or showcasing beautiful gardens, flowers, and plants (please name the flower if it is a hort only photo) From now until our Flower Show, if you are using any of our sponsors services or shopping their location, please snap a picture of something they're selling that might be of interest to our followers.

Your participation is greatly appreciated and your emails can be sent to any of the following emails: joangyorburgess@gmail.com, jessicatravelstead@hotmail.com, or lechapman764@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

Conservation

Conservation would like to remind everyone that Shad bush (Amelanchier) Serviceberry is in bloom now telling us that the Shad are back in the Connecticut River. These plants are valued horticulturally and their fruits are important to wildlife. There will be no meetings until after the flower show.



Margy Miner

Floral Design



April Sweepstakes

Thanks to the nine members who created beautiful designs interpreting our April Sweepstakes theme " *Blossom by blossom the spring begins.*" a line from a poem by A. C. Swinburne. Congratulations to Susan Magary, Susan Fearey, Tierney Moran, Sara Gault, Tonja Curry, Seton O'Reilly, Victoria Sansing, Sylvia Abbott and MaryEllen O'Brien. Our two out of club GCA judges were amazed at the gorgeous designs, fresh, crisp spring plant material and the creativity and talent shown by these members. They were highly complimentary about the huge talent in our club! Gratitude to all who took the time to participate at this busy time of year! Visit the Design [webpage](#) to see the entries.

Flower Show

All plans for our June Flower Show and Fundraiser are in place and no complications so far! We still need one entry for the picnic table and one for the two sided design, so we are hoping that some generous person will come forward! Corporate Sponsorships and the Silent Auction, under the aegis of Crystal and Kristen have been fabulous. Joan has sent out the beautiful invitations, Drew is distributing the counter cards and the posters will soon be in the shops. MaryEllen O'Brien has been invaluable as our graphic designer, setting up all the templates and designing, posters, entry and class cards, etc. They are terrific!

Keep growing those container grown plants and monitoring your gardens for the Horticulture Division and Cathy and Martha are busy organizing the photos for that division.

Please do participate in one way or another. You can sign up to be a hostess or help with the drawing tickets for sale on Friday and Saturday. The Gala Party promises to be a wonderful affair under the aegis of Susan Magary and Rosie and Madeline. Don't miss it! LGC will be at its best for this event!

Sylvia Abbott

Horticulture

In April, we enjoyed Tovah Martin's lecture about pollinators in our garden. She is such a great plantswoman and we learned so much about plants and which ones the pollinators love the best. Good luck finding that beloved native columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) anywhere!! We had a great turnout for the horticulture sweepstakes. A big thank you to everyone who entered! It is always a great learning experience to see what everyone finds that is in bloom at this time of the year.



Photo: Aquilegia canadensis

On April 19th the hort committee came together to learn more about entering a show and how to groom those entries to make them look their best. Hopefully that time will provide some insight going forward on how to prep your plants for a show.

We will have another sweepstakes at this month's meeting, the last of the year. Don't be shy and bring your entries as there are several members running neck and neck for this year's Hort award! Please check back to the Hort Sweeps page on the LGC website for May's Sweeps details by clicking [HERE](#). Info will be posted shortly.

Kate Jamison

Membership

Please remember to think of your friends or acquaintances that might be a good fit for our club. We are always looking for new member candidates for our Provisional Program. We shall have more Open Meetings during our 'Garden Club' year so invite a friend to join us.

See you at our May business meeting!

Lynne Sherman

Photography



***Postponed* Rich Pomerantz Workshop**

The Rich Pomerantz Spring Photography Workshop scheduled for May 17th at Hollister House has been postponed. Stay tuned for a new date.

Not all who Wander are Lost ~ J.R.R. Tolkien

Taking into consideration how busy everyone is with preparations for our GCA Flower Show, “A Tapestry of Nature,” I think it best to keep things as simple as possible and have not scheduled any LGC workshops or meetings.

However, there is a Photography Sweepstakes in May at the annual business meeting and you can view those classes [HERE](#). I originally posted about this sweeps in March and I do hope that you will find the classes appealing as well as challenging.

Do take a walk in the woods with your camera and find in nature the phenomenon of pareidolia~ a specific, often meaningful image in a random or ambiguous visual pattern. There is also a class for macro or closeup of a Native Plant and another intimate landscape of a garden and we aren't finding ourselves in our gardens often enough.

[Cathy Oneglia](#)

Treasurer

Budget 2023-2024

The proposed budget for 2023-2024 will be presented at the May business meeting and voted on at the July annual meeting. Please review it by clicking [HERE](#) and bring your questions to the May meeting.

[Sara Gault](#)



Visiting Gardens



Philip Johnson's Glass House

Visiting Gardens Day Trip Save the Date and Reserve Your Space Friday, June 30th

We will travel to New Canaan to tour Grace Farms and Philip Johnson's famous Glass House. Our day begins at Grace Farms Foundation, an 80 acre cultural and humanitarian center set into the existing habitat where visitors experience the Foundation's 5 initiatives: nature, arts, justice, community and faith. The River Building is designed by SANAA, a Pritzker Prize winning Japanese architectural firm. While there, we will take their 90-minute tour devoted to sustainable gardening. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch in Grace Farms Commons.

In the afternoon, our tour will take us to The Glass House, a National Trust Historical Site. The house sits on 49 acres with 13 other structures including several Galleries. We will have a 1 hour tour of the house and learn about Philip Johnson and his interesting and controversial life. The Glass House was built between 1949 and 1955 and serves as a catalyst for the preservation and interpretation of modern architecture, landscape and art as a canvas for inspiration and experimentation.

Itinerary:

8 am-Meet at St. Anthony's parking lot and then drive to New Canaan
10:30-Tour of Grace Farms
12:00-Lunch at Grace Farms
1:30 or 2:30-Tour of The Glass House
3 or 4:00-Leave for Litchfield

Cost:

Grace tour \$20 Adult or \$15-Senior
Glass House-\$25
Lunch additional

Deadline: All reservations must be received by June 12

To make a reservation, send a check made out to Litchfield Garden Club for \$45 (Adult) or \$40 (Senior) and send it to:

Nancy Post
12 Sarcka Lane
Litchfield CT 06759

Please contact me with any questions by clicking on my name below.

[Nancy Post](#)

Member News and Upcoming Events



If you have ever thought that serving on a GCA committee looks like fun, then this is your chance to raise your hand! The Nominating Committee would like to know where your skills and interests lie, so please consider filling out the volunteer interest form on the [GCA website](#).

It is quick and easy to do, and while submitting the form does not guarantee that you will get a position on a committee, it is an important first step in the process.



**New Canaan Garden Club
Gardens in Bloom: A Garden Tour
Tuesday June 8, 2023
10am-3pm
Rain or Shine**