

LGC Newsletter



November 2019



Message from the President

Greetings!

Since our last meeting, I have had the pleasure and honor of representing the Litchfield Garden Club at the GCA Zone II Presidents Council as well as The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Presidents Day. Both sessions provided wonderful opportunities to get to know other Presidents and leadership, engage in roundtable discussions and Q and A, and review the tremendous resources available to every club and member. If you haven't logged on to the [GCA](#) and [The Federated](#) websites in a while, please do! The wealth of information you'll find is there for *YOU!*

Looking forward to seeing you all soon at our upcoming meeting! 'Young' John Acerbi has a fun workshop planned to get us all in the spirit of the holidays.

Annie

Mix and Fix with Litchfield Hills
Holiday Design w/John Acerbi & Litchfield Hills Nursery
November 14, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.
St. Michael's Community House
~Photography Sweeps~

If you haven't already, Please RSVP to [Emily Dalton](#)

Committee Reports & Announcements

Conservation

We had a fun and very productive meeting, and have identified seven Conservation Programs we will work on over the next two years. The programs are as follows:



1. Children's Educational Program - Pollinators/native species
2. Enlarging the Pollinator Garden at White Memorial Conservation Center
3. Butterfly Monitoring at White Memorial Conservation Center
4. Earth Day April 22, 2020
5. Water - Rain barrels and rain gardens
6. Blue Bird nesting boxes
7. Plastics reduction of single use plastic

We have created a team for every program and chosen a team leader for each one.

[Read more](#) about the enlargement of the Pollinator Garden at White Memorial Conservation Center.

If you were not able to make this last meeting, and wish to be included in any of the conservation programs, please let me know. [Grace Yagtug](#)



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Garden History & Design

GH&D had its first meeting November 1st at Jane Hinkel's house at 9AM. All were welcome.

[Diane Stoner](#)

Horticulture

Looks like we have a long warm fall this year. I still have Monarch chrysalis in the garden. I watched one hatch, dry its wings and fly away today! I know it took a long time for the frost last year too, so we didn't have our Dahlia workshop till later into November. We will have it again at Diane Stoner's barn, but I cannot give a date just yet. I will send out an announcement to the Horticulture committee as soon as I know.

After the killing frost, which leaves your plants blackened, you can dig your tubers. Some believe that it is good to let them sit a few more days to pull in any extra nutrients. For the workshop you will need to bring clean tuber clumps that have dried out a few days after digging and rinsing them with a hose. Please be sure to label your clumps before moving them anywhere. It can be very confusing, and we don't want to lose their names! Please also bring Ziploc bags with a sharpie to label them, and a pair of sharp clippers or a knife.

It is also the time for planting spring blooming bulbs. So many are very fragrant and great pollinators as well as deer resistant. My dilemma is what to do about voles, but they don't seem to bother the daffodils and Alliums.

We will be having a sweepstakes at January's meeting, so plant up those happy tropical or succulents that have been thriving all summer and give them a great spot to keep them until January. There are many books out now on growing houseplants, including one by Tovah Martin that will give you a hand.

And as always if you have any questions, just drop me a note!

[Kate Jamison](#)

Hospitality

A friendly reminder to please check the [hospitality page](#) for easy online sign up for hostess duty at future meetings. You can see the total schedule and quickly add your name for future months! Also, please be sure to send any and all pictures of our meetings to Emily and Frank so that we may post images on the site for all to enjoy.

Thank you all.

[Emily & Frank](#)

Membership

Please remember that the deadline for proposing potential members to our Garden Club is January 15, 2020. Please send all letters to my attention at my P.O. Box 1090 in Litchfield, CT 06759.

Thank you so much!

[Julia Metcalf](#)

Photography



LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB SWEEPSTAKES, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

All members are invited to participate in our first sweepstakes of the year. John Acerbi of Litchfield Hills Nursery is our program speaker. There is a class devoted to images taken at Litchfield Hills Nursery. I encourage everyone to take several in addition to the one you might enter in the sweepstakes so that I might make John an album as a way to thank him for his effort on our behalf. Just email me any jpegs from any camera. I think it will be a nice surprise. Most of us have patronized Litchfield Hills over the years and formed strong bonds with the Acerbi family.

All entries must be between 36" and 50" in circumference, flush mounted on black foam core, unless we have procured the new more environmentally friendly material and can get it distributed to you all in time. No borders, no mats. 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 10AM on November 14th at St. Michael's Community House . If that is a problem, call Cathy to arrange pickup or delivery the day before.

Click [HERE](#) for the Class descriptions.

[Cathy Oneglia](#)

Projects/Civic Beautification

Our first project was completed on October 21st at the Community Field on North Lake Street. The Committee decided to enhance the area with 400 narcissus (Marieke) bulbs. These yellow trumpet daffodils bloom in April and are 18-20 inches tall. Three hundred bulbs were planted for the 300th anniversary of Litchfield, and one hundred were for the 100th anniversary of the Suffragettes. The



300 bulbs were planted at the entrance of the field, and the 100 were planted around a flagpole a few hundred yards from the entrance. Day lilies were interspersed among the daffys, thanks to Frank F. dividing his plants.

Kent Greenhouse prepared the bulb beds for us, and they did such a terrific job that we were able to plant these 400 bulbs in a little less than 1 hour.

Many thanks go out to Annie B., Susan M., Frank F., Nan S. Rose B., Polly B., and Sylvia A. for their time and energy. We will be planting 100 more Marieke narcissus bulbs for the Historical Society behind the Tapping Reeve building soon. I shall send out a notice when the planting will begin, and I hope that you will join us for the fun.

Please visit our [website](#) to view the photos and to read a more detailed description of the day.

[Lynne Sherman](#) & [Dale Ryan](#)

From the Communications Desk

The [Flower Show](#) page has been updated with additional images of Photography, Hort and Design awards.

Emily Dalton has taken over the [Hospitality Page](#). Please visit to see her latest postings of our past meeting. Thank you Emily!

Do you want to be part of a LGC Committee - and be included on the committee mailing list? Visit our [Clipboard](#) page to learn more.

Do you need help in logging into the GCA website? Each member has their own user name and password. Do you need the password for The Federated Garden Club of CT? Check with [Joan](#) if you need help.

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.

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

[Calendar](#)

Upcoming Events for your Calendar & Member News

On October 21, 2019, Dale Ryan and Lynne Sherman (Committee Chairs) Annie Borzilleri, Susan Magary, Polly Brooks, Nan Skeie, Rose Brooks, Sylvia Abbott, and Frank Fontana of the Project/Civic Beautification Committee met at the Community Field to plant daffodil bulbs. Yellow trumpet daffodils that bloom in April were chosen. The Marieke narcissus is 18-20 inches and is a brilliant yellow. Four hundred bulbs were planted. [Read more](#) and see all the images.



LITCHFIELD GREEN REVITALIZATION PLAN



1851 Engraving
Litchfield County
Centennial Celebration;
Courtesy of the Litchfield
Historical Society

PUBLIC INFORMATION & DISCUSSION SESSION

The Borough of Litchfield's Board of Warden & Burgesses invites community members to come and join your neighbors for the second public information and discussion forum focused on the proposed Historic Litchfield Green Comprehensive Revitalization Plan.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
at the Litchfield Fire House
258 West Street
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Heritage Landscapes, LLC, will present preliminary design concepts developed with input from the October 1st forum. An interactive discussion will follow.

The Borough is Connecticut's first Historic District and listed in the Register of National Historic Places. The Litchfield Green is part of the National Historic Landmark District. The development of this plan was made possible by a grant from the Seherr-Thoss Foundation.



**An Invitation From
THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW HAVEN**

**November 4 Open Meeting, sponsored by the Cherry
Shaw Swords and Virginia Thorne Shaw Fund.**

**CLAUDIA WEST, "Wild and Neat, Bridging the Gap
between Great Garden Design and Ecology"**

You are cordially invited to join the Garden Club of New Haven on November 4 for our annual Swords Lecture. This year's speaker is Claudia West, a leading voice in the emerging field of ecological planting design. Known for her passionate advocacy of plant-driven design, Claudia is a widely sought out speaker and consultant who applies the technologies of plant systems to bring essential natural functions back into our cities and towns. She is the co-author of the critically acclaimed book, "Planting in a Post-Wild World". Please extend this invitation to your Club members.

Space is limited and registration priority will be given to earliest responders. To ensure a space, please send your request ASAP to segodshall@gmail.com and type 'GCNH - Nov 4' in the subject line.

Monday, November 4, 2019 at Noon

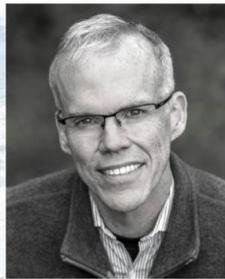
Presentation and light luncheon

**Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station
Jones Auditorium
123 Huntington Street
New Haven, CT**

CLIMATE CHANGE: IS THERE STILL HOPE FOR HUMANITY?

an Evening with Bill McKibben

*Groundbreaking author, environmentalist, and activist
offers a powerful call-to-arms to save our planet.*



Monday • Nov. 11, 2019 • 7:30 PM
Saxe Middle School
468 South Ave • New Canaan

For Tickets & Information go to:
NewCanaanLandTrust.org/McKibben

1 ticket • \$35 • includes McKibben's latest book *Falter*
2 tickets • \$40 • includes one book
Students • \$10

**New Canaan
Library**



[Read more](#)

Redding Garden Club Fall Holiday Luncheon & Boutique.

Join The Redding Garden Club on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 9:00 am at the Redding Country Club, 109 Lonetown Road, West Redding, CT, 203.938.2567. Speaker: SUSAN EDGAR OF FLOWERS STICKS & STONES. Susan has graciously offered ten of her unique wreaths and some handcrafted ornaments for the club to sell. These limited-edition artistic works are sure to be the centerpiece of any holiday home décor. Susan Edger has over thirty years of experience designing for both private homes and business venues.



Click [HERE](#) for the reservation sheet. LGC members are more than welcome to come to the boutique without attending the luncheon and do not have to be present to win the raffle items (simply leave name, telephone number and ticket number).

The Connecticut Valley Garden Club (CVGC) will host its ninth annual "Set 2 Celebrate" fundraiser on November 15-16, 2019 featuring more than 30 tablescapes designed by decorators, florists, businesses, organizations, and individuals. [Read more.](#)



Click [HERE](#) for detailed info.



**Bristol Garden
Club's**

*Holiday Luncheon &
Boutique*

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Boutique: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Program: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.

The Farmington Club
162 Town Farm Road
Farmington

Speaker: Bill Cusano
from *De Vars-Phillips*
Florists & Antiques

Price \$45.00 per person

For Reservations Call:
Joan Nyerick - (860) 589-7166

Deadline for reservations is Oct 31st



Spring into Connecticut for the 39th annual Flower Show of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT., Inc at the Convention Center in Hartford - a NGC Standard Flower Show "Spring into Connecticut" from February 20 – 23, 2020.

You'll get that first taste of Spring that we all need in late winter as you enjoy more than 60 creative floral designs inspired by Connecticut's Cityscapes, Orchards, Rivers and the Shoreline.

Visit ctgardenclubs.org for additional information

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