

LGC Newsletter



November 2021

Happy Thanksgiving



Photo Credit: Cathy Oneglia

Message From The President

GIVING THANKS!

Just in time for Thanksgiving, we are thrilled to give thanks for our members Joan Burgess and Grace Yagtug. They were honored on October 27 with Tribute awards from the Federated Garden Clubs of CT. We salute their achievements and will present the Award certificates at a future club meeting.

TRIBUTE AWARD

COMMUNICATION

Joan Burgess

Litchfield Garden Club

For her excellent communication skills both within her garden club and The Federation newsletter, CF News.



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of Connecticut, Inc.

Joan Burgess has received the *First Ever* FGC Tribute Award for Communications. The Award cites her outstanding contributions in the communications field with her tireless work on our LGC website, and the FGC newsletter. It also notes her infectious enthusiasm which makes it a pleasure to be in her company!

TRIBUTE AWARD

CONSERVATION

Grace Yagtug

The Litchfield Garden Club



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Grace Yagtug received the FGC Tribute Award for Conservation. This picture says it all! Grace's efforts on behalf of Conservation for our club have been spectacular. Whether overseeing the Pollinator Garden at White Memorial or planting crabapples at the Tapping Reeve Meadow (in the snow!), she deserves our praise for her hard work and visionary energy.

While there is no set program this month, our Committees are hard at work as you can see below. The Strategic Planning Committee is making progress on a future roadmap for the club, and we will have an update for you in December. Early next month, on December 9, we will gather for a workshop and holiday cheer at the home of Lynn Chapman. With thanks to all,

Susan Magary

Committee Reports & Announcements

Conservation

Birds on the Brink

It was a pleasure to host Eileen Fielding, Director of Sharon Audubon as our conservation speaker at the pollinator garden. As she began her introduction, a red tailed hawk flew into the wild cherry trees, as much as to say- welcome to the pollinator garden - a very auspicious beginning!



Eileen shared the changing dynamics and statistics of our North American birds and what we can do individually in our gardens to create safer and better habitats for our birds. Some suggestions were to leave our gardens untidy over the winter which creates insect and bird habitats; include more diversity in our plantings; and add flowering and fruit bearing plants for all seasons.



Frank Fontana and Sue Kennedy arriving at the pollinator garden.



Eileen Fielding, Director of Sharon Audubon speaking with Frank Fontana and Fran Devlin about all things birds.



Rosie Furniss and her guest Genevieve (Veve) Brown arriving for the talk.



A wonderful turn out on a glorious day.



Susan Magary thanking Eileen Fielding, Director of Sharon Audubon with a box of chocolates from Thorncrest Farm. A perfect end to a perfect day!

Pollinator Princesses

Our first Girl Scouts project happened at the pollinator garden and we hosted six pollinator princesses! The girls (ages 5 to 8) colored and cut out their paper pollinator creatures and placed them in the gardens. They then planted over 80 crocus bulbs, printing their names on the plant markers so they can visit again in the early Spring and see their crocuses blooming in all their glory.



Our workshops together will help the girls get their Take Action badges.

We have several future workshops planned together and will keep you posted as this wonderful and exciting group of young stewards of our environment continue to work their magic.

Susan Magary and Sue Kennedy with our girl scouts and parents who are creating their pollinator creatures.



Happy Girl Scouts with their pollinator creatures.



Planting pollinator creatures in the blooming chrysanthemums!



Planting crocus bulbs and finding worms!



Planting 80 crocus bulbs



Sue Kennedy, Susan Magary, Grace Yagtug and Doreen Hampton having a brilliant workshop with the Girl Scouts.

Grace Yagtug

Floral Design

Autumn Bounty Floral Design Sweepstakes



Design Credit: Susan Fearey, 1st Place Novice

What a fabulous display of designs we had at the Activity Shed at White Memorial Conservation Center for the October Floral Design Sweeps! I could not have been happier and our judge, who is a horticulture, as well as design judge, thought our sweepstakes were amazing. She asked that I please tell all of you that she was *really* impressed with us! Each and every design was well thought out and executed. One thing that really pleased me was the amount of home grown plant materials that were incorporated into the designs—it helped to interpret the theme. It's so great when we can use *locally grown materials!* Kudos to Diane Stoner who acted as our Passer and checked all the entry cards for botanical and common names. Good work, Diane! Thank you. You can see the Floral Design entries from October [HERE](#).

Congratulations and thanks to: Susan Fearey, Jennifer Abbott-Tillou, Grace Yagtug, Jessica Travelstead, and Nancy Post in the Novice Class. Sara Gault, Emily Dalton, Seton O'Reilly, and Rosie Furniss in the Master Class. Ronnie Schoelzel and Sylvia Abbott, in Emeritus.



Hogarth Curve Workshop Lecture and Demo

**Wednesday
November 17th at 1:30pm
St. Michael's Community House**

Peggy Moore of the Fairfield Garden Club will be our guest at the Hogarth Curve Workshop. Peggy will talk about the 'how to's' and mechanics of putting this type of design together and give us a demo of how she proceeds when creating this style of design. I do hope that all of you can come.

We will wear our masks and socially distance as well as possible. St. Michael's room is fairly large, so chairs can be moved about as people feel comfortable. Please put this event on your calendar! See you then.

Sylvia Abbott

Horticulture

Greetings!

Each wooly caterpillar I see seems to have more brown than black. Does that really mean a mild winter? That's fine, as long as we have a good amount of snow to cover our plants, right? We just had a light frost in Warren two nights ago, so the cold is on its way!

Succulent Workshop

The succulent propagation workshop is now scheduled on November 4th at 1:00. We'll meet rain or shine. If you have plants you would like to share and they are clean/bug free, please bring them along. If you have a favorite pair of garden snips, preferably with long points/blades bring them too. Otherwise, everything will be provided for you, soil fixings, small pots and tools; some ideas too.

We will be meeting at Diane Stoner'.s garage barn again!

Thanks so much to Diane



Prospective Succulent Moms

Gavel Challenge Zone II

We have been given acorns of the great white oak (*Quercus alba*) that I need to distribute. These will be grown for the Gavel challenge at the Zone II annual meeting and flower show in Hartford in June of 2022. Please reach out to me if you are interested in trying some.

Visiting Deer

Speaking of acorns, this is a classic time for deer foraging and eating habits to change. If you have a number of deer or a ‘cute’ family like me that tend to browse your garden, it is time to start applying sprays or granules to their favorite plants. For me that is Hosta, although I do not have many for that reason, and most will grow up to be large and thickly ribbed which they do not prefer. I use Deer stopper, but there are other products which might work for you too. Granules can also be used when it is too wet or cold to spray. Deer Scram is a traditional product. I also use Milorganite around my individual Arborvitae trees to keep the deer at bay. It is a lawn fertilizer of ill repute that also doubles as a good deer repellent.

Prepping for a January Hort Sweeps

Don’t forget that we will be having a horticulture sweepstake at January’s member meeting, so plant up those happy tropicals or succulents that have been thriving all summer and give them a great spot to keep them until then.

Kate Jamison

Membership

Call for New Members

The Membership Committee is actively seeking new members. We are seeking diversity!

The guidelines are spelled out in the LGC ByLaws, so please review [here](#) prior to submission.



If there are any questions, please email me at: lynne.sherman@yahoo.com

Please mail all portfolios to:

Lynne Sherman
154 Old South Road
Litchfield, CT. 06759

Lynne Sherman

Photography



Photo Credit: Cathy Oneglia

Photography Notes

There will be a committee meeting on December 1, at 3:00, place TBD. By then we will know which class we will enter for the Zone II Annual Meeting next June. Our program for the meeting in December will begin our preparations for that class entry. We will also discuss the sweepstakes for January and March.

Really good news: Doreen Tango Hampton's entry in Class 8 for the Focus Contest, "This Land is Your Land", has been juried in, and is among the finalists. Congratulations Doreen.

Please do go to the GCA website [**Covid Project**](#) and enter a photo before December 31.

The Zone II Photography meeting took place via Zoom. Our Rep., Jill Corr, is willing to help us with entering our photos in GCA events. We will discuss a date to meet with her, possibly via Zoom. Some clubs are doing more craft oriented workshops such as creating cyanotypes. We could learn the process and take home a finished product at one meeting. We will assess the interest level for such a project.



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Keep your focus!

[**Cathy Oneglia**](#)

Projects



Fall Plantings

Special thanks to those members that helped with the Fall plantings around town!

On the Green created by Virginia Budney and Dianne Cicchetti

Meadow Street created by Jane Hinkel and Jessica Travelstead

North Street created by Sue Kennedy and Margy Miner



Virginia Budney



Dianne Cicchetti



Jane Hinkel and Jessica Travelstead



Jessica Travelstead

Mark Your Calendar

Next Projects Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, November 10th
10am at Drew Harlow's home

Per the LGC Covid policy, masks and vaccines are required.

Drew Harlow

From the Communications Desk...



New Monthly Feature

Beginning in December, the LGC Newsletter will spotlight a Litchfield Garden Club member in each issue. It is intended to be an easy way to learn some fun facts about each other and an opportunity to share some of our favorite things related to gardening.

Every member profiled will answer the following five questions:

- When did your interest in gardening initially blossom?
- What is your favorite flower and/or tree?
- What is your favorite garden tool?
- What is your favorite gardening tip or "trick of the trade"?
- Who is your favorite "Gardening Guru"? This can be a person, a favorite book, or any garden oriented website site you follow on social media.

I will contact one of you each month, and ask that along with the answers to the 5 questions that you send along a favorite photo of yourself to be used for your profile.

Stay tuned!

[Crystal Carminati](#)

LGC Website

Visit our [Calendar Web-Page](#) for upcoming dates of the LGC and other garden events. Visit the [Floral Design Sweeps](#) page as the images from the October meeting are now posted.

There are also new postings on the [Blog page](#), so be sure to visit. Care to share your own garden adventures with other members? Send a blog to [Crystal Carminati](#) and she will post it and let you know when it is on the website.

Joan Burgess

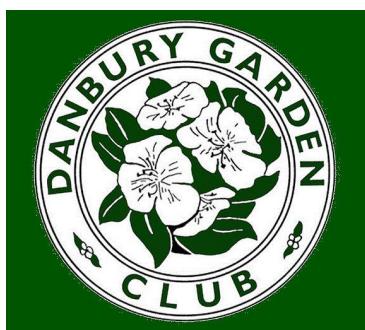
Member News and Upcoming Events



Michele C. Bouchard 1940-2021

Michele, or Mike as she was known, joined the Litchfield Garden Club in 2001. She was an active member, co-chairing Conservation, Hospitality and Flower Show/Design for many years.

Those that knew Mike will always remember her bright smile and impeccable sense of style. She will be missed by all.



Danbury Garden Club's Holiday Luncheon and Boutique

Thursday November 18, 2021

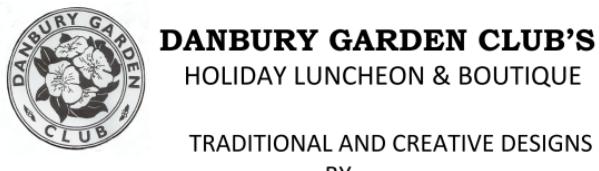
**The Amber Room Colonnade
1 Stacey Road, Danbury, CT**

Denise Sladek, President, Danbury Garden Club writes:

Our crafters have been busy over the past two years making unique items for your holiday table and gift giving. Our tasty treats are sure to sweeten your senses!

Our featured arranger, Michael Derouin, award winning floral designer and educator, is a crowd pleaser. All 8 of his beautiful arrangements will be raffled off. We also have several themed gift baskets in our raffle.

As a bonus, we are presenting the club with the most members in attendance with a \$100 donation. Many thanks and we hope to see you all there!



Michael Derouin
Award winning floral designer and industry educator

Thursday, November 18, 2021
The Amber Room Colonnade
1 Stacey Road, Danbury, CT

9:45 a.m. Registration

Reservation Form

Cost: \$48 – program & luncheon \$25 – program only

Lunch Choices:

Mustard Glazed Salmon Chicken with Lemon Cream Pasta Primavera

Name: _____
Email address: _____
Please seat me with: _____ from the _____ Garden Club
Make checks payable to Danbury Garden Club

Mail check and reservation to: Judi Fuller, 32 Carriage House Drive, Danbury, CT 06810
Reservations must be received by November 10, 2021

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