

# LGC Newsletter



October 2018

**Dear Member,**

April is not the cruelest month; October is. It explodes in color and then, as if a switch were hit, fades to drab neutrals. The good news is that our weeding is done. If you are starting a garden, revamping an old one or just want a great bedside read, you could do no better than Page Dickey's first book Duck Hill Journal. Page is our October speaker, and her first book is a great way to garden vicariously. Her evolution from ambitious young gardener to sage elder of the craft is evident in her presentation. She has spoken to us before, but I never tire of her thoughts and ideas and always come away from her talks with a To Do list for next year. So enjoy the October shows, all of them.

Best, Diane



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## **From Duck Hill to Church House**

Page Dickey, author, horticulturist

**October 18, 2018  
2:00 P.M.  
Litchfield Community Center**

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

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### **Committee Reports and Announcements**

#### **Conservation: Tonja Curry**

The National Affairs and Conservation meeting will be held in Washington on February 24-27, 2019. The LGC will send two delegates. Contact [Tonja](#) if you are interested in attending the meeting.

Packets will be available at the October meeting for seeds that will be given away at the April meeting.

Tonja

#### **Flower Design: Lee Reese**

October Sweeps: Autumn Harvest

Please have your arrangements for the October sweeps at the Community Center by 12 noon. Judging will begin at 12:30. Our judge has kindly adjusted her schedule in order to accommodate us.

The design is to be viewed from three sides, not to exceed 18 inches in width. There is no height restriction. The floral design entry forms are on the web. I also have them if you need one.

Our sweeps for the Holiday Tea in December will be a holiday topiary. We will have a workshop on NOVEMBER 5TH at 9:30 am in St. Anthony's basement. You will need to bring several pieces of tree branch about 16 inches long (birch is attractive). Please let me know if you plan to make one as I will be buying the flower pots and the oasis. We will be working with plaster of Paris which will form the structural base for the topiary. I have a handout that will provide further instructions for making the topiary. These are so much fun that you may want to make two! Just let me know so that I will have adequate materials.

Any questions, please call 860 567-5417 or email [Lee Reese](#).

## **Horticulture: Julia Metcalf**

Hello my fellow Co-Horts!

I am so excited for our speaker Page Dickey in October! I hope you can make it to the meeting!

Click [HERE](#) for the most recent schedule for your use (schedule also on website)! I will let you know ASAP if any dates change. This consideration is specifically for the Dahlia Division workshop in November, at 11AM; if we find ourselves with an extended fall, I will push this date back until we have had a serious killing frost! Also, for those of you that couldn't join us at the meeting, this year is the year of the TOPIARY, we will be doing both "STANDARD" and "STUFFED". I am super excited.

I will email everybody regularly, but for the stuffed, I will send out a specific ordering email in January with cost and types!

ALSO, FINAL CALL FOR THE HORTICULTURE HANDBOOK! Please [email me](#) with your qty! They are a whopping \$6.

Thank you, [Julia](#)

## **Hospitality: Lisa Horne and Margy Miner**

Your hostess chairs need **YOU** to sign up to hostess at one of our meetings. You can sign up online - click [HERE](#) or contact [Lisa](#) or [Margy](#) directly.

Lisa & Margy

## **Photography: Cathy Oneglia**

Photography Committee:

I. We have been challenged by the Flower Show Committee and the Conservation Committee to photograph the trees of Treescape that are currently in our inventory which right now dates from 2012, but will be updated to include our latest rounds of tree planting. Click [HERE](#) for current Treescape list.

Meeting: Saturday, October 6, 10:00 AM for coffee and cake at 9 Marsh Point to discuss the sweepstakes for November. I propose that we have classes that will show our beautiful trees, both in their entirety and perhaps showcasing specific aspects of our trees: bark, leaves, branches, seasonal change, age, etc. Put your thinking caps on!

II. Anyone who would like to go to the Inisfree Garden sunrise shoot on October 20, please let Cathy know. 860-921-7280. The gardens open one hour before sunrise for photographers.

III. Reminder: Email Susan Brewer with any questions about this workshop. [sudsbrew@gmail.com](mailto:sudsbrew@gmail.com)

## **ZONE II PHOTOGRAPHY 101 WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNER AND ADVANCED BEGINNER PHOTOGRAPHERS**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD 10AM - 3PM  
Fairfield Museum and History Center  
370 Beach Road in Fairfield, Connecticut  
\$65 entry fee due by September 21, 2018  
Limited to 20

IV. Stay tuned for guided photography walk in White's Woods some beautiful October afternoon. Look for email to the committee to confirm time and date.

Click [HERE](#) for a helpful resource document from Susan Brewer, Zone II Chair.

**Website: Joan Burgess**

- New pictures have been posted from our September meeting - visit the [Hospitality](#) page.
- Did you forget a date for a meeting, visit our [website](#) for the Club Calendar - login in and scroll down.

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.

**Member News & Upcoming Events**



**Introducing the 2019 CT Flower and Garden Show** - Have you always wanted to stroll along the Avenue des Champs-Elysees or see the Eiffel Tower? If so, please join us in February at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford as a volunteer, an exhibitor or attendee for the FGCCT Standard Flower Show "April in Paris." The LGC February program is a carpooling trip to Hartford to see the show! Visit the FGCCT [Website](#) to learn more.

**Doreen Tango Hampton attended the 17th ANNUAL SHIRLEY MENEICE HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE - "Deep Roots on the Brandywine Valley"** in Wilmington, DE on September 13-15, 2018

Her report as follows: DAY 1 - The state of Delaware, particularly the town of Wilmington, is synonymous with the name Du Pont. Wealth, gentility and opulence are associated with Henry Francis and his brother Pierre Samuel. The Hotel Du Pont does not disappoint. From the façade, to the grand lobby to the ornate décor, guests are treated to a feast for the senses. The hotel sets the perfect stage for a 3-4 day conference focusing on the beauty of the Brandywine Valley. Click to read more of her [REPORT](#). Visit our [WEBSITE](#) (scroll to the bottom for "Additional Reports") for Doreen's report - also with many beautiful images of Winterthur, Henry Francis Du Pont 60 acre garden.

**To All LGC members:** Ellen Hoverkamp (speaker at our last meeting) followed up on her promise to send along the design she created at our meeting for our own use on note-cards, or whatever we like. It is her gift to us; how thoughtful and generous! Some of you were interested in her different scarf designs and what is available for

purchase. Please email Ellen at [gardenimages@me.com](mailto:gardenimages@me.com) with your questions and requests. She will be happy to accommodate you! It was a wonderful experience for us to be able to see how she produces her gorgeous images! The image of the design she created is our newsletter featured image. For a larger copy, please email [Joan](#).

**"'Tis the Seasons...for Garlands, Greens and Gaiety!"** Floral designer and FGCCT Judges Council Chair Trish Manfredi will delight us with creative and fun designs for every room in the house, including mantel and doorway garlands and swags and table designs. All of her designs, along with table centerpieces designed by club members, will be raffled. Come discover some beautiful design ideas for your home for Thanksgiving through New Year's.

Hosted by: **Pomperaug Valley Garden Club**

Date: November 1, 2018

Place: Waterbury Country Club, 1 Oronoke Road (just off I-84 at Exit 18)

Time: 10 am. The design program will begin at 10:30 with lunch beginning at 12 pm.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information and reservation form.

**Holiday Luncheon & Boutique presented by The Danbury Garden Club -**

"Celebrating Seasonal Holidays with Innovative Sculptural Floral Designs" By Wolfgang Thom, International & New York City Designer

When: Friday, November 16, 2018

Where: The Amber Room Colonnade, 1 Stacey Road, Danbury, CT

Click [HERE](#) for additional information and registration form.

**Bristol Garden Club's Holiday Luncheon and Boutique, "The Garden Fairy"**

Naturally Elegant Home for Christmas - Speaker, Julie Harrison.

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018.

Where: The Farmington Club, 162 Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT

Click [HERE](#) for additional information and registration form.

**SUMMER BUZZ - Late Summer Update from The Garden Club of America**

What's the Buzz! That's the theme of the upcoming Zone VII meeting and a fitting lead-in for this summer update! There is BUZZZ a-plenty in the GCA-and it's my pleasure to share just a few of the many important initiatives underway.

Annual Meeting 2019. Our sights already turn to Boston, where we will convene for the GCA's 106th Annual Meeting: Don't miss the charming, animated, online Save the Date, and be sure to get your order in early for the scarf and special new charm. Co-chairs Beth Meyer and SaSa Panarese and their team promise two remarkable days with keynote presentations from nationally known historian Douglas Brinkley and ocean expert David Rockefeller, Jr. (a name synonymous with environmental protection). Club presidents will receive save the date postcards in October with a reminder to identify delegates early for this exceptional meeting.

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**The Garden Club of America is proud to announce its second year of *On the Road* with the GCA programming available to all GCA club members. The 2018-19 schedule boasts educational opportunities and adventures related to the GCA's purpose in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Virginia, and New York, to name a few.**

Take a solo adventure! Make it a club field trip! Or bring your spouse! Come for the day or plan an extended stay! The GCA will take care of all details concerning the event. If you're coming from afar, once registered you will make your own travel and hotel arrangements. Visit the [GCA WEBSITE](#) for additional information and to sign up.



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