

LGC Newsletter



September 2019



Message from the President

Dear Beth,

It's GO TIME for the flower show! Only a few days left before we stage 'Town Crier to Twitter' in celebration of Litchfield's 300th.

Putting on a flower show, IMHO, is one of the most fun things we do as a club. It is also one of the most labor intensive. Thank you, in advance, to all - for contributing your time and talents, and for all your efforts, both large and small.

There will be a work day on Thursday, September 19th to set up the staging and decorate (time TBD). There will also be a need for a work crew to take it all down when the show is over. No need to sign up - please just show up! For questions, please contact me or Ronnie.

The preview party committee has planned a delightful evening. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP.

Thank you all, Annie

Wonderful news! The Seherr-Thoss Foundation approved a small grant to the Litchfield Garden Club in the amount of \$1500 to help with flower show costs! The Foundation is considering applications from organizations that are holding an event celebrating Litchfield's 300th anniversary. Mike Reardon, President of the Seherr-Thoss Foundation, remarked that our flower show will celebrate Litchfield's history with "distinctive flair".

“TOWN CRIER TO TWITTER” FLOWER SHOW

Tercentennial celebration on September 20-21, 2019
The White Memorial Foundation Carriage House & The Shed
Whitehall Road, Litchfield.

Flower Show News

TOWN CRIER TO TWITTER

“Oyez, Oyez”, “Hear ye, Hear ye”, (translated from the Anglo-Norman word *to listen*) proclaimed the town crier from the medieval times to the early 1900’s. The town crier was the officer of the court who made public announcements in the street or public square since most people in medieval times were illiterate. Requirements of a town crier, who also rang a bell and dressed in red and gold coat, breeches, boots, and tricorne hat, were to be able to read, to have a loud voice, and possess an air of authority. Town Criers were men or women who proclaimed the latest news, advertised market days, notices, and were peacekeepers during the day and night. (They also reminded townspeople not to throw their garbage in the river right before market days.)

This town crier proclaims that the Litchfield Garden Club will present a flower show September 20-21. It is not too late to volunteer in one of the divisions, offer to hostess, help set up or clean up. There are still floral design and photography classes open, so check with the registrars of the Floral Design or Photography Divisions. You can access a schedule on the [website](#). If you haven't sent in your Preview Party response yet, please do so now. Please consider a contribution if you will be away.

Whether you proclaim the news in the street or send a tweet to a friend, please spread the GOOD NEWS that the flower show celebrating the 300th anniversary of Litchfield will be beautiful, fun, and educational for all!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
[Ronnie](#)



Heirloom varieties of tomatoes



Closeup of a stunning dinner-plate dahlia

Committee Reports & Announcements

Civic/Projects

Thank you to all those who watered over the summer. We have two more weeks and then it's a wrap for the season!

Thanks, Lynne Sherman and Dale Ryan



Conservation

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 Conservation Committee will be held on

Monday, September 30, 2019
10.00 am
Oliver Wolcott Library Community Room (enter the library through the side staff entrance).



At this meeting we will share and consider ideas for our 2019 - 2020 activities. We welcome everyone and would love you to join us to help formulate our way forward!

Looking forward to seeing you on September 30th!

[Grace Yagtug](#)

Garden History & Design

Join the Garden History & Design Committee and help us document our incomparable heritage



The GH&D Committee is starting off the new garden club year with an existing project documenting *The Ethan Allen House* (above, also known as where Jane Hinkel lives) and looking about for new projects to tackle. This is a great opportunity to both educate yourself about this very interesting process and to learn along the way. No special knowledge or background required...just a willingness to go to some meetings and learn.

I hope to start meetings in October as soon as the flower show is over. We need to wrap up the documentation of Jane's garden and talk about what direction we want to go to in the future. I need all of your input so drop me an email, dbstoner@optonline.net if you are interested.

I look forward to hearing from many of you.

[Diane Stoner](#), GH&D Chairman 2019-2021

Horticulture

The horticulture committee will be meeting this month to brainstorm our upcoming year. If you have not received an email from me and you are interested in joining us, please drop me an [email](#). I am psyched about our show and hope that everyone is excited about participating. For those with plant questions, particularly in Section F, please reach out for advice if needed in plant quality and grooming.

There are a few horticultural and related events coming up this month, one is pretty well known, and although not as high end as Trade Secrets, this is a fun time for plant people. There is an Annual Sale at Hollister House and Garden on the weekend of September 7th and 8th for rare and unusual plants. Go to their website Hollisterhousegarden.org if you are interested. Also for the naturalist and their family, there is a celebration at the [Sharon Audubon Center](#) for the amazing world of butterflies on September 14th. Explore tours of their new butterfly house and enjoy presentations on native butterflies as well as planting for butterflies and container planting for butterflies. Please look up Sharon.audubon.org for the particulars. There will also be a special presentation by [Dr. Douglas Tallamy](#) on Friday night September 13th at the Litchfield Community Center from 7-8:30.

It's going to be a beautiful fun filled month, we just have to embrace that fall is coming!

And thank you for letting me fill the big footsteps of my predecessor Julia, if there is anything I can help with let me know!

[Kate Jamison](#)

Photography

Field Trip: On Wednesday, September 4, the Photography Committee will meet at 10:00 AM in the parking lot of St. Anthony's Church to carpool to the New [Britain Museum of American Art](#) to view the exhibit Expanded Field: The Photography Collection of the NBMAA, which began collecting photography in the 1970s, and over the course of four decades, has amassed over 500 works dating from the 1840s to today. Presenting in chronological overview over 140 highlights from the Museum's holdings by iconic American artists including Eadweard J. Muybridge, Dorothea Lange, Garry Winogrand, Irving Penn, Cindy Sherman, and many others. The exhibit addresses themes including place, still life and abstraction. It explores the work of photographers who purposely stage

or manipulate their depictions of figurative subjects to explore or reveal ideals of beauty, the construction of identity, and psychological or emotional aspects not otherwise apparent in “straight” photography.

We will hold our first meeting of the committee for 2019-2020 during lunch in the cafeteria of the NBMAA. If you are unable to attend this field trip, do not worry as we will make no decisions about the coming year at this meeting and will meet again in early October and pass out handouts from the museum to all. If you plan to attend, bring fresh ideas — what would you like the photography committee to accomplish this year. Some areas may include skill building, more opportunity to shoot together in the great outdoors, other field trips etc.

For anyone who would like to stay at the museum after lunch, there is a docent led tour of the NBMAA of the gardens, architecture and outdoor sculpture and art from 1-4.

[Cathy](#)

Vice President

Annie Borzilleri and I met to discuss VP responsibilities. She handed over the Awards files, which I plan to review after the Flower Show! We touched briefly on Policy, and will have a fuller discussion at a later date.

[Susan Magary](#)

Visiting Gardens

Lenox Garden Club has requested a garden tour of our area. Diane Stoner has graciously opened her garden on August 29th for their picnic lunch and for a garden tour. They will also be seeing Hollister House garden and Topsmead.

There has been an additional request from a garden club in St. Louis. A member of their club will be visiting in our area and would like to see gardens here on August. 28th. Diane has also agreed to have him visit her garden. I am looking into additional gardens. He will be visiting Hollister House in the afternoon.

Please email [Nancy Post](#) if you are willing to open your garden. Thanks.

From the Communications Desk

Check out the [Hospitality](#) page for images of the party at Frank's.

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 & Member News

Look what our members have been up to. The Berkshire Botanical Garden holds a "Grow Show every August. It is a non-GCA Show, very accommodating and fun to participate in. Several of our members have participated over the years both as judges and as participants.

This year, on August 10, Diane Stoner, Nancy Post and Sylvia Abbott were judges. Sylvia won a 2nd for her design entry and she and Nancy were also successful in entering cut specimens in the Horticultural Division.



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