

LGC Newsletter



September 2021



LGC September Meeting

**September 16, 2021
Litchfield Community Center
10 a.m.
Guest: Rachel Robshaw**



Please come and welcome Rachel Robshaw, a wonderful photographer who currently resides in New York City and Sharon CT with her husband John, daughter Regina, and parrot Turkey Bird. Not only is she a talented photographer, but she is also an avid gardener and a wonderful home cook!

Rachel's professional focus is on interior, still-life and garden photography. She is very well traveled

and has experienced over 30 countries within the past 10 years, accumulating a copious amount of travel photography. Her work has been featured in AD Spain, DuJour, NY Cottages and Gardens, Luxe and Introspective Magazines.

Rachel will join us to talk about macro photography and some of the technical elements involved. Come on out and see some beautiful photos!

This meeting will be held indoors at the Litchfield Community Center and we will be following their guidelines regarding masks.

Thank you for supporting Litchfield Garden Club Programs!

Meeting Sweepstakes: Horticulture & Photography

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP to Nan Skeie

[Julia Metcalf](#)

Message From The President

September always comes as a surprise! But here it is, and a new fall/winter season is in store for LGC. In August, our Pollinator Garden at White Memorial was at its blooming best. If you haven't been over to see it, do stop by anytime. Grace Yagtug and her merry band of workers have transformed an overgrown field into a beautiful and nurturing spot for our pollinator friends. It's amazing!

September 16 promises an exciting Photography meeting with Hort and Photography sweeps. Julia Metcalf has worked very hard on putting together programs of interest for our members. Please attend and participate. This is the first of our meetings at a new time, 10:00 am. We hope to gather more of you at this hour, particularly those who have early school drop-offs and pick ups later in the day.

Our committees are in full swing starting in September. Do be sure to sign up on the [Clipboard](#) on the LGC website for one or more. GCA will be starting its new season as well, with the Shirley Meneice Conference being held virtually Sept. 22-23. This promises to be an exciting event, so don't forget to register when the information comes out. Please see the Save the Date Notice below.

The Executive Committee met in August and discussed plans for the upcoming year. You will be hearing much more about initiatives we have in mind, plus Visiting Gardens trips, a possible Flower Show, and so much more.

Stay tuned!

[Susan Magary](#)

Committee Reports & Announcements

Conservation

Nature Day White Memorial September 25th

LGC Conservation is hosting the children who attend White Memorial's Nature Day on September 25th at our pollinator garden. The children will be working at the activity craft shed making bugs, butterflies and birds out of paper, and attaching them to long sticks. They will bring their pollinator creatures and place them in our pollinator garden. It will be glorious! Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours, 1pm to 3pm at the event, to help the children place their wonderful creations.



Click [Here](#) for more information

August 26th Celebration in the Pollinator Garden



It was a great pleasure to welcome everyone to our August 26th celebration event at our Pollinator Garden at White Memorial Conservation Center. We were also joined by members of the White Memorial Board and staff. Many of the plants in the garden are donated by our own members who have also participated in the planting, weeding and watering of the garden. The gardens were splendid and the blooming buckwheat was full of happy bees.

What a delicious feast our Hospitality Committee provided for us, and there was a cool breeze across the lake which helped in the heat and humidity. It was a joy to be outside and especially in the peaceful and beautiful landscape of our pollinator garden - a perfect afternoon! More photos are on the website [here](#).



Jamie Fisher and Nan Skeie



Ronni Anderson, Rosie Furniss, and
Jackie Miller



Crystal Carminati and Lukas Hyder



Grace and Djan Yagtug



Julia Metcalf



Emily Dalton, Susan Magary, and Joan
Burgess

Grace Yagtug

Floral Design

Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Floral Design Committee on Wednesday, September 15, at 3:00 pm at the Litchfield Community Center. Plans for the upcoming year will be decided as well as needed October activities for the committee. LCC covid precautions will be followed as necessary.

I hope that you can attend. If not, please email me your thoughts and ideas - jlaska130@optimum.net

Sylvia Abbott

Horticulture



Hopefully everyone weathered our most recent storm Henri without too much damage. Even if some of our most beautiful plants were knocked over, others will be on their way before the frost arrives. I was away with my family this past week, but I sure was thinking about our gardens and hoping for the best.

With any luck, we will still have many things to cut for our September Horticulture Sweepstakes. Click [here](#) for details. Please take a look and figure out which gems you might like to bring. If you have any questions, you can always consult with one of our knowledgeable Hort members who are always glad to help.

September will be a busy month for Horticulture. In addition to our own horticulture meeting and the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, the Hortulus Garden Club of Greenwich is hosting its fall show “Hortulus Harvest” on September 28th. It is traditionally a fun and impressive show. Enjoy your summer as it winds down, and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Kate Jamison

Membership

Our Membership Committee will be meeting very soon. Please consider new member candidates using the guidelines clearly spelled out in the [By-Laws](#). Please review these guidelines before you submit any membership portfolios. Questions? Please email (click on my name below) or call me.

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[Lynne Sherman](#)

Projects and Beautification

The Projects Committee Meeting is set for September 14th at 10am on the outdoor porch at Drew Harlow's house.

[Drew Harlow](#) and [Ellen Oneglia](#)

Photography



My Toi Gardens, Martha's Vineyard

Welcome all photographers to a new cycle of Sweepstakes. Our program for the coming year includes four Sweepstakes which will take place in September, January, March and May. Let's sharpen our focus and display our creativity. Photography offers a myriad of opportunities to delve into our passion for gardens and nature.

Our first Sweepstakes features the Still Life genre, both inside and outdoors, a chance to share end of summer bounty and beauty in beautiful images. Also included is a class featuring a favorite gardener in the garden. Click [here](#) to see all of the details.

On September 9, enjoy a field trip to [Naumkeag](#) the Choate estate with gardens designed by Fletcher Steele in Stockbridge, Mass. Enjoy lunch on the terrace, at [The Mount](#), Edith Wharton's home five miles away. Photograph its beautiful landscape and garden designed by Beatrix Jones Ferrand, Wharton's niece. RSVP to Cathy and meet in St. Anthony's Church parking lot at 8:30 AM. For Naumkeag, you must go online and register for the visit.

I will be sending out an email soon regarding an upcoming Photography/Garden History & Design meeting in October. Stay tuned.

Keep your focus! [Cathy Oneglia](#)

Treasurer

Many thanks to the members who donated to the LGC funds along with their annual dues payment.



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[Sara Gault](#)

Visiting Gardens



Upcoming Tour Stonegate Farm in The Hudson River Valley Thursday September 30th 9am Meet-Up St. Anthony's Church

Join us for a visit to Matthew Benson's Stonegate Farm. Matthew was the speaker at our June meeting at The Meadow.

We will leave St. Anthony's parking lot by carpool at 9:00 a.m. and drive to Newburgh, N.Y. Our tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a botanical and farm tour, followed by a tour of the apothecary and a skin care sampling. Matthew will be available to sign his book *Growing Beautiful Food*.

After the tour, there will be a 3 course luncheon in the flower farm.

Cost: \$75 per person

Reservations required by 9/20. Your check is your reservation.

Make checks payable to the Litchfield Garden Club.

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From the Communications Desk...

Did you know...

If you click on the names of the committee chairs at the bottom of their respective committee reports, it will take you right to their email. Just in case you need to communicate with them directly from this newsletter. Actually, anything in the newsletter that is in blue and underlined can be clicked on and it will take you where you want to go. Check it out!

There are 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. Consider adding a few photos, they always make blog posts more interesting!

Visit our [Calendar Web-Page](#) for upcoming dates of the LGC and other garden events. And don't forget to check out the new images of the our celebration at the Pollinator Garden - visit the [Hospitality page](#).

[Joan Burgess](#)

[Click here for Calendar](#)

Member News and Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE
Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference
Hosted by the GCA

From the diverse beauty of Heronswood and Desert Botanical Garden in the west to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Kampong National Botanical Garden on the east coast, travel the Country discovering America's horticultural gems at this year's Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference!

Tour the magnificent intersection of breeding championship race horses with a commitment to stewarding the precious natural resources at Gainesway Farm and learn the fascinating history of Avery Island with Joey Brown. Built on a salt dome, the McIlhenny family has made Tabasco sauce for over 5 generations and abundant and exotic wildlife can be seen in Jungle Gardens.

Hear Leah Pennimen speak on changing the world one bite at a time, GCA's own Cynthia Druckenbrod captivate viewers with hybridizing day lilies and Carrie Waterman, Peggy Mayfield and Nancy Schotters will lead hands-on workshops you won't want to miss.

Never before have so many of the country's awesome and diverse resources been brought together in one conference, exclusively developed for and available to all GCA members!

Stay tuned for more information and how to register!

Thaddeus Kubis
at
Litchfield Community Center
September 28th
2-4pm
Cost: \$20

In case you missed the workshop, Thaddeus Kubis will be teaching about photography on your smartphone or other devices at the Litchfield Community Center.

If interested, please register [HERE](#). He is excited to return in the coming months for even more in-depth instruction. Berta Andrulis Mette will keep us posted on his offerings.