

LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB

March Meeting Notice

"Empress Josephine and the Gardens of Malmaison"
A Presentation by Author Scott Tilden

Thursday, March 19th
2 p.m.
Litchfield Community Center

RSVP by March 16th
email [Ellen Oneglia](mailto:Ellen.Oneglia)
or call 860.567.5802

Hostesses: Lynne Sherman, Jane Hinkel, Madeline Patenge, Jackie Miller, Margy Miner and Seton O'Reilly. Lee Reese will provide the floral arrangement.

We are jumping into spring with a very exciting and inspiring program and meeting. As if having Scott Tilden enthrall us with his presentation of "Empress Josephine and the Gardens of Malmaison" were not enough, we will also be hosting three competitions: floral design, horticulture and photography. There will be something for everyone at our March meeting. So shake off those winter blues and join the fun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSERVATION

There will be a meeting of the Conservation Committee at Margy Miner's home (230 East Chestnut Hill Road) at 10 a.m. on March 23rd.

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Horticulture Committee at Ronnie Schoelzel's home (194 Chestnut Hill Road) at 9:30 a.m. on March 13th.

March 19th Meeting Sweepstakes:

- Class 1 – Forced bulbs
 - Narcissus - Daffodil, one forced container
 - Tulips - Tulip, one forced container
 - Hippeastrum - Amaryllis, one forced container

- Class 2 – Container-grown specimens
 - Grown for foliage
 - Grown for flowers or fruit

FLORAL DESIGN

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the March design sweepstakes. Remember that good things often come in small packages.

- Class 1 - A 'small' design not to exceed 8' in height, width, and depth. Use your favorite container; silver is acceptable.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This is a great opportunity to show off your pictures of roses. We know that you all have some favorites just waiting to be shared!!

- Class 1 – Photograph featuring roses in a garden
- Class 2 – Any photograph of a rose or roses
 - Photographs must be 8 x 10 with matting
 - One entry per class. You may enter both classes.
 - Have entries in place 30 minutes prior to meeting

HISTORY & ARCHIVES REPORT: Lynne Brickley

I am now making final selections of images for the LGC centennial book, and I find that, in spite of the hundreds of images I received from others, scanned from the archives and scanned from lent materials, there are many "holes." For example, does anyone have any photos they might have taken when they went to GCA Annual Meetings or Zone Meetings? I also have no photos for Visiting Garden trips prior to 1989, and not a lot after that. Does anyone have photos of the trip in 2004 to PA and NJ?

Does anyone have a tote bag from the 1986 Zone II Meeting I could borrow to scan? I assume it had the "Ring of Green" logo. I would also love to scan any photos of that 1986 Zone Meeting and Flower Show. The meetings were at the WMF, the flower show in the shed there and the cocktail and dinner party at Virginia Morosani's "Skyscape" barn. The luncheon was at the Tollgate Inn.

The "good" side of being so late finishing the book is that I can include the 100th events. Did anyone take pictures at the Jubilee Party at Winvian, especially after people went in for dinner and dancing? I would also love more photos of people at the Gala Preview Party at the 100th Flower Show if anyone has any. Did anyone take more photos at the houses on the Tour? This is the "last chance" for the book, so please let me know if you have photos. You can email them to me or I can scan them from prints.

I apologize to all of you I am continually emailing with questions. I want to thank those of you who have been so helpful, especially Barbara MacDonald, Sylvia Abbott and Ronnie Schoelzel. It has been a jolt for many of us to realize we are now the "Senior" generation of the club! The 40 patrons will receive their prepaid books at the Annual Meeting in July where there will also be a limited number for sale, and I will take orders for additional copiers if wanted.

WEBSITE – Litchfieldgardenclub.org:

- Members' home page user name is lgcmember. Password is compost.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS

A Gentle Reminder: Please cast your vote for the Founders Fund if you have not already done so. Send your vote to [Barbara MacDonald](#).

Saving the Redwood: Good news from Martha Phillips about the GCA and Saving the Redwoods. GCA was one of the earliest groups to get involved, starting 80 years ago. The Garden Club of America Grove in the Humboldt Redwoods State Park in California is 5,100 acres of pristine redwoods. Unfortunately a fire in 2003, followed by landslides in 2006 damaged bridges and trails. GCA recently concluded a very successful campaign to raise nearly \$400,000 to restore and reopen the River Trail. [Read more](#)

LGC Program Calendar - Click [HERE](#)

LGC Plant & Tag Sale Guidelines

What to Remember When Attacking Those Closets



We are hoping that when you attack your attics, basements, back closets and garden sheds you will keep our spring tag sale in mind. We are looking for quality stuff... the loved items "too good" for Goodwill but of no use anymore. No plastic anything, no baby things, no electronics, no clothes. Nice accessories are welcome. Books of general garden interest, no magazines, etc. Small items can be grouped for sale as a box. If you have many items, our pricing gurus will make house calls. If you have any questions - please contact [Diane Stoner](#) or [Barbara MacDonald](#).

Meeting Notice Information, contact [Susan Jordan](#) or call (860) 866-6707: