



*LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB
October Meeting Notice*

*"Gardens of Japan"
Presentation by Ronnie Schoelzel
Garden Tour of Japan*

*DATE: October 8, 2015
TIME: 2 pm
Location: Litchfield Community Center*

*Horticulture Sweepstakes
&
Asian Inspired Design Sweepstakes*

*RSVP
Ellen Ebbs
(860) 567-4175*

Hostesses: Nancy Rath, JoAnna Koster, Jackie Miller, and Seton O'Reilly. Floral arrangement: Sara Gault.

About the program: "Gardens of Japan" is a power point presentation of gardens Hugh and Ronnie Schoelzel visited in April 2014 with a Royal Horticulture Society-sponsored tour group that arranged visits to gardens, castles, and other cultural places of significance in Japan. A Japanese tour guide accompanied the Schoelzels, making their visit smoother and understandable! The tour began in Tokyo, went south by coach to Yokohama to visit significant gardens and temples, then back to Tokyo where they boarded a train for Nagano. From there they again went by coach to Kanazawa, and finally to Kyoto, stopping to tour gardens, castles,

and other places of interest along the way. While in Kyoto they visited Okayama and its gardens for a day. Finally the group took the bullet train from Kyoto to Osaka where the 11-day journey ended.

The evolution of Japanese gardens spans 1300 years, and it was an awe-inspiring education and a thrilling experience to view so many gardens that survive to this day.

Letter from our president –

I am writing this on September 23rd, the autumnal equinox. The dahlias are still blooming, but we now await the vibrant colors of our trees. The beginning of the peak fall foliage looks to be around October 6th. With that in mind, I am highlighting two of our members who have accomplished growing trees from seed!

In 2010 the Garden Club of New Haven distributed seed collected from an elm tree at the Whitneyville Congregational Church, and the following year each club in Zone II sent a seedling to the Zone Meeting. Anna Heys propagated the two trees pictured below. One is happily growing on her property, and the other is growing on the east side of the Litchfield Congregational Church. The Garden Club of New Haven is hoping that these seedlings grow into disease resistant elms, and if so, they will be called the Whitneyville Elms.

In 2012 the Middletown Garden Club distributed seed which was a hand-pollinated cross between two ancient Connecticut Chestnut trees: an 1876 Cheshire tree and an 1876 Japanese chestnut tree at the Bee & Thistle Inn in Old Lyme. Lee Reese grew a beautiful seedling, also pictured below, which was the Litchfield Garden Club's entry at the Zone II Meeting in 2014.

Last week Gary Rodgers planted five new trees on North Street: Two Bicolor Oaks were planted in front of Rose Haven; One Princeton Elm in front of Sheldon Tavern; and Two Princeton Elms two doors north. The western side of North Street from Union Savings Bank north will be looking as it did so long ago! And, don't forget to look for the ten red maples which were planted last April on North and South Streets. These trees are a gift from our friend, Elizabeth Daniels.

Best, Barbara



Left to Right: 1) elm on Anna Heys property and planted summer of 2011, 2) elm at the Litchfield Congregational Church and planted 2012 and 3) Chinese Chestnut on Lee Reese's property and planted 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/PROJECTS

Thank you to those members who have been watering our troughs. We hope you have noticed that the planters on West Street and Norfolk Road have recently been dressed for fall. Many thanks to Vicki and her committee for another spectacular job!

If anyone would like to volunteer to water these beauties, please call Victoria Sansing @ 567-9747.

FLOWER SHOW and ARRANGEMENT

Floral Design Sweepstakes for the October 8th Meeting

Class 1

- a) An Asian inspired design shown in a low container
- b) An Asian inspired design shown in a tall vase

Please bring your design to the Community Center at 1:00 pm on October 8th before the meeting. If you have any questions contact Nancy Post or Lee Reese

HORTICULTURE

Asian Horticulture Sweepstakes for the October 8th Meeting

Class 1. Single woody specimen of Asian genus and species/cultivar

- a) Trees - may be conifer or deciduous
- b) Shrubs - may be broadleaved or deciduous

Class 2. Single herbaceous specimen or spray of an Asian genus and species or cultivar

- a) Annual
- b) Perennial

There will be a Hort Workshop at Diane Stoner's on November 5th at 10:00: Planting seeds of Diane's Korean Evodia! Also wrapping dahlia tubers in Saran Wrap as we did last year. If anyone would like to share their tubers, please feel free. Please contact Ronnie Schoelzel if you would like to attend.

VISITING GARDENS

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Visiting Gardens is having a 1 1/2 hour guided cruise up and down the Hudson River leaving from Hudson, NY. From the decks of the Rip Van Winkle cruise boat you will see spectacular views of the historic shoreline. The experienced and knowledgeable guide will point out millionaires' sumptuous estates, picturesque Hudson River lighthouses, and quaint sleepy villages surrounded by the natural beauty of vineyards, orchards and preservation sites.

The boat takes up to 15 passengers. Please contact Nancy Rath if you are interested and she will purchase your ticket for you. Eight members have signed up already!

Tickets are \$24.00 (\$22.00 plus \$2.00 processing fee per ticket) - PAYABLE IN ADVANCE to Nancy.

Please make check out to LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB and mail to:

Nancy Rath
PO BOX 455
Litchfield, CT 06759

WEBSITE

- Having trouble getting into the members' home page? Username is lgcmember. Password is compost.
- We have a new section on our website - "Buildings in our Gardens" and Irene Oneglia's garden is showcased.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS



Litchfield Garden Club hits the road - Litchfield to add flowers to streets

As printed in the Republican American - The Litchfield Garden Club's plan to turn the traffic island on South Street into a raised flower bed has the support of the Board of Selectmen. Photo by John McKenna

Total article printed September 25, 2015, Republican American.

Reminder - As is our custom, we will not have a general meeting in November. However, you will be receiving a paperless post inviting you to our Holiday Tea which will take place on December 17th at the home of Doreen Tango Hampton (257 North Street). Mark your calendars now!

Festival of Trees @ the OWL - Emily Dalton, as Chair of the Festival of Trees, asked the Executive Committee if the members of the LGC would do floral arrangements. Our Club cannot commit our members to these volunteer efforts. Individual members can and do sign up and this notice is because of Emily's original request.

Date: Saturday, November 28th, 5:00-8:30 pm. If you would like to use your talents to create a tree, wreath or tabletop arrangement as an auction item for the event, please contact Emily Dalton by October 15th at 860-567-4166.

"Set to Celebrate - 2015" fundraiser that helps to fund our Heritage Rose Garden in Elizabeth Park, Hartford. An annual showcase of tablescapes "dressed" for celebration presented by *The Connecticut Valley Garden Club*. You won't want to miss this special event!

Danbury Garden Club - Holiday Luncheon, members and guests can enjoy a holiday demonstration program.

Designer: "Beautiful Things" by Bill Graham one of New England's Leading Flower Designers

Date: November 20, 2015

Place: Amber Room Colonnade, 1 Stacey Road, Danbury

Cost: Program \$25; Program & luncheon \$45

Send check to: Mrs. Anne Harrigan, 27 Richter Drive, Danbury, CT 06811, by November 10, 2015. To hold reservation, call 203-744-2057.

Goshen Garden Club Fall Fundraiser: Will be at the Torrington Country Club on November 7th. Gina Barrecca is our speaker - back by popular demand.

Saturday, November 7th, doors open at 11 AM and luncheon served at noon.

Tickets \$35

Contact Arlene @ 860.491.2447 or Ruth @ 860.491.1032. Deadline is October 28th.

Meeting Notice Information, contact Susan Jordan @ (860) 866-6707: