

LGC Newsletter



**Marta McDowell, author of
All The Presidents' Gardens
Madison's Cabbages to Kennedy's Roses**

**2 PM
October 20, 2016
Litchfield Community Center**

Design and Photography Sweeps

We invite you to bring a guest!

Please RSVP to Joan Burgess @ 860.567.2270

Marta McDowell shares her love of horticulture and garden history through the written and spoken word. She provides design consultations for clients, both private and public.

Marta McDowell lives, writes and gardens in Chatham, New Jersey. She shares her garden with her husband, Kirke Bent, their crested cockatiel, Sydney, and assorted wildlife. Her garden writing has appeared in popular publications such as Woman's Day, Fine Gardening and The New York Times. Scholars and specialists have read her essays on American authors and their horticultural interests in the journals Hortus and Arnoldia.



Hostesses: Tonja Curry, Jackie Miller, Seton O'Reilly and Bibby Veerman

Message from our President:

October has arrived with all of its cool nights and welcome rains. Soon we will be closing up our gardens for the winter. Before the snow flies, I hope that you will take time to enjoy this season with its peculiar beauty, its falling leaves and changing light.

You are welcome to bring a friend to the October presentation. Just be sure to let Joan know when you rsvp.

While planting the North Street trough for the autumn months, a nice gentleman walked toward Victoria Sansing, Kathy Thompson and Bette Wu with this message - "I have watched the Litchfield Garden Club ladies plant this trough every spring and every fall for years, and I want to give a donation to your Civic Fund!" The check is for \$500 which shows that all we do for our town is very appreciated and reaffirms how highly the LGC is regarded.

Best, Barbara



COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower and Design Committee: Nancy Post and Lee Reese

There will be a design sweepstakes at our October 20th membership meeting. The sweeps will be a challenge class open to the first 8 people who sign up. All registrants will be given a container, oasis and the same materials. Arrangements will be created at the Litchfield Community Center from 12:45-1:30 p.m. Judging to start at 1:30. Please bring scissors or clippers and a knife to cut the oasis. Cost of materials is \$6.

Please call Lee Reese to register at 860-567-5417.

Garden History and Design: Marla Patterson

The latest Smithsonian One Minute Report is all about Gazebos and is on the LGC website.

Horticulture: Ronnie Schoelzel

TROUGH (hypertufa) WORKSHOP

October 7, 1:00 pm

Schoelzel's barn, 194 Chestnut Hill Road

Please email Ronnie (spots@snet.net) even if you told her previously!

Cost: approx. \$30

We'll supply the peat moss, Portland cement and fiber mesh.

Each attendee must bring:

1. Dust filter mask.
2. Heavy latex/rubber gloves.
3. Molds. A mold can be almost anything -- a large bowl, dishpan, plastic flowerpots, baskets (without metal "ribs"), or cardboard boxes. If cardboard boxes are used, the box should not be larger than approximately 10" x 18". Also, a lightweight board or a tray will be needed to put under the box so that it can be transported home. If the mold is straight-sided, it should not be rigid and the sides should somehow release (like a spring form pan), as cured hypertufa is impossible to remove from a straight-sided, rigid mold.
4. Lightweight plastic sheets or plastic garbage bags to line the molds.

Call Ronnie Schoelzel @ 860-567-8518 with questions.

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

Members interested in photographing Weir Farm in Autumn are welcome to join Cathy Oneglia and Peter Howe for an afternoon shoot on Tuesday, October 11. Meet at St. Anthony's Church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. to carpool. We intend to get there in time to take a look at the Impressionist Art in the museum before going out onto the farm with Peter, a renowned landscape photographer, who will share some tips to improve our photographs.

Members may enter any two classes in the October 20th Sweepstakes, "Autumn Glory". Please have your entries at the Community Center by 1 pm.

Class 1:

Flowers: A photograph incorporating flowers blooming in autumn (yes, the last rose of summer counts), taken in a natural setting, outdoors, in the garden, in the woods, in the field or meadow, cultivated or wild.

Class II:

Foliage: A photograph incorporating autumn foliage in its natural setting, outdoors, in the garden, in the woods, in the field or meadow, cultivated or wild.

Class III:

Harvest Bounty: A photograph incorporating vegetables, herbs, produce of any kind, taken in a natural setting, outdoors, in the garden, in the woods, in the field or meadow, cultivated or wild.

The photo can be 8"x10" or 8"x12" depending upon your camera frame or 11"x14" as practice for the 50-inch perimeter allowed in the upcoming 2017 flower show. It should be mounted flush on a mat or mounting of your choice with no overlay. "Incorporating" for purposes of the sweeps means that all extraneous buildings, barns, fences, roads, farm equipment, garden tools, etc. are allowed. Please do not incorporate water features. If people are essential to the photo, they are allowed, but may not be the subject of the photo. This will be a great practice for the 2017 flower show. This sweepstakes is meant to be very broad and inclusive so that everyone will be comfortable that her photo will fit within the classes.

If you have questions - please contact Cathy Oneglia.

Website: Joan Burgess

- Visit our CALENDAR page (you must be logged in) for upcoming events and meetings.
- 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.
- Having trouble getting into the members' home page? Password is compost

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEMBER NEWS

Sarah Worden delighted over 50 Club members at our September Meeting at South Farms with a demonstration of her natural style of floral design. With humor and enthusiasm, Sarah encouraged the use of local plant materials to create beautiful arrangements using containers we probably already have at home.



Please visit our website for all the Hort Sweeps images!

Set To Celebrate - A Tablescape Fundraiser for the Heritage Rose Garden at Elizabeth Park. November 11th and 12th, 2016. Visit their website - set2celebrate.net/ for ticket info. Started in 2011 by The Connecticut Valley Garden Club to raise funds for a fully handicap accessible rose garden in Elizabeth Park, Set to Celebrate continues to inspire local residents and beyond with over 30 beautiful tablescapes designed by decorators, businesses, organizations, and individuals at the annual Set to Celebrate showcase!

Holiday Luncheon & Boutique - The Danbury Garden Club on November 18, 2016 with Designer: Michael Gaffney of the American Schools of Flower Design presenting "Flower Power". If anyone is interested in attending, call 203-744-2057 for details.

We are invited to attend a floral demonstration at the Pomperaug Valley Garden Club on October 11, 2016, at the Country Club of Waterbury. The floral demonstration is by the talented and entertaining Michael Derouin of McCardle's Florist in Greenwich.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Note: to ensure seating with others from our club, send all checks and reservations in single mailing.

To request tickets, email tickets@pomperaugvalleygc.org. For more information, please call Martha Sherman at (203) 263-2260, or Co-Chair Claudette Volage at (203) 405-3868.

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 43rd Festival of Trees & Traditions -
December 2-11, 2016

Established in 1973 by the Women's Committee as a museum fundraising event, Festival of Trees & Traditions has become an annual holiday custom for visitors from throughout the state and beyond. Every year community members, artists and organizations decorate holiday trees and wreaths to be displayed in the galleries throughout the week. All items are for sale, and profits help fund the museum's special exhibitions, educational programs, and operating expenses. Purchase a tree or wreath for your home or donate it to a local charity.

Diane Stoner recently won best in show for her watercolor " Edge of Winter" (done facing west from Wigwam Road) at the Kent Art Associations - Fall Juried Show.

Our Treasurer, Madeline Patenge, asks that you provide her with a receipt for any garden club purchases if you are seeking reimbursement. This practice will make her life so much easier and will be especially important as we prepare for the 2017 Flower Show. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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