

# LGC Newsletter



October 2017

**Dear Member,**

Ah, October is here at last. It is everyone's favorite month, especially after a hot and dry September. While you are cleaning up your garden, now is the time to plan for next year. What worked and what flopped? In my garden, nasturtiums were the stars with stock (antirrhinums) the flop. It is a constant work in progress, and maybe that is the allure of gardening.

Our October program features the amazing MaryEllen O'Brien, a rock star floral arranger. She seamlessly combines genius designs with easy to follow presentations. Don't miss it.

The Club is in the process of putting together a plan for planting more trees near the center of town. Hopefully we will have our details fleshed out by the end of the year. Thank you everyone for your hard work this past year. Enjoy October; it goes fast.

Best, Diane



The Craft of Floral Design-Making Structures  
by MaryEllen O'Brien  
Design Sweepstakes

October 19, 2017  
2:00 P.M.  
Litchfield Community Center

**If you haven't already, please [RSVP](#)**

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## **Committee Reports and Announcements**

### **Civic Beautification & Projects: Jane Hinkel**

Thank you to our September waterers!

OUR October WATERERS are:

October 1 - October 14:

Norfolk Road: Kathy Thompson & Donielle Hawley

West Green: Victoria Sansing

Questions - contact Project Chair, [Jane Hinkel](#)

### **Floral Design and Arrangement: Lee Reese**

The October 19th meeting will feature noted floral designer MaryEllen O'Brien. Her talk is entitled "The Craft of Floral Design: Creating floral designs with easy to find materials." We are hoping to use this demonstration to inspire a future sweeps, so please plan to attend.

We will hold our first Floral Design sweeps on October 19th: a mass arrangement suitable for a Thanksgiving table. Entries are not to exceed 8 inches in height and 20 inches in length. Arrangements are to be viewed from all sides. Please have your entry at the Community Center by 1 p.m. as the judging will start at 1:30. This is a fun sweeps for novices as well as more experienced arrangers. Any questions, please contact Nancy Post or Kate Fahey.

We will have a workshop in November (date to be decided) on how to make a swag. This workshop will be in preparation for our December sweeps. Also check online as there are some great resources available.

### **Conservation: Tonja Curry**

Sara, Annie, Sue and I handed out brochures and advice during White Memorial's Nature Day on Saturday, September 23rd. It was a good day, and we are already planning something very interesting for our table next year.

The September Conservation meeting was a success. We thank Diane and Martha for a most informative presentation. The Pollinator Garden clean up will be Thursday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. I will be attending the Zone II meeting on October 30th and will report on our activities.

### **Horticulture: Julia Metcalf**

Please join us at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 13th at Ronnie Schoelzel's barn (194 Chestnut Hill Road in Litchfield). Coffee will be provided!

We will be forcing our bulbs for the Hartford Flower Show!

I am still looking for better priced bulb pans. Most clay pots are coming in at \$14. I will see if I can get them for less from a local. If you have your own pot(s), you will

need an 8" round clay bulb pan 4" tall for both the narcissi and the Tulip. The Amaryllis will need a simple 6" tall 6" wide pot.

- If you signed up at the meeting, I have your order.
- If you would like to sign up via email, send me a note ASAP.
- There will be a nominal fee for soil.

You can choose from the following items:



*Left to Right:* Narcissi - Manly @ \$10 per dozen, Tulip - Artist @ \$6 per dozen and Amaryllis - Aphrodite @ \$14 per single bulb.

Hope to see you there!

Questions, contact [Julia Metcalf](#)

#### **Hospitality: Lisa Horne & Margy Miner**

There is still opportunity to sign up for 2018 hostessing! Lisa and Margy will be reaching out for you to hostess. The easiest way to sign-up to hostess is online - click [HERE](#) or send [Lisa](#) an email or call @ 860.567.8216. You can sign up to bring a sweet, savory, fruit or make a centerpiece. Thanks in advance.

Visit the [website](#) for images of the last meeting!

#### **Photography: Cathy Oneglia**

We have postponed the September Sweepstakes until November 9th. On that day, garden photographer and writer Karen Bussolini will present her program and judge our sweeps during a special LGC program. This extra time gives us all a chance to work on our photos of garden photography or take new ones. You may bring the same ones that would have been submitted in September or new ones. Please do submit some photos. I have supplies for mounting and would be happy to advise on processing or presenting your lovely images. The classes remain the same as for September.

Please remember to vote on a class for the Zone II meeting show. We have to register in October.

Photography Sweepstakes for our November Meeting - Click [HERE](#).

Division III Photography Classes - Click [HERE](#).

If you are interested in voting for a class of photography that we will enter for the Zone II meeting next June in New Canaan, please email [Cathy](#) with your choice.

#### **Visiting Gardens: Nancy Rath**

Visit the [website](#) for images of the September 14th trip to the Golden Lamb Buttery.

Contact [Nancy Rath](#) for more information.

**Website: Joan Burgess**

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.

**Upcoming Events & Member News**



**Ronnie Schoelzel**, previous Horticulture Committee Chairman, awarded **Tonja Curry** the Master Horticulture plate for 2015-17 with Sara Gault looking on.



**MaryAnn McNeil and Rosamond Quay** planting the West Green trough for the Fall.

**INVITATION: Connecticut Valley Garden Club Fundraiser: *Set to Celebrate***

CVGC is excited to hold their *Set to Celebrate* fundraiser at the Town and County Club on November 3-4, from 10am-5pm.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the Door. Tickets for the Preview Party on November 2, 6-8:30pm, are \$125 each. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

**DATES for your CALENDAR:**

Zone Rep Workshops, Monday, October 30, 2017, 9:30am - 12:30pm at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St, New Haven, CT.

The agenda will be as follows:

- 9:30am - Coffee meet and greet in Jones Auditorium
- 10 am - Proceed to meeting rooms
- 10:15 am to 12:30 pm - Zone Reps meet with their club chairs

Please plan to arrive before 10am