

LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB  
December Meeting Notice

Meeting & Tea  
Thursday, December 11th  
3 p.m.

At the Home of  
Kate Fahey  
29 Camp Dutton Road\*

Meeting will be followed by our  
Annual Holiday Tea

RSVP by December 8th  
[Ellen Oneglia](#)  
(860) 567-5802

Hostesses: Sylvia Abbott, JoAnna Koster, Jackie Miller, Marla Patterson, Doreen Hampton, Diane Stoner, and Bibby Veerman. Sylvia will provide the floral arrangement.

This year we continue our tradition of collecting nonperishable food items for the Torrington Soup Kitchen. They would appreciate items like Instant Potato, mayonnaise, peanut butter, tuna, canned corn, and pasta (preferably ziti or penne rather than spaghetti which is very difficult to cook in the quantities that they use). Anything that you bring will be appreciated. Please visit their website - [Torrington Soup Kitchen](#)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/PROJECTS**

Be sure to notice the trough on Norfolk Rd arranged by Sylvia Abbott and the trough on the green arranged by Ronnie Schoelzel. (Ronnie's is pictured at the end of this notice.)

Many thanks Sylvia and Ronnie!!

#### **CONSERVATION**

The Conservation Committee will meet in January; the date is yet to be decided. We encourage everyone to remember this holiday season that tinsel is deadly to dogs, cats and wild birds. Also try to cut up and use all greens as mulch or ground cover when you are through with them. The Conservation Committee wishes you a fantastic and safe holiday season.

#### **GARDEN HISTORY AND DESIGN**

The GH&D Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Marla Patterson's home, 49 Wolcott Street. We will discuss the two current team documentations for the AAG and future AAG submissions for the committee to pursue. Please send Marla a note

if you are coming and have not already told her. Also, we will be discussing future LGC Program suggestions concerning Garden History and Garden Design, so bring your ideas along. You may email [Marla](#) or call 567-9686.

### **HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE**

A reminder from Ronnie Schoelzel to all those members who planted bulbs at the October 17th workshop: Check your bulbs to make sure the soil doesn't dry out, especially if they have sent down roots. When the shoots are about 2" high, take them out of the dark and place them in a cool spot to acclimate to light, and make sure to water when the soil dries out.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Now is the time to propose new members for our club. Each candidate requires a sponsor letter and two seconding letters. Proposal letters are due by January 15th, but we are happy to have them before then. Reminder - All proposals are confidential. Our committee looks forward to receiving your proposals. It is through an enthusiastic and participating membership that we keep our club vital.

If you need help with any part of this process, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please email [Nancy Post](#)

### **PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE**

Please plan ahead for the January meeting with noted Garden Photographer, Rob Cardillo - visit his website [HERE](#). There will be a photography sweepstakes: Landscapes and Gardens.

### **VISITING GARDENS**

A reminder that the Visiting Gardens trip is a journey to view the celebrated Holiday Train Show at the NY Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, December 2nd. We will meet at St. Anthony's at 8:05 a.m. and carpool to the city. Call Jackie Miller at 491-2734 or Nancy Rath at 567-8222 if you have any questions.

### **WEBSITE – [Litchfieldgardenclub.org](http://Litchfieldgardenclub.org):**

- Members' home page user name is lgcmember. Password is compost.
- Conservation bites - a must read, Click [HERE](#)
- Tip of the month - Conservation: There are several new initiatives coming out of GCA. Resolutions were passed instructing the National Affairs and Legislation Committee to send letters to Congress on issues about which GCA feels particularly strongly. Click to read the letters on [Land Conservation Tax Incentive](#), [Pollinator Health Research](#), and [The Monarch Resolution](#)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS**

- ConWatch - [CLICK HERE](#). **Martha Phillips** wrote an article on: "U.S. House and Senate Fail to Provide Funding for Bills for the Innovation Institute on Pollinators and Pollinator Health", pg 7 and **LGC** is mentioned on pg 23

- Nina Devine's obituary, to read [CLICK HERE](#)
- LGC Program Calendar - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Take a look at the trough that Ronnie Schoelzel filled with greens. She used a combination of Norway spruce, hemlock, white pine, and gold-tipped juniper cut from her trees.



\*Kate Fahey: 29 Dutton Road. Some parking is available in the driveway in front of the house. It would be thoughtful to leave these spaces for those with mobility issues. Parking on the street will be limited to one side. (The police will be putting up signs or cones).

*Don't forget your nonperishable food items for the Torrington Soup Kitchen!*

**We hope everyone will be able to attend this very festive celebration.  
Happy Holidays!!**

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