

LGC Newsletter



Annual Holiday Tea and Meeting

At the Home of
Susan Jordan
69 Seeley Road
Litchfield

December 15, 2016
3:00 PM

Please RSVP to Joan Burgess @ 860.567.2270

As is our tradition at this time of year, the LGC is collecting food for those members of our community who are most in need. If you are able, please bring canned goods to our Holiday Tea. Everything you give will be distributed directly to a local charity. Thank you for your generosity!

Hostesses: Ellen Ebbs, Joanna Koster, Marla Patterson, and Doreen Tango-Hampton

President's Letter to Members for December Tea: For many of us, there will be sadness to this year's annual Holiday Tea. Two of our longtime members and leaders, Barbara MacDonald and Jeanne FitzGerald, will not be with us. But we will remember with great appreciation all they did for our club and us. Their friendship, grace and deep enthusiasm for plants in all forms (in gardens, containers or the natural world) bound us together. Let us remember them as the bright lights they were and celebrate the season with joy and thanksgiving in their memory. We will miss them.

Thank you to Susan Jordan for the generous loan of her charming house for our Holiday Tea this year and to all of the hostesses for giving us their precious time at a very busy time of year. And thank you everyone for your help and support this past year. 2017 promises to be an enriching year for all of us. Have a wonderful holiday with your friends and families.

More from our President: We received wonderful news from the Seherr-Thoss Charitable Trust. They have granted us \$8,000 to replace our lost properties. Per the terms of the grant, these funds will be spent in the next 12 months.

Marla and I are wrapping up the Oliver Wolcott Senior Garden documentation project for the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian. We are finally in the final editing of the photos and documents to be submitted.

2017 is a flower show year, and I hope everyone will consider helping with the show. If you do not have a job, contact Nancy Post, the chairman for the event, and she will direct you to a place where you can help. Go to the website and take a look at the schedule with an eye to working on the show and entering. It is never too early to consider.

Let's all leave 2017 having learned or done something new. Grow and interesting plant, join the conservation or projects committees and see what's happening in town, learn how to do a beautiful floral arrangement or take a great photo. We have something for everyone, and we hope that you will take advantage of our offerings and the extremely talented teachers in our club.

Have a wonderful holiday season. I hope to see you all at our December meeting.

Diane

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower Show 2017 Updates and Opportunities -

Design: If you are interested in clerking horticulture, design or photography in the Flower Show, please contact Diane Stoner. First come, first served.

Please notify Drew Harlow of any new people who may not be on our **invitation list** already so that we may send them an invitation to our Preview Party before the flower show. It is a lovely community event, and we want to involve any new friends that you think would enjoy our party. As you know, this event and our silent auction will be our primary fundraising opportunities in conjunction with the flower show.

Civic Beautification and Projects: Victoria Sansing

As Projects Committee Chair, I am happy to report our next significant project is moving toward fruition.

The large stone monument commemorating the Litchfield Garden Club's Wildflower Garden is about to be relocated to a more public venue, restored and eventually rededicated. Please read about the Wildflower Garden in Lynne Brickley's book starting on page 71.

Flower and Design Committee: Nancy Post and Lee Reese

There will be a Christmas decoration demonstration on Thursday, December 8th, 9:30 am at St. Michael's Community house. We will learn how to make several decorations using natural material. Contact Nancy Post or Lee Reese.

December 15th Design sweepstakes

Class I: A holiday design suitable for a coffee table not to exceed 12" in any direction

Class II: A holiday design incorporating a candle/candles not to exceed 18" in any direction to be viewed from all sides.

Contact Nancy Post to or Lee Reese if you would like to enter. This could be a start to your decorating for the season!

Please have designs in place at Susan Jordan's home by 2:15 pm. Judging will take place at 2:30 pm.

Hospitality: Annie Borzilleri and Julia Metcalf

We need more volunteers to serve as hostesses in 2017. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Holiday Tea. Contact Annie or Julia for more information.

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

Looking Ahead: At our January LGC meeting, our program speaker is Julie Stauffer, a well-known photographer from Norwalk. She is a portrait, family, and travel photographer, as well as an expert in iPhone photography. She will speak to us about her career and interests and emphasize a wide range of topics concerning iPhone photography. Bring your questions and comments regarding the wonderful world of iPhone, Android and all cell phone photography.

All Photographers: There will be a sweepstakes in January featuring images shot with your cell phone.

Class I:

A winter landscape scene shot with your cell phone. No people. Inclusion of plant material preferred.

Class II:

Any winter activity indoors or out shot with your cell phone. May include people. Inclusion of plant material preferred.

If you have questions - please contact Cathy Oneglia.

Treasurer: Madeline Patenge

Madeline reports that several very nice donations have been made to the LGC in Barbara's memory. We are all very grateful for those generous gifts.

MEMBER NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Barbara: We all have stories of Barbara, and her voice and laughter still sound in our heads. We will always remember her when something happens that would have amused her and wish we could share it with her again. She was a dear friend to all of us, and we will miss her every day. We will not see her like again. See insert to read Diane Stoner's reflections on Barbara.



Ronnie Schoelzel entered design and horticulture in the Judges Council Flower Show held at the FGCT Awards Meeting on October 26th. Visit our website to see images.

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