

# LGC Newsletter



## *There is no Monthly Meeting in February!*

Message from our President:

Here we are in the depths of winter, keeping body and soul together as we watch the snow fly. After reconciling ourselves to the verdict of the groundhog (he always says six more weeks), we can retreat to our indoor garden activities. A few weeks ago in a spur-of-the-moment urge, Sylvia and I hopped in the car and drove to Logees ([www.logee.com](http://www.logee.com)) to cruise the plants. For those of you unfamiliar with this unusual resource, it is a hundred year plus plant vendor in Danielson, Connecticut. The greenhouses are old with fully-grown trees and bench after bench of plants not found anywhere else. The air smells of green plant and soil. We wandered happily for several hours, then drove home and repotted our babies where they now sit in windowsills waiting for their debut in future flower shows.

Now is the time to plan your summer garden. Read inviting garden books and go to the flower shows in Hartford and Boston at the end of the month for even more inspiration. (You will find all the particulars about the shows in Ronnie's report). By the end of February, March will be here, and the first green shoots will be poking up. You will be able to creep out bundled up to prune the hydrangeas (or some of them). In the meantime, enjoy our beautiful winter landscapes and dream of gorgeous gardens by a warm fire with a cup of tea.

Best, Diane

## COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Conservation: Margy Miner**

There will be a meeting of the Conservation Committee at 10 am on February 6th at Margy's house, 230 East Chestnut Hill Road.

Questions, contact: Margy

### **Flower and Design Committee: Nancy Post and Lee Reese**

A storage unit has been rented at Country Storage in Burlington to house our new flower show properties.

The Design Committee is fortunate to have Sylvia Abbott present a demonstration on how to create a tray design. It will be held at St. Anthony's Parish basement on February 27th at 1 pm. This will be in advance of our sweepstakes on March 16th. Information on the sweepstakes theme and times to enter will follow. Please join us to see how to exhibit in this fun and creative class. Please RSVP to Nancy or Lee if you plan to attend.

**Horticulture: Ronnie Schoezel**

There are no Hort Sweeps in February, but the Hartford Flower and Garden Show will be held at the CT Convention Center in Hartford from February 23-26. To purchase discounted tickets and get a schedule of speakers: You must go to the The Federated Garden Clubs of CT website - <http://www.ctgardenclubs.org/>

There will be a workshop titled "Grow for Show" on March 9th, place and time TBD. All garden club members are welcome to attend and learn how to grow, groom and transport horticulture to flower shows.

Contact Ronnie with any questions.

**Hospitality: Annie Borzilleri and Julia Metcalf**

We continue to need more volunteers to serve as hostesses in 2017. We have a new "Hospitality" web-page and hope you will visit. Contact Julia Metcalf or Annie Borzilleri if you can hostess.

**Photography: Cathy Oneglia**

The committee will meet on February 1st, 2:00pm at the home of Susan Kennedy. Bring your camera as she is inviting us into her orchid greenhouse. We will discuss GCA black and white photography judging, the possibility of a cellphone workshop, and the possibility of a black and white photography workshop.

If you have questions - please contact Cathy Oneglia.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS**

**Donations to fund cost of traffic island project** will be upgraded in April using funds donated in memory of Jeanne FitzGerald. After Jeanne passed, a fund was set up in her memory to collect donations for the island project. The fund has yielded \$16,140 in donations, many of them from members of FitzGerald's family. It's more than enough money to upgrade the two islands on the section of Route 63 bisecting the Green. A third island, at the intersection of Route 63 and West Street, is likely to be removed.

**Founders Fund:** Each fall the Founders Fund Committee selects three finalists from civic projects proposed by clubs across the country. The 2017 winning entry will be awarded \$30,000, with \$10,000 going to each of the two runners-up. Each of the GCA's 200 member clubs casts a single vote, which is due by April 1, 2017. The projects are judged by the standard set forth in The Garden Club of America's purpose statement: "to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement." The announcement of the 2017 Founders Fund Award will be made at the Annual Meeting in May.

Please watch for a LGC mailing of the three finalists and an opportunity for you to cast your vote for our clubs representation.

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