

LGC Newsletter



The Inspired Landscape Presentation by Susan Cohen, Author and Lecturer

March 16, 2017
2:00 PM
Litchfield Community Center

Hostesses: Lynn Hoopes, Anna Heys, Margy Miner, Sara Gault, and Joan Burgess

Susan Cohen teaches at The New York Botanical Garden, where she coordinates both the Landscape Design Program and the annual Landscape Design Portfolio Lecture Series. She is also a member of the Garden's Board of Advisers. Her residential design work has received several honors and has been published in books and magazines. In 2010 she was inducted as a Fellow of The American Society of Landscape Architects.

Please RSVP to Joan Burgess @ 860.567.2270

Fellow Garden Club members:

We are almost to the official end of winter. While there is always the chance for more bad weather, I always feel that if we can make it to March, we are done. The days are longer and brighter, if still cold. We even get the odd day when we can walk in the garden and see what the past winter has wrought.

This winter was not wasted. On a very snowy February day, Nancy Rath and I bundled up and went to Broken Arrow Nursery for a workshop in grafting Japanese maples. It was held in their sales area beside the wood stove. Fortunately, Nancy and I were right next to the heat and fared better than most. (In the photograph, you will see Adam Wheeler in his cap giving us our information.) After an hour's lecture, we grafted our own maples to take home. Overall, it was a very satisfying morning. We now wait to see if our grafts "took". Adam says he does thousands of these every year, and we both agreed that it is harder than it looks.

With spring almost here, I hope that you will start to think about our upcoming flower show. It is not too early to groom that horticulture or plan your arrangement or take your photos. I look forward to seeing everyone at the spring workshops.

Best, Diane

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower and Design Committee: Nancy Post and Lee Reese DESIGN SWEEPSTAKES AT THE MARCH 16TH MEETING

Class I "BREAKFAST IN THE SUNROOM"

A functional breakfast tray for one shown on a tray of the exhibitor's choice and size. Please have your tray designs in place at the Community Center by 1:15. Judging will begin promptly at 1:30.

Contact Nancy Post with any questions

Horticulture: Ronnie Schoeziel

There is no Hort Sweep in March, but there is a "Grow to Show" horticulture workshop on March 9th at 10:00 at St. Anthony's. The workshop is open to all LGC members in preparation for the June Flower Show, but particularly Provisional members and anyone who has not had experience in showing hort in a flower show. It's a program that Ronnie has given to garden clubs since 2004 to teach exhibitors how to prepare, groom and transport their hort to shows.

Call Ronnie Schoelzel at 860.567.8518 with any questions. There will be hort sweeps in April.

Hospitality: Annie Borzilleri and Julia Metcalf

We continue to need more volunteers to serve as hostesses for April and May, 2017.

Contact Annie or Julie to sign up.

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

"Photography Workshop in Black and White", Wednesday, March 22, from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Litchfield Community Center

Noted celebrity photographer Visko Hatfield will conduct this workshop to show you everything you need to know to execute high quality black and white images. An HBO and CINEMAX photographer, Visko will present the fundamentals of composition in black and white, conduct an outdoor shoot at the Community Center weather permitting, and show the post processing techniques available with software using some of our images. This is a unique opportunity for us. Do visit Visko's website: viskohatfield.com. Bring your favorite camera and an extra battery!

Looking ahead: In June, The Garden Club of America's Annual Zone II meeting, "Rock the Garden", will be hosted by the Washington Garden Club. Each club in the zone is required to enter one photo. LGC membership will enter a photo in Class 1: "Set in Stone: A black and white photograph showing stone used in some kind of structure or earth formation. Plant material is required." We are accepting entries from members from now until April 26. Follow the guidelines in the Rock the Garden schedule available on the Washington Garden Club website, <http://www.washingtongardenclubct.org/>. On April 27, a GCA photography judge will conduct a sweepstakes of all the entries. The first place photo will be delivered to the Washington Garden Club by May 1. Cathy Oneglia will accept and hold all entries. For questions and concerns, call Cathy at 860 921-7280.

There will be no photography sweepstakes in March. On April 20 we will hold a sweepstakes at our Open Conservation Meeting to complement our lecture "RECYCLE RIGHT" presented by Susan Quincy, Coordinator of Project Wet Foundation. Water will be our theme, and details will follow.

Visiting Gardens: Nancy Rath

Two upcoming trips planned:

UNTERMEYER PARK AND GARDENS: WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th

Our guided walking tour is about 90 minutes and with a lot of walking. The cost is \$20.00 per person if we get at least 15 people. Please contact and send payment of \$20.00 to Nancy Rath to reserve a place.

Called the most spectacular garden in America, this Greek garden in Yonkers, N.Y. was owned and designed by Samuel Untermyer, a prominent New York City lawyer with a passion for horticulture. The gardens have formal paths with large rectangular pools of water leading to an open air Greek Theater framed by Doric Columns. The plantings are chosen to have flowers in bloom or provide interesting color throughout the seasons. There is a view over a mile wide of the Hudson River overlooking the Palisades of New Jersey.

At one time, these gardens sprawled over 150 acres beside the Hudson River. So extensive was the property that over 60 gardeners and as many greenhouses were needed to take care of it. Untermyer Gardens was first open to the public on a weekly basis in the 1920s, and it was so popular that in 1939 39,000 people visited it on a single day. The Untermyer Garden Conservancy is currently collaborating with the City of Yonkers to renovate and restore these gardens to their original state.

THE GOLDEN LAMB BUTTERY: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

The Golden Lamb Buttery is a privately owned farm located in the "Quiet Corner" of the state in Brooklyn, Ct. We will be treated to a guided tour of the grounds and given a brief history of the property by the original owners' granddaughter Kate and their head gardener. Our lunch will consist of food all grown and prepared on the farm. We will have ample time to wander the grounds after lunch. With over 1000 acres with open pastures, stone-walls, a pond, five donkeys, and 3 sheep named Parsley, Sage, and Rosemary, we will have lots to see. The only question is "What happened to Thyme?"

You won't want to miss this one.

Please contact Nancy Rath to sign up or with any questions. We hope that you will be able to join us on both trips, both of which are within 1 ½ hours driving time from Litchfield. Carpooling is always available.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS

Great news! You still have time to enter the floral design competition for our upcoming flower show in June. We are hoping to have as many of you involved as possible.

Class III - Crater Lake - 2 openings

Class IV - Grand Teton - 1 opening

Class V - Pick your Park - 1 opening, 2 parks available, Grand Canyon and Redwoods

Class VI - Haleakala - 1 opening

We hope you will enter – contact Sara Gault.

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