

# LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB



## *April Meeting Notice*

*Marshepaug Forest Club*

*DATE: April 21, 2016*

*TIME: 11 AM*

*LOCATION: Marshepaug Forest Club*

*Milton, CT*

*Brown Bag Lunch*

*FOR MEMBERS ONLY!*

About the program: An informal walk through the Marshepaug Forest Club – John Fahey will be our guide. This is one of Litchfield's oldest and historic private sporting clubs.

### Particulars:

We will all meet at the entrance gate; carpooling in SUVs is recommended. We will go to the club house where John Fahey will give a short talk on the history of the club and answer any questions. He then will lead us on a tour of the property. Brown bag lunch follows - club house dining if rain, or if it's a nice day, lunch on the deck. Hospitality will provide drinks and dessert.

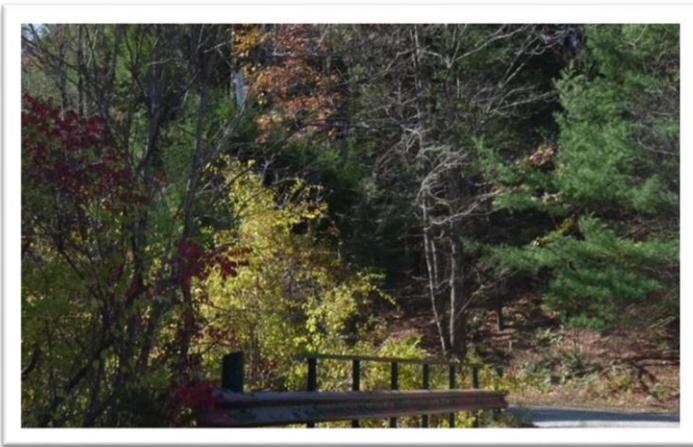
RSVP to Ellen Ebbs @ 860.567.4175

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## Message from our president –

April is finally here, and what could be better than taking a walk in the Marshepaug Forest on a spring day? Nature lover and fly fisherman John Fahey will provide us with a rare glimpse into the mostly private world of the Marshepaug Club. On land conserved by this Club for over 100 years, members enjoy fly fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing and bird hunting in a pristine and secluded setting. John's love of this land and his deep appreciation for its history will be evident to all.

So put on your sneakers and come aside for a while. Meander down the paths beside the river and experience the serenity of this outdoor paradise. We hope to see you there.



MARSHEPAUG Forest, Inc. recently celebrated its 100 year anniversary. The Club owns and conserves over 1,000 acres of land on the Warren/Washington town line in Litchfield County. It originally held over 6,000 acres, but land was transferred/sold to create two large reservoirs for the Waterbury Water Company. The eighteen stockholders manage the land to protect and preserve its original state. The

primary activities of the Marshepaug Club are bass and trout fly fishing, hiking, cross country skiing, and bird hunting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONSERVATION**

Our next Conservation meeting will be held on April 25th at 10 a.m. at Margy Miner's home. We will continue work on our Conservation project for the flower show and the Pollinator Garden.

### **FLOWER SHOW AND ARRANGEMENT**

A workshop will be held on Thursday, May 5th at St. Michael's Community House at 10 a.m. Susan O'Brien will demonstrate how to make a nosegay (or tussie mussie). A nosegay is a small flower bouquet, typically given as a gift. This will be our design sweepstakes for the May 19th meeting in honor of Mother's Day which occurs on May 8th.

Come and learn how to make this delightful, old-fashioned bouquet and enter the sweepstakes!

If you have any questions call Nancy Post at 860-567-8475 or Lee Reese

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is delighted to announce the following nominations for 2016-2017:

- Treasurer - Madeline Patenge
- Recording Secretary - Sue Kennedy

The slate will be voted on at the May business meeting. 2015

## **WEBSITE**

- Having trouble getting into the members' home page? Password is compost.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FLOWER SHOW WINNERS!**

Two members exhibited horticulture at the Standard FGCCT flower show. Nancy Post won a blue ribbon for her standard, Pelargonium 'Prince Rupert'. Ronnie Schoelzel exhibited horticulture and earned the Propagation Award for Cymbidium 'Dag Dorothy', an Elfin Award for Begonia bowerae, and an Elfin Award for Juniperus squamatra 'Blue Star'. The design was awarded a third place.

Jeannette Ching won a red ribbon for her narcissus at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Below and on the left.



The second and third (L to R): Cymbidium 'Dag Dorothy', 1st Place and Propagation Award and Begonia bowerae, 2nd Place and Elfin Award by Ronnie Schoelzel. Far right: Pelargonium 'Prince Rupert', 1st Place by Nancy Post

**LITCHFIELD LAND TRUST:** Please join the Litchfield Land Trust for a FREE PRESENTATION:  
Landscaping with Native Species  
SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016, 2-3 PM White Memorial Conservation Center  
Registration is recommended – Visit their website <http://www.litchfieldlandtrust.org/>

**GARDEN CONSERVANCY** upcoming events: a couple of events have been headlined for us - Digging Deeper events on April 10th and 23rd. The talks by Douglas Thomas and Anne Spiegel promise to be enticing, and Twin Maples will be on Open Gardens Day on July 30th. Take a look at their WEBSITE <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/> for more info.

**Winsted Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** will be hosting a Spring Tea with the featured speaker talking about Victorian and Colonial gardens.  
When: Saturday, April 9, 2015 @ 2 to 4 PM  
Offering: Tea, finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream, and assorted pastries  
Featured speaker: Roxanne Lovell, Aerie Mountain Garden Shop  
Topic: Victorian and Colonial Gardening  
Location: St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge, 27 Wheeler Street, Winsted, CT  
Ticket price: \$ 30.00

Offering teacup/silent auction and raffle basket  
To order tickets please call Donna at 860-379-4643

**GARDEN TOUR - Little Compton Garden Club**

The Little Compton Garden Club presents "Country Gardens of Little Compton", a garden tour of SEVEN gardens to be held Saturday June 18th from 10 am - 4 pm. The "rain or shine" event will feature seven unique private gardens, some with water views.

Tickets are \$35 per person, if ordered before June 11, after: \$40/person.  
Visit their website for more information and to order tickets.  
<http://www.littlecomptongardenclub.org/little-compton-garden-club-tour.html>

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