

LGC Newsletter



Open Conservation Meeting Lecture by Susan Quincy, Coordinator of Project WET

April 20, 2017
7:00 PM

Litchfield Community Center

Hostesses: Polly Brooks, Drew Harlow, Sue Kennedy, Meredith Penfield, and Anita Torizzo.
Flower Arrangement: Holly Taylor

Susan Quincy is an education outreach representative for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection working out of the Kellogg Environmental Center located in Derby, CT. She provides professional development opportunities for educators across the state in a variety of environmental topics and areas. Her work with schools is focused on increasing environmental awareness through the curriculum and supports the Green LEAF program for schools to develop healthy and sustainable schools facilities for staff and students.

Please RSVP to Joan Burgess @ 860.567.2270

In Praise of the Not So Humble Daffodil

Hopefully by the time this Newsletter reaches your in-box, the snow will have melted and early daffodils will have bloomed. Eliot was right when he said that April is the cruelest month. Each warm day we deeply wish to be outside, but then the cold returns and lingers on. Daffodils, however, are unbothered by the chill and in fact thrive before the heat. If you love daffodils, I encourage you to check out the Tower Hill 7 State Daffodil show the first weekend in May in Worcester, Massachusetts (towerhill.org). Admittedly, it is a bit of a drive, but a day at the garden is well worth the effort.

Our June flower show will soon be here, and it is time for all of us to think about our horticulture and arrangement entries. In addition, I hope that all of you will be able to attend our April Open Meeting (info below) and bring a non-member. If you are thinking of proposing someone for membership, this is an excellent time to introduce your friend to the Garden Club. We have scheduled the meeting in the early evening for those who cannot make an afternoon. I sincerely hope that you can come and bring a guest.

Thank you everyone for your work on all of our projects this winter.

Best, Diane

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conservation: Margy Miner

There will be a Conservation Committee meeting on April 24th at 10 a.m. at Margy Miner's home, 230 East Chestnut Hill Road. If you have any question, contact [Margy](#).

Horticulture: Ronnie Schoezel

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Class 1. Bulbs

- a. Narcissus
- b. Tulipa
- c. Any other bulb

Class 2. Flowering branches (maximum 30" in length)

- a. Forsythia
- b. Viburnam
- c. Any other flowering shrub or tree

Please bring entries to the Community Center by 5 PM. Judging will take place at 5:30, so no entries will be accepted after that time.

There will be a trip to Oliver Nurseries on April 26 at 10:00 to purchase alpine plants for the hypertufas we made last Sept. Lori Chips, the nursery's alpine specialist, will demonstrate how to plant a hypertufa. For those who didn't attend the workshop, Oliver's has hypertufas for sale.

Please contact me if you would like to go so I can arrange carpooling:

Email [Ronnie Schoezel](#) or call 860.567.8518 with any questions.

Hospitality: Annie Borzilleri and Julia Metcalf

Thank you all who have signed up to hostess this year. We will be posting our new schedule in late August, visit our [ONLINE](#) sign-up page then. Please feel free to contact [Annie](#) or [Julia](#) with any questions.

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

Sweepstakes at our Open Conservation Meeting to complement our lecture "RECYCLE RIGHT" presented by Susan Quincy, Coordinator of Project Wet Foundation.

There are two upcoming opportunities for our club:

1. Set in Stone: "A black and white photograph showing stone used in some kind of structure or earth formation. Plant material is required." Please submit this image to Cathy Oneglia between April 25 and 28. The entries will be judged by Anne Franzen, GCA photography judge, and the winner will be submitted as our club entry to the Zone II Annual meeting hosted by Washington Garden Club June 21 and 22. Photographs must be mounted on black foam core with no borders showing and no mat overlay. The overall perimeter of the photograph must not exceed 50 inches and must not be smaller than 36 inches. The surface finish is the choice of the exhibitor. Glass and framing are not permitted. These images will all be on view at our May annual business meeting. If you have any questions or need assistance, call Cathy Oneglia 860-921-7280.

2. We will hold a **sweepstakes** at our regular meeting of the LGC on April 20th. "If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." Quote from Loren Eiseley, anthropologist and writer, who also reminds us that water is the essence of life on earth.
- Class I. An image depicting water in its liquid form. May be landscape or still life.
 - Class II. An image showing water in its solid form, such as ice or snow.
 - Class III. An image of water in gas or vapor form. Although we know that clouds are liquid, solid and gas, for our sweepstakes we are including clouds in Class III as mostly vapor.

Photographs must be mounted on black foam core with no borders showing and no mat overlay. The overall perimeter of the photograph must not exceed 50 inches and must not be smaller than 36 inches. The surface finish is the choice of the exhibitor. Glass and framing are not permitted. Please have your images at LCC by 5:30 pm. These images will all be on view at our May annual business meeting.

For questions or assistance, call Cathy at 860 921-7280 or click [HERE](#) to email.

Visiting Gardens: Nancy Rath

Reminder: Untermeyer Gardens - City of Yonkers, New York

- Wednesday, May 10th Visiting Gardens Tour, 1½ hour guided tour

Why not take a break from your busy schedule and come with us to see these magnificent gardens and grounds overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades of New Jersey? With so much in bloom, it will be a feast for your eyes, like a restoring trip to a bygone era. We hope that you will join us. Carpooling will be available.



Untermeyer Gardens.

For more details, click [HERE](#). To sign up, email [Nancy Rath](#) or call 860.567.8222
\$20.00 per person

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS

Ronnie Schoelzel and her narcissus made the Waterbury Republican-American paper: Article by Lois Barber - "At this year's Connecticut Flower and Garden Show, I noticed a spectacular pot of forced narcissus that won a blue ribbon. The winning blooms belonged to Ronnie Schoelzel, a member and past president of the Litchfield Garden Club. Schoelzel had this to say about being a member of a gardening club": Click [HERE](#) to read more.



Sylvia Abbott's exhibit at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art! Sylvia was asked to do a design for the entryway to the Wadsworth Atheneum special exhibition of Japanese ancient prints that are currently on display now. Sylvia felt it was a privilege to be asked to represent the Litchfield Garden Club. Pictured is her Ikebana design. Visit our [website](#) for additional information/images.

Passport Magazine - Spring 2017: Tovah Martin wrote a wonderful article about our Flower Show featured in Passport magazine. Click [HERE](#) for text of the article - but be sure and pick up a copy the magazine.

The Federation Garden Clubs of CT 88th Annual Meeting and Luncheon is on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at Aqua Turf Country Club.

Our own **Polly Brooks** will be installed as Second V.P. of The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. at the Annual Meeting. Please come to support Polly, have a delicious lunch, and hear well-known design speaker, Jeanne T. Nelson!

Designer extraordinaire, Jeanne T. Nelson, will create gorgeous floral designs that will delight and inspire you. Jeanne is a former President of NYSFGC and former Director of Central Atlantic Region, a NGC Accredited Master Judge, the NY State Awards Coordinator and the NGC Flower Show Achievement Award Chair. Jeanne has been elected to the Presidency of the National Flower Arrangers, a group dedicated to creative design and inclusion of international designers.

To make a reservation, click [HERE](#) for the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact [Nan Merolla](#). Or visit our [website](#).

TOVAH MARTIN - Building a Better World,
GARDENING AS IF THE WORLD DEPENDS ON US
[Minor Memorial Library](#), 23 South Street, Roxbury.
Saturday, April 8 @1:00 PM (860) 350-2181

Click [HERE](#) for details.



Our votes have been tallied for the Founders Fund and we are proud to announce that our vote is for The Bee Healthy Garden at Greater Milwaukee's Camp Whitcomb Mason. Thank you all for reviewing the profiles of these various applicants and for casting your vote. The GCA winner will

receive \$30,000 with each runner up receiving \$10,000. Click [HERE](#) to read about the Bee Healthy Garden.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEW HAVEN invites interested gardeners to a program sponsored by the Cherry Shaw Swords and Virginia Thorne Shaw Fund: Doug Tallamy, Entomologist, Award Winning Speaker & Author.

Monday, May 1, 2017; 11:30 AM to approximately 1:15 PM, with a light luncheon and the presentation.

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
Jones Auditorium
123 Huntington Street
New Haven, CT

Space is limited. Please register by April 21, 2017 at gardenclubnh@gmail.com. Suggested donation - \$20. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

Headline news for GH&D: Terry McManus, Zone II GH&D Representative, presented LGC's Oliver Wolcott Senior garden documentation (a Smithsonian AAG garden) at the GCA's national Garden History & Design Committee meeting in Scottsdale. Terry says, "it is a beautiful documentation of an historic garden and I know the committee members from around the country will enjoy seeing it." Kudos for Litchfield Garden Club!

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