

LGC Newsletter



Annual Business Meeting

May 18, 2017

2:00 PM

St. Michael's Community House

Horticulture & Flower Design Sweepstakes

Hostesses: Rose Brooks, Lisa Horne, Susan Magary, Marla Patterson and Victoria Sansing.

Please RSVP to Joan Burgess @ 860.567.2270

May is a unique time of year, that glorious moment between the promise of early spring and the heat of high summer. It is often in May that we begin to see the fruits of our labors. After spending most of the winter at home caring for an injured dog and planting seeds, I now have some delphinium elatum grown from hand pollinated New Zealand seed. They won't bloom until June 2018 when they will be 8' towering blue spires, but I can wait. Gardening for me is always an exercise in future dreaming against present reality. May is also a good time to put your dahlias from our workshop into the ground. I think mine all sprouted in the basement, so I shall go downstairs and see what I can salvage.

In another six weeks, we can sit back and enjoy our summer, but for now we are deep into planning for our flower show. For the present fleeting moment, take a walk outside and relish the new green of May along with the extravagant bulbs. As always, thank you everyone for your hard work and support.

Best, Diane

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower Show

Preview Party – You are invited to a Preview Party & Silent Auction! Please join us to celebrate "OUR NATIONAL PARKS ~ AMERICA'S BEST IDEA" - Friday, June 9th, 2017 from 6:30 - 9 PM at the Litchfield Community Center.

A message from our Flower Show co-chairs: Our Flower Show on June 9th - 10th is coming along nicely. By now, you should have received an email invitation. Around 400 invitations have been mailed out to friends and community members. If you are not currently signed up to help with the show or would like to do more, please contact Nancy or Lee. We are particularly in need of people to help with the set-up on Thursday, June 8th at noon. This is a big event, and we need all hands on deck.

The Flower Show Staging Committee respectfully requests the Membership to gather any 6'- 8' branches from trees or landscape to be bundled and dropped off at Lynne Chapman's house.

Branches must be free of any insects or bugs. Please no small twigs or vines! The large branches will be used for staging the Community Center entrance in keeping with the LGC Flower Show Theme: *Our National Parks ~ America's Best Idea*.

Please contact Jane Hinkel, Julia Metcalf or Lynne Chapman with any questions.

Civic Beautification & Projects: Victoria Sansing

There will be a Projects meeting May 18th, 10 am @ Victoria's house. We will also be planting planters on May 25 @10:30 am. Please call Victoria (860-567-9747) for details and letting her know if you will be attending the meeting or planting planters.

The summer watering schedule for the planters will be coming out soon...on line, for your convenience to sign up! Thanks, Victoria

Conservation: Margy Miner

The Pollinator Garden at White Memorial opened May 1st! Watch for further updates on how you can participate in the care of the garden!

If you have any questions, contact Margy.

Flower Show & Design: Nancy Post and Lee Reese

The Flower Show and Design Committee will hold a demonstration on the art of creating a small design on Thursday, May 11th at 9:30 in the Community House at St. Michael's Church. Led by Ronnie Schoelzel, this instructional workshop is offered in anticipation of the design sweeps of small designs to be held at our regular LGC business meeting on May 18th. Please notify Nancy Post or Lee Reese to let us know if you are able to attend.

Garden History & Design: Marla Patterson

For anyone traveling toward Washington D.C. this summer, a wonderful new exhibit is on from May 4 through August at the Smithsonian called *Cultivating America's Gardens*.

Americans have been making gardens forever, constantly innovating and experimenting. This exhibit delves into how that process has evolved for purposes such as food, science, beauty and prestige. This history is illustrated with materials from the vast holdings of the Smithsonian Libraries and Smithsonian Gardens. An online version will be available soon.

Horticulture: Ronnie Schoeziel

HORTICULTURE SWEEPS FOR MAY BUSINESS MEETING

Class 1. Flowering shrubs

Single specimen, not to exceed 30" from tip to cut end

- a. Viburnum-Viburnum
- b. Syringa-Lilac
- c. Other

Class 2. Bulbs

- a. Narcissus-Daffodil, one cut specimen, no foliage
- b. Tulipa-Tulip, one cut specimen with two attached leaves
- c. Other bulbs-one cut specimen

Class 3. Perennials

A single cut specimen, any genus and/or cultivar

Call Ronnie Schoelzel @ 860.567.8518 with any questions.

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

Photography sweepstakes entries will be displayed at the May meeting. They were judged April 29th in order for the *Best in Show* to be entered into our Zone II Annual Meeting photography division by the May 1 deadline. There were seven divisions, and our GCA judge, Ann Franzen, divided them into two classes. Thank you to everyone who participated.

For questions or assistance, call Cathy at 860 921-7280

Website: Joan Burgess

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS

Polly Brooks was installed as the Second Vice President of The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. at the FGCT 88th Annual Meeting, April 19, 2017 at the Aqua Turf. Ronnie Schoelzel received a 5-Star certificate and pin from National Garden Clubs for becoming a Master Consultant in all four of the NGC Schools. Nine of our members attended the meeting.



Orchid Auction - Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10:00 am - 4 pm Waverly Inn, 286
Maple Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410

10:00 - Noon, preview

No Admission Fee
Specimen Plants
Fred Clarke Plants
All are welcome!

Presented by the Connecticut Orchid Society

For those of you interested or have questions, please contact Sue Kennedy.

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