

# LGC Newsletter



July 2017

**Dear Member,**

Thank you everyone for all of your talent and hard work that made our flower show such a great success. I only hear rave reviews from everyone who had the pleasure of attending. I am sure that you are all garden clubbed out by now, so we will keep the immediate plans quiet and simple. July 20th is our annual meeting at the Litchfield Country Club. I hope all can come. It is a good wrap-up of the past year. Again, thank you all for helping to end our difficult past year on a very high note. Bask in your great accolades; you have all earned it. See you in July.

Best, Diane



Please visit our website to see more images of  
The Flower Show.



## **Annual Membership Meeting**

**July 20, 2017**

**11:30 AM**

**Litchfield Country Club**

**Cost: \$30**

**Mail check to: Madeline Patenge, Treasurer  
PO Box 848, Litchfield, CT 06759**

**RSVP to Joan Burgess - 860-567-2270**

## Committee Reports and Announcements

### **Annual Dues for Members**

Just in case you have not yet paid your annual dues for the LGC, Please send your check in the amount of \$175 to:

Madeline Patenge, Treasurer  
PO Box 848  
Litchfield, CT 06759

Our bylaws say that dues should be paid by July 15th. Thank you!

### **Civic Beautification & Projects: Victoria Sansing**

Thank you to our June waterers! We need your help watering in July, August and September. To sign up, give Victoria Sansing a call at 860 567-9747.

#### OUR JULY WATERERS!

June 25 - July 8:

Norfolk Road: Nancy Post & Nancy Rath  
West Green: Anna Heys & Sara Gault

July 9 - July 22:

Norfolk Road: Jackie Miller & Maryanne McNeil  
West Green: Susan Latos & Diane Stoner

July 23 - August 5:

Norfolk Road: Madeline Patenge & Ellen Ebbs  
West Green: Bibby Veerman & Jane Hinkel

Thanks, Victoria

### **Conservation: Margy Miner**

If you happen to be taking a walk in White Memorial with your family this summer, be sure to stop by and visit the Pollinator Garden. Grandchildren will be especially delighted to see what's happening there.

Questions, contact Margy.

## **Flower Show and Design: Nancy Post & Lee Reese**

As we are now several weeks away from the close of our flower show, I have been reflecting on the complete success of our endeavors.

Our show won numerous judges' commendations for our Conservation exhibit, Hospitality, Schedule, Signage, and Staging. We received four awards in Horticulture and several more in Design and Photography. Our Silent Auction and party were a great success. I've had so many favorable comments on them both, and our auction exceeded all expectations in garnering a nice profit.

Our members also did well individually. Sue Kennedy won the Best in Show in the horticulture division for her beautiful orchid, and Julia Metcalf won the Novice Award for her trough.

We should all be very proud of our accomplishments, both in putting on the show and in our participation as exhibitors. Most exciting to me was the extraordinary participation of our membership throughout. Although it was hard work, enthusiasm and camaraderie abounded.

Congratulations to us all on a job well done!! Nancy Post

### **Horticulture: Ronnie Schoezel**

It is the Hort Committee's turn to supply the centerpieces for the annual luncheon, and we decided to have a trough class. There were 9 LGC members who entered troughs in the flower show, so we hope they will cart them to the Club in July. There should be enough for the tables.

Class 1. Troughs

Ownership 2 - 6 months (no size restriction, but it should reasonably fit on the table as a centerpiece)

Class 2. Troughs

Ownership over 6 months

Please let Julia Metcalf know if you plan to enter. We need at least 8 centerpieces.

### **Photography: Cathy Oneglia**

The Zone II Annual Meeting, Rock the Garden Flower and Photography Show, was hosted by the Washington Garden Club. Our photography entry was the winner of our May sweepstakes, an image taken by Cathy Oneglia of an ancient stone castle rising out of a natural stone foundation. It was entered in the Set in Stone Class and won a blue ribbon.

This year at our club annual meeting in July, a Photography Award will be given to the sweepstakes winner for the year. This tradition began for Photography in 2015 and will occur every two years along with the Horticulture and Design awards. The point system is 5 points for a blue first, 4 points for a red second, 3 points for a yellow third, and 2 points for honorable mention with any additional entries each receiving one point for entering. The photography Chair keeps a tally, and the member with the highest number of points during the two year cycle wins. We did not conduct sweeps in the 2015-16 program year, so for this year only it is a one year total. From now on, it will be a two year total.

LOOKING AHEAD

This year we are trying something new and wonderful in the winter. In January we will have a delicious hot soup lunch and slide show featuring our very own gardens in the summer. Isn't that a great idea? We are asking members to take photos of their

summer gardens now and send your four best shots via email to Julia Metcalf. This is not about photography per se, but about remembering our summer gardens in the winter when we all need something gorgeous for inspiration. If someone does not have anything to photograph, they may send another garden photo or ones from other years. What we really want is to showcase what you care about in your garden. Doesn't that sound inviting?

### **Visiting Gardens: Nancy Rath**

Please save September 14th for our next Visiting Gardens trip which will be to the Golden Lamb Buttery in Brooklyn, CT, a farm with 1000 acres of open land, vegetable, herb and flower gardens. The Head Gardener (and the owner's granddaughter) will lead us on a guided tour which will be followed by a farm to table catered lunch and a stop at Logee's Nursery. You won't want to miss this one.

Contact Nancy Rath for more information.

## **Upcoming Events & Member News**

**The LGC Flower Show** received rave reviews from the GCA Flower Show Evaluation Judges!

**Please visit our Website** as all the images from the Flower Show have been posted.

### **The Contemplative Art of Ikebana**

Lead by: Shoko Iwata

Location: Wisdom House

Date/Time: July 22nd - 10am - 1pm

The Japanese art form of Ikebana (living flowers) is an artistic endeavor that can also lead one into a spiritual journey. It takes from nature - its season, natural beauty and design. The leader of this program is trained in the Sogestu School of Ikebana. Their motto is 'Arrange, Anytime, and Anywhere and with Any Material". Participants will observe the creation of an arrangement as well as make one of their own. Seasonally available branches and flowers will be used. Color also will impact the design.

Program fee includes all materials and lunch.

\$80.00, non-refundable deposit: \$30

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