

LGC Newsletter



August 2017

Dear Member,

Happy Summer Everyone,

This month we are doing tours of three gardens, Sylvia's, Ronnie's and mine. We thought you would be in need of a respite after a June Flower Show and a busy July annual meeting. These are just self-guided tours with no program. The gardens are maintained for the most part by the members and are not your fancy, groomed offerings of real garden tours. They are the gardens of plant lovers who have tossed Good Garden Design to the winds in favor of stuff we love to grow and things that grow without us, such as my cleome below which shows up whether I invite it or not. My big garden victory this summer is the chopped off dahlia like the ones I saw at Swan Island in Oregon last fall. I cut my plants back to the ground when they were just a foot tall and am very happy with the results: large shrubby plants requiring no stakes.

I hope you can drop in on the tour. We will finish at my house where you can eat your brown bag lunch and have a drink. August is our last full month of the too short summer. Enjoy every minute.

Best, Diane



Tour of Three Gardens

August 17, 2017

10:00 AM

Garden I - Abbott

Garden II - Schoelzel

Garden III – Stoner

Bring a brown bag lunch, drinks provided

RSVP: Joan Burgess – 860.567.2270

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Reminder for Annual Dues

If you have **not** paid your dues...please send your check to Madeline Patenge. Click [HERE](#) to download the form. PO Box 848, Litchfield, CT 06759

Civic Beautification & Projects: Victoria Sansing

Thank you to our July waterers! We still need additional people for watering in August and September on the West Street Green. The easiest and fastest way is to signup online - click [HERE](#) or you can give Victoria a call at 860 567-9747.

OUR August WATERERS!

August 6 - August 19:

Norfolk Road: Sylvia Abbott & Jen Abbott Tillou

West Green: Polly Brooks & **available**

August 20 - September 2:

Norfolk Road: Dale Ryan & Kate Fahey

West Green: Joan Burgess & Lynne Sherman

Thanks, Victoria

Conservation: Tonja Curry

The first meeting of the Conservation Committee will be in September, the exact date and time to be determined. Contact [Tonja](#), our new Conservation Chair, with any questions.

Horticulture: Julia Metcalf

Welcome and Welcome back to another thrilling year of all things Horticulture! So Exciting!

Our first meeting will be on Friday, August 11th at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at Litchfield Community Center. At this meeting, our new Hort Chair, Julia Metcalf, will outline our fun-filled line up for the 2017-18 season, including sweeps, workshops and other Horticulture based activities. If you cannot make it, Julia will assume that you are in your gardens tackling those weeds.

Hospitality: Lisa Horne & Margy Miner

There is a new hospitality team for our 2017/2018 year! They will be reaching out for you to hostess at one of our upcoming meetings. The easiest way to sign-up to hostess is online - click [HERE](#) or send [Lisa](#) an email or call @ 860.567.8216. You can sign up to bring a sweet, savory, fruit or make a centerpiece. Thanks in advance.

Lisa and Margy are looking forward to hearing from you!

Photography: Cathy Oneglia

The Photography Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 9th at 3 p.m. at the Litchfield Community Center. We will discuss the upcoming 2017/18 LGC year. In preparation for our first workshop, Cathy will show a short video on garden photography and pass out some pointers. We are all invited to shoot in Ronnie and Hugh Schoelzel's beautiful garden just prior to our tour on August 17th, exact time in the morning to be announced. Visio Hatfield will conduct the outside portion of his workshop on composition and lighting. We can bring tripods, and if you don't have one and would like to borrow one, email [Cathy](#) or call 860 567-8362.

*CALLING ON ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS
TO SHINE YOUR LIGHT ON ZONE II*

Attached you will find an invitation to submit seasonal photographs showcasing Zone II for the September issue of eNews. This is a wonderful way to share the natural beauty of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The deadline is August 9th, and members may send in multiple images. Click [HERE](#) for directions for submitting the photographs. Please remember no people or pets.

Zone II is filled with such wonderful photographers that Pat Hinckley (the Communications Rep accepting your photographs) will be overwhelmed with the exquisite images from which to choose. Let's go for it and show the rest of the country why Zone II is so special!

Please contact [Cathy](#) with any questions.

Visiting Gardens: Nancy Rath

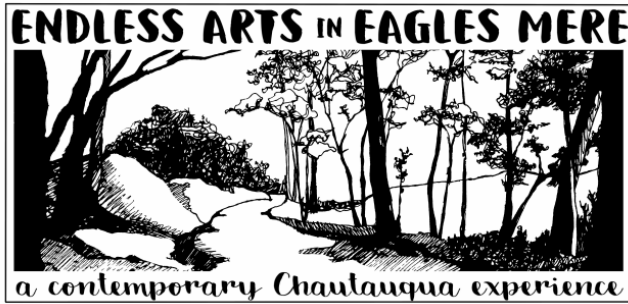
Please save September 14th for our next Visiting Gardens trip which will be to the Golden Lamb Buttery in Brooklyn, CT, a farm with 1000 acres of open land, vegetable, herb and flower gardens. The Head Gardener (and the owner's granddaughter) will lead us on a guided tour which will be followed by a 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.

Website: Joan Burgess

- Don't see something but want it posted or have a question - contact [Joan](#). Need LGC information - use our website! It's all there and easy to find.
- Having trouble getting into the members' home page? Password is compost

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS



Julie Stauffer will be leading an iPhonography workshop as part of a stimulating, new arts and education program, Endless Arts in Eagles Mere. Open to pros, novices and everyone in-between.

Date: September 14-17. Click [HERE](#) for details or for further information, visit endlessartsem.org or contact endlessartsem@gmail.com to be added to their mailing list.

DATES for your CALENDAR

Monday October 30th - Zone II Workshop, CT Agricultural Station New Haven, information to follow in next newsletter

NAL Meeting 2018, Monday February 26th through Thursday March 1st in Washington DC.

Sign-up online to water the planters on West Street and Norfolk Road - click [HERE](#).

Contact information

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