

LGC Newsletter



September 2017

Dear Member,

September always feels like the start of a new year. It's hard to get away from our back-to-school mentality. Now that our gardens are winding down, it's a good time for us to learn something new. Our program group has created fabulous informative programs for this upcoming year to stretch our minds and broaden our horizons. Karen Bussolini will kick off our year at our next meeting on September 21st with a terrific presentation combining gardening and photography. Then, at our October meeting, the incomparable Mary Ellen O'Brien will take floral design to a whole new level. Both programs' details are on the [website](#).

We invite everyone to participate in our many offerings throughout the year. You will find an abundance of information on our website thanks to the hard work of Joan Burgess. As always, thanks to all of you for your work and dedication. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best, Diane



"Bringing it All Home
Photography, Garden Making and the Art of Seeing"

Presented by: Karen Bussolini

September 21, 2017
2:00 P.M.

Litchfield Community Center

If you haven't already, please [RSVP](#)

Committee Reports and Announcements

Civic Beautification & Projects: Jane Hinkel

Thank you to our August waterers!

OUR Septembers WATERERS are:

September 3 - September 16:

Norfolk Road: Sharron Hatfield & Lynn Chapman

West Green: Ronnie Anderson & Marie Kennedy

September 17 - September 30::

Norfolk Road: Annie Borzelleri & Kristen Mahan-Kraut

West Green: Meredith Penfield & Martha Phillips

The first meeting of the Projects Committee will be on Thursday, September 14th at 9 am at Jane Hinkel's home (149 Old South Road, Litchfield). All are welcome!

Questions - contact our new Project Chair, [Jane Hinkel](#)

Conservation: Tonja Curry

The Conservation Committee will meet at 1pm on September 27th in the Oliver Wolcott Library meeting room. We will have an informal talk about conservation with Martha Phillips and Diane Stoner. Martha was Vice-Chairman of the GCA committee for legislative update from 2005-2015. She will explain the role of the GCA conservation and how it coordinates with the conservation committee. In addition, Martha also served as the Co-Chairman of the CT League of conservation voters for two years and was a board member from 2007-2017.

Diane Stoner was one of the founding members of the GCA conservation publication "Con Watch" which can be found in the GCA newsletter. In addition, Diane sits on the board of The Connecticut Fund for the Environment. She will update us on the current conservation concerns in Connecticut.

During our refreshments following the discussion, Martha will address any questions or concerns you have about using computers. Bring your laptops to the meeting if you are interested.

The GCA National Affairs and Legislation conference will be held February 26th-March 1st. Registration begins on October 1st. If anyone is interested in attending the conference, please email [Tonja](#), or call 860-309-4872.

Horticulture: Julia Metcalf

Ladies! It's that time of year again:

A NOT TO MISS video on dis-budding your dahlias - click [HERE](#).

Here are the particulars for the Horticulture Sweepstakes for September:

Class 1: Dahlias

- a. Single specimen, dis-budded, one set of leaves required
- b. Collection of 3 specimens, all dis-budded, exhibited in one clear glass container

Class 2: Grasses

- a. Single specimen
- b. Collection of 3 specimens, exhibited in one clear glass container

Class 3: Annuals

- a. Single specimen
- b. Collection of 3 specimens, exhibited in one clear glass container

Class 4: Perennials

- a. Single specimen
- b. Collection of 3 specimens, exhibited in one clear glass container

Class 5: Flowering Branches (such as hydrangea, hibiscus, caryopteris)

- a. Single specimen, not to exceed 30" in length from tip to cut end
- b. Collection of 3 specimens, exhibited in one clear glass container

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN CLERK. I NEED TWO CLERKS FOR THE SHOW!!!

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

"Back to Basics: Forcing Bulbs for Competition: Daffodils, amaryllis, paper whites and tulips". October 13, 2017, 9am at Ronnie Schoelzel's barn/garage

I will send an email to the Horticulture Committee asking you to sign up for specific bulbs when the Hartford Flower Show Schedule is published. I hope to have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting

Questions, contact [Julia Metcalf](#)

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

Photography Sweepstakes for our September Meeting - Click [HERE](#).
Division III Photography Classes - Click [HERE](#).

If you are interested in voting for a class of photography that we will enter for the Zone II meeting next June in New Canaan, please email [Cathy](#) with your choice.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events & Member News

Julie Stauffer will be leading an iPhonography workshop as part 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, 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.

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