



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

August 2019

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August Meeting: Three Sister's Sanctuary - Thursday, August 15 – 5:30pm **With carpool at Big Y at 5:00 pm**



If you have never been to the Three Sister's Sanctuary in Goshen you are in for a treat! Artist Richard M. Richardson is the man behind the magic. It is named for his three daughters, who were born and raised on the land. It is an ever-evolving outdoor healing space, with many different "rooms." The Sanctuary is meant to be shared with all who come: family, friends and community. This is a haven of environmental art and majestic sculpture gardens. There are 8 acres of perennial, stone and water gardens combined with art installations built over 25 years.

- Art glass, mosaics, metal sculptures, straw art and much more
- Expansive perennial gardens feature over 250 large standing stones and sculptures
- 80-foot mosaic, fire-breathing dragon!
- Stone amphitheater
- Endless photographic opportunities

Details and Directions: suggested donation: \$10pp. Open 7 days, 8AM – dusk. We plan to meet at Big Y parking lot (the part facing route 2) and carpool (meet at 5, leave around 5:10). 188 Cape St (Rte 112) Goshen, MA. If Richard is free, he will give us a brief tour. Feel free to meet us up there if you want to arrive earlier. Plenty of parking.

August President's Report - *Laura Schlaikjer*

We're into the last month of summer, and the daylilies are beautiful! So many lovely photos are on Facebook of member's different varieties. Keep posting! We had a lovely pot-luck meal together in July where we passed the new club bylaw revisions. We will post them on our website if you are interested in reading them. We are looking for a member's home for this year's Holiday Party, scheduled for Friday, December 6th. We discussed replacing the Yankee Swap with a Cookie Swap this year. Everyone brings 2 dozen of one type, and everyone will go home with a nice assortment. Are you interested? Before you know it the annual meeting will be here, and we'd like to find a nice speaker. Is there a garden speaker that you are dying to hear? Let us know and we will reach out to them! In the meantime, I hope your flower gardens are awash in color, and that your vegetable gardens are producing many tasty treats!

Fundraising Committee Update - Jan Adam

The Fundraising Committee will meet on **Thursday, August 8 at 6:30pm** at the home of Jan Adam, 252 Davis Street, Greenfield.

We will decide on the date for the tour next summer, check out additional gardens, and divide up connecting with the gardeners we would like for the tour.

If you can't attend but have suggestions of gardens or other ideas, please email committee chair Jan: Janadam12@yahoo.com. We welcome all input and also encourage everyone interested to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of June 15, 2019 .. \$4,700.33

Income\$60.12
Interest, dues

Expenses..... \$72.00
Just Roots donation; stamps

Balance as of July 15, 2019..... \$4,688.45

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to the club Treasurer: Joanne Burns, 14 Freeman Street, Greenfield MA 01301

Meeting Opportunities this Month

Fund Raising Committee – Jan Adam
Thursday Aug 8, 6:30 PM at 252 Davis St. Greenfield.

- Plan Tour Date; assign garden contacts
Fair Booth Brainstorm meeting – Linda Tyler
Thursday, August 8, 5:30pm. Upstairs at Greenfield's Market. - Brainstorm booth ideas; plan materials needed, plan follow-up meeting

Steering Committee – Marsha Stone
Monday August 19 at 6pm. 41 Meadow Ln, Greenfield

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join meetings to help the club move forward!! You guessed it - we need YOU!

Membership Dues

We are still accepting dues for 2019. Please send your check, payable to The Greenfield Garden Club and mail to Joanne Burns – 14 Freeman Drive Greenfield, MA 01301.

Please include your name, phone number, address, email address, as well as if you are interested being on a committee (see committees listed to the left) or other ways to connect with the club. Use the handy form on page 5.

In Bloom at Tower Hill – An Invitation to Participate

We hope that some members of your garden club will be able to participate in Tower Hill's floral arranging event, In Bloom, in 2020. We have changed the date from mid-February to March 13th and 14th. The theme for In Bloom will be Street Art and the event will take place during our first Orchid Show, which will also be themed around street art. Please reach out with any questions that you have. I will be in touch in the fall with more details. If you are interested in learning more please feel free to send along any questions. I can't wait to see everyone's creative designs! – Trisha Danforth, Education & Events Coordinator (tdanforth@towerhillbg.org)

2019 Club Officers

- President:**
Laura Schlaikjer
- Vice President:**
Marsha Stone
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Jan Adam
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Joanne Burns
- Recording Secretary:**
Annette Kilminster
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Eva Carrier
Pam Lester
Richard Willard

We are trying to make sure that everyone is on the email list. If you or someone you know is not receiving their newsletter by email, please let us know!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
August 28**

For the September issue
Send items of interest to the membership to: Jan Adam
JanAdam12@Yahoo.com

Mosaic Tile Workshop - Sunday, August 18th, 12 – 5 pm DVAA, 105 Main St, Northfield

Join Rhonda Wainshilbaum to learn how to attach mosaic shards to an already made cement stepping stone. Everything you need will be provided, but feel free to bring colorful ceramic crockery (plates, tiles), mirror, beads, stones, glass globes, shells, jewelry, knick-knacks, and small found objects to use or share. Space is limited and no experience is necessary. Contact Gen Abate at 413-225-3132 to register. \$40 Deerfield Valley Art Association members and \$45 non-members.

Weeds - Pat Leuchtman



My son says his lawn is full of weeds i.e. violets. Our lawn in Heath was full of weeds i.e. dandelions and clover. Lots of weeds, i.e. wildflowers like beautiful blue chicory (left), grow along the roadsides. I like violets, dandelions, clover and chicory. Why would anyone consider them weeds? The definition of a weed is very difficult. I have a wonderful book titled *Weeds of the North-east* by Uva, Neal and Di-Tomaso which gives excellent descriptions and photos of hundreds of weeds in their different growth stages including the seed stage. Violets, dandelions, clover and chicory are all included. So are creeping thyme, wild strawberries and the low growing English daisy.

What makes all these plants weeds? They are all rampant growers and spreaders, but others seem to be called weeds because they are growing where the gardeners and farmers don't want them to grow.

This year I have more weeds in my Greenfield garden than in the previous four years. My neighbor says I now have the full collection of Beech Street weeds. Some of them are familiar like crabgrass, the fleshy prostrate pigweed, common purslane, smartweed, bindweed, prostrate, spurge, and ground ivy otherwise known as creeping Charlie or gill-over-the-ground. That is not all the weeds that I am pulling out every day. I don't know the names of all of them. I thought I caught up with weeding pretty well, but then we had that heat wave followed by a long and blissful rain fall. The result was immediate and lusty weed growth.

I am learning about other weeds. I am working with other gardeners at the Energy Park: lots of weeding to do there. Mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*) is a particular demon, however, some weeds are welcome at the Energy Park. We welcome Queen Anne's Lace, common milkweed, and violets because we like all plants that attract and feed pollinators. Needless to say we are also planting native plants that will bloom and please visitors to the Park. They will also supply nectar and pollen for the many kinds of pollinators that visit the Park.

I am trying to be philosophical about weeds. They are always with us. They have some benefits. We can throw them in the compost pile and enrich our soil. I can plant dense groundcovers like sedums, barren strawberry, and foam flower, which will keep out many weeds. I can mulch. I can grow plants close to each other.

None of us will ever have a garden without weeds. Many of us will simply throw up our hands in August, and retreat to the shade and a glass of lemonade.

Franklin County Fair 2019 - Let the Good Times Grow!

FAIR BOOTH: The Franklin County Fair is barely a month away! We love this year's theme – Let the Good Times Grow! We need to meet together to brainstorm possible ideas for our booth at our prime back door location. Can you spare one evening to help us plan? We have pin-pointed Thursday, August 8th at 5:30 pm, and will meet upstairs at Greenfield's Market in the back of the store. If we find we need a second meeting, this gives us time to schedule one. Did you go to any flower show this past spring? Was there a booth that you found that had a nice theme? Did you visit a garden center and they had an unusual and delightful display? If you can't make the meeting, send us a photo (if you have one) before the 8th and tell us your thoughts around it. Once we have settled on a possible theme, we will need to create a list of supplies, and see who can loan us what kind of prop or plant. Last year we settled on a Wash Day theme because Deb Loomer had lots of plants in great condition (another requirement for judging) in tin containers, she owned a large tin wash tub, and we knew that a clothesline would give us the height and color we also needed. Please let us know if you have a nice plant or plants that you are willing to loan to us for the 4 days of the Fair.

We also need help to put the booth together. Set-up times are Tuesday, September 3 from 6-9, and Wednesday, September 4 from 3-9. If you can help for either or both days, for a few hours or longer, please let us know by emailing the club with your interest. Volunteers can sit on a bench and trim off blemishes from plants, they can pass supplies to the person in the booth, they can fill jugs with water, and they can give their opinion on how the booth is progressing and what changes we need to make. We also will need to keep a list of supplies that we forgot that will have to come the following day. We will break down the booth on Monday, September 9 between 4 and 7 pm. Please come during that time to collect your plants or other items on loan.

FAIR PARADE: a few members wondered whether there was enough interest in entering the parade this year, especially with that great theme. It costs \$1 per person in your group, and if you have a vehicle it's \$75. The deadline is August 24th to enter. Late entries are charged a \$50 late fee. Everyone in your group gets into the Fair for free after the parade. Are you inspired to brainstorm this part of the fair? Do you have children or grandchildren who would like to participate? (Lots of flower mask ideas on Pinterest!) Come to the same meeting date of August 8 at 5:30 upstairs at Greenfield's Market and if there are enough people we can break off into 2 groups. See you all on the 8th!!

Olive Street Garden Rejuvenation – Mary Chicoine

Mark Zaccheo and I are working to improve the gardens in the Olive Street tree belts by planting many more plants, making the beds look better, and reducing the weeds. Mark is willing to contribute some funds and labor, and I am wondering if the Greenfield Garden Club members have any plants they are able to contribute to the project, and if anyone can possibly help with the planting in the fall. Here is the list of plants we are hoping to accumulate: Gaillardia (perennial blanket flower), Stachys (lamb's ear), Rudbeckia (Brown-eyed Susan), Siberian iris, Nepeta (catmint), Sedum Autumn Joy or similar, Sedum (low, creeping variety), Baptisia (false blue indigo), Hemerocallis (daylily), Hosta. If you have any questions, any plants to share, and/or can help with the planting, please send an email to the club and we will forward it to Mary. greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – PLEASE DETACH AND SEND IN WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Circle Membership Level: Single: \$20 Family/Household: \$25

Please mail this stub with your check made out to: **Greenfield Garden Club**, and mail to Joanne Burns, 14 Freeman Dr., Greenfield, MA 01301

I'd like to help with the following committee/s: _____

I'm interested in learning about: _____



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MEMBER DISCOUNTS

These vendors have agreed to provide the listed discounts for members who show their membership card when making a purchase. We appreciate their support! Please respect their offers by remembering these generous discounts are for club members only and only when your card is presented.

Baystate Perennial Farm

36 State Road (Route 5/10), Whately, MA
10% off regular priced plants

Chapley Gardens

397 Greenfield Road (Route 5/10), Deerfield, MA
10% off regular priced plants and pond supplies

Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative (Agway)

269 High Street, Greenfield, MA
10% anything garden related

Silver Garden Daylilies – 23 Picket Lane, Greenfield, MA

10% off daylilies

Any vendors interested in offering our club member -gardeners a discount, please contact a member of the Steering Committee – thank you!!

LaSalle Florists

23 LaSalle Dr (Routes 5/10), Whately, MA
10% off regularly priced plants

O'Brien Nurserymen

40 Wells Rd, Granby, CT
10% off regularly priced plants

Mill River Farm Market

Conway Rd/Corner 116 & Rtes 5/10, S. Deerfield, MA
10% off plants in Spring and Fall

Warm Colors Apiary

2 South Mill River Rd, South Deerfield, MA
10% discount

Wilder Hill Gardens

351 South Shirkshire Rd, Conway, MA
10% off plants and consultations