



# Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

August 2022

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## Wonderful in Wendell: Stephen, Heather, and Sara-Evelyn

### August Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2022

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Gardens of Stephen Broll

39 Lockes Village Rd, Wendell, MA

Carpool Info: We will meet at Cherry Rum Plaza and leave promptly at 5:15pm in order to make it to Wendell on time. Please email for driving instructions if you plan to meet us there. (Stephen also raises monarch butterflies and can show us his set-up!)



Where do I start? This will be an excellent program – please plan to attend! We are going to tour the welcoming and peaceful gardens that were the joy of Stephen's wife, [Dvora Cohen](#), who passed in January of 2021. Heather Wight has been helping Stephen to not only care for the gardens, but also to map them and catalogue the plants (they have identified 127 and counting!). She has also helped him to identify and care for the numerous houseplants that you may remember from a previous newsletter. Sara-Evelyn will be there to answer questions about fruit trees (did we mention that Dvora was a passionate gardener?!) Stephen will be providing refreshments. Bring a folding chair and bug repellent in case we need them, and please RSVP so we can have an idea of how many to expect.

## August President's Report ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*



Calling all members! We want to gather a group interested in talking about the **Grant program**. We might want to reexamine and update it post-covid. Please email the club if you are interested in being a part of the conversation, and we will find a date for an initial meeting. I have been working feverishly in my garden, trying to bring overgrown sections back into production. I have also been watering quite a bit, hoping the well can handle the extra demand. The lawn where the ledge is close to the surface is looking downright crispy. Trees are looking like they are trying to hang in there. Does anyone have a good rain dance to recommend?! I am also competing with the chipmunks for the tomatoes (that's my first ripe one at left). They are even eating the green ones. August is usually a vacation month for many folks, but we have an excellent program in store for you on the 18th, and I hope you will be able to attend. There are also some field trips coming up that you may want to consider. We are approaching Fair season, and I hope you have been thinking of some ideas for our booth. Please join us on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Nicki's home to brainstorm. Looking forward to seeing you soon! ~ Laura

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 6** - field trip to [Bedrock Gardens](#) in Lee, NH

**August 9, 6pm** – Fair Booth brainstorming session at 27 Madison Circle

**August 14** – field trip to [Kominz Gardens](#), Weston, MA

**August 30** – Steering Committee mtg and pre-fair final planning

**Sept 6 & 7** – Fair Booth set-up

*If I had but 2 loaves of bread, I would sell one and buy  
hyacinths with the other, for they would feed my soul.*

*~ The Koran*

### Bedrock Gardens - Field Trip

19 High Rd, Lee, NH

Saturday, August 6th

This coming Saturday, a small group is heading out east to [Bedrock Gardens](#) to take in its splendor, and to attend a double book-signing. Jana Milbocker, of [Enchanted Gardens](#), will be there with her Garden Tourist book series, and [John Forti](#) (Bedrock Garden Executive Director) will be there with his book *The Heirloom Gardener* between 1 and 3pm. The gardens will be open from 10-4.

Bedrock Gardens is an emerging public garden that integrates unusual botanical specimens and unique sculpture into an inspiring landscape journey. This 30-acre site is transitioning from a historic farm and private garden to a public oasis of art, horticulture and inspiration. The Boston Globe described it as "one of the most beautiful and intriguing [landscapes](#) in New Hampshire."

Adult admission is a suggested donation of \$15. There is a tour available for the first 10 people at 10:15 on Saturday; otherwise there is a garden map with a suggested route. (Private tours for larger groups start at \$250.) They have suggestions of local eateries should we not feel like packing a picnic lunch.

Click [here](#) to see a map and read about each of the amazing garden areas and installations.

Read about John Forti's book [here](#).

Read about Jana Milbocker's books [here](#).

If you are interested in going, please know that this is a full day trip, since it's about 2 and a half hours to get to Lee, which is just short of the NH seacoast. Please send an email to the club email as soon as possible so we can discuss logistics. [greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com).



### GGC MEMBERSHIPS

Membership is \$20 per person, or \$25 per house-hold. Memberships make a nice gift for the gardener in your life!

Please make checks payable to:

Greenfield Garden Club; and send them to: Becky George, 61 Madison Cir, Greenfield, MA 01301. Thank you for your continuing support!

### Franklin County Fair Booth Planning Meeting

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 6pm ~ 27 Madison Circle**  
in Greenfield, at the home of Nicki Shipman. Drinks provided.

It's getting to be Fair time already! We have just sent in our entry form for the Roundhouse and our booth. We need as many folks as possible to brainstorm this year's vision for the booth. It doesn't have to follow the fair theme, which is "Thrills for You in 2022 ." Maybe we could do something on plants for dry conditions?! Brainstorming works best if people are tossing out ideas in person – plus we have a lot of fun. If you cannot make the meeting, please email us your ideas. [greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com)

### Officers 2022:

#### President/Newsletter/FB/Website:

Laura Schlaikjer

#### Vice President:

Marsha Stone

#### Treasurer:

Becky George

#### Recording Secretary:

Annette Kilminster

#### Corresponding Secretary:

Eva Carrier

#### At Large Member/s:

Nicki Shipman



Field trip to [Kominz Gardens](#) in Weston, MA August 14, 1-4 pm. This is also part of the Jana Milbocker book tour. We are combining the trip with a stop at the Watertown library where there is an exhibit of [farm photographs](#) taken by Patricia Sampson-Weiler. Patricia has spent the last 4 years documenting life on farms in Concord, Lincoln, Acton among other towns. The library is open from 1-5. We plan to visit Kominz first, and the library second. Patricia will give us a private tour of the photos, and afterwards we will find a place for tea with her and her photographer husband, [Joseph Flack Weiler](#), before heading back to Greenfield. Email the club for specifics.

## AUGUST RECIPE: ZUCCHINI QUICHE

*From the GGC Cookbook ~ submitted by Anne Maloney*

### INGREDIENTS:

1 tomato, chopped (drain any liquid before adding to batter)  
1 pepper, chopped  
1 onion, chopped (red or yellow)  
1 cup shredded zucchini  
4 eggs  
½ cup oil (canola)  
1 cup Bisquick  
Shredded cheese (Cheddar, Swiss, etc.)



### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 F  
Chop vegetables/shred zucchini; set aside  
Beat eggs, then add oil and beat again.  
Add Bisquick to the eggs/oil, mixing well  
Add vegetables to batter and mix well  
Pour into greased quiche dish (mine is 11 inches rim to rim and about 1 inch deep)  
Add shredded cheese and dots of butter to the top  
Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. It will brown up after you remove it from the oven

Also from the GCC Cookbook, page 47, under Main Dishes: **ELEPHANT STEW**

1 large elephant  
2 rabbits (optional)  
Brown Gravy to cover

Directions: Cut the elephant into small pieces. This should take about 2 months to prepare. Add enough brown gravy to cover. Cook over an open fire about 4 weeks at 465F. This should serve about 3,800 people. If more are expected, the rabbits may be added, but only do this if necessary, as most people do not like hare in their stew!

*~ Recipe submitted by Ronald Brown*

## Our Trip to Olallie Daylily Gardens on July 30th

We had a wonderful visit with Chris Darrow, owner and daylily hybridizer. Everyone went home with a purchase or two! We have been invited back next June, when the iris and other plants are also blooming. Chris was very thorough during the tour, and we even were lucky enough to see Jack the dog and Dante the cat. See our full post with comments on Facebook.



### Book Review excerpted From Pat Leuchtman's blog, Commonweeder:

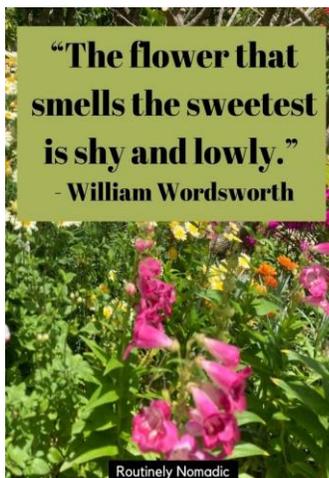
Jean Vernon has written an amazing book, [Attracting Garden Pollinators](#), which is unlike other books about the importance of garden pollinators, in that it goes beyond talking about just butterflies and bees. Chapter One, *What is a Pollinator?* gives us 16 pages explaining the kinds of creatures that will pollinate the plants in our gardens. We learn about what is important to the pollinators – pollen and nectar to start. In Chapter Two, we 'Meet the Pollinators.' She gives us an amazing list of pollinators. Besides butterflies and bees, there are moths, wasps and beetles. There are hoverflies, about which I never knew anything until I read this book. *Chapter Three – Important Pollinator Habitats* gives us more specialized information. Ponds! Hoverfly Drone flies have Hoverfly lagoons, but there are many other habitats. Flowerpots and planters are useful, stone walls and mossy banks welcome bees and moths. Hedges are useful, as is wood and timber. Many of us will find out that greenhouses, compost bins and bird boxes can supply homes for wasps, beetles, and bees. *Plants for Pollinators* – (pg138 to 188) we have a list that include herbs like rosemary, sage, thyme, borage and many other herbs, vegetable plants like peas, runner beans and more. Then comes the climbers for pollinators from red jasmine to sweet peas. Vernon also includes pollinator plants for pots and hanging baskets. Fruit is also for pollinators: blueberries, blackberries, apples, pears and more. There are shrubs and trees like willow, hazel, alder, horse chestnut (I have these!) and winter cherry. This is a great book, and Jean Vernon is an award-winning writer. She is passionate about bees, pollinators and our environment. Besides this in-depth pollinator compendium, Jean is the author of [The Secret Lives of Garden Bees](#).

## Looking to replace your non-native Buddleia bushes?

- \* Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- \* Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- \* Blazing star (*Liatris*) esp. (*L. ligulistylus*)
- \* New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)
- ~ From **The Nature Conservancy**
- \* New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americana*)
- \* Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*)
- \* Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) or (*S. pubens*)
- \* Bush honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)
- \* St. John's wort (*Hypericum* spp.)
- \* Sweetspire (*Itea virginiana*)
- \* Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*)
- \* Pinxterbloom azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)
- \* Meadowsweet (*Spiraea* spp.) (NOT Japanese spirea)
- \* Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos* spp.)
- \* Viburnum (*Viburnum* spp.) (Choose NATIVE viburnums)
- \* Bottlebrush buckeye (*Aesculus parviflora*)
- \* American beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) (Choose a NATIVE variety)
- \* Wild Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)
- ~ From **Native Plant Trust** (formerly New England Wild Flower Society)
- \* Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
- ~ From **Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants**, by C. Colston Burrell, Janet Marinelli, and Bonnie Harper-Lore



The obstacle is the path.  
-ZEN PROVERB



"The flower that  
smells the sweetest  
is shy and lowly."  
- William Wordsworth

Routinely Nomadic



"Answer with a simple 'yes' or 'no.'  
If you continue to say it with flowers,  
I'll charge you with influence petaling."



Swallowtail butterfly deep in a daylily

## Treasurer's Report

Balance as of June 15, 2022..... \$8,282.01  
**Income** ..... \$1,435.21  
*Interest \$0.21; Tour: \$1,270; Donations \$70 and Membership: \$95*  
**Expenses** ..... \$253.20  
 Grant to Jon Zon Garden: \$230; stamps \$23.20  
**Balance** as of July 15, 2022 ..... \$9,464.02

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to Greenfield Garden Club:  
 c/o Becky George, 61 Madison Cir  
 Greenfield MA 01301 **Questions?**  
[greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com)

Margaret Roach's excellent [Monthly Garden Chores](https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/):  
<https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/>

**September NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
**Monday, August 29th**  
[greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com)



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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  
10% off regular priced plants with membership

### **Chapley Gardens**

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

### **Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative (Agway)**

269 High Street, Greenfield  
10% anything garden related

### **Silver Garden Daylilies – 23 Picket Lane, Greenfield**

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 Drive (Route 5/10), Whately  
10% off regular priced plants

### **O'Brien Nurserymen – 40 Wells Road, Granby, CT**

10% off plants

### **Mill River Farm Market – Conway**

Road/corner 116 & Rtes 5/10. S. Deerfield  
10% off plants in Spring and Fall

### **Warm Colors Apiary**

2 South Mill River Road, South Deerfield  
10% off

### **Wilder Hill Gardens**

351 South Shirkshire Road, Conway  
10% off plants and consultations