



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

February 2021

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Annual Meeting via Zoom

Greenfield Garden Club Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 7th

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Via Zoom (**RSVP FOR LINK**)

~ Featuring ~

*The amazing photography of Jean-Claude Lejeune
(That is a photo of a gorgeous peony on a mirror at the
right, not a painting!)*

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:15 PM Log in to zoom and get settled

1:15 – 1:45 PM Mix and Mingle

1:45 – 2:00 PM Business meeting & Election of Officers

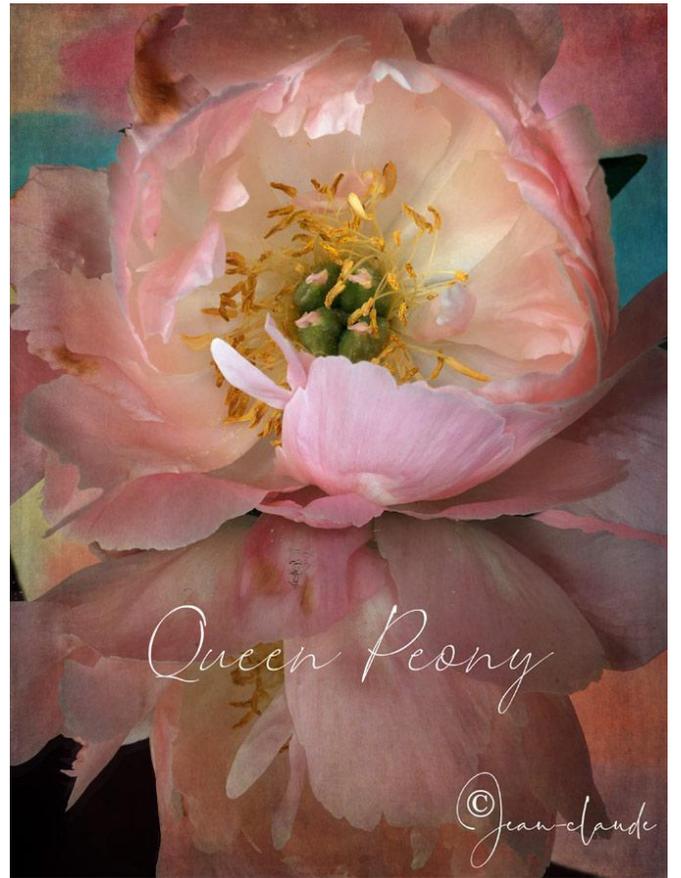
2:15 – 2:40 PM Slide show set to music featuring
photos by Jean-Claude Lejeune

2:40 – 3:00 PM Closing

(all times are approximate)

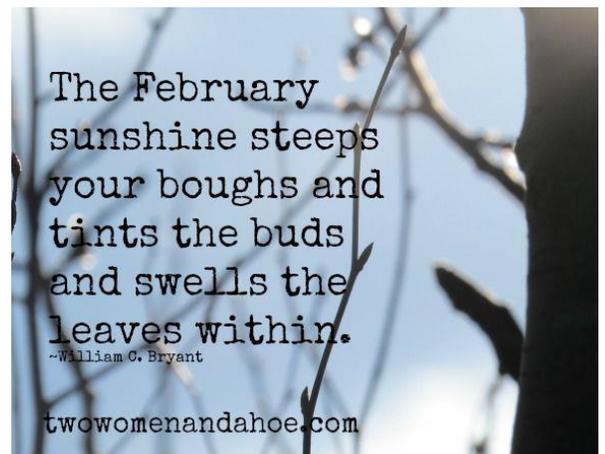
Please RSVP (greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com)

(or call Laura at 413-522-0901) to receive the **zoom link** and a copy of the **Annual Reports** by email. *We are happy to help those for whom this might be their 1st time on Zoom. It's free to sign up: <https://zoom.us/>*



February President's Report ~ Laura Schlaikjer

Welcome to the month of increasing warmth and daylight, as well as valentines, chocolate, roses and wine! Hopefully the tree buds were not damaged by the late fall warmth, and the browsing deer, whose trails are crisscrossing my lawn from shrub to tree to garden. The deep snow is causing them to look for easy fare, and I can see the imprints of their warm bodies in the snow where they lay for a while under the hemlock trees. Perhaps I need to tie up more Irish Spring soap! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting, to be held via zoom on Sunday the 7th. Then on the 8th, the steering committee will be meeting to plan the year ahead. Please send in your ideas! 



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7: 1:00 – 3:00 pm - ANNUAL MEETING via ZOOM

February 8: 5:00 pm – Steering Committee meeting via zoom

Don't think the garden loses its ecstasy in winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous.

~ Rumi

Friends of Great Falls Discovery Center Present:

Owls of New England

By Peter Christoph



Peter Christoph delivers stunning photographs of his favorite owls combined with stories that entertain, educate and inspire. Learn the secrets Peter uses to find and photograph owls in their natural habitat.

Christoph is a well-known wildlife advocate, naturalist and award-winning wildlife photographer who seeks to raise awareness of the need to conserve bird habitat.

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7 PM
Virtual Presentation via Zoom

Email: friendsofgfdc@gmail.com for link to join

More information 863-3221 or greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org



Free ~ All Welcome



"This program is supported by a grant from the Montague Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."

GGC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021: Membership checks are arriving in the mail each day, and we are glad you are looking forward to a new year with the many garden-related programs we are planning! Please keep your club membership current by sending in your dues. \$20 per person, or \$25 per household. Please make checks payable to: Greenfield Garden Club; and send them to the club treasurer, Joanne Burns, at 14 Freeman St, Greenfield, MA 01301. Thank you!

Special Events with the Springfield Garden Club

Saturday, Feb 13 at 5:00 PM

Valentine's Weekend Gala: "A Loving Delight" Valentine cocktails and fun together is open to all club members and guests. Dress to the 'nines' and create some scrumptious nibbles. A zoom link will be sent the day before – guests please send your request for the link to:

spfldgardenclub@gmail.com You can also email to inquire about the Valentine's Celebration in a Box – for purchase at cost. (gourmet chocolates, sparkling cider, red fringe boa, big heart glasses, fresh carnations, 2 red taper candles, rose soaps and recipes for nibbles and drinks.) Order by 2/8 with p/up in Springfield 2/12 or 2/13.

Friday, February 19 at 11:30 AM

Spring Ephemerals and Other Delights – with Joan Butler

Learn about early native woodland wildflowers such as Bloodroot, Jeffersonia, Hepatica, and Primula. Social hour & business mtg precede the lecture, which will begin at 12:30pm. Guests: \$5. Tickets [HERE](#).

Officers 2020:

President/Newsletter/Website:

Laura Schlaikjer

Vice President:

Marsha Stone

Treasurer:

Joanne Burns

Recording Secretary:

Annette Kilminster

Corresponding Secretary:

Eva Carrier

At Large Members:

Vacant

(Looking for 2 volunteers!)



SPRING WEBINARS SPONSORED BY GARDENERS SUPPLY CO

Zoom links will be sent 24 hours prior to the webinar, and everyone who attends will be emailed a link to the recorded webinar on the following morning. Weekday events start at 6pm, while Saturdays start at 9:30 AM. Fee per webinar: \$15

Tuesday, February 9: Creating an Outdoor Room with Paul Simon. Click [here](#) for more info.

Thursday, February 11: Seed Starting with [Charlie Nardozzi](#). Click [here](#) for more info.

Tuesday, February 16: Planning a Vegetable Garden with Becca Lindenmeyr. Click [here](#) for info.

Tuesday, February 23: Backyard Birds for Meat and Eggs with [Marky Read & Tim King](#). Click [here](#).

Saturday, February 27: Gardening for Beauty & Wellness with [Kerry Mendez](#). Click [here](#) for info.

Tuesday, March 2: The Complete No Dig Garden with [Charlie Nardozzi](#). Click [here](#) for more info.

Tuesday, March 9: The New Heirloom Garden with [Ellen Ecker Ogden](#). Click [here](#) for more info.

Tuesday, March 16: Edible Landscapes with Jacob Holzberg-Pill. Click [here](#) for more info.

Tuesday, March 23: Designing Four-Season Gardens to Support Pollinators with Western MA Master Gardener, [Larri Cochran](#). Click [here](#) for more info.

Tuesday, March 30: Container Gardening for All with Gardner Supply staff. Click [here](#) for more info.

Tuesday, April 6: Backyard Meadow Design with Becca Lindenmeyr. Click [here](#) for more info.



Popular New England gardener and speaker, Charlie Nardozzi, has several webinars for sale (\$9.99 each) on his personal website, <https://www.gardeningwithcharlie.com>. He has also bundled 4 of them into an Edible Gardening Webinar Package for only \$29.99, a three-for-one deal.

Available webinars presented in the past few years are: Small Space Edible Gardening, Organic Gardening Pest Controls, Fall Gardening Chores, Foodscaping, Cottage Gardening, Plants for Problem Places, Pollinator Gardening, Growing Bulbs, Gardening for the Birds, Raised Bed Gardening, Berry Growing, and Natives, Invasives and Weeds. Click on 'Webinars' on his website, then click on each individual webinar to read more about it and to view a sample video clip.

Some Favorite Summer-Blooming Bulbs for Cutting Gardens

(Plant these bulbs in the spring)

~ *Horticulture Magazine*

- 1. Dahlias**—These can be cut partially or fully open, but be sure that the rearmost petals are still firm. Deadhead flowers that you've missed cutting, to spur more.
- 2. Calla lily**—(*Zantedeschia*). These are a good option for cutting gardens that receive more shade. Cut calla lilies when they have opened fully; those that have not yet started to release pollen will have the longest vase life. Let the stem ends soak in water for several hours before trimming and arranging them.
- 3. Gladiolus**—When the bottommost flower on the stalk opens, it is time to cut a gladiolus. The rest should open in the vase. As the lowest flowers fade, remove them and recut the stem to shorten it.
- 4. Lilies**—(*Lilium*). To keep the lilies perennial, cut just halfway down the stem. Then be sure to remove any leaves that would be underwater in the vase. Removing the anthers is a matter of taste, but it can lengthen the flower's life.
- 5. Crocosmia**—Their flowers grow as a collection of florets lining a stem tip. Cut them when a few of the florets have opened and keep the vase water fresh to encourage the remaining buds to unfold.

(Plant these bulbs in the fall)

- 1. Tulips**—Tulip stems continue to grow after they've been cut, so err on the shorter side to avoid later flopping. They will turn to face the light, so keep that in mind with elaborate arrangements. For the best performance, tulips should be cut when the buds are still mostly green.
- 2. Daffodils**—Don't cut daffodils until the buds have started to open, or they may not open at all. Rinse the sap out of the stems by soaking them in water until it is no longer oozing from the cut end (20 to 30 minutes). Arrange them in fresh water.
- 3. Alliums**—For the longest vase life, cut alliums when about a third of the individual flowers that make up the head have opened. Change the water frequently and take care when trimming the stems, because they release a sap that can stain.
- 4. Camassia**—These will tolerate more dampness than many others. Cut the ramrod-straight stems of camassia when the lowest flowers open and stand them in cold water over night.
- 5. Hyacinth**—Like many kinds of tulips, these can be best treated as an annual. Committing to this allows you to dig up the entire bulb, wash the soil off, remove the leaves but leave the bulb attached even in the vase. This will make for a long flower life. Dig when the florets are all showing color, and the flower will continue to grow larger in the vase.

To learn all about planning, planting, tending and using a cutting garden, read [Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden](#) by flower farmer Erin Benzakein with Julie Chai. Sign up for Erin's free **Cut Flower Garden Mini-Course** which starts Feb 9. Link [HERE](#). Follow Floret on FaceBook!



Surfing the web for information on herbaceous perennials? Be sure to check out Perry's Perennial Pages:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~pass/perry/>

where Dr. Leonard Perry maintains a large database of articles on an amazing array of

gardening topics, as well as info on research, tours, blogs, leaflets, video programs, quizzes (see below), and photos.

Dr. Perry is Horticulture Professor Emeritus at the University of Vermont, and served as Extension Horticulture Specialist at UVM for 35 years until his June 2016 retirement. He serves as Horticulturalist in Residence for the Kings Garden at Fort Ticonderoga. He is known across North America and globally for this website!

SEDUM WORD SEARCH – by Dr. Leonard Perry

Can you find the following cultivars in the puzzle?

Angelina; Autumn Joy; Brilliant; Bronze Carpet; Chocolate Drop; Garnet Brocade; Matrona; Meteor; Neon; Postmans Pride; Purple Emperor; Rosy Glow; Stardust; Thundercloud; Vera Jameson.

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Margaret Roach's excellent [Monthly Garden Chores](https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/):
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Senior Symposia – Lifelong Learning at GCC

The Senior Symposia is going online for the spring, and there are 6 interesting hour-long workshops on offer between now and May:

<https://noncredit.gcc.mass.edu/browse/senior-learning/senior-symposium/>

If you miss them in person, with their 15 minute question and answer period, you can watch the recording. A Wild and Savage Hue: Landscapes of Exile and Belonging in American Literature was on February 3rd, and can be found [here](#) starting Friday February 5th for 2 weeks.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 15, 2020...\$7,673.38

Income\$12

Interest \$0.20

Expenses \$0.00

None this month

Balance as of January 15, 2021\$7,673.50

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to the club Treasurer:

Joanne Burns, 14 Freeman St

Greenfield MA 01301 **Questions?**

greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

March NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Saturday, February 27th

greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com



Greenfield Garden Club

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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

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