



# Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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## Field Trip Frenzy for February: Logee's

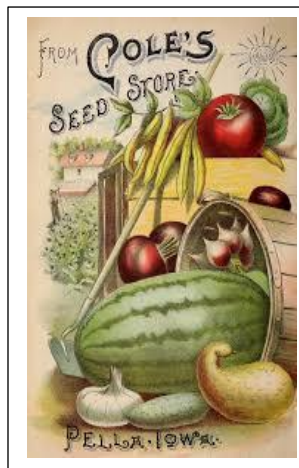
The trip to [Logee's Greenhouses](#) will be the first field trip for the 2018 season, and will take place on Monday, February 19th. Our private tour of the many green-houses is scheduled for 11:00 am. The tour will be \$10.00 per person with a \$5.00 "Logee's Buck Back". Their greenhouses are famous for fruiting, rare, and tropical plants, so we know that that \$5 will be put towards good use! After our tour we will stop for a quick bite to eat in or near their location in Danielson, CT. The greenhouses are: the Fern House (dating back to 1892), the Herb House (culinary and Medicinal), the Potting House (Passion flowers, spice plants and bonsais), the Lemon Tree House (citrus and orchids), the Big House (cacti and succulents, as well as geraniums, camellias and clivia), and finally the Long House (blooming, rare, and fruiting plants as well as Logee's famous hybrid begonias.) Their 150 year old orange tree has 10 different grafts, and their "Ponderosa" lemon tree, in residence since 1900, has fruit as large as grapefruits!

We should allow ourselves two hours driving time, so we are meeting at 8:30 AM at Cherry Rum Plaza. We will be chipping in \$5 - \$10 to the driver for gas, according to how many people are participating. So far we have two people willing to drive, but if the numbers are too large, we will need more volunteers. We do have to leave room for plant purchases! It is important to reply if you will be attending so that we can arrange the transportation. Please contact Lind Smith if you are attending. Her cellphone number is: 413 834-2352, and her email is: [lhsmith22@comcast.net](mailto:lhsmith22@comcast.net). It looks like it will be an exciting trip, and will be good rain, snow or shine!



## February President's Report

February has gotten off to a great start, following on the heels of a very successful Annual Meeting. There was much discussion about the barrel program – please see the article from Jan and Steve further along in the newsletter. It would be a great way to get people interested in the garden club again. We also broached the idea of 2018 being the year of the field trip, which seemed to be met with enthusiasm, so please see our website to see what the future holds. Our first trip is on the President's Day holiday this month, so I hope many people can join the fun! Logee's will be a great trip no matter the weather – we just have to make sure we have enough room for our purchases! The Extravaganza is potentially moving to May 19<sup>th</sup> to align with a big craft fair on the premises, and our Garden Tour, now an every other year affair, needs 2 volunteers in order to get off the ground. In case that doesn't happen (volunteers are scarce!) we have a Plan B in mind – a garden party and mini tour in Gill. We hope you can join us on a field trip or choose an event to volunteer for – we are member-driven and we want you on board!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 13:** 7:00PM Barrel committee meeting (see below)

**Monday, February 19:** 8:30AM Field Trip to Logee's in Danielson, CT

**Thursday, February 22:** 6:00pm Steering ctte mtg, 40 High St, Gnfd

**Saturday, March 17:** 8:45 – 2:15 Western MA Master Gardener Spring Symposium, Frontier HS, South Deerfield, MA Register now to get the workshops of your choice! [www.wmmga.org](http://www.wmmga.org)

THINK SPRING!!! (Harder!!!)

### Barrel Contest Possible Revival

- Jan and Steve Adam

We need your help! At the recent annual meeting at the French King restaurant in Erving, a lively discussion and a lot of interest was heard about the barrels and the barrel program:- what happened to the program, where are the barrels now, what happened to the idea of having planters downtown, and what could be done with resurrecting them in the future. We think it is a good way to help keep the club in the public's eye.

Here is your chance for your voice to be heard!! Join us for short meeting with refreshments and a chance to talk about the project. We would love your input including those who have never been involved, to those who were founding members, and everyone in between.

To get the barrel rolling (hahaha), we will meet at our 252 Davis Street home on Tuesday February 13, at 7:00 pm. Hope you can make it! If you can't please email [Steve\\_Adam@yahoo.com](mailto:Steve_Adam@yahoo.com) with your input. We'll update the club on our progress in the next newsletter!



(Pictured here: Northampton, MA planters.)

## EXTRAVAGANZA 2018 UPDATE

Since St James and Andrews is having a "Makers Mart" on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (a juried craft fair, just like their holiday one which is so popular), we are exploring joining forces with them, especially since it is just one week before the day we usually hold our own event. It would be next to impossible to give our crafters a good day on the heels of such an event – and in fact many are already signing up for the 19<sup>th</sup>. We could either try to attract more plant vendors for May 26<sup>th</sup> and run it then as usual, or we can join forces. If we join forces, we will probably only have a plant sale – no tag sale or drawing. These last 2 parts of our event have been dwindling in interest to the point where we'd make more money if people just gave us the value of the donated items, and tag sale items that don't sell have to be removed to another place that takes donations. On that thought, we also need to encourage people to bring fewer but larger plant donations this year. We are usually left with a large number of unsold plants that are difficult to give away. The church also doesn't want plants left there for any length of time, which is understandable. We don't have the luxury of Trap Plain any longer. We encourage you, the membership, to give us your thoughts about this event. We are in discussions with the church and both parties seem amenable. What other items could we add to the sale to raise funds for our grant program? We do value your input and ideas in order to make this annual sale a success!

### Officers 2018:

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*Excerpt from our friends at Stockbridge Farm's newsletter:*

January 1st brought sad news to us. Our friend, Carol Doerpholz passed on to find another beautiful garden to live in. We met her when we first became associated with the Lavender Association that existed in our county about 20 years ago. She unselfishly contributed her vast gardening expertise, wonderful organizational skills and creative energy, which allowed us to work together to enjoy the beauty of lavender. Time passed and the lavender group disbanded, but we still had many occasions to work together to promote the joys of lavender, flowers, and herbs to anyone who would listen. Of course, we would have meetings so that we could get our ducks in a row, and those gatherings always included some tasty treats. One of Carol's favorites was Swedish Apple Pie. She shared this with us many times, and it was always delicious. Now, in her memory, we share it with you.

### Carol's Swedish Apple Pie

5-6 medium apples, peeled, cored and sliced  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
3/4 cup unsalted butter plus more for greasing the pan  
1 cup flour  
1 pinch of salt  
1 egg  
1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly coat a 9 inch pie plate with butter. Mix 1/4 cup of sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle it over the apples. Mix well and put the fruit into the pan so that the pie plate is about 3/4 full.

Put the 3/4 of a cup of butter into a saucepan and place it over low heat until the butter has melted. Set aside to cool for about 10 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat. Add the remaining 1 cup of sugar, the flour and salt and the egg to the saucepan and mix well. (Stir in the nuts if you are using them).

Pour this mixture over the apples in the pan.

Put the pan in the oven and bake for 45 minutes.

Serve topped with vanilla ice cream. (Ice cream was a food group for Carol, so be sure you have some when you're eating her pie!) Makes 6-8 servings.

### 2018 Grant Program

The 2018 Grant Program is now open and ready to receive applications. We mailed out letters to local schools and announced it on our website and on Facebook. If you happen to know a teacher or someone that works with children and wants to fund a project with them around gardening, please encourage them to apply. We are taking applications either electronically or through the mail, with the deadline being midnight on Sunday, April 1st. The grant committee plans to meet on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Taylor's Tavern Boardroom to read over and vote on the various submissions, while enjoying a light meal together. If you are interested in joining this group and were not able to express your interest at the annual meeting, we will be happy to send you the invitation – just send us an email: [greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com)



### Treasurer's Report

**Balance** as of February 6, 2018 .....\$6, 981.33

**Income** .....\$1,900.00

*Dues (33 single/10 family) Annual Meeting*

**Expenses** ..... \$1,360.33

*Annual Meeting; Memorial contribution*

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

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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.

**Backyard Birds** – 15 Strong Ave., Northampton  
10% off regularly prices items except thistle birdseed

**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

**Five Acre Farm** – 110 Hinsdale Rd., Northfield  
10% off regular priced plants

**Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative** (Agway)  
269 High Street, Greenfield  
10% anything garden related

**Silver Garden Daylilies** – 23 Picket Lane, Greenfield  
10% off daylilies

**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

**Sugarloaf Nursery** – 25 Amherst Road, Sunderland  
10% off regular priced plants

**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

*Any vendors interested in offering our gardeners a discount, please contact the Steering Committee.*