



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

February 2023

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Banking on Seeds at the Annual Meeting

The club's **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday, February 19th** at **Champney's Restaurant & Tavern** in Old Deerfield. (Snow date will be Monday 2/20, which is a holiday.) **RSVP by 2/3** (Mail: *Becky George, 61 Madison Circle, Greenfield, MA 01301. After 2/3, please call Marsha: 413-773-0201.*) Our event begins promptly at noon, and will finish up by 3:00 pm so the staff can reset the room for an evening event. Our speaker will be the dynamic Paulina Borrego of the UMass Seed Library! (*Please refer to last month's newsletter for more in-depth info on the seed library.*) The official mailing has been delivered via mail with an email back-up. Be sure to save the date and plan to join us for a lovely meal and a great presentation.



Date: Sunday, February 19 (Feb 20 snow date)

Time: 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Speaker: Paulina Borrego, Science and Engineering, Patent & Trademark Resource Center, and Mass Aggie Seed Librarian (UMass)

Agenda: Social half-hour, Soup and Salad Buffet, short business meeting, featured speaker with demonstration objects and accompanying slides.

RSVP by February 3rd

February President's Report ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

I remember when I was first discovering the web and all the gardening information you could find there. It was so exciting! Today is no different, and I am sure there are many more things out there just waiting to be found. For this newsletter I have to say I am thankful for the suggestions that Facebook sends my way. I signed up for a pruning workshop on the west coast, but signed in late and there was no room. However, they sent me an email with links to the recording and future workshops (see pg 6). I also discovered the online workshop on spiders (!) through US Botanic Gardens (see pg 2) and signed right up. I also discovered that AARP has 'Movies for Grown-Ups,' exercise classes and lectures. I attended one on winter in Longwood Gardens, and am going to sign up for Longwood's Understanding Orchids on 2/22. (You have to be a member for some of these benefits.) Also new to me: [Seedtime](#), an online tool for garden planning. It's free – I may try it! See you at the Annual Meeting!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day 

Feb 18, 10 am-1 pm – Winter Farmer's Market, 16 Court Square, Greenfield

Feb 19, Sunday – 12-3pm GGC Annual Meeting

March 2, 5pm GGC Steering Committee meeting

March 19, 3pm – Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf

April 23 – GGC Health and Healing Event at Gill Town Hall

*Eat Food. Not too much. Mostly plants. ~ Michael Pollan's
In Defense of Food, An Eater's Manifesto*

SPIDERS IN OUR GARDENS

(US Botanic Garden in DC)

When thinking of "garden animals," spiders are often overlooked and misunderstood, but these ancient, diverse, and wonderfully weird animals have a lot to teach us. Join spider scientist Dr. Sebastian Echeverri as he shares the incredible superpowers, dramatic lives, and unexpected beauty of the many amazing spiders in gardens both local and across the world. Learn about the ecological connections between spiders and plants and how to observe and interact with these animals through a variety of comfort levels. There will also be a brief Q&A session, so bring questions about spiders, arachnids, and other arthropods!

PRESENTER: Sebastian Echeverri, Ph.D., Science Communicator

DATE: Friday, April 28

TIME: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET

LOCATION: Online

FREE: Pre-registration required. Click [HERE](#).



**2/3 for the
Birds**

Birds are the messengers for a much larger problem: they are warning us about food web collapse and ecosystem-wide biodiversity decline. Aim to increase native plants in your landscape by planting 2 natives for every 3, and encourage your neighbor to do the same. This simple action could save us all. (*click the link at left to learn more*)

Don't forget to check out Margaret Roach's excellent **Monthly Garden**

Chores on her website:

<https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/>

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

Becky George, our Club Treasurer, will be happy to accept your membership check for 2023. Individuals are \$20 and families are \$25. There will be a place in the Annual Meeting Invitation to include your dues, or you can choose to send it in separately. Becky's address is 61 Madison Cir, Greenfield, MA 01301. We thank you in advance for your continued support. Remember that memberships make a nice gift!

**BECOME
A MEMBER**

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



FIVE SEASONS: THE GARDENS OF PIET OUDOLF

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 3:00 PM

** Sponsored by the Greenfield Garden Club **

[GARDEN CINEMAS \\$5 per person](#)

Tickets are on sale now – click the Garden Cinema link above.

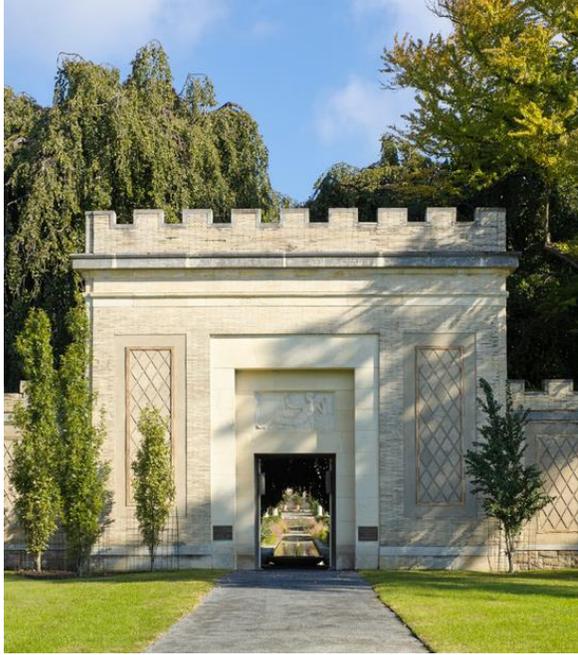
“For me, garden design isn’t just about plants, it is about emotion, atmosphere, a sense of contemplation. You try to move people with what you do. You look at this, and it goes deeper than what you see. It reminds you of something in the genes — nature, or the longing for nature.” – Piet Oudolf

After completing a feature documentary on New York’s High Line, award-winning filmmaker Thomas Piper met the inspirational designer and plantsman, Piet Oudolf, and the idea for a new project was born. The documentary, [FIVE SEASONS: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf](#), immerses viewers in Oudolf’s work and takes us inside his creative process, from his beautifully abstract sketches, to theories on beauty, to the ecological implications of his ideas.

Intimate discussions take place through all four seasons in Piet’s own gardens at Hummelo, and on visits to his signature public works in New York, Chicago, and the Netherlands, as well as to the far-flung locations that inspire his genius, including desert wildflowers in West Texas and post-industrial forests in Pennsylvania.

As a narrative thread, the film also follows Oudolf as he designs and installs a major new garden at Hauser & Wirth Somerset, a gallery and arts center in Southwest England, a garden he considers his best work yet.

Piet Oudolf has radically redefined what gardens can be. As Rick Darke, the famous botanist, says to Piet in the film, “your work teaches us to see what we have been unable to see.” Through poetic cinematography and unique access, FIVE SEASONS will reveal all that Piet sees, and celebrate all that we as viewers have been unable to see.



Winter Lecture 2023
FORGOTTEN NO MORE
The Restoration of
Untermyer Gardens

Speaker: Stephen F. Byrns

Virtual Lecture
Monday, February 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Tickets \$20

www.untermyergardens.org

FEBRUARY RECIPE: Breakfast Smoothie Bowl and Homemade Granola

From: [Bob's Red Mill](#) (Serves 4)

INGREDIENTS: Granola

- 3 cups [old fashioned rolled oats](#)
- 1 cup rice puffs
- 1 cup [coconut chips](#)
- ½ cup almond slices
- ½ cup [hulled hemp seed](#)
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- ¾ cup sunflower oil
- ¾ cup honey
- ½ tsp flaky sea salt

INGREDIENTS: Smoothie

- 16 oz strawberries (organic is best!)
- 6 oz raspberries plus additional to serve
- 1 large ripe avocado
- 1/3 cup elderflower cordial (try a liquor store or [make your own!](#))
- ¼ cup kefir milk (a fermented milk – has beneficial probiotics – try Greenfield's Market)
- 4 dates, pitted
- 2 Tbsp [almond protein powder](#)

DIRECTIONS - GRANOLA: Preheat oven to 325F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a mixing bowl add rolled oats, rice puffs, coconut chips, almond slices, hemp seeds, and ginger, stirring to combine. Drizzle oil and honey on top; toss to combine. Spread granola mixture onto lined baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes, stir, and bake for another 10 minutes, or until golden brown throughout. Remove from oven, sprinkle with salt, and cool completely before serving. **SMOOTHIE:** Combine strawberries, raspberries, avocado, elderflower cordial, kefir, dates and protein powder in a blender. Blend until smooth. **SERVE:** Pour a portion of the smoothie into a bowl and top with granola and berries.



February with The Gardener's Supply Winter/Spring Education Series

Hosted at the Burlington (VT) Garden Center. Attendees can attend either in-person or virtually using zoom. Please select the ticket according to how you plan on attending.

February 4 | 9:30-11:00am

Soil & Mulches with **Charlie Nardozi** (\$15) [Purchase Tickets](#)

Learn about the basics of soil content and structure using some simple home tests and soil building through adding organic materials and using the no-dig gardening techniques. You'll also learn about using various organic mulches in the garden with a focus on the advantages and disadvantages of different wood types of mulches.

February 11 | 9:30-11:00am **VIRTUAL ONLY**

Perennial Collector's Treasure Chest with **Kerry Mendez** (\$15) [Purchase Tickets](#)

This talk is for 'plantaholics' seeking unusual, fun, outrageous, or underused perennials that will have heads turning and onlookers mumbling "What is that?" As an avid collector, I've walked many miles in my muck boots to find some unique plants that transform ho-hum gardens into eye-popping, extraordinary ones.

February 18 | 9:30-11:00am

Seed Starting with **Cedar Schiewetz** (\$15) [Purchase Tickets](#)

Starting your own seeds in winter can be fun, economical and good for your mental health. There's nothing like seeing green seedlings popping up indoors with snow outside. Cedar will talk about all the basics of seed starting including when to start your seeds, seed starting problems, and how to transition seedlings outdoors in spring.

February 25 | 9:30-11:00am

Vegetable Gardening Basics with **Angela deBettencourt** (\$15) [Purchase Tickets](#)

Whether you are a novice or pro, there will be helpful information in our Vegetable Gardening Basic class.

GGC ANNUAL MEETING - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"The Nominating Committee will nominate the officers for the following year and present the recommendations at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee will be comprised of up to three members who shall serve a one-year term."

We will have a **vacancy** on the **Steering Committee** this year (Recording Secretary).

We need a few members to come forward to be on the **Nominating Committee** ASAP. The current Steering Committee will work with them to find a person to fill this position. The chair of the Nominating Committee will then present the slate for a vote at the meeting. If no member has been found before the Annual Meeting, nominations can be taken from the floor.

We would also like to fill the **2nd At-Large position**. These 2 members come to monthly steering committee meetings and assist the officers with the items on the agenda. Current At-Large member Nicki Shipman can tell you that we have a lot of fun at our meetings, and most times food, drink, and laughter is involved.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB RIGHT AWAY WITH YOUR INTEREST

**Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center present:
Smithsonian Museum Traveling Exhibit**

**“Crossroads”
Change in Rural America**



Feb 5 – March 18, 2023

**Ribbon Cutting Feb 5 ~ 11 a.m. ~ Refreshments
All Welcome ~ No Admission**

**The Great Falls Discovery Center
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls ~ Handicapped Accessible**

For hours & more info: greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

Crossroads: Change in Rural America is part of Museum on Main Street,
a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and Mass Humanities



With support from the MCC Local Cultural Councils of Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont-Hawley,
Colrain, Conway, Erving, Gill, Leverett, Leyden, New Salem, Orange, Rowe and Whately

Feb 5, 11 a.m. Come be the first to view the exhibit after a **Ribbon Cutting ceremony!** The Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center will host and provide free coffee/tea and refreshments for this event. **Free to all.**

Feb 11, 6-8 p.m. Join us at the **Shea Theater Arts Center** in Turners Falls to jump start your Crossroads experience with storytelling, a short local film by Steve Alves and live music. **Free to all.**

The exhibit will be on display until March 18. Free to all.

For more info about this special exhibition, related programs and hours, go to our newly designed website, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org.

Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit in Turners Falls is a collaboration with the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Montague’s RiverCulture, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Montague Public Libraries, and New England Public Media. Support for *Museum on Main Street* has been provided by Mass Humanities, Big Y, Greenfield Savings Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield and United States Congress



Clackamas County Master Gardener™ 10-Minute University™



In collaboration with and in support of the
OSU Extension Master Gardener™ Program



FREE 2023 Online Seminar every Wednesday
from Noon – 1pm PST (that's 3-4 PM EST)
through May 24th.

Recording links:

[Fruit Tree Pruning](#), 1/25

[Pruning Ornamental Trees](#), 1/18

Upcoming classes:

Wednesday, February 1: [Pruning Ornamental Shrubs](#)

Wednesday, February 8: [Growing Blueberries](#)

Wednesday, February 15: [Growing Cane Berries](#)

10-Minute University™ Videos:

[Fruit Tree Training](#)

[Pruning an Apple Tree](#)

[Pruning a Fig Tree](#)

10-Minute University™ Handouts:

[Pruning Trees & Shrubs](#)

[Pruning Made Easy](#)

University Resources:

[Growing Fruit Trees and Nuts in the Home Orchard](#)

[Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard](#)

[Pruning to Restore an Old, Neglected Apple Tree](#)

[Pruning to Renovate Old Fruit Trees, Penn State](#)

[Fruit Trees: Training and Pruning Deciduous Trees](#)

[Prune a Mature Peach Tree NC State video](#)

General Information:

Recording links are shared with registrants via the Zoom follow-up
email. Video recordings are also made available

at: www.cmastergardeners.org/10-minute-university, as well as at

the 10MinuteUniversity [Facebook page](#)

Check future classes here: www.cmastergardeners.org

Questions? Email us at: 10minuteu2017@gmail.com



LIFE IS SHORT
BUY PLANTS!



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Oct 15, 2022\$7,755.14

Income \$0.18

Interest \$0.18

Expenses \$362.23

Staples: \$38.98; Holiday Party \$194.29; Fair:

\$39.96; Library Fall Decoration: \$89

Balance as of Dec 16, 2022\$7,393.09

All financial matters and membership dues should

be directed to Greenfield Garden Club:

c/o Becky George, 61 Madison Cir

Greenfield MA 01301 **Questions?**

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MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Sunday, February 26th

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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