



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

July 2020

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Greenfield Garden Club's 26th Garden Tour



**GREENFIELD GARDEN CLUB
2020 GARDEN TOUR**

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020
9:30 am – 4:00 pm
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 12.

**See TEN beautiful
Greenfield gardens
to inspire you
in your own
garden!**

Tickets sales from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
the day of the tour **ONLY**
John Zon Community/Senior Center
35 Pleasant Street, Greenfield

\$10 per person

The 26th Almost-Annual Garden Tour is Just Around the Corner!

Many thanks to club member Amy Moscaritolo for her lovely poster for this year's event! I believe those are her semper-vivums featured on it, inspiring the color of the text. We still need help with a small amount of weeding and for people to volunteer to be co-hosts. There will be a covid-appropriate refreshment stop with a drawing and some plants for sale. If you plan to attend the tour, please remember to leave pets at home, bring a water bottle if it's a hot day, and plan any rest stops as there are no public facilities on the tour. Mask-wearing and social distancing is strongly encouraged to keep everyone feeling safe and respected. Please plan to attend and bring a friend – it's only \$10 pp!

July President's Report

July has arrived, and with it much-needed rain! Lawn area over rocky ledges are looking toasty, and I have had to water the gardens judiciously. The last few days of scattered thunderstorms have brought not only much-needed rain, but also beautiful rainbows – even one this morning around 5:45AM! // Our second fundraiser for the year is fast approaching, and the committee members have been hard at work preparing. Weeders and Co-Host volunteers are asked to contact Eva Carrier ASAP at 413-773-7457 or by email: evac1007@comcast.net. Remember, those who work the event, and those who open their gardens up to the public, can go on the private tour on Sunday (unless it becomes the rain-date.) // Are you looking for information on a local garden business? Let me know and we can feature them. I hope you enjoy this month's spotlight on Chapley Gardens, and I look forward to seeing you at the tour on July 11th! (Challenge: wear a floral mask!!)



Evening Primrose
and clematis

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 11, 9-4 -Silver Gardens Daylily Festival, Pickett Ln, Gfld

Saturday, July 11, 9:30-4:00 – 26th GGC Garden Tour

August – Vacation! No meetings.

The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear.

~ Rumi

POLLINATORS IN PERIL

(From VT Fish and Wildlife)

Insects are responsible for pollinating 60 to 80 percent of wild plants and play a critical role in the propagation of fruits and vegetables in gardens, wild berry patches, commercial berry farms, and apple orchards. Take a stand in conserving our native bees and other pollinators with a few simple household considerations:

Provide a variety of vibrant flowers and native plants to attract pollinators to your yard/garden.

Learn to live with wildflowers and weeds growing in your yard and fields. Pollinators prefer a variety in their habitat, even if it looks untidy to humans.

Keep an eye out for bare patches of lawn where ground-nesting bees may make their home.

Use pesticide alternatives such as pollinator-friendly barriers to keep unwanted pests off plants.

Avoid using insecticides, esp. those with neonicotinoids (imidacloprid/thiamethoxam/clothianidin).

Reduce the amount of property that is mowed, mow less often, and consider leaving fields unmowed until October when most pollinators have finished their pollinating activities.

Margaret Roach's excellent [Monthly Garden Chores:](https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/)
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Silver Gardens Daylily Festival

23 Pickett Lane, Greenfield

July 11 from 9 until 4

Richard Willard grows amazing daylilies. Stop in while you are on the Garden Tour, as it runs the same day at about the same time. There is a lovely walk through cool woods to the daylilies, which will be nice if the day turns out to be a scorcher. There is also a golf cart that can run between the backyard and the daylily beds for those with mobility issues. Richard is asking people to wear masks and keep socially distant. Please, no pets as they would need to stay in the car, and there is no shade on the street. Well-behaved children are welcome! Cash and checks only.



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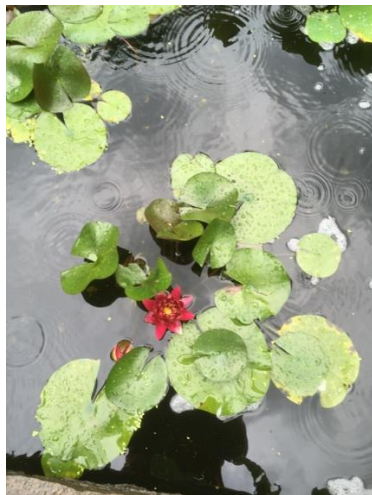
Richard Willard

(Looking for 1 more volunteer!)

Spotlight on Chapley Gardens ~ Deerfield, MA

Chapley Gardens was established in 1978 by Paul M. Chapley with the help of his father Paul. In 1990, Paul was joined by his wife Stacey. Fast forward to 2020, Paul and Stacey have been joined by their sons in helping to run the family business. Chapley Gardens is 42 years strong in Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Originally a retail greenhouse grower of annuals, vegetable starts and hanging baskets, Chapley Gardens also is known for their specialty in water gardens and koi ponds.



Hosta, Daylilies, Echinacea, Oh My! We love finding very cool and unique plants to bring to our customers. With over 50 varieties of Hosta, from very small dwarf types to the biggest we can find. Hosta are so much fun to play with, unusual leaf textures and patterns to very cool coloration. Daylilies, yes, we have yellow ones but we also have pinks, reds and vibrant orange ones. Try picking daylilies that are early, mid and late blooming to carry color throughout the summer months. And boy do we love echinacea, the traditional purple cone flower is also available in red, yellow, orange, white and green. LOVE! LOVE! LOVE!

As July dawns on the valley, here at Chapley Gardens the fun continues with blooming water lilies, lotus and the plethora of perennials. Gardening doesn't stop here because it is after Memorial Day. Our commitment to bring the best, healthiest and some fun varieties of aquatics and perennials continues.

We have taken on a commitment, in conjunction with town of Deerfield, to help gardeners create dragonfly habitats and to support all phases of their life cycle. Did you know one dragonfly can eat over 100 mosquitoes in a day?



Trying to create a user-friendly garden center, all our sun loving perennials are broken up by month of bloom. This makes it easy to find the right perennial to bloom at the right time in the garden. We even have a shade tolerant section to



help customers self-select the perfect plant for the shade or forest garden.

We encourage people to stop in, we don't have a lot of frontage on the road but go deep and people are always surprised at how much we have on their first visit, along with the excitement of seeing the colorful fish, the leaping frogs or being buzzed by a butterfly or hummingbird. There is so much to see and we invite you to stop down and visit. We would love to see you.

Chapley Gardens is known for our expertise in all things water gardens. New for this year is our baby koi playpen. We brought in a batch of koi fish from our breeder at Black Water Creek Koi, the baby koi were approximately one inch in size and we are growing them up to a saleable size. This is another way Chapley Gardens is trying to bring you high quality koi. Keep an eye out as you drive for Maggie Belle Slocum Lotus in the front garden. This beautiful lotus is a wonderful inspiration for a low maintenance water feature as well as creating habitat for frogs, toads and dragonflies.

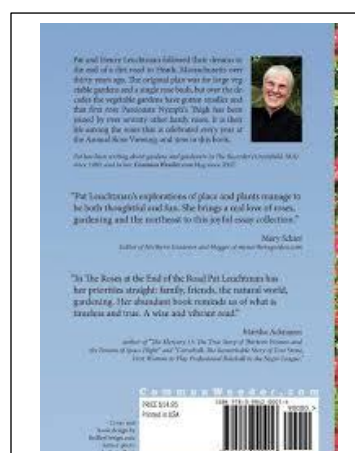
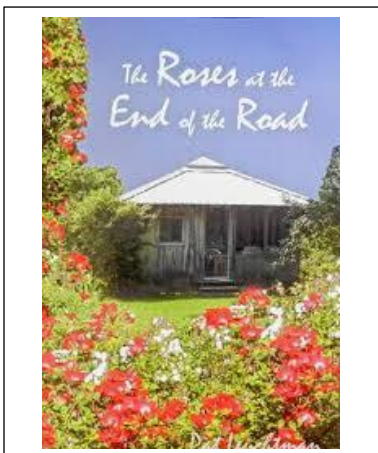


Monday thru Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM ~ Sundays 10 AM - 3 PM

<https://www.chapleygardens.com> ~ (413) 773-7663 ~ 397 Greenfield Rd, Deerfield, MA 01342

Welcome to [Plastic Free July](#)! This month, millions of people across 177 countries have pledged to cut down on the amount of plastic they use. We are using more plastic than ever with Covid-19. Even if climate change feels overwhelming, [small actions](#) can make a difference.

The World Eye Bookshop is selling copies of Pat's book "The Roses at the End of the Road" at the discounted rate of \$10. All funds will be donated to the World Eye as a thank you for all the wonderful books they have sold to her over 40 years! You can call 413-772-2186 and make arrangements to get the book. We will have autographed copies at our Garden Tour!



Some virtual options from Berkshire Botanical Garden that may be of interest to members. Their Summer Author series is \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. Find a complete list of programs: <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events>

July 9th 6:30 – 7:30pm Summer Author Series. Enjoy a virtual lecture and Q&A session with author Daryl Beyers about his new book, *The New Gardener's Handbook*. <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events/summer-author-series-daryl-beyers-new-gardeners-handbook-online>

You can preview his book here:
(<https://www.thenewgardenershandbook.com/>)

You can read/listen to the podcast with Margaret Roach (A Way to Garden) and Daryl Beyers called Watering the Garden (not the plants), a 101 with Daryl Beyers: <https://awaytogarden.com/watering-the-garden-not-the-plants-a-101-with-daryl-beyers/>

July 13 and 14, 4 – 6 PM Make a Handmade Canvas Tool Belt with textile artist Jamie Goldenberg (online workshop). Register by July 7 to be able to receive the materials and pattern in the mail (additional shipping fee). Otherwise, you can pick them up at Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, MA (make a day of it as the gardens are now open with pre-paid, timed entry). Register online: \$25 members/\$30 non-members. <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events/make-tool-belt-garden-online>

July 23rd 6:30 – 7:30 PM Summer Author Series. Enjoy a lecture and Q&A session with author Marta McDowell about her new book, *Emily Dickinson's Gardening Life*. Marta teaches landscape history and horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden and consults for private clients and public gardens. <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events/summer-author-series-marta-mcdowell-emily-dickinsons-gardening-life-online>

July 30th 6:30 – 7:30 PM Summer Author Series. Enjoy a lecture and Q&A session with author Toni Gattone, (*The Lifelong Gardener, Garden with Ease and Joy at any Age*) who will discuss how gardeners of all abilities can grow their resilience in spite of physical limitations that might otherwise hold them back in the garden. She'll also discuss how gardens can be modified for increased comfort and safety, and offer recommendations of ergonomically-designed and adapted garden tools. <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events/summer-author-series-toni-gattone-lifelong-gardener-online>



Garden Treasures from our Friends – A Dazzling Online Auction!

Running July 10 (9AM) to July 26 (5PM)
Featuring an amazing array of garden-themed and one-of-a-kind items, including many vintage and antique treasures (trellises, urns, cachepots, plant stands, architectural salvage items, carts, trugs, baskets, and much more. <https://www.berkshirebotanical.org/events/garden-treasures-our-friends-%E2%80%94-dazzling-online-auction>

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of May 15, 2020\$5,335.10
Income\$1704.66
Interest (\$0.16) Dues (\$65) Extravaganza (\$1,639.50)
Expenses \$34.00
Recorder ad for Extravaganza (\$34.00)
Balance as of June 15, 2020\$7,005.76

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

Joanne Burns
14 Freeman Street
Greenfield MA 01301

August NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Sunday, July 26
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