



# Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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## Our "25<sup>th</sup>" Anniversary Garden Tour

As you can see from the sidebar on page 2, this is really the 24<sup>th</sup> year of the club's annual garden tour, which was begun back in 1993. However, we are honoring the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by simply calling it the 25<sup>th</sup>. We have 9 wonderful gardens in Greenfield on tour **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. There are a few changes to the tickets this year. Pre-tickets are available now for \$15 at the World Eye Bookshop, or can be purchased by making arrangements with Jean Wall (413-773-9069). If you purchase tickets on the day of the tour, they will be \$18. Ticket holders should arrive Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 40 High Street in Greenfield to swap their ticket for a map. Day of tickets will be for sale here. This new location will allow Jean and Shirley to enjoy "privy privileges" and food breaks as needed! (No more running to Burger King!) Folks can still drive up to the curb and get drive-through service. **We need weeders and garden co-hosts.** Please contact Jeanne Canteen (jeanne6040@gmail.com) if you can help. Cohosts can work in shifts. **Helpers can attend the tour for free.** Refreshments will be served. We realize that people baked for Tovah, but if you feel moved to donate finger food, Marsha Stone is your contact: 413-773-0201. The Tour Committee has done a great job! Our sincere thanks to Jeanne Canteen, Norm Hirschfeld, Elise Schlaikjer, and Deborah Loomer.



*Two of our Tour Gardens for 2016*



## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lavender Festival at Johnson Hill Farm



Directions to the Farm:

<http://www.lavenderland.net/directions.html>

Rain or Shine  
 Saturday & Sunday  
 June 25 & 26, 2016  
 From 10 until 4 each day  
 51 Hog Hollow Rd  
 Shelburne Falls/Buckland  
 Local crafters with handmade items  
 Dove release  
 Labyrinth Walks  
 Visit the antique cementary, the apple orchard, and watch or participate in demonstrations.  
 Relax \* Shop \* Wander

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Garden Club programs are generally the third Thursday of each month.*

**Wednesday, June 29, 6:30pm:** Steering Committee Meeting with Potluck, 40 High St, Greenfield. Send items for the agenda to:  
[greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com)

**Thursday, June 16: THERE IS NO JUNE MEETING – see you at the Tour!**

**Saturday, June 25, 9:00 am till 4:00 pm:** GGC Anniversary Year Garden Tour

**Sunday, June 26,** Garden Tour [Rain Date](#)

**Saturday, July 9, 9:00 am till 4:00 pm:** Silver Gardens Daylily & Arts Festival, 23 Pickett Lane, Greenfield

## Looking Back: 1993

Janice McGuane – President  
Sandy Brodie – Vice President  
Richard Willard – Recording Secretary  
Janice Wing – Corres. Secretary  
Ken Doerpholz – Treasurer

By-Law change: 11/18/93: voted to delete Article IV, Section 2 portion which stated “No officer shall serve in any one position for more than two successive terms.” (*Thank goodness – or we would be in trouble today!!*)

The Roundhouse exhibit won first place and the Cushman Award, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row! The Parade float won 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The 1st annual Garden Tour took place in July.

Field Trips: Durfee Conservatory (UMass); Ollalie Daylilies (Newfane, VT); Berkshire Flower Farm (Ashfield); Boston Flower Show.

Guest Speakers: Diane Klenotic (Hadley Garden Center); Richard Heminway (Heminway Garden Center); Jean Brunges (Barrys Nursery)

Community Activities: Winter Carnival; Bowl for Kids’ Sake; Trap Plain gardens; NELCWIT planting; Garden Tour, Franklin County Fair float and Roundhouse display; Community Meal, Plant and Bake sale.

Other activities for fun and learning: Newsletter; Pot luck dinner; Holiday Party; Channel 6 series on “Valley Gardener;” Flower arranging classes; wreath making.

## President’s Report

*from Laura Schlaikjer*

It’s hard to believe, but the Extravaganza and the Tovah Martin event are both behind us! Despite a wiltingly hot day, the Extravaganza managed to make roughly \$1,300 and the Tovah Martin event will hopefully break even, its main thrust to bring us into more community with each other, to make new friends (we had people attend from Amherst, MA, New York, and even Ohio!), and to make ourselves more visible in the community at large. Our thanks go out to club members Mitch Speight and Joan Jackson of Greenfield, who want to see the club be more active, sponsor more events, and be able to give even more back to the community than we currently are able to do. Congratulations to all who made both events so successful. We are now closing in on the Tour, our final fundraiser of the year. Please talk it up among your friends and co-workers, and put up a few posters at work and in your neighborhood. Call Jeanne or Marsha if you can help as per the main article on page 1. We have some new gardens on tour and are excited to show them to you! Those who like to see the gardens by bicycle will be happy to learn they are all in Greenfield this year! Buy your tickets now at the pre-sale price and mark your calendars for Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. (rain date in the event of a washout: Sunday, June 26) Hope your veggie gardens are planted and the season is off to a great start!

## Survey Snapshot

*Why are you a member? Check the top 2 or 3 reasons that apply to you.*

To learn skills and Information about gardening: 33

For social reasons: 17

I enjoy attending monthly programs: 6

I want the 10% discount at garden centers: 20

I believe in the Club’s mission and good work: 32

**Other comments:** Garden Tour; bridge communities; support plantings; support local organizations; how are we perceived by the community and how can we attract new members?

## Officers 2016:

### President:

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### Vice President:

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## *Loving Peonies?*

- Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm
- Peony's Envy Nursery
- La Pivoinerie D'Aoust Nursery
- Iowa State peony fact sheet
- Telling peony diseases apart

*(Univ. of Minnesota fact sheet)*

(Thanks to Margaret at [www.awaytogarden.com](http://www.awaytogarden.com))



Laura Schlaikjer and Tovah Martin at the book-signing  
(Photo courtesy of Jean Claude Lejeune).

Our Tovah Martin event, as far as we can tell right now, was a break-even event. The lecture and workshop together was the most popular choice, and everyone left very happy with their creation in glass. We'd like to thank the many people who helped us out: The Brandt House who donated space; West County Winery, Colrain, with a half case of Redfield Rose; WEIB 106.3 Smooth FM in Northampton, The Republican and MassLive in Springfield, MA, and Pat Leuchtman and the Recorder in Greenfield for advertising; Kestrel in Northampton who provided plants at a reasonable cost to the club; World Eye Bookstore who came with a lovely selection of books for sale; Club members who baked; and Jean Claude Lejeune, who took photos and sent us a nice photographic wrap-up of the event, which you can see here: <http://www.ombredor.com/sabo/ggc.html>



Michael Nix performs during the Tovah Martin event. It was a nice touch to have live music both before and after the lecture. He had some wonderful CD's for sale of his work. You can learn more about him at: [www.nixworks.com](http://www.nixworks.com)

## **Treasurer's Report**

*Jean Wall*

Balance as of May 31, 2016..... \$6,650.98

Income ..... \$2,743.61  
*Interest, Programs, Dues, Extravaganza,  
Donation*

Expenses ..... \$15.09  
*Newsletter*

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to:

Jean Wall

413-773-9069

40 High Street

Greenfield MA 01301



## 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.

**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

**Glenbrook Gardens**  
56 Glenbrook Drive, Greenfield  
10% off regular priced plants and products

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

**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

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

**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.*