



# Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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## What's happening at Bug Hill Farm?

We will have to find out virtually! Our June 18 trip to the farm has been cancelled and rescheduled for next June. This is due in part to the pandemic, but also since the relatively new owners, Sam and Charlotte, are doing another larger renovation. [Bug Hill Farm](#) is a small berry farm located in Ashfield, MA. They are best known for their PYO berries, cordials, shrubs, and conserves. They craft their product from local, mostly organic fruit, including their black currants, raspberries, and aronia. They manage their land following organic and re-generative practices to grow nutrient dense berries and to foster native habitat for wildlife and pollinators. If you are not familiar with Bug Hill Farm, check out their website, read their stories, and shop their products. This is their third year on the farm, and it sounds like they're loving it!



Triple Berry Blast – one of the products they offer for sale online and in their shop – contains aronia berries, blueberries, black currants raw honey and cinnamon. Your morning toast will never taste the same without it! Also not to be missed are their shrubs. Shrubs were popular thirst quenchers in colonial New England during haying season. You can add a little to water, cocktails, white wine or use in salad dressing. They offer 10 varieties!

## June President's Report

What a spring it has been! Has your yard been a joy to behold? Spring flowers lasting a long time and looking beautiful? I think the cooler weather has helped, although now we could really use some rain. I think one of the reasons I can appreciate it so much is that I have been working from home. It has given me a new appreciation of the beauty of my gardens, and how much I miss them when I have to be at work. Are you looking for new ideas for your own garden? Mark July 11 on your calendars for the 26<sup>th</sup> GGC Garden Tour. A stroll through 9 lovely gardens in Greenfield at a leisurely pace, will give you many A-ha moments. Bring your camera and wear your best floral fabric mask! The Extravaganza was a success mainly due to all the help from members and friends – thank you! We raised about \$1600 which when combined with the Tour should give us some grant funds for next cycle. (We usually give out between \$2-3k annually.) Happy June!



Allium blooming  
in Annette's yard

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, June 25, 5 pm** – Steering Cttee , 116 Bungalow Ave, Gfld

**Saturday, July 11**, Silver Gardens Daylily Festival, Pickett Ln, Gfld

**Saturday, July 11, 9:30-4:00** – 26<sup>th</sup> GGC Garden Tour

*Garden as though you will live forever.  
~ William Kent*

### SAVE THE DATE!

**GARDEN TOUR - Saturday July 11**

**10am - 4pm**

**(Rain date is Sunday July 12th)**

We have nine lovely gardens to explore - all located in Greenfield. If you're interested in helping out with light weeding in the hosts' garden and/or being a greeter the day of the tour, please contact club member Eva Carrier by phone at 413-773-7457, or email her at: [evac1007@comcast.net](mailto:evac1007@comcast.net).

Your help in creating a successful tour is welcomed and appreciated! It's great to have the Tour back in the line-up. It's always a fun and exciting day - a chance to learn new gardening ideas and tips, meet your fellow enthusiastic gardeners (at a socially acceptable distance!) and support the Garden Club programs.

Tickets sales location will be the John Zon Center – easy drive up and depart. As always, your ticket is your map. Admission is only \$10 per person this year. Buy one as a gift!

For more information or any questions, please contact Norm Hirschfeld at 413-773-0201 or email [nhms41@comcast.net](mailto:nhms41@comcast.net). Hope to hear from you soon, and see you on the 11th!

Norm

Margaret Roach's excellent [Monthly Garden Chores](https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/):  
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#### 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:**

Richard Willard

**(Looking for 1 more volunteer!)**

## Congratulations to Pat Leuchtman on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Gardening Column in The Recorder “Between the Rows.”

Forty years ago after moving to Heath from New York, Pat bravely proposed writing a gardening column to Bob Dolan at the Greenfield Recorder.

Although she admitted to him that she didn't know a whole lot about it, she was willing to contact experts to get the information she would need. "I got lucky because the Recorder was just then preparing to publish an insert to cover topics including books, music, food, television - and gardening"

“Compost Piles Vital for Good Gardening,” appeared on May 22, 1980 in the magazine and Pat was off and running.

We are so appreciative of Pat's support of the Garden Club over the years and her assistance publicizing our events in her column. Ever the learner, Pat will always arrive at a garden club event with camera, notebook and pen in hand, her next article already starting to take shape.

It was Greenfield's good fortune when Pat and Henry moved into town from their perch in Heath a few years ago. You can see her lovely garden in person at the Greenfield Garden Club's 26<sup>th</sup> Garden Tour on Saturday, July 11, from 9 – 4, and congratulate and thank her in person!

Check out Pat's Commonweeder blog for lots of gardening tips and the history of how it all began (All columns since 2008): <https://www.commonweeder.com/> The column she writes provides information about other gardens, gardening techniques, book reviews, new plants, garden design, and anything else suggested by friends and readers. The Recorder's May 21st edition features Pat's column about her anniversary.

As part of the celebration, 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 earned 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. You can even bring it to the Tour and get it autographed!

Marsha Stone



### Membership for 2020

Club Treasurer Joanne Burns would like to remind folks that we still depend upon your renewed membership to keep the club running smoothly. Single membership is \$20, and a family is \$25. Please mail your check to: Joanne Buns, 14 Freeman Dr, Greenfield, MA 01301. She will mail you your member card so you can present it for discounts. (Greenfield Farmers Cooperative is open!!)

## Treasurer's Report

**Balance** as of April 16, 2020 .....\$5,084.97

**Income** .....\$310.13

*Interest (\$0.24) Membership/mtg (\$1050.00)*

**Expenses** ..... \$60.00

*Refunds of annual meeting payments*

**Balance** as of May 15, 2020 .....\$5,335.10

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

Joanne Burns  
14 Freeman Street  
Greenfield MA 01301

**July NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

**Sunday, June 28**

**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