



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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Get the Inside Scoop and a Discount at Sugarloaf Gardens

June 16th at 5:30pm

5 Amherst Rd, Sunderland, MA

Special tour and 1 night only discount!

RSVP for directions or to carpool

greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com



If you have driven through Sunderland lately, you've noticed that the once vacant nursery just south of the traffic lights over the bridge on 116 has new owners. We've set up a special behind the scenes tour for members with General Manager Dan Ziomek, along with a one-night-only discount of 10%. They have trees, shrubs, and perennials on offer, as well as mulch, compost and manure. With so many places selling plants going out of business, it's nice to see a new one! Dan has 32 years of ex-

-perience working at Hadley Garden Center (Now Gardener's Supply). With gas prices on the rise, we will carpool from Cherry Rum Plaza, leaving at @ 5:10 pm. Park near the Bank-in-the-box.

RSVP: Marsha Stone – 413-773-0201 or
mds41@comcast.net

June President's Report ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*



Welcome to June! It's been a bumpy first week as I have retired from work, and I was so busy beforehand that I was not able to focus on the newsletter, and then I discovered myself without access to Word! Thankfully we are all set up, with the club purchasing a copy of Office so I have Word and Excel. Have you been enjoying the progression of blooms? I see friends posting on social media as the various bulbs and then lilacs, irises, azaleas, and now peonies open. Now it's a mad dash to get the veg garden whipped into shape before I take off on a trip to England with my mother to see my brother and his family. I had better empty my camera storage to prepare! I hear Sissinghurst is near where they live. June in England – gardens at their best! The club is preparing for the Garden Tour on July 9th. Are you able to help? See the article for details. If you are looking for additional plants, see our special monthly gathering on June 16th for a trip to the new Sugarloaf Gardens. Club members get a special 10% discount that night. Most garden stands, etc. still have a good selection of bedding plants. Happy Gardening! ~ Laura

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 16, Thursday, 5:30 – 6:30pm – visit to Sugarloaf Gardens

June 20, Monday, 5:00pm – Steering Committee Meeting

Essential advice for the gardener: grow peas of mind, lettuce be thankful, squash selfishness, turnip to help thy neighbor, and always make thyme for loved ones.

GGC Garden Tour

Saturday, July 9, 2022

10AM – 4 PM

(raindate July 10th)

It's time for the 27th GGC Garden Tour, featuring some of the more interesting gardens in our area! The self-guided tour will run from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday, July 9, with Sunday, July 10th as the rain date. (Rain that makes you wish you had built an ark. Intermittent rain will not deter us!) Tickets and maps will be available at the Jon Zon Center, 35 Pleasant St, Greenfield on Saturday, July 9, 9: 30 am – 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person; proceeds support the various community projects sponsored by the club.

Are you ready to show off your beautiful gardening endeavors, and help inspire others? There are still a few openings for host gardens for the tour. Or perhaps there is a garden near you that you would love to get a closer look at. We are looking for a couple of more gardens to add to the tour; we will even help with the pesky weeding before the tour.

Speaking of weeding, we are also looking for volunteers to help our tour participants get everything ready the week before...a couple of hours can make such a difference!

Volunteers will also be needed for Garden Hosts, to help people with directions, or with other simple questions. For more information, to add a garden, and to volunteer, call Norm Hirschfeld at (413) 773-0201 or Eva Carrier at (413) 773-7457.



GGC MEMBERSHIP: Thank you for **renewing!** Membership is \$20 per person, or \$25 per house-hold. Membeships make a nice gift for the gardener in your life! Please make checks payable to: Greenfield Garden Club; and send them to: Becky George, 61 Madison Cir, Greenfield, MA 01301. Thank you for your continuing support!

**Gardening for Baby Boomers:
10 Ways to Garden Smarter as
We Get Older.**

Saturday June 11, 10-11:30AM.

Online thru Berkshire Botanical (\$12/\$18). Speaker: Chris Ferrero, gardening speaker, writer and consultant. She is a Cornell Master Gardener from Dutchess County, NY, where in addition to speaking and teaching classes, she has led demonstration garden renovations, organized regional events, and served on teams as a perennials specialist known for particular expertise in shade gardening, flowering shrubs, pollinator-approved planting designs, and native plants as alternatives to invasives. Register [here](#).

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

Gardens Tours Galore! Northampton is in June and ours is in July, the same weekend as the one in Westminster, VT. I hesitate to advertise an event that competes with ours (!), but at least theirs is over 2 days, and is rain or shine. They also have some demonstrations. It's the best opportunity to see the gardens of acclaimed gardening author Gordon (and Mary) Hayward. Come to our tour first!



Save the date!

**2022
NORTHAMPTON
GARDEN TOUR**

**Saturday June 11
10 am to 4 pm**

RAIN OR SHINE

Tour tickets are available starting in May at

- ▶ Forbes Library
- ▶ Coopers Corner
- ▶ State Street Fruit Store
- ▶ Bay State Perennial Farm
- ▶ Gardener's Supply Company/Hadley
- ▶ Wanczyk Nursery

▶ or reserve your tickets online until June 8 at www.ForbesLibrary.org/Friends

*\$20 in advance
\$25 day of tour.*

Raffle tickets available at Forbes Library until June 10 and at garden #2 on Tour Day

*An Annual Fundraiser by Friends of Forbes Library, INC.
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Garden Tour 2022

Visit
Local Gardens
to Inspire You
in your Own
Garden!

**Saturday
July 9
10 am - 4 pm**

**Rain Date:
Sunday July 10**

Ticket Sales
Day of Tour Only
9:30 - 1 pm
Jon Zon Center
35 Pleasant St Greenfield
\$10 per person

Visit us at
www.thegreenfieldgardenclub.org

The Westminster Cares Garden Tour is back for 2022!

Gardens are being prepped and plans are underway to host the 2022 Garden Tour in Westminster, VT. This year's gardens will once again, feature the spectacular grounds of

[Gordon and Mary Hayward](#)

along with

Cheryl Charles & Family

Obe & Lonnie Lisai

The Westminster Center School

Tickets are available on the day at the tour. You can obtain these at either the Westminster Institute or at the Haywards Gardens.

You can get directions [here](#).

There will also be Demonstrations:

- **Saturday - 7/9 1:30 PM** - Saplings: Sculpting, Bending and Weaving by artist and sculptor [Mark Ragonese](#). Held on the grounds of the Westminster Institute
- **Saturday & Sunday - 7/9 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** - Stop by a beautiful stone labyrinth and take a meditative walk. Labyrinth will be available both days and is located in Westminster West.
- **Sunday - 7/10** - Westminster Historical Society invites you to stop by the Bradley Law Office, located just across from the Westminster Institute. A fascinating look at Westminster from long ago.
- **Sunday - 7/10 1:30 PM** - A "Container Gardening for Pollinators" talk and demonstration. Held on the grounds of the Westminster Institute.

This is a rain or shine event and all proceeds will go to the many Westminster Cares' community efforts. To learn more about Westminster Cares - click [here](#)

Many thanks to our wonderful Garden Tour Sponsors!



It's Strawberry Season!

Take the time to visit your favorite Pick-Your-Own strawberry patch and enjoy the delicious first fruits of summer.

[Nourse Farms](#) South Deerfield – Berry tent for pre-picked strawberries starting mid-June (no U-pick?). Berry Line has not been updated for 2022 yet. 413-665-2650

[Warner Farms](#) Greenfield/Sunderland opens soon.

[Upinngil](#) in Gill is open – check their Twitter feed or call them.

Teddy Smiarowski in 5 & 10 in Whately. (413) 247-5181



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Strawberry Basil Popsicles

6 cups fresh strawberries
½ cup fresh basil, chopped
1/3 cup raw honey
Add all ingredients to a blender or food processor. Blend on high for @ 1 minute until smooth. Pour mixture into popsicle molds and place the wooden popsicle sticks in about halfway down. Place in the freezer for at least 3 hours. To remove from molds, run them under warm water for about 15 seconds.



Wyevale garden

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 15, 2022 \$8,566.58

Income \$150.20

Interest \$0.20; membership \$150

Expenses \$325.00

Birds of Prey: \$100; Bridge of Flowers: \$100; Bee Fest Signage: \$125

Balance as of May 15, 2022 \$8,391.78

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to Greenfield Garden Club:

*c/o Becky George, 61 Madison Cir
Greenfield MA 01301*

Questions?
greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

Final Reminder: Author Robin Wall Kimmerer

Thursday, June 23rd at GCC

Save the date! Robin is coming to Greenfield, sponsored by the [Nolumbeka Project](#) and [Greening Greenfield](#). Her talk is *Restoration and Reciprocity: Healing Relationships with the Natural World*.

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

July NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Sunday, June 26th
greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com



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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