



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

March 2022

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Ecological Strategies for More Garden Abundance with Less Effort

GGC 31st Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 20, 2022

12:30 – 3:30pm

The Whately Inn

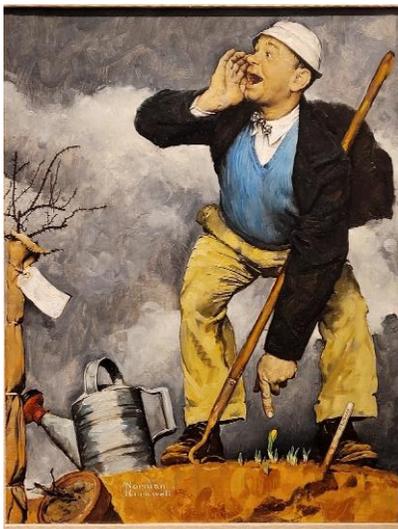


Our featured speaker, Dan Bensonoff, is funny and engaging, and will be just what the doctor ordered after 2 years of no in-person annual meetings. He writes: “Permaculture is a set of tools and design strategies that is based on patterns found throughout natural systems. With careful observation, we can put those patterns to work in our gardens and homes to decrease waste and energy while increasing diversity, joy, and health. My talk will go through various tools within the permaculture toolbox as well as case studies to help get you to go beyond sustainability and into regeneration.”

As the coordinator of the UMass Permaculture Initiative, Dan works to ensure that the gardens provide an exemplary space for eco-conscious gardening and sustainable living. Aside from working in the gardens, Dan teaches a practicum on permaculture

gardening, coordinates the UMass Student Farmers' Market, and provides learning experiences for various visiting groups. Before coming to UMass, Dan worked on several suburban and urban organic farms. He helped start a food forest initiative in Boston that served as a new model for creating common spaces. He has also taught various sustainability-related courses including mushroom cultivation, fermentation, and garden design. When not gardening, Dan can be found playing with his son or foraging the fields and forests of the valley.

March President's Report ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*



Will March come in like a lamb, or a lion? I took the photo at left while visiting the [Normal Rockwell Museum](#) in late 2021, saving it for this very purpose. I loved the excitement of the home gardener seeing the first crocuses of spring. I am sure we are all ready to see signs of new growth. This painting was on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post March 22, 1947. Click on the hyperlink above to learn more about this painting. We chose the date of March 20 for our annual meeting – it's the first day of spring! Look for your invitation in the mail. Prices have gone up considerably of late, and the Whatley Inn is no exception. We need to guarantee 30 in attendance, and the price per person is \$41pp (\$31.95 plus 7% tax and 20% gratuity). This does not include any appetizers for the Social Half Hour. The club will cap the cost at \$30pp, and subsidize the rest. I hope you will support the club by coming out to enjoy a lovely meal and a great presentation. *There is room to social distance, and we ask that folks be vaccinated and wear masks.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9, Thursday 5:00 pm – Steering Committee Meeting

March 20, Sunday, 12:30 – 3:30pm – Annual Meeting – see page 1

“A light exists in spring, not present in the year, at any other period, when March is scarcely here.”

~ Emily Dickinson

Capitol Region Flower and Garden Expo Hudson Valley Community College (Troy, NY)

March 25-27

Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 | Sun 10-5

Tickets: \$12 in advance (\$33 for 3 day pass), \$15 on 3/25

Planning is officially underway for the 2022 [Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo](#), formerly the Capital District Garden & Flower Show. We have accepted the challenge to keep this annual springtime tradition alive. To make this happen, it's going to look a bit different, but we know you will love it. There will be amazing floral creations and stunning garden exhibits, on-going seminars and demonstrations and over 160 flower, garden and outdoor living themed retail exhibits, and NY wine, cider and spirit tastings. Some areas will be scaled back while other features will be enhanced. Most of all, we are beyond excited to bring our community together again to explore ... dream ... discover. Partial proceeds from each ticket sold will benefit Wildwood Programs.

The first sign of spring is New York's Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo; a tradition loved by over 15,000 annual visitors who travel from across the Northeast. See a stunning array of magnificently designed floral displays, over 150 garden and flower themed retail exhibits, NYS wineries, cideries and distilleries and over 50 hours of flower, garden and cooking workshops, demonstrations and lectures.

Shopping in the Marketplace for one of a kind items is amazing. You'll find plants, flowers, bulbs, seeds, herbs, garden tools & accessories, garden tractors, dried flowers & garden decor, farms, Farmers Market type food offerings, cooking tools, floral art, jewelry, pottery, plant societies, floral apparel & accessories, patio furniture and botanicals.

Wildwood

Wildwood provides people and families living with autism and developmental disabilities with the very best innovative support. A portion of each ticket sold is donated to Wildwood. Take a look at Wildwood supports in action: [2020 Wildwood Invest in Diversity \(click here to watch an inspiring 4 minute video\)](#)

GGC MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to 2022!

Please continue your membership by sending in your dues for the new year (\$20 per person, or \$25 per household). Remember, memberships make a nice gift for the gardener in your life! Please make checks payable to: Greenfield Garden Club; and send them to: Greenfield Garden Club, c/o Schlaikjer, PO Box 309, Greenfield, MA 01302. Thank you for your continuing support!

[Smith College Bulb Show](#), March 7-18

Opening lecture March 3rd at 4:15pm

The bulb show has **limited access** and all available slots are now **FILLED**. There will be **no walk-ins**. View the show on their social media channels. There is still time to register for the lecture by Smith College Botanic Garden Landscape Curator John Berryhill, “Putting Botanic Garden Collections to Work for Social and Environmental Justice.” The lecture is an exploration of the complex urgent problems that botanic gardens are uniquely situated to address and how Smith College is working to bring desperately needed new voices to this work is not to be missed. Save the date: **Thursday, March 3 at 4:15 pm ET. [Learn more and RSVP today.](#)**

Officers 2021:

President/Newsletter/FB/Website:

Laura Schlaikjer

Vice President:

Marsha Stone

Treasurer:

Joanne Burns (resigned 2/22)

Recording Secretary:

Annette Kilminster

Corresponding Secretary:

Eva Carrier

At Large Members:

Nicki Shipman

More recipes from the **Greenfield Garden Club Cookbook!** Both recipes are again from the Dips and Hors d'oeuvres section. The contributors are Tracy Bailey and Joyce Mankowski. Is anyone still in touch with either of these two former members? Does this bring back memories for anyone? Please share your thoughts and memories to the club's email, greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com.

PARMESAN COOKIES/CRACKERS

6 Tbsp. flour
 4 Tbsp. butter (cold)
 4 Tbsp. grated Parmesan
 2 cloves Stewed Garlic

Stewed Garlic:

½ c. olive oil
 1 head garlic cloves, peeled

Stewed Garlic: Place oil and cloves of garlic in small saucepan. Simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, watching carefully not to burn the garlic. Cool and keep in a jar in the refrigerator. Keeps a long time. Use both oil and garlic in cooking. The oil has a nice garlic flavor.

Cookies: Process all ingredients in a food processor. Roll into a log about 1 ½ to 2-inches in diameter. Chill about 1 hour. Heat oven to 350°. Slice dough about ¼-inch thick. Place 2-inches apart on parchment or waxed-lined baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes until golden brown.

Tracy Bailey



Shopping List

flour
 butter
 Parmesan
 olive oil
 garlic cloves





DIPS & HORS D'OEUVRES

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SAUCY COCKTAIL MEATBALLS

1 lb. ground beef
 2 Tbsp. bread crumbs
 1 egg, slightly beaten
 ½ tsp. salt
 ⅓ c. green pepper, chopped
 ⅓ c. onion, chopped
 2 Tbsp. butter
 1 can tomato soup
 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
 4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 1 Tbsp. mustard
 1 Tbsp. vinegar

Mix beef, crumbs, eggs and salt. Shape into small meatballs. Place in a shallow baking pan. Broil until browned. Turn once. Spoon off fat. In saucepan, cook peppers and onions in butter until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour over meatballs in roasting pan. Cover and bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

Joyce Mankowsky



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DIPS & HORS D'OEUVRES

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2022 Winter/Spring Webinar Series (Zoom) with Gardener's Supply. (\$15 per class)

REMINDER: There are still some classes to choose from this Spring thanks to Gardener's Supply. Webinars will be conducted live; and recordings will be sent to all registrants within 48 hours of the webinar.

[Uncommon Fruits Webinar](#) Tuesday, March 1 | 6-7:30pm. *Presenter: Jacob Holzberg-Pill*

[Gardening for Life Webinar](#) Tuesday, March 8 | 6-7:30pm. *Presenter: Toni Gattone*

[Vegetable Gardening for Beginners Webinar](#) Tuesday, March 15 | 6-7:30pm
Presenter: Charlie Nardozzi

[Fruit Trees Webinar](#) Tuesday, March 22 | 6-7:30pm. *Presenter: Charlie Nardozzi*

[Pruning 101 Webinar](#) Tuesday, March 29 | 6-7:30pm. *Presenter: Charlie Nardozzi*

How To Create Healthier Forests in New England – Webinar - March 10 at 2:00PM

How we manage our forests impacts how well forests can handle droughts, recover from storms, and cope with insect outbreaks, events that are increasing in frequency and severity as the climate changes. Forest management also impacts carbon storage and sequestration. When forests are lost, they can no longer store or absorb carbon. Collective forest management decisions of people who own and manage private family woodlands are one of the biggest opportunities to remove carbon pollution in the Northeast. Whether you're a landowner with forests of your own to manage or a city dweller, forest management decisions impact your life. In this Nature Connects webinar, we'll hear from The Nature Conservancy in Massachusetts forest ecologist Dr. Laura Marx and Richard Campbell of the American Forest Foundation about how to create healthier forests. They'll discuss the science behind forest management, what to do if you're a private landowner, and they'll introduce a new program called the Family Forest Carbon Program that gives small landowners access to the upfront funding and expertise needed to enter the carbon markets. We hope you can join us for this important discussion. Sign up [HERE](#).

More chances to see a free hour-long program and get ideas from Jana Milbocker. Sign up soon!

3/1 **Matawan Aberdeen Public Library (NJ)**, Garden Tourist's Northeast, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

3/3 **Great Barrington Libraries (MA)**, Artists' Gardens in New England, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

3/8 **Leete's Island Garden Club (CT)**, Designing Shady Retreats, 12:00 pm via ZOOM

3/9 **Evening Garden Club of Roxbury (MA)**, Birdscaping, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

3/14 **Sandwich Garden Club (MA)**, Garden Tourist's New England, 10:00 am via ZOOM

3/14 **Redding Garden Club (CT)**, Spring Ephemerals, 7:30 pm via ZOOM

3/15 **Newport Public Library (RI)**, Birdscaping, 6:00 pm via ZOOM

3/16 **Wilmington Memorial Library (MA)**, Garden Tourist's Northeast, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

3/28 **Durham Library (CT)**, Designing Shady Retreats, 6:00 pm via ZOOM

3/28 **Open Gate Garden Club (MA)**, Gardens of the Scottish Highlands, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

3/29 **Milton Public Library (MA)**, Birdscaping, 7:00 pm via ZOOM

3/31 **Dartmouth Public Library (MA)**, Artists' Gardens in New England, 6:30 pm via ZOOM

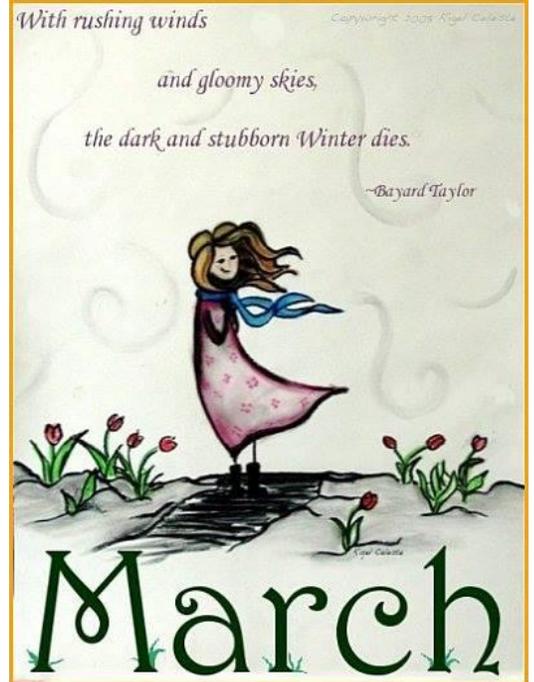
REMINDER: Greenfield Tree Committee

Please mark your calendars and save the date for the Greenfield Tree Committee's all-volunteer community tree planting event.

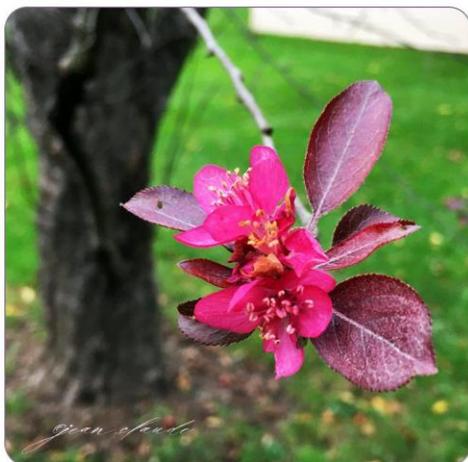
- Date: April 30
- Time: 8:30 to 11:30 (or any portion of that time)
- Location: To be determined
- Details: Great community and family event with an opportunity to meet new people and do something good for our City and our environment. Bring gloves and a shovel, if you have one. Stay tuned for [more details on Facebook](#). We will also email more information prior to the event.

GreenfieldTreeCommittee.org

facebook.com/Greenfieldtree



Looking to buy plants or maple syrup from Rich Pascale of Shoestring Farm in Colrain this spring? Here is the link to place your online order for pick-up at the farm: <https://stowefarm.org/shoestring-farm/>



*out of one wintry
twig, one bud,
one blossom's worth
of warmth at long last!*

Ransetsu



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Jan 15, 2022..... \$8,475.23

Income \$115.22

Interest \$0.22; membership \$115

Expenses \$12.70

Printing: \$12.70

Balance as of Feb 15, 2022 \$8,577.75

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to Greenfield Garden Club:
c/o Laura Schlaikjer, PO Box 309

Greenfield MA 01302 **Questions?**

greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

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

April NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Sunday, March 27th
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