



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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May Field Trip: Arnold Arboretum

We're heading to the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University on Saturday, May 12th for our fourth field trip of 2018, (rain date Sunday, May 13th). The main thrust of our visit is to see the lilacs in bloom. There are over 397 lilacs with about 179 taxa, including 141 cultivars, planted on the property. All told it means a 5 week bloom period. The oldest lilac on the property is a Japanese Tree Lilac dating from 1876. The majority of the lilacs are planted along Bussey Hill Rd (paved) and are easily accessible. Others are planted on the hill, which can be accessed along Beech Path, which is a gravel path that is moderately steep and uneven. Be prepared for a lot of walking on this trip! A brochure about the lilac collection, including information on plant care and a list of the best cultivars for home gardens, is available in the Visitor Center. In May, look for self-guided tour signs in the landscape, or download a [tour brochure \[pdf\]](#) to bring when you visit. Use your mobile device to access [Arboretum Explorer](#), including a [self-guided lilac tour](#).

We will carpool from Cherry Rum Plaza, with the time emailed to those who RSVP. Admission is free, and please bring gas money for the driver. The group will decide whether to eat there or to pack a lunch. Please contact Debbie Loomer if you are interested in joining us. You may leave a message at 863-9421, or email daloomer@yahoo.com. Those who RSVP early will be able to make decisions on timing and lunch. The address is 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, if you plan to meet us there. Garden Hours are sunrise to sunset, and the visitor center is open from 10 am – 5 pm. Hope to hear from you soon!



May President's Report

Welcome to the Merry Month of May! We just had a wonderful field trip to Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, and were treated to beautiful weather and a lovely landscape. Now we are setting our sites on the Arnold Arboretum and its famous lilacs. Be sure to email us if you think you might be interested so you can stay in the loop! The Extravaganza is almost here. Time to start potting up lilac shoots, rhubarb pieces, and other unusual plants to sell. We are not running a tag sale, nor are we doing a drawing. We will be selling plants and a small area of like-new gifts (donations welcome). We will purchase some plants from Spatcher Farm in Leyden and Five Acre Farm in Northfield to add variety to our offerings. Since we will be there longer than usual with the Maker's Mart folks, it would be helpful if people could sign up to price plants on Friday from 6-7, or for an hour or two Saturday to help sell, help buyers, help consolidate as plants sell. Please call/email a cttee member to tell us how you can help – call today!!! Also, volunteer gardeners are needed in downtown Turners Falls. Owen Wormser is looking for volunteers: owenwormser@gmail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 18, 6:00 pm: Plant donation drop-off, St James and Andrews on Church St in Greenfield

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Extravaganza!!

Monday, May 14, 4:30 – 6 pm - Steering ctte, 40 High St, Greenfield

Support Your Garden Club!

SAVE THE DATE!!

17th Annual Westminster Garden Tour

June 30th and July 1st , 2018 10:00am – 3:00pm

Featuring the gardens of

[Gordon and Mary Hayward](#)

[Julie Moir Messervy](#)

Lonnie and Obe Lisai

Art-in-garden by **Joshua Gold** Pottery in Westminster West.

Also featuring a “before & after rain garden” walking tour with Cyndy Fine of Genius Loci.

Talks on “New Landscaping Ideas that Work” by Julie Moir Messervy.

As well as a private tour of the Hayward gardens with Gordon and Mary.

Pre-sale Tickets starting May 15th

On our website: www.westminstercares.org



Barrel Committee

The Steering Ctte voted to allot \$200 to the Barrel Ctte for soil and stipends for those that might adopt a barrel. They wanted the Barrel Ctte to use the large pots (20) that the town had purchased and are currently stored in the Hwy Dept building. The Barrel Ctte at first considered those pots, but now wants to go back to using barrels. They also want to focus their attention downtown and not at the Senior Center, which was also suggested as a location by the Steering Cttee. Watering would not be an issue there, but would be downtown. The steering committee had discussed the barrels at length 2 meetings ago when they allotted the \$200. When the new request came back, the committee was not ready to go back over the issue, especially since time was moving on and the Barrel Ctte had so few interested members to support it. Jan has just reported that the committee is folding. If the club is active in 2019 (the club is also in danger of folding), we would like to ask those interested in re-starting the Barrel Cttee to approach the Steering Cttee in the fall and we can start the process again with more time to research it. Many thanks to Jan & Steve for all their hard work!

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Results of the 2018 Grant Program

Ten grant applications were received this year, with the club giving out a total of \$1,938.27 among them. If you happen to visit a grant recipient – ask them about their projects! Here is the list of the 2018 winners:

1. Bernardston Elementary School: “Bernardston ES Hummingbird Garden”
2. Camp Lion Knoll – “Camp Lion Knoll Garden Project”
3. Conway Grammar School – “Window Into the Woods”
4. Erving Elementary School – “Seeds of Kindness”
5. Leverett Elementary School – “Leverett Greenhouse Program”
6. Mohawk Trail Regional School – “Mohawk Blooms”
7. Newton Elementary School – “Butterfly Garden for ELL Students”
8. Sanderson Academy – “Sanderson Academy’s Garden Expansion Project”
9. The Academy at Charlemont – “Feeding Our Community”
10. Warwick Community School – “2018 Warwick Community Garden Club”

Third graders at Sanderson Academy with deer fencing and compost area in the background.



Pat Leuchtman and Nancy Patteson were among the hardy souls who joined the spring clean-up in the Energy Park on April 8th. Go Team!!

For more info, visit their website:
<http://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/energypark.html>



Treasurer’s Report

Balance as of May 1, 2018\$4, 646.00
Income\$0.16
Interest, Dues, Contribution
Expenses \$1,938.27
Grants

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

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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 priced 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

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

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

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

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