



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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Greens 101 – Where Everyone is an Artist!

Annual Wreath and Kissing Ball Event

Chapley Gardens

397 Greenfield Rd, Deerfield, MA

Wreaths are \$10 and Kissing Balls are \$20

RSVP to: greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com as a head-count is needed in order to make sure we have enough greens and metal rings on hand, and enough kissing ball forms made ready. Dress in layers as it may be cool in the greenhouse. Bring gloves, snips to cut greens, florist wire, a chair (there are some there), and a small snack to share. The club will supply hot mulled cider and cups. A bottle of wine would not be unwelcome! Bring some extra dollars in case you want Stacey to make you a bow with your choice of ribbon. Bring holly, cedar, other greens, grasses and cones and berries to dress up your wreath (see photo). Pine, spruce and fir (or similar) will be provided. If you don't have these in your yard, check Agway or the grocery stores. There is plenty of parking on-site. Invite your friends and neighbors!! See you there!



November President's Report

Welcome gray November! Our gardening labors are soon to be at rest, and our shoveling of snow and trips to the woodpile will soon increase significantly! I hope everyone had a successful and hopefully restful season in their gardens. Our October meeting was a celebration of the fall harvest, specifically of apples, and was well attended. Charlie Olchowski, who is a familiar face in these parts (see photo at right), was our master of ceremonies, so to speak. Although I was unable to attend, I understand it was a fun evening. See the note with photos on page 3, and recipe on page 2. We are now down to our final 2 events of the year – the annual wreath-making, and the holiday party with Yankee swap. We hope you will make plans to join us for both events. Our wreath-making is a great bargain, whether you choose the wreath (\$10) or the kissing ball (\$20). This is a family-friendly event, so bring your friends and neighbors. Please note the programs meeting, combined with Steering committee mtg on Monday, November 11. We need your input for next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, Nov 1-3: [Cider Days](#) 25th Anniversary

Wednesday, Nov 6, 6pm – Fundraising Cttee – 252 Davis St – all welcome!

Monday, November 11, 5:30 pm – Combined Steering ctte and Program Cttee, 116 Bungalow Ave, Greenfield

Thursday, Nov 21, 6pm – Wreath-making, Chapley Gardens – see main article for this month

Friday, Dec. 13, 6pm – Annual Holiday Party and Yankee Swap

Apple and Damson (Plum) Fool – Annette Kilminster

Serves 10

½ lb cooking apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

½ lb Damson Plums, washed and stones removed

2 oz butter, unsalted

4 oz sugar (or more if preferred)

2 egg yolks

4 TB fresh white breadcrumbs

½ pint heavy cream

1 tsp ground cinnamon

Prepare the apples and plums. Melt the butter in a saucepan add the fruit and sugar, just cover with water and simmer until the fruit is soft. When cooked, cool and puree the fruit. Sieve to remove skins and add more sugar if preferred. Blend in the egg yolks and the breadcrumbs. Return to the saucepan and stir the mixture over low heat until thickened, then put into a bowl and leave to cool. Meanwhile, whisk the cream lightly and then fold in to the cooled fruit puree. Add cinnamon and mix well. When cold, spoon into individual bowls or sundae glasses and serve. Taken from an English Cookbook called [Favourite Apple Recipes](#) and made and brought to the October meeting by Annette Kilminster. Other recipes will appear in future editions! Did you have a favorite? Let us know and we will track it down!

Fundraising Committee: We are up to 7 confirmed gardens for next summer's Garden Tour! You're invited to the next meeting: 11/6, 6:30 pm at 252 Davis St. We'll be planning the route, as well as how to stay connected with these fine gardeners. Refreshments will be served! See you there!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Please join us on Monday, November 11th (Veteran's Day), 5:30 PM, at the home of Annette Kilminster, 114 Bungalow Ave, Greenfield, to lay out the calendar for the 2020 season. We have some ideas, but would love to have more input. If you have an idea but can't make the meeting, please send your idea/s to the club's email address:

greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com. The Annual Meeting will be in March next year, and we will start our regular programming in April. January and February seem to be too unpredictable weather-wise for meetings! We can't wait to hear your ideas!

[UMASS Extension Garden Calendars](#)

The 2020 edition of the **UMass Garden Calendar** (it has great gardening tips!) is now available for purchase from UMass Extension. The calendar is available for \$14, with bulk pricing available on orders of 10 copies or more.

Officers 2019:

President and Co-Newsletter Editor:

Laura Schlaikjer

Vice President:

Marsha Stone

Co-VP and Co-Newsletter Editor:

Jan Adam

Treasurer:

Joanne Burns

Recording & Corresponding Secretary:

Annette Kilminster

At Large Members:

Eva Carrier

Richard Willard

(Need a third volunteer!)

The October meeting was Inspirational!!

The Cider Tasting and Apple Dessert Potluck was a great success! Thirteen folks gathered at Marsha & Norm's on 10/17 and heard the history of Cider Making and the story behind the annual Cider Festival by Charlie Olchowski. Many delicious apple desserts were enjoyed along with a cider tasting of eight different kinds of hard cider varieties: dry, sweet, some local and all tasty. Recipes of the desserts that graced the table will be available here and in future issues. West County Cider on Peckville Road in Shelburne kindly donated three bottles of cider for our tasting event – thank you! A fun time with lots of humor and camaraderie and the glow of a warm fire-place! Thanks to all who came and participated. -- Marsha & Norm



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of September 15, 2019..\$4,793.38

Income\$170.13

Interest (\$0.13), Dues (\$20), Fair (\$150)

Expenses \$17.85

Fair booth expenses to Linda Tyler

Balance as of October 15, 2019\$4,945.66

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

Joanne Burns
14 Freeman Street
Greenfield MA 01301

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Monday, November 25

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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

LaSalle Florists

23 LaSalle Drive (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

O'Brien Nurserymen – 40 Wells Road,

Granby, CT
10% off plants

Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative (Agway)

269 High Street, Greenfield
10% anything garden related

Mill River Farm Market – Conway

Road/corner 116 & Rtes 5/10. S. Deerfield
10% off plants in Spring and Fall

Silver Garden Daylilies – 23 Picket Lane, Greenfield

10% off daylilies

Warm Colors Apiary

2 South Mill River Road, South Deerfield
10% off

Any vendors interested in offering our club member -gardeners a discount, please contact a member of the Steering Committee – thank you!!

Wilder Hill Gardens

351 South Shirkshire Road, Conway
10% off plants and consultations