



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

November 2021

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Gather Round in the Greenhouse and Get Crafty!

"Gather ye branches while ye may..." is that a real saying?! Come and gather ye branches inside the Chapley Gardens greenhouse on Thursday, November 18th, to make your own wreath or kissing ball. Our annual event is always a fun time. Family-friendly and guaranteed to send you home with a smile, as well as a lovely wreath or kissing ball. It's also a bargain at \$10 per wreath, or \$20 per kissing ball. It's cool in the greenhouse, so dress in layers, and work clothes. There are a few chairs, but feel free to bring a folding chair of your own just in case. Wire rings and kissing ball set-ups are provided. Please bring gloves, snippers for the greens, florist's wire, and if possible a snack to share. Stacey will help those who want to make a kissing ball, and club members can help new wreath-makers. You may also want to bring natural ornaments – grasses, winterberry stems, holly, feathers – or other 'bought' ornaments to decorate your wreath. Stacy sells ribbon bows made in the ribbon of your choice for a few dollars. **RSVP** so we have enough greens, rings, and kissing ball forms: greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com
Location: Chapley Gardens, 397 Greenfield Rd, Deerfield, MA
Time: 6–8 PM **Park:** in the driveway near the greenhouse.



November President's Report ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

Hello November! Already the nighttime temps are in the 20's! I hope I have not forgotten to bring inside any vacationing houseplants! As we work outside, tidying up the remains of the gardens, and getting our garlic planted, we can pause to enjoy the sounds of geese flying south overhead, and the play of light on the remaining leaves. Right now, I am hoping for a bit of Indian Summer to get a few more plants and flower bulbs into the ground, even if I have to move them again in the spring. It's another case of buy first, figure out where to plant later! I hope that many of you will come out and make a wreath to decorate your door for the holidays. It's such a fun time, the greenhouse smells great with all the greenery, and the cider and munchies taste so good. It's a great way to kick off the season. Stay tuned for the holiday party, as it could come early – perhaps as early as Friday, December 3rd to avoid a conflict with the Greenfield Holiday Pop-up (Dec 10-12). Look for your invitation! I hope your hearth is warm and your kitchens smell great as the season turns to winter! *Cheers ~ Laura*



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6-7 - Cider Days. Go to www.ciderdays.org to learn more.

November 11, Thursday 12:00 noon – Steering Committee Mtg

November 15th – deadline to sign up for the newest Master Gardener training course at www.wmmga.org

November 18, Thursday, 6-8 PM – Wreath-making at Chapley Gardens

She stands - In tattered gold - Tossing bits of amber - And jade, jewels of a year grown old: November.

~ Zephyr Ware Tarver

RECYCLE YOUR PUMPKINS FOR THE BIRDS!!



My Garden of a Thousand Bees



PBS: Nature's 40th season kicked off in October off with this marvelous film. You can still see it here: <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/my-garden-thousand-bees-about/26263/>

Taking refuge from the coronavirus pandemic, wildlife filmmaker Martin Dohrn set out to record all the bees he could find in his tiny urban garden in Bristol, England, filming them with one-of-a-kind lenses he forged on his kitchen table. See his surprising discoveries in *My Garden of a Thousand Bees*, premiering nationwide Wednesday, October 20 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS (check local listings), pbs.org/nature and the [PBS Video app](#).

Filming more than 60 species of bees, from Britain's largest bumblebees to scissor bees, which are the size of a mosquito, Dohrn observes how differences in behavior set different species apart from each other.

Viewers will marvel at moments timely captured in *My Garden of a Thousand Bees*, such as bees laying tiny eggs preparing for the next generation, green-fanged spiders feasting on male flower bees and a female yellow-faced bee attacking a Gasteruption wasp to protect her nest. Watch it today!

Apples

In our local grocer
I watch folks buy
at vast expense
tasteless, waxed
Red Delicious.
Surely that was not
what the Virgin offered
the Christ Child
in Memling's diptych.

Unconsciously I begin
internally to chant:
Baldwin, Bramley Cox,
Cortland, Gravenstein,
Jonathan, Lodi,
Macintosh, Melrose,
Pippin, Rome, Russet,
Stamen, Winesap.

I think of the variety
grown by Amish farmers
across the river,
in the Sisters' orchards
across the ocean,
remember windfalls
eaten with wasps.

If the snake offered
Mother Eve an apple,
I hope we did not
surrender Paradise
for a Red Delicious.

~ Bonnie Thurston

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FALL PHOTO WALL



GCC MEMBERS GO TO MIKE'S MAZE



ENJOYING THE CLUB'S VERSION OF CIDER DAYS



A JOURNEY THROUGH YOUR NOVEMBER GARDEN

With David Culp (<https://www.davidculp.com/>)

Thursday, November 11th at 6:00 PM Eastern time

Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Note: If you're unable to join at that time, all those who are registered will receive a follow-up email that includes the show notes, plant list, and access to view a recorded version.

Registration fee of \$20 for each webinar. Charging this nominal fee will not only allow Garden Design to continue producing their informative and entertaining sessions, it also means that they can provide you with:

- More thorough show notes, including a complete plant list
- A longer Q & A session at the end of each webinar
- An extended window of 30 days in which to watch the recorded version. Registration will close just before the session begins or when the "seats" are full.
- Each person will be given a unique login code that cannot be shared. **Only one person/device will be allowed to enter the session with each login code.**

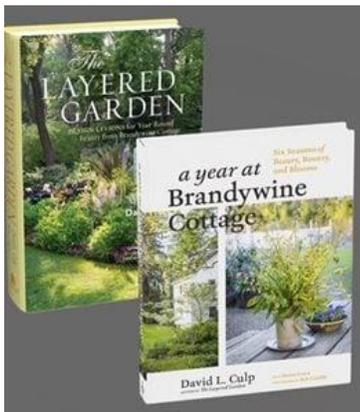
For more information about this and other webinars, check out Garden Design:

[Garden & Landscape Design, Ideas and Tips | Garden Design](#)



David Culp is the creator of the gardens at Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown, PA. David has been lecturing about gardens nationwide for more than 25 years. Articles on David have appeared in Gardens Illustrated, Horticulture Magazine, and numerous other publications. He is the Principle of David L. Culp Designs, and Owner of [Brandywine Snowdrops](#).

<https://www.davidculp.com/biography/>



DAVID'S BOOKS

Dig deeper into the monthly insights and inspiration behind the *Journey Through Your Garden* series with these books by David Culp:

[A Year at Brandywine Cottage: Six Seasons of Beauty, Bounty, and Blooms](#)

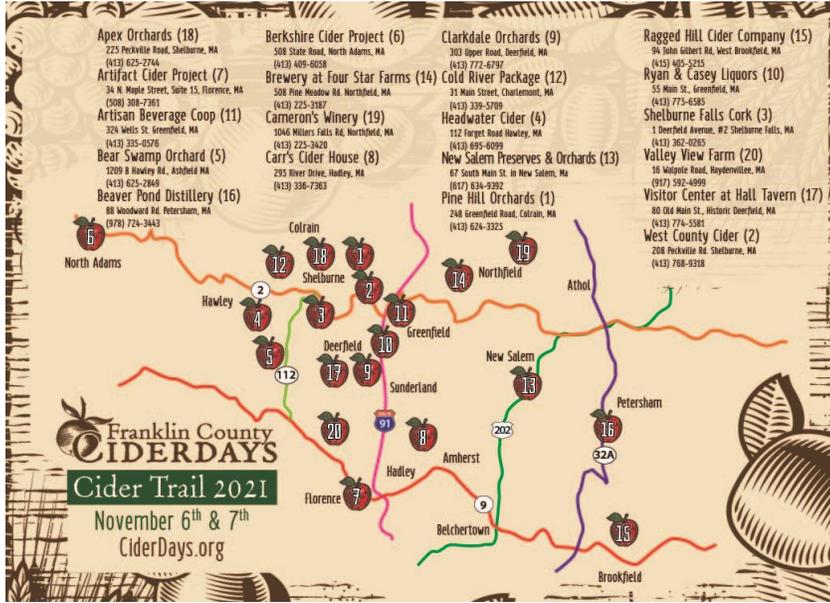
[The Layered Garden: Lessons for Year-Round Beauty from Brandywine Cottage](#)

GGC MEMBERSHIP: Please keep your club membership current by sending in your dues. \$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 the club treasurer, Joanne Burns, at 14 Freeman St, Greenfield, MA 01301. Thank you for your continuing support!

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S CIDER DAYS

NOVEMBER 6 & 7

WWW.CIDERDAYS.ORG



Get ready to "Fall Back" on Sunday morning, November 7th! Take that "extra" hour to be leisurely and revel in it while you have it – the feeling will be gone too soon! There is a growing movement in the US against this tradition, but when the U.S. tried permanent daylight saving time during the 1970s energy crisis, people ended up hating it. The takeaway? Feel free to keep whining about it (esp. in the spring), but turn back your clocks!

Nov. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Sept 15, 2021 \$8,596.97

Income \$70.21

Interest \$0.21; Membership \$70

Expenses \$67.36

Staples: printing new club brochures

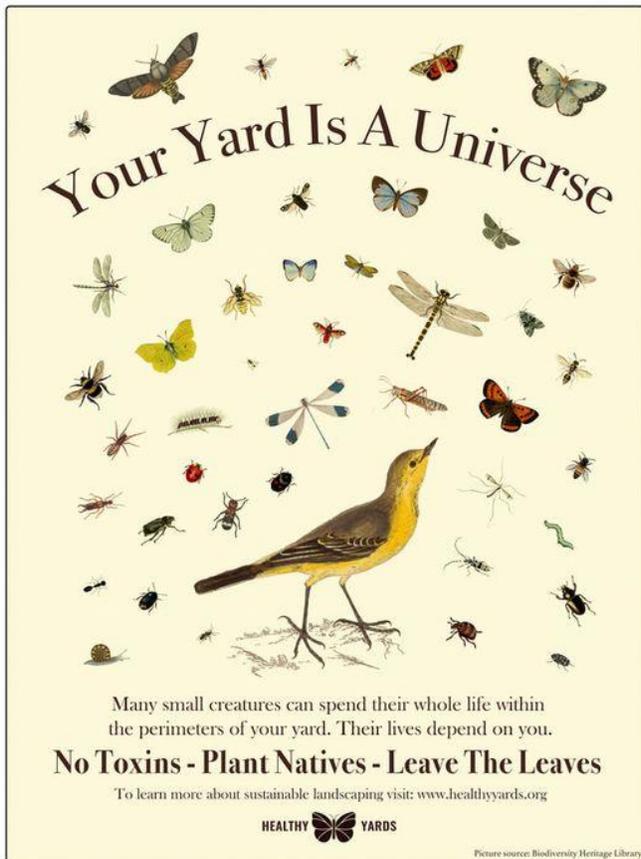
Balance as of Oct 15, 2021 \$8,599.82

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

Joanne Burns, 14 Freeman St

Greenfield MA 01301 **Questions?**

greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com



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

Friday, November 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

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