



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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Master the Art of the Photo Book



with Club Member Deb Loomer

What do you do with all of those garden pictures? Are they stored on your computer or phone never to be seen again? If they are, then the October Garden Club meeting is for you! Deb Loomer will be presenting a hands-on workshop at her house on **Wednesday, October 18th** for those folks who want to learn how to make a photo book, like those that are offered on Groupon for a reduced price. She will go over a step by step process using the Shutterfly online site to show you how you can make a book, but then personalize that book of your garden (or other) photos. Then you can pick the book up from your coffee table in the middle of January and dream big about next year's garden. If you have not already done so, take some pictures in your garden of your flowers or your landscape. What worked right in the

garden and what you might want to change for next year. Take a picture of that container garden which finally had the perfect combination of flowers in it.

You will need to bring your laptop or iPad with the pictures already loaded on it. Deb is a laptop person, but she is fairly sure she can help people who have iPads. Please – no cell phones - as Deb does not know how to use them to create photo books. We will sign on to the internet and go from there. She will also let you know about other sites you can use and what their advantages and disadvantages are. If you have other pictures that are not garden related feel free to come and work on that project. Hopefully by the time you leave you will be on your way to a finished project. She has done over 50 books using multiple web sites and will tell you the process is easy once you get the hang of it.

The meeting will start at **6:00 pm and will last 1 1/2 hours**. You can, however, stay as late as you like if you would like to complete your project in one sitting.

Directions: the address is 21 Highland Rd., Gill, MA. A GPS will get you to her house. It is across the road from Barton's Cove Campground. You cannot see her house from Route 2 as it is up in the woods, but that is the approximate location. If you know you will be staying later, come up the driveway and park up at the top. If you might need to leave sooner, then park at the bottom either in the parking area or along the side of the road. There is no traffic on the road.

LIMIT: 12 participants. Please send an email to greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com to reserve your space.

October President's Report

Many thanks to “the few, the proud and the brave” who once again served up a very nice-looking Fair Booth this past September, garnering the club another blue ribbon. It takes a lot of work to think up a new design, and then implement it. Thank you to all those who contributed their time, their plants, and their tchotchkes!

We are hoping to attract some new members to the club. Won't you invite a few friends to join? We'd like to see some younger faces too. The November wreath-making is a great time to invite potential new members to join us. This event is fun for all ages.

For your own pleasure, please make note of all the upcoming events, both our own monthly meetings and the other fine fall activities in Franklin County. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events!



We give our hearty congratulations to Doris Brown, the winner of the Victorian Bike Raffle that was held over the summer. The bike was not featured in the Fair Booth because it was smaller than we realized when we saw it in person. We thank Deb Loomer for lending the club a larger bike planter that was used instead. We thank Tom Mann of Bernardston for donating the bike to the club last May. We appreciate his support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat/Sun, Oct 7 & 8: 10–5 daily. [Harvest Festival, Berkshire Botanical Gardens](#)

Oct 6-8: End of season Hosta sale, O'Brien's Nurseries, Granby, CT

Wednesday, October 18: 6:00 pm – Photo Book Workshop

Monday, October 23: 6:00 pm Steering Committee – 40 High St, Greenfield

Fri-Sun, Nov 3-5: 23rd Annual [Franklin County Cider Days](#)

November 4 – 19: Smith College Fall [Chrysanthemum Show](#)

Thursday, November 16: 6:00 pm – Wreath-making @ Chapley Gardens

Friday, December 8: 6:00 pm Holiday Party – 40 High St, Greenfield

PLANNING HAS STARTED FOR THE 2018 SEASON

*The steering committee needs volunteers to join the **Garden Tour Committee** if there is to be a Tour next year. We need several new members to spread out the work. The steering committee can lend a hand where needed and offer guidance. Please do not let this fundraiser go the way of the dinosaur! It will not take a lot of time with enough volunteers at the helm.*

The committee is also entertaining the idea of having all **mini-field trips** next year, instead of meetings. Your thoughts? Here are some of the places we'd like to visit:

[Mount Auburn Cemetery](#) in Cambridge, MA

[Fruitlands Museum](#) in Harvard, MA

[Tower Hill Botanical Gardens](#) in Boylston, MA

[Garden in the Woods](#) in Framingham, MA

[Logee's Greenhouses](#) in Danielson, CT

[Saint Gauden's Historic Site](#) in Cornish, NH

[Storm King Art Center](#) in New Windsor, NY

[Elizabeth Park Conservancy](#) in Hartford, CT

[Wellesley College Botanic Gardens](#) in Wellesley, MA

[O'Brien Nurseries](#) in Granby, CT

TRAP PLAIN UPDATE

After several meetings to take care of Trap Plain this summer - get it weeded and cut down on the size of the gardens - we have come to the unfortunate conclusion that there is simply no interest in maintaining this garden. It was the same handful of people at each work bee, and without the support of the club, we are not able to continue. The steering committee has decided to alert the town that we are no longer going to be involved, and that they should find another group interested in taking charge. We spent \$40 planting the trough this year, and it needs to be kept watered in the dry weather. We will ask the town to turn off the water for the season, and we will take away the sign that identifies the spot as being cared for by the Greenfield Garden Club. If this is something that people feel strongly about, please contact the club. Without a strong volunteer base, we don't have the manpower to keep it up. This is truly the end of an era.

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Linda's Famous Bok Choy Salad

A winner at the steering cttee potlucks!

Greens:

1 large bunch of Bok Choy

1 bunch scallions

* Chop and store the greens in a container with a paper towel to absorb the moisture.

Crunchies:

2 TBSP sugar

¼ c butter

1 package ramen noodles (no seasoning)

½ c sesame seeds

½ c slivered almonds

* In a frying pan, combine sugar, butter, crushed Ramen noodles, sesame seeds, and slivered almonds. Cook over medium heat until browned, about 15 – 20 minutes. Allow to cool and store in a container.

Dressing:

2 TBSP soy sauce

¼ c sugar

½ c balsamic vinegar

¾ c oil

* Combine dressing ingredients. Store in a container.

When ready to serve, toss greens with crunchies and then add the dressing. Eat it up as it does not store well after mixing all three groups of ingredients.

The easiest way to clean Bok Choy is to treat it like a bunch of celery. Trim off and discard the end of the bulb and separate the stalks. Wash the stalks in cool water, carefully brushing away any sand or dirt that remains. Wrap in paper towels and store for up to a week in your refrigerator's crisper drawer or use immediately. Slice the stalks in the same manner as you would slice celery, using the entire stalk including the leaves at the top.



Sonnets to Orpheus, Part One, XII

Bless the spirit that makes connections,
for truly we live in what we imagine.
Clocks move alongside our real life
with steps that are ever the same.

Though we do not know our exact location,
we are held in place by what links us.
Across trackless distances
antennas sense each other.

Pure attention, the essence of the powers!
Distracted by each day's doing,
how can we hear the signals?

Even as the farmer labors
there where the seed turns into summer,
it is not his work. It is Earth who gives.

~ Rainer Maria Rilke ~

(In Praise of Mortality, translated and edited by Anita Barrows and Joanna Macy)



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Oct 5, 2017\$6, 320.06

Income\$200.23

Extravaganza, Fair Prize, Interest

Expenses \$68.16

Fair Booth

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 prices 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

Glenbrook Gardens
56 Glenbrook Drive, Greenfield
10% off regular priced plants and products

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

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

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

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

Any vendors interested in offering our gardeners a discount, please contact the Steering Committee.