



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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Feng Shui Your Garden with Helen Merena

The primary objective of Feng Shui is to create balance and harmony between ourselves and the energies around us. This introduction will cover four basic Feng Shui principles and how they can be used to enhance your garden. Helen Merena is a graduate of the Silver Moon School of Feng Shui in Brattleboro, Vermont, and a certified Feng Shui practitioner. She is excited to share her enthusiasm for Feng Shui with members of the club and their guests. There will be a slideshow and a 4 page hand-out for attendees, and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com so we can print the right number of handouts and purchase refreshments.



A photo of Helen's front garden in Brattleboro, VT

DATE: Thursday, June 22

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00pm

LOCATION: Greenfield's Market Community Room located at **170 Main St** (just a few doors down from Greenfield's Market itself)

June President's Report ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

Happy June! Today, 6/2, I turn 65 and I welcomed the bird chorus and pink sky that surrounded me at 4:30 am. It will become hot soon, but the sights and sounds of nature in the early morning is bliss! We ran another successful Extravaganza on May 27th, with many thanks to all those who donated to the plant, tag and bake sales. Mother Nature gave us a splendid day that only served to increase the festive feeling, and our many vendors did well. Final numbers are not quite in, but we made between \$2500 and \$3k for our Grant Program. Volunteers stood out in their bright orange t-shirts and specially decorated caps. We are currently working on the logistics and timing for the bus trip to see the High Line – most likely in September. Are you booking tix for Open Garden Days? See page 3! See you in June!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1, 5:15pm – Steering Committee meeting

June 22 – Feng Shui your Garden with Helen Merena

July 16 – Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, NH, with lunch at Harpoon Brewery, and an afternoon visit to Path of Life Sculpture Garden

*It was June, and the world smelled of Roses
~ Maud Hart Lovelace*

Don't forget to check out Margaret Roach's excellent **Monthly Garden**

Chores on her website:

<https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/>

FREE COMPOST WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 3

10 – 12

Gill Elementary School

48 Boyle Rd, Gill

(open to all Franklin County residents)

This workshop includes easy how-to instructions, tips for success, demos of indoor worm bin composting and outdoor composting. Local resources, educational hand-outs and yes/no guides, and info on how to participate

in municipal or commercial

composting. Kitchen compost

collection pails will be available to purchase for \$5 as supplies last (cash or check only). Composting reduces

trash, saves money and water, creates

a valuable soil amendment, manages

waste locally, and mitigates climate

change. The workshop will be led by

Amy Donovan, Program Director at

Franklin County Solid Waste

Management District. For more info:

info@franklincountywastedistrict.org

or 413-772-2438

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Tickets Available!

**2023
NORTHAMPTON
GARDEN TOUR**

**Saturday June 10
10 am to 4 pm**

RAIN OR SHINE

Tour tickets are available now at

- ▶ Forbes Library
- ▶ Coopers Corner
- ▶ State Street Fruit Store
- ▶ Bay State Perennial Farm
- ▶ Gardener's Supply Company/Hadley
- ▶ Wanczyk Nursery


▶ or reserve your tickets online until June 7 at

www.ForbesLibrary.org/Friends

\$20 in advance

\$25 day of tour.

Raffle tickets are available at Forbes Library until June 9 and at garden #6 on Tour Day

 Featuring both auto and bike routes

An annual fundraiser by Friends of Forbes Library, INC.
All proceeds go to Forbes Library for books, equipment & programs
For more information go to www.ForbesLibrary.org/Friends

Otsego Master Gardener Volunteers

BRINGING NATURE HOME TO OUR GARDENS AND COMMUNITIES

A Gardenside Talk with

DR. DOUG TALLAMY

**June 8, 2023
6:15–8:00 PM**

Award-winning conservationist Doug Tallamy will join us via Zoom to describe ways, individually and collectively, we can cultivate and support a thriving, living world in this beautiful place we call home—and why that matters.

Join us for this eye-opening Gardenside Talk, either in-person at our "Watch Party" at the Clark Center or via Zoom.

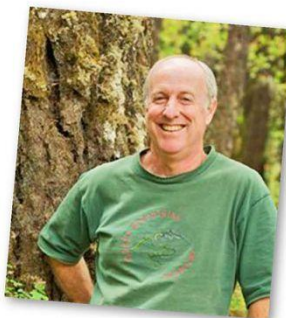
Registration is required. For more information and to register:

<https://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2023/06/08/bringing-nature-home-to-our-gardens-and-communities>

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Schoharie and Otsego Counties**



Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties provides equal program and employment opportunities.



In case you have not been able to see Doug Tallamy's Bringing Nature Home talk recently, here is a good opportunity! You need to register in advance, and there is a \$10 fee to attend. You can either click on the link embedded in the poster on the left, or you can also click [here](#) to register. You can see more on their [Facebook feed](#).

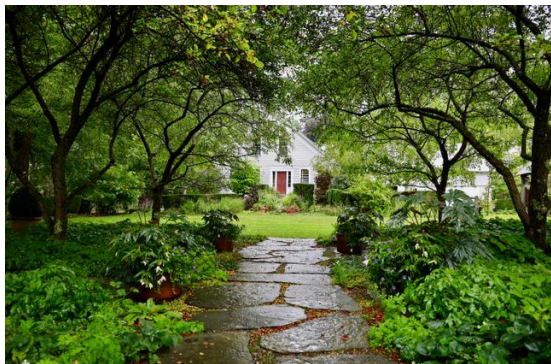
THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY MEMBERSHIP The club has purchased a Club Membership, which will give all GCC members a discount on programming as well as access to their members-only events, newsletter, and a digital subscription to Better Homes and Gardens. Enjoy [Open Garden Days](#) (OGD), lectures, films and great gardening articles. There are 4 OGD in [Williamstown, MA](#) on July 15th – let's get a group together to go see them!

June 8th at 2pm (a recording will be sent) \$5 each or \$20 for all 4 with an exclusive video diary
[Sissinghurst Through the Seasons: A Four-Part Virtual Program – Summer](#)

Hosted by Troy Scott Smith, Head Gardener at Sissinghurst Castle Garden, England

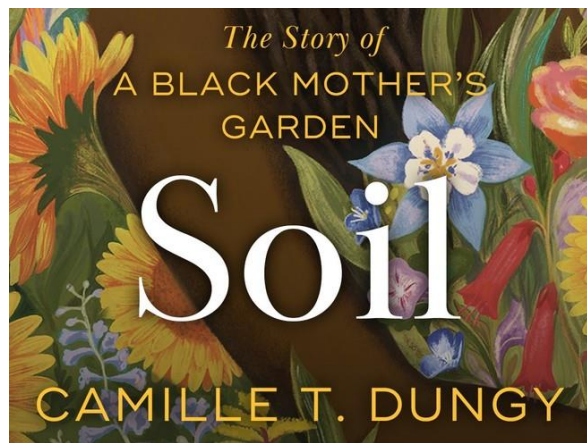


Throughout this four-part series, Troy Scott Smith will guide you through the course of a gardening year at Sissinghurst. Troy will share how the garden looks, which flowers are blooming at each season, and what the garden looked like when it was first created in the 1930s. He will uncover the secrets of pruning, propagation and the art of the English Garden. Each episode will be packed with information, simply explained and illustrated, giving you techniques and confidence to put into practice in your own garden.



June 17 (Saturday) 10-3 Only \$5 for members
[Open Garden Day at Gordon and Mary Hayward's](#) 1.5 acre garden that surrounds their 220-year-old farmhouse in Vermont.

Over the past 38 years, Gordon and Mary Hayward have developed a hybrid of Old England and New England gardens to reflect Gordon's growing up on an orchard in northwestern Connecticut, and Mary's growing up on a farm outside Chipping Campden in the North Cotswold Hills of England. The garden, the subject of their book *The Intimate Garden* (WW Norton, 2005), comprises fourteen garden rooms. One area includes a pair of 90-foot perennial borders that terminate in a post-and-beam gazebo framing views of twenty acres of meadows. More than 40 planted terra-cotta pots and many garden ornaments, several from England, figure into the mood of this garden.



June 22 (Thursday) 2:00pm (You will receive a recording) \$5 for members

[Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden](#)

In *Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden*, poet and scholar Camille T. Dungy recounts the seven-year odyssey to diversify her garden in the predominantly white community of Fort Collins, Colorado. When she moved there in 2013, the community held restrictions about what residents could and could not plant in their gardens. In resistance to the homogenous policies that limited the possibility and wonder that grows from the earth, Dungy employs the various plants, herbs, vegetables, and flowers she grows in her garden as metaphor and treatise for how homogeneity threatens the future of our planet, and why cultivating diverse and intersectional language in our national discourse about the environment is the best means of protecting it.



The Greenfield Library is celebrating the retirement of its Director, Ellen Boyer, with a garden party themed open house on Wednesday, June 28th. They are looking to festoon the John Zon Center with fresh flowers and are looking for folks who may be willing to donate flowers from their gardens for the event. If you are able to put together a bouquet, please tape your name to the bottom of the vase and drop them off at the John Zon Center between 4 and 5:30pm on the day of the event - June 28th. They will make arrangements to return your vase to you afterwards. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela McBride by emailing pamela.mcbride@greenfield-ma.gov.

CHARLEMONT FORUM 2023

AT THE CHARLEMONT FEDERATED CHURCH

INSPIRING LECTURES | RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE

JUNE 15, 2023 | 7:00PM

Westy Egmont

Balancing Act: Border Protection and Humanitarian Acceptance

With 48 million foreign-born residents, the United States is undeniably an immigrant nation. Yet, the consensus, narrative, and policies to guide this critical aspect of our nation remain in a chaotic state. How is the tension between sovereign borders and a welcoming nation addressed? Beyond political talking points, the future of the country rests on how we continue to build our nation, and how we address these immediate issues dividing neighbors and impacting every sector of our society.



JULY 20, 2023 | 7:00PM

Alex de Sherbinin

Climate Refugees: How Migration Will Change our Global Landscape

Presenting research and modeling work, including his own, de Sherbinin will outline how higher temperatures, drought and rising sea levels will trigger population shifts in the coming decades. What are the implications for climate-vulnerable low-income countries? And how might countries such as the United States also see movements away from high risk areas towards more climatically favorable regions such as New England?



We are excited to host the 2023 Forum both in person and remotely via Zoom. Check our website or Facebook to learn more and for Zoom link. Masks required at Charlemont Federated Church.

Charlemont Federated Church | 175 Main St., Charlemont, MA 413 339 4294

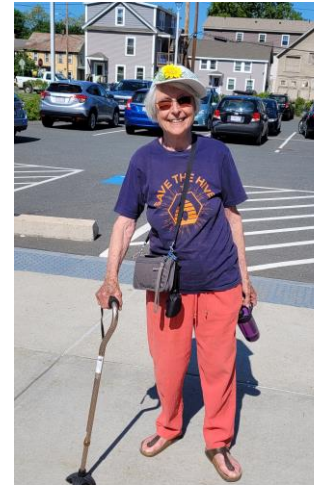


Mass
Cultural
Council

This program is supported by the following Cultural Councils: Amherst, Buckland, Charlemont/Hawley, Colrain, Conway, Goshen, Heath, Leyden, Plainfield, Rowe & Shelburne, which are all supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

www.charlemontforum.org | facebook.com/charlemontforum

EXTRAVAGANZA



how to water

Remember: It's better to water deeper and less often than quickly every day. This strategy helps deliver moisture to the roots, where it's needed most. Instead of standing around in the heat and spraying a garden hose for hours, invest in a timer that links to an automatic system and a flow regulator, and select the right hose for the right planting. Once it's all set up, your garden will practically water itself.

SOAKER HOSE

Best for: Covering larger areas, such as a perennial border or a vegetable garden. Made of a thick, porous material, the hose slowly but thoroughly moistens crowded flower beds dotted with annuals and perennials up to 18 inches apart (for loam or clay soil, up to 2 feet).

DRIP LINE

Best for: Trees and shrubs. The most effective way to reach the deep roots of large plants is a system of tubes and emitters set on a timer. It lets you target each plant efficiently without wasting water on the plantless areas of the garden.

GARDEN HOSE (WITH SPRAYER)

Best for: Container and window-box plants. These smaller plantings may need frequent soaks in high heat. A direct application also aids plants with signs of severe stress, such as wilting or leaf drop.

If no rain is predicted for the next few days, **IT'S BEST NOT TO CUT YOUR LAWN.** Mowing in the heat of the summer stresses the grass.

—PAUL TUKEY, FOUNDER, SAFELAWNS.ORG, AND AUTHOR OF THE ORGANIC LAWN CARE MANUAL

when to water

Plants lose moisture through their leaves. So when temperatures climb, they can suffer from a serious water deficit. Sidestep this problem by knowing when and how much to give different plant types.

TYPE OF PLANT	TIME OF DAY	HOW MUCH*
ANNUALS	EARLY MORNING	1-2 INCHES EACH WEEK
PERENNIALS	EARLY MORNING	1-2 INCHES EACH WEEK
VEGETABLES	EARLY MORNING	1 INCH EVERY 5-7 DAYS
TREES/SHRUBS	EVENING/NIGHT	1-3 INCHES EACH WEEK

*TO MEASURE HOW MUCH YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM RELEASES IN ONE HOUR, BURY AN EMPTY TUNA CAN UNDERNEATH THE RUNNING HOSE, AND SEE HOW MANY INCHES OF WATER ACCRUE IN THAT TIME.

Flowers that Relish Hot Weather

Petunia 'Neon Rose'

Abundant flowers on graceful 2' stems

'Bonanza Yellow'

Marigold starts early and keeps on blooming

Verbena 'Raspberry

Sorbet' grows into a wide trailing carpet of magenta

Angelonia 'Archangel

Pink' consistently produces delicate rosy purple spires

Dahlia 'Onesta'

blooms best in hot weather, as do all members of this clan

Ageratum 'Artist Purple'

fuzzy flowerheads that attract butterflies

Calibrachoa 'Pink Vein'

loads of petunia-like flowers with deep-pink eyes

Lantana 'Sunrise Rose'

tricolored flowers

Pelargonium 'Mini

Karmine' displays airy geranium flowers that make great additions to hanging baskets

(Information on this page taken from the August 2011 edition of Martha Stewart Living.)

The Grant Committee has finished updating the [GGC Grant Program](#), and it is up on our website. There are now three seasons in which to apply – Spring, Summer and Fall. The grant program still aims to instill of love of gardening in children, and people who work with children in a variety of organizations are encouraged to apply. We recently awarded a grant to Will Miller at the Academy at Charlemont for an aquaponic project in his 8th Grade Earth Science class. A few members of the committee visited the class this past May 23rd. Of course, we had to stop on the way home at Hager’s Farm Market for ice cream!



Project Description: Students in my 8th grade Earth Science class will put their knowledge of systems ecology to the test by designing and tending to personal aquaponics gardens. By assembling and maintaining a variety of living and nonliving components, students will create miniature closed-loop systems capable of producing edible crops and sustaining a population of aquatic animals (shrimp and/or aquatic snails). The lesson plan has been prepared and most materials provided by a combination of school funds and parent donations. The students will begin researching and planning their gardening systems mid-April, and will continue monitoring them periodically for approximately 40 days, at which point they will be taken over by staff and student volunteers over the summer for ongoing harvesting and care. The project will benefit 20 students and any food will benefit 110 in the community.



You may find that it is a little awkward to slice and cook leeks in this recipe, so you could swap them out for an extra pound of asparagus, green beans, or even lightly cooked carrots. In the [Cooking with Trader Joe's Dinner's Done](#) version, replace white beans, leeks and asparagus with 1 lb salmon cut into $\frac{3}{4}$ " chunks, 2 c halved cherry tomatoes, 2 cups sliced hothouse cukes, 1 bell pepper in bite-size pieces, 1TB capers, and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh basil. Cook salmon pieces with sliced (not diced) red onion and croutons.

JUNE RECIPE:

SPRING PANZANELLA (Smitten Kitchen) serves 4 as a main, 6 as a side

CROUTONS:

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup olive oil
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
6 cups day old bread, crust removed, cubed
6 TB finely grated Parmesan (more for garnish)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

VINAIGRETTE:

Half a red onion, finely diced
2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ TB champagne or white wine vinegar
Juice of half a lemon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup olive oil
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Dijon mustard

SALAD:

4 large leeks
2 tsp salt
1 pound asparagus
1 19-oz can white beans, rinsed & drained (or 1.5 cups cooked)

PREHEAT oven to 400F

Mix bread cubes with garlic, olive oil, parmesan, salt & pepper in a large bowl. Toss to coat well. Transfer bread to a baking sheet and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake, stirring once or twice, until the croutons are crisp and lightly colored on the outside but still soft within about 10-15 minutes. Set aside and let cool.

Mix the red onion with the vinegar and lemon juice in a small bowl and set aside for a few minutes before whisking in the remaining vinaigrette ingredients. Set aside. Cut off the dark green tops of the leeks and trim root ends. Halve each leek lengthwise to within 2 inches of root end. Rinse well under cold running water to wash away sand. Cover leeks with cold water in a 12" heavy skillet. Add salt and simmer leeks, uncovered, until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Without draining cooking water (you will use it for asparagus), transfer leeks to a bowl of ice and cold water to stop cooking, then pat dry with paper towels. Break off tough ends of asparagus and cook it in boiling water until crisp-tender, no more than 3 minutes if they are pencil-thin. Transfer to another bowl of ice water, drain, pat dry. Cut the leeks and the asparagus each into one-inch segments. The leeks will be especially slippery and prone to separating, so hold firm and use a sharp knife. Place pieces in a large bowl and mix in beans and cooled croutons. Pour vinaigrette over and toss well. Season with salt and pepper.

[O'BRIEN NURSERY OPEN GARDEN DAYS JUNE 2023](#)

June 2, 3 & 4 – [Cypripediums](#)! Yes, Lady-Slippers, hopefully enough to meet demand!

June 9, 10 & 11 – We are still adding new [Itoh](#) Peonies to tempt you with.

June 16, 17 & 18 – Did you see how that [Hosta](#) has Grown? Hosta, at their Best!

June 23, 24 & 25 – Exotic [Arisaemas](#), Japanese and Chinese Species

June 30, July 1, 2 & 3 – *Lilium canadense*, not to be missed when in bloom.

Hours: Friday 10-5; Saturdays 10-5; Sundays 10-5 (On Above Dates Only)



**Jamie Beck, *An American in Provence*,
Thursday, June 15, 2pm**

You don't want to miss this exciting hour online. [Register now!](#) (Can't make the talk? Don't worry, you can always watch the recorded session later!)

This program, generously supported by the Friends of the Greenfield Public Library, is free and open to all.

An American in Provence is a beautiful collection of exquisite portrait, scenic, and still-life photography from New York Times bestselling author and award-winning photographer Jamie Beck. Looking to slow down from her fast-paced life in New York City, Beck embarked on a one-year getaway to Provence. One year, turning into five, Beck moved to the French countryside, documenting her life as "An American in Provence."

Equal parts art book, travel diary, memoir, and cookbook, *An American in Provence* transports you to the South of France. Beck shares her tips and techniques for creating incredible photos and details her transformational journey as an artist and woman. Beck also includes farm-to-table recipes she's learned along the way, including Braised Beef Stew, Spring Chicken with Herbs de Provence, Fresh Tagliatelle Pasta with Spring Asparagus, and Lemon Meringue Tart. This stunning visual journey will surely delight anyone wishing to escape reality and immerse themselves in life in Provence.

About the Author: Jamie Beck took her first photograph at the age of thirteen and soon after began earning her living as a professional photographer. By twenty-eight, she opened her own commercial photographic studio in lower Manhattan. Jamie has shot campaigns and editorials for some of the world's most famous brands, including Chanel, Donna Karan, Nike, Oscar de la Renta, Google, Samsung, and Microsoft. Her work has appeared under the mastheads of *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar*, on Netflix, and in digital ad displays for Disney. In 2016, she took what was to be a one-year sabbatical to create a personal body of work in the South of France, which changed the entire course of her life, one that blossomed into a career as an art photographer and delivered her a French-born baby girl named Eloise. Jamie is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *An American in Provence*. She lives in Provence with her husband and daughter. Follow her on Instagram @JamieBeck.co.

Why do beneficial insects need water?

While many insects get water through food (pollinators from nectar, predators from juicy prey), they still need water available for a variety of reasons.

- Foraging honeybees collect water to dilute honey, regulate humidity, and cool the hive. They tell other bees where to find water, just as they communicate about the best places to gather nectar and pollen.
- Some insects get salts and nutrients via water sources. Have you seen butterflies gathered around a mud puddle before? It's usually all males, and biologists think they seek sodium and/or nitrogen to help with breeding. (Learn more and see cool electron microscope pics of butterfly tongues [here](#).)
- Other insects come for mud. For example, native mason bees need mud to cap their nesting holes.
- And then, there are the aquatic insects that live in water during part of their life cycle. Mosquitoes fall into this category, along with dragonflies, damselflies, mayflies, caddisflies, some beetles and many others.

No mosquitoes allowed.

Is it possible to give water to wildlife without making a home for mosquito babies? The challenge is that these buzzing biters are well-adapted to breed in *whatever* water is available.

They don't need much. A generation of mosquitoes can grow up in a water-filled bottle cap, if conditions are right. The larva can survive in the dirtiest water, and they can even breed in temporary puddles sometimes since they go from egg to adult in about a week. The good news is that you can make your yard inhospitable for mosquitoes. Here's what you need to do:

- Find and eliminate (or empty) places that can catch rainwater. Think tires, tarps, clogged gutters, kids' toys, and flower-pot saucers. Remember, a bottle cap of water is enough!
- If you have a bird bath or outdoor water dish for pets, dump and refresh it at least once a week.
- Cover rain barrels and cisterns with solid covers or fine mesh.
- Fill low spots (where water collects) with mulch, sand or pea gravel to cover the water as it soaks into the soil.
- Mosquitoes prefer still water, so a small fountain or pump will discourage them from laying eggs in a small pond.
- In larger ponds and wetlands, encourage mosquito predators, like dragonflies, minnows, and amphibians, to keep mosquito populations under control.

From: [Gardens that Matter](#)

**"IN EARLY JUNE THE
WORLD OF LEAF AND
BLADE AND FLOWERS
EXPLODES, AND EVERY
SUNSET IS DIFFERENT."
- JOHN STEINBECK**

Hello June!



*"It is the month of June, The
month of leaves and roses, When
pleasant sights salute the eyes
and pleasant scents the noses."*

~ Nathaniel Parker Willis

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 15, 2023 \$7,485.63

Income \$0.19

Interest \$0.19;

Expenses \$556.04

Grant: \$250; Garden Conservancy: \$150;

Extravaganza t-shirts & hats: \$156.04

Balance as of May 16, 2023.....\$6,929.78

*All financial matters and membership dues should
be directed to Greenfield Garden Club:*

c/o Becky George, 61 Madison Cir

*Greenfield MA 01301 **Questions?***

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JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Wednesday, June 28th

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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