



Greenfield Garden Club

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend any and all meetings!

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| Monthly Meeting <i>Thursday, November 21</i> | |
| Kissing Balls- \$20 | 6:00 |
| Wreaths- \$10 | 7:00 |
| Chapley Gardens | |
| Deerfield | |
| <i>You must preregister for the kissing balls by November 18th.</i> | |
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| Holiday Party | 6:00 |
| <i>Friday, December 13 at the home of Marilyn Berthelette</i> | |
| <i>Yankee Swap (optional) and a dish to share</i> | |
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| Annual Meeting | 12:30 |
| <i>Sunday, January 19</i> | |
| <i>Magic Wings</i> | |

November Meeting

Linda Tyler

The annual **wreath-making** will be held at 7pm. on Thursday, November 21 at Chapley Gardens in Deerfield. A variety of greens will be available for your use, but feel free to bring in dried materials from your garden as well. The club will supply the rings and your cost will be \$10 per wreath for an average size wreath. If you plan on making larger wreaths, please pay accordingly. If you have never made a wreath before there will be members willing to assist you.

Stacy is also willing to do a **kissing ball workshop** the same evening but starting at 6:30. You must preregister by contacting Linda Tyler at 413-522-1686 or by e-mailing davidptyler@comcast.net. Registration deadline is Monday, November 18. The cost for the kissing ball workshop is \$20.

Stacy will have bows and decorations available for an additional fee. She has pine cones, balls, and a variety of small items such as apples available. Bows and decorations vary in cost depending on what you choose. Most bows run from \$2 to \$3. Although there will be some seating available, please bring a chair, clippers, a spool of florist wire, and a light pair of work gloves. The greenhouse can be chilly so dress appropriately in layers.

To reach Chapley Gardens travel south from Greenfield to 397 Greenfield Road (Routes 5 & 10). Look for the Chapley Gardens' sign and pull into the driveway to park near the greenhouse.

President's Report

Laura Schlaikjer

It's officially November, and I still have several perennials to get planted as well as my garlic. I hope you are not in my predicament and have already put your gardens to bed and are ready for the colder weather! Rounding out our 2013 calendar are 2 fun events - our annual wreath-making (with Kissing Balls added this year) and the holiday party. Start poking around for that perfect Yankee swap item in the \$10-\$15 range. I challenge you to find the most unusual present! Our annual meeting will be held January 19th in the warm embrace of Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory. Dues for 2014 will be accepted starting now. If you are able to send your dues by January 19th, your membership card will be available for pick-up at the annual meeting. February will be the official "Love Your Club" month, and all remaining members are encouraged to renew by the end of February. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletters. For the December Newsletter, please send to Linda Tyler davidptyler@comcast.net by Saturday, November 16, at 1:00pm. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 31, 2013: \$7,049.52

Income: \$.17

Expenses: \$12.77

Income: Interest

Expenses: Newsletter

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to Jean Wall at 773-9069 or write to 40 High Street, Greenfield MA 01301.

Gardening in November

Dolly Gagnon

In general:

- Rake leaves and make leaf mold or compost
- Clean, sharpen, and oil garden tools.
- Finish winterizing your water garden
- Start forcing bulbs like paperwhites, hyacinth and amaryllis for the holidays
- Add organic matter to beds
- Cover compost so that rain doesn't flood and leach the nutrients
- Keep weeding

In addition for Zone 5:

- Plant garlic cloves and shallots 2 inches deep and 4 inches apart; mulch with 6 inches of straw or shredded leaves.
- Dig up remaining root crops.
- Still time to haul in a pot of parsley: Pot it, water well, and set in a bright window.
- Don't remove chrysanthemum foliage—leave it to protect the crown.
- Cut back other perennials (except spring bloomers, roses, and grasses) to a few inches above soil level.
- Prune tea roses back to 8 to 12 inches high, mound compost around the bud union, then cover with a rose cone.
- Dig the hole for planting live Christmas trees now—before the soil freezes.

Holiday Party

Mark your calendars now! The holiday party will be at the home of Marilyn Berthelette on Friday, December 13th. We will be having a Yankee Swap so start looking for that perfect gift in the \$10 to \$15 range.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting! The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 19 at Magic Wings in Deerfield starting at 12:30pm. We are very excited to try a new venue this year and will be sharing more information soon!

Nominating Committee

It is time once again to start thinking about elections at the Annual Meeting. We will need a new member for the Nominating Committee. If you are interested

Jean Wall

please contact Laura Schlaikjer by email:

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Annual Chrysanthemum Show at Smith College

The annual Chrysanthemum show at Smith College began on November 2 and will be open until November 17. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lyman Conservatory on the Smith campus. On Friday November 8 and 18 the show will run until 8:00 p.m. A \$2.00 donation is suggested and there is parking available on College Lane during the show. This year's display is inspired by a trip to Japan. Conservatory manager, Rob Nicholson said, "The temple Nikko probably made the biggest impression on me in terms of its antiquity and overall beauty. It's very serene. There are a lot of nice memories of that place and I wanted to incorporate those in our mum show. (Quote taken from the Sunday Republican, October 27, 2013.) Some of the mums featured in the show are tall with just a single flower at the top while others have been trained to appear like a waterfall down the conservatory wall. The show hopes to mimic the fall colors in the hills of Japan that are said to rival those of fall colors in New England.

Stockbridge Herbs Holiday Schedule

Saturday, November 30, Products for sale at Deerfield Police Craft Fair, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, MA. 9 AM-3 PM

Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1st Products for sale at Holiday Open House at Glenbrook Gardens, Greenfield, MA. 10 AM-5 PM

Monday, December 2nd Cooking Class: Holiday Gifts from the Herb Garden, Different Drummer's Kitchen, Northampton, MA 6:15-8:45 PM

Saturday, December 10th Products for sale at Amherst Artisans at the Alumni House Holiday Fair, Amherst College, Amherst, MA. 9 AM-5 PM

Sunday, December 11th Products for sale at Friends of the Whately Library Holiday Fair, Whately, MA 11 AM-4 PM

Holiday Open House at Glenbrook Gardens

Greenfield, MA. Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1. 10 AM-5 PM

Newsletter Submissions!

Do you have a gardening story, poem or recipe to share? Gardening thoughts or advice that could appear in the newsletter? We are always looking for members to submit things they would like to share with the club. Please e-mail a copy of your article to me and I will try to get it in the newsletter in a timely manner. Some months we have more information to include than others, so when an article appears depends on space availability. Hoping to hear from you!

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Program Ideas!

Do you have an idea for a program or a craft project? Please share your idea with the Steering Committee who is working on next year's programs. This is your club and we want you to enjoy the programs we provide, so let us know your thoughts on what is working and what is not working. Thanks for your help!

The Steering Committee

Pumpkin Pie Squares

Submitted by Marilyn Berthelette

1 yellow cake mix
1/2 c. Melted butter
4 eggs
3 c. Pumpkin (2 15 oz. cans)
1 c. Sugar (divided)
1/2 c. Light brown sugar
2/3 c. Evaporated milk
1 1/2 t. Cinnamon
1/2 c. Chopped walnuts (I used pecans)
1/4 c. Butter

Directions:

Remove one cup cake mix, reserve. Grease and flour 13x9 inch pan. In a small bowl, lightly beat 1 egg. In large bowl, stir remaining cake mix, melted butter, and beaten egg. Press into pan.

In large bowl, beat remaining eggs. Stir in pumpkin, 1/2 cup sugar, brown sugar, milk, and cinnamon. Pour over cake mixture in pan.

To the reserved cake mix add the remaining 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup butter, and nuts. Mix until crumbly and sprinkle over pumpkin mixture. Bake at 350 for 50-60 minutes.

Cranberry Relish

1 12 oz. bag cranberries
1 orange or 2 tangerines
1/2 to 3/4 cup sugar as needed. (I use 1/4 c)
1 ts. orange flower water
3 Tb. finely chopped walnuts or pecans
salt

Sort through the cranberries, removing any that are mushy, then rinse well. Chop the orange into large pieces and remove any seeds. Grind the orange and cranberries in a food processor, using short pulses. Turn into a bowl, stir in the sugar to taste and pinch of salt. Season with the orange flower water and stir in the nuts. Serve chilled. Will keep for 5 to 7 days.

From Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone by Deborah Madison

Greenfield Energy Park

Sat Nov 9, 1-4pm. Come work with garden lovers and prepare the Energy Park flower gardens for next spring! Orientation Tour at 1pm followed by work and

conversation! Please bring your favorite gloves, tools, 5-gal bucket or tarp etc. Come by anytime – or come for the whole time! It is a fun family event! We are also looking for people interested in “adopting” one small garden area and making it their own. To RSVP or for Questions call Nancy at 413-774-5667.

Greening Greenfield

Wed Nov 20

Greening Greenfield will kick off its 5th annual sustainable living film series with SWITCH, a documentary about energy, and how we can choose our energy future, and switch from fossil fuels to more Earth-friendly options and prosper! Through a fascinating voyage around the world with our hosts, we will meet with people working in the energy industry – from coal and nuclear to solar, wind and more - and explore the pros and cons of how we power our lives. For inspiration, we also travel to countries that are fossil fuel free. Offered in partnership with the St. James Episcopal Church in their Parish Hall, Nov 20, 7pm, at 8 Church Street behind their Federal St. church, in Greenfield. Free. Refreshments served. Donations accepted. Discussion will follow the film.

Putting my Garden to Bed a Poem

By the Inadvertent Farmer

My garden is sleepy so I've put it to bed.
The squash has been gathered, the pole beans are dead.
The tomatoes are gone, the sweet peppers are too
I've put down the mulch nothing's left there to do
So goodbye dear garden, I'll think of you often
Your beauty and bounty will not be forgotten
I'll see you in spring when all things are new.
So rest my dear garden under a blanket of...
Fresh camel poo!

Be the Thing You See

John Moffitt

To look at any thing,
If you would know that thing,
You must look at it long:
To look at this green and say
'I have seen spring in these
Woods,' will not do--you must
Be the thing you see:
You must be the dark snakes of
Stems and ferny plumes of leaves,
You must enter in
To the small silences between
The leaves,
You must take your time
And touch the very peace
They issue from.

Source: To Look at Any Thing



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The following vendors have agreed to provide the listed discounts for members who show their membership card when making a purchase. We really appreciate their support.

Please respect their offers by remembering these generous discounts are for our club members, and only when your membership card is presented.

Backyard Birds Strong Ave. Northampton 10% off regularly priced items except thistle birdseed
Baystate Perennial Route 5/10 Whately 10% off regular priced plants
Chapley Gardens 397 Greenfield Road – RT 5/10 Deerfield 10% off regular priced plants and pond supplies
Fairview Gardens 8 Main St. Northfield 10% off everything except cut flowers
Five Acre Farms 110 Hinsdale Rd., Northfield 10% off regular priced plants
Glenbrook Gardens 54 Glenbrook Drive Greenfield 10% off regular priced plants and products
Greenfield Farmers Cooperative (Agway) High Street Greenfield 10% anything garden related
LaSalle Florists Rte. 5/10 Whately 10% off regular priced plants
O'Brien Nurserymen, 40 Wells Road, Granby, CT 10% off plants
Silver Gardens 23 Picket Lane, Greenfield – 10% off daylilies
Sugarloaf Nursery 25 Amherst Rd, Sunderland- 10% off regular priced plants
Warm Colors Apiary 2 South Mill River Road South Deerfield – 10% off
Wilder Hill Gardens 351 So. Shirkshire Rd., Conway, 10% off plants and consultations

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