



Greenfield Garden Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Five Acre Farm 5:30 p.m.
Members only behind the scenes tour

April Meeting 6:00 pm
April 18 - Hypertufa workshop for the Extravaganza & Take Home Cost \$5
At the home of Richard Willard
23 Pickett Ln, Greenfield, MA.

Steering Committee 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
Home of Jean Wall
All members are welcome to attend all Steering Committee meetings

April Meeting

Laura Schlaikjer

Hypertufa is fun, easy, and rewarding – especially if made with friends. Please plan to join us on Thursday, April 18th, 6pm, at 23 Pickett Lane in Greenfield. There is plenty of on-street parking. The cost for this workshop is \$5. Plan on wearing comfortable work clothes, as we will be working with perlite, Portland cement, peat and water. Rubber gloves are highly recommended. Bring a plastic pot that you would like to use as a form. You can form your hypertufa using the inside (smaller) or the outside (larger) of your form. You should also bring a sturdy board in order to get your pot back to your car and yard safely, and a large plastic bag to wrap it in. The pot will need to be cured for a while in the shade, and directions will be given to each participant. Donations to cover the cost of the ingredients will be gladly accepted. After crossing Route 91 on Leyden Rd heading towards Leyden, go past Murphy Field on your left, and Pickett Lane is the next right. Number 23 is just down the street on the left. Directions and info are also available on the club website. We hope to see you there!

President's Report

Laura Schlaikjer

Welcome Spring! April is a busy month, as we emerge from our winter hibernation. Grant proposals have been read and money allotted. Winners and their submissions will be listed on the website soon. With the new date of May 11 for the Extravaganza, I invite those who indicated an interest in volunteering to meet either in person or by email to plan the details. If you didn't fill out a volunteer form but would like to help, please email greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com. With many hands comes light work! ** On April 12th, we are invited to a behind-the-scenes members-only tour at Five Acre Farm. Bring your member card for a special discount at their garden shop and plan to arrive at 5:30pm. Directions will be posted on our website. This event will help you see what's new for 2013. ** Tufa troughs are all the rage! Please join us on April 18th to make your own tufa container, and one for the club to sell at the Extravaganza. This easy project is well-suited to group work. If you missed it last year – now's your chance! ** I look forward to seeing many of you at this month's events.

Quotes for Thought

"Cultivators of the earth are the most virtuous and independent citizens."
Thomas Jefferson

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletters. For the May Newsletter, please send to Linda Tyler by Saturday, April 27, at 1:00pm. Thank you!

Thank You Notes- A thank-you note was written to Ann Hamilton who gave us space at the Chamber of Commerce. We are welcome to use it again if so desired.

Garden Tour- The Garden Tour committee reported that all vendors said yes for another year of discount for members. There are 8 confirmed gardens set for the tour.

Meeting Site- Isabel will find out if we can use the Housing Authority building for meeting. We can still use 114 Main St. Laura will check out the possibilities with the Discovery Center.

Dues- It was voted to change the dues do date to February. The annual meeting will be January 5 or 12th or ?. No decision made.

Field Trip- We hope to visit Jono Neiger's garden on July 18th.

Grants- The next grant meeting is March 28th. The Erving Elementary School sent an apology for not writing a thank you letter sooner, and included many charming pictures of their students with their gardens.
Conway School of Design Proposal- The recent beautification booklet from the Conway School was passed around for all to see.

Franklin County Fair- Our theme for the Franklin County Fall Fair will be fairy houses and gardens.

Invitation- We received an invitation with brochures from Yado in Saratoga Springs to see their gardens.

Steering Committee Meeting- The next Steering Committee is at Jean Wall's on April 25th. This night we savored an extraordinarily fine meal, starting with petite cucumber sandwiches, then stuffed roast pork, asparagus with a cream sauce and whipped potatoes. Dessert was an amazing checkerboard cake..... and a little wine made it all go down happily! Long may the Garden Club live!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Schlaikjer for Jeanne Canteen.

Stockbridge Herb Farm

Wednesday, April 24. Cooking Class: Savoring the Spring Herb Garden--Unlocking the First Garden Flavors.
Different Drummer's Cooking School, Northampton, MA. 6:15-8:45.

Spring Quote

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

Henry Van Dyke

Grants

The committee of 10 volunteers met recently to share a meal and listen to and discuss the 15 grants offered to us from local schools and organizations. All 15 came

in through the club's new email address, with 2 mailed just in case! Of the 15 submissions, 9 were fully funded, 4 were partially funded, and 2 were not able to be funded due to the lack of involvement of children in the gardening process. The smallest grant was \$75, and the largest was \$200. Total grant money dispersed will be \$1,695.00. Grants are going to many towns: Buckland, Greenfield, Leverett, Leyden, Northfield, Shelburne, Turners Falls, and Whately. Don't see your town on the list? Encourage them to apply next year! It's great to see so many children involved with gardening for art (beauty), science (life cycle), math (how tall?), physical education (digging) and health (eating)! We take pride in helping these children achieve their gardening goals.

The Poet Comments on Yet Another Approaching Spring

by Mary Oliver

Don't flowers put on their prettiness each spring and go to it with everything they've got? Who

would criticize the bed of yellow tulips or the blue hyacinths?
So put a

bracelet on your ankle with a bell on it and make a little music for

the earth beneath your foot, or wear a hat with hot-colored ribbons for the pleasure of the

leaves and the clouds, or at least a ring with a gleaming stone for your finger; yesterday I watched a mother choose

exquisite ear-ornaments for someone beloved, in the spring of her life; they were for her for sure, but also it seemed

a promise, a love-message, a commitment to all girls, and boys too, so beautiful and hopeful in this hard world and young.



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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 only when your card is presented.

Annie's Garden Store 515 Sunderland Road, Amherst. 10% off regular priced plants.

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

Stewarts Nursery 135 Millers Falls Rd., Montague – 10% off regularly 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 .