



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, January 29

Annual Meeting

11:30- Socialization

12:30- Brunch

Thursday, February 2

6:00pm

Steering Committee Meeting

Home of Jean Wall

All are welcome!

January Annual Meeting

Linda Tyler

On Sunday, January, 29 the club will hold the Annual Meeting at the Greenfield Grill at 30 Federal Street Greenfield. Enclosed you will find the reservation form. Please respect the deadline so that we can assure that all interested parties can attend. There will be a brief business meeting to elect officers and accept the annual report. Although you need not be a member to attend this meeting, you must be a member and have paid your dues in order to vote.

There will be a slide presentation by Jean-Claude LeJeune entitled "Feeling the Breath of a Butterfly in Jacqueline's Garden." Jean-Claude is a talented nature photographer. The amazing details in the photos are astounding. Jean-Claude finds the subjects for many of his pictures in his wife Jacqueline's garden. Jacqueline, a club member, welcomed us into her garden for a monthly meeting a couple of years ago. You can view a sampling of Jean-Claude's work at

http://www.jeanclaudelejeune.com/index_yeltai.html.

Poem submitted by Elise Schlaikjer

Black Swallowtail by Mary Oliver

The caterpillar,

Interesting but not exactly lovely,

Humped along among the parley leaves

Eating, always eating. Then

One night it was gone and in its place

A small green confinement hung by two silk threads

On a parsley stem. I think it took nothing with it

Except faith, and patience. And then one morning

It expressed itself into the most beautiful being.

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletters. For the February Newsletter, please send to Linda Tyler by Saturday, February 4 at

1:00pm.

Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Laura Schlaikjer

Income as of November 30, 2011: \$5,750.38

Income: \$0.00

Expenses: \$110.28

Interest: \$0.25

Balance as of December 31, 2011: \$5,640.35

All financial matters, and Membership dues, should be directed to Laura Schlaikjer – 774-4594 or write to P. O. Box 309 Greenfield, Ma. 01302-0309

Stockbridge Herbs

Saturday, January 28

[Annie's Garden Center](#)

Amherst, MA

Cooking Demo: Winter Skating Party

Comfort Foods to Warm Body & Soul

10 AM

Sunday, January 29

[Tower Hill Botanic Gardens](#)

Boylston, MA

Cooking Class: A Floral Feast

12 PM and again at 2 PM

Recipe submitted by Shirley LaShire

This bark was served at the wreath making meeting in November. The recipe was requested by many of the members. Shirley often makes this recipe with white chocolate and crushed candy canes around the holidays. Sorry for the delay in getting it published.

Holiday Bark

- Put wax paper onto a cookie sheet
- Place 1- 12 oz. package chocolate chips into a microwavable bowl
- Add 1 to 1 ½ tbsp. vegetable oil
- Microwave about 1 to 1 ½ minutes
- Stir until smooth
- Add dried cranberries, nuts, or crisped rice
- Spoon onto cookie sheet and smooth out to desired thickness
- Allow to harden
- Break and serve

Gardeners Resolutions by Linda Tyler

Many start the year off with resolutions about for the New Year. Some are followed through on... Some are not. Here are some resolutions you, as a gardener, might consider...

- Volunteer more in the club
- Growing some of your own food
- Planting a row to share
- Look at your garden with an eye on improvement
- Make a gardening plan
- Exchange plants with a friend or neighbor
- Add flowers to attract butterflies and birds
- Just say NO to chemical dependency in the garden
- Plant the seed for the love of gardening in the minds of the next generation
- Support local nurseries
- Try new things in the garden
- Get organized
- Plant more cutting flowers to adorn the house
- Write an article for the newsletter
- Stay ahead of the weeds
- Clean and sharpen your tools
- Get a drip irrigation in place so you do not have to spend time standing with the hose watering
- Divide and conquer those root bound masses
- Plant a tree not only for beautification, but for the environment
- Create a new gardening area
- Plant more spring flowering bulbs
- Visit a botanical garden; one you have visited in the past and enjoyed or explore a new one
- Sit back and appreciate your labors in the garden

Old Calendars

Laura Schlaikjer

Start saving your favorite calendars for a club craft project in 2013. Ask friends, neighbors, etc. for theirs, or buy some at deep discounts through the year. I have folks at work save theirs for me every year – the variety is amazing!

You are cordially invited to:

Greenfield Garden Club's 21st Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Sunday January 29th 2012

*Greenfield Grill
30 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA*

11:30-12:30 Social Time (Alcohol can be purchased from noon on)

12:30-1:30 Luncheon Buffet

1:30-1:45 Business Meeting

1:45 Guest Presenter

Presenter: Jean-Claude LeJeune

Slide Presentation: "Feeling the Breath of a Butterfly in Jacqueline's Garden"

Menu

Tossed Salad

Rolls & Butter

Chicken Marsala

Beef Tips with Brandy Peppercorn Sauce

Chefs Choice: Cold Salad, Starch and Veg.

Apple Crisp

Coffee or Tea

**Meeting will include election of 2012 officers - Dues must be paid to be eligible to vote*

Due to the very short time line, we ask that you first make reservations by contacting Linda Tyler before January 18.

Please e-mail or call and clearly state your name and how many will be attending.

davidpt Tyler@comcast.net or 413-522-1686

After contacting Linda, please return your reservations to:

Laura Schlaikjer, PO Box 309, Greenfield, MA 01302

By January 27

Luncheon Buffet _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Dues *Single* @ \$18.00 \$ _____

Household @ \$24.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please note: The meal cost includes the following: meal, taxes, tip, programs, use of the facility, and the speaker.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please print clearly