



# Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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*Please contact any member of the Steering Committee if you are interested in filling this vacancy.*

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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](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 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting and Luncheon*

*Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*davidptyler@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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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