



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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June Program Meeting

Laura Schlaikjer

June Meeting: June 18, 2013 – THIS IS A TUESDAY! (In the event of a teeming downpour, the rain date will be Wednesday the 19th.) Carpool will leave Cherry Rum Plaza at 5:15pm.

We will be traveling to see the gardens and greenhouse of artist and succulent aficionado Abigail Rorer. Abigail & her husband, Charles Buell, live on a farm in Petersham, MA and have a number of flower gardens including a large rock garden, an extensive vegetable garden, and a greenhouse full of succulent plants. Abigail is the succulent enthusiast, has been growing them for at least 25 years, and built the greenhouse in 1987 to house her collection. She is also a certified Cactus & Succulent judge. During the visit to her gardens there will be an informal talk about succulents and some plants for sale.

Directions to: 16 Oliver Street, Petersham, MA 01366 Abigail's phone- 978-724-6672 Take Route 2 east to exit 15. At the end of the ramp, take a right. Go a short distance to a stop sign. This is the intersection with Route 202. Take a right onto route 202 west toward Amherst. Not very far down the road is the intersection of Route 202 and Route 122 toward Petersham & Worcester. Take the left onto Route 122 south. When you get near the center of Petersham you will see The Garage. There is only one garage, no gas, and it is called "The Garage". Take the left just before it-Route 32 north. Then take your first right: Oliver Street. Go down the road passing fields on either side and a pond on the right, and her house is the little brown house on the right with the attached greenhouse. Go past the house, turn right in front of the stone barn and park in that area.

President's Report

Laura Schlaikjer

As I write this, it's June 2nd, and it's HOT! Let's hope that we don't have a really hot summer in store for us! I hope you are ready for the 2 wonderful trips that we have planned for June. On Tuesday (NOT Thursday!) June 18, we are traveling to Petersham to see the succulent gardens of the talented Abigail Rorer. On Saturday, June 29th, we have been invited to Maple Grove in Boylston for a 10:30am tour of John Trexler's impressive gardens. Pack an umbrella to provide shade if it's sunny or shelter if it's raining lightly, as both events have rain dates, but only if it's really nasty weather. Pat Leuchtman's annual Rose Viewing will be June 30th. In July we will be traveling to Sue Bridge's beautiful home in Conway. The Garden Tour is fast approaching, and posters will be available at the June meeting. Please take one or two to post at area businesses near you. I hope to see many of you on June 18, 29, and 30. Happy Gardening!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday, June 18- Garden tour at home of Abigail Rorer.
Carpool leaves Cherry Rum Plaza at 5:15.

Trap Plain 5:30

Monday, June 10
Rain date: Tuesday, June 11

Steering Committee 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 17
Home of Jean Wall

Field Trip

June 29- John Trexler's garden
Boylston, MA

Garden Tour

July 6 with rain date of July 7

All members are welcome to attend all Steering Committee meetings

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletters. For the July Newsletter, please send to Linda Tyler by Saturday, June 29, at 1:00pm. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Jean Wall

Balance as of May 31, 2013: \$6,140.55

Income: \$1,096.50

Expenses: \$402.52

Income: Dues, interest, Extravaganza - tag sale \$122.45; raffle \$84.00; plant sale (after deducting cost of plants purchased from Five Acres) \$572.00; donation \$50.00

Expenses: Newsletter, plants purchased for Extravaganza, canopy

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to Jean Wall at 773-9069

or write to 40 High Street, Greenfield MA 01301.

Garden Club Steering Committee Minutes - 5/28/13

MARKETING EFFORTS:

Donna reported on the work being done to improve the Garden Club's marketing efforts.

Kaitlin, who is working on the website for House on the Hill, is helping to redesign the Garden Club's logo.

Donna will have something for us to look at in the near future. A new logo will lead us to think about tee shirts, bags, etc. for next year's Extravaganza and Garden Tour.

Donna also brought a couple of cute ideas to use for events & around Trap Plain and encouraged us all to be on the look-out for similar items. Turning to the work being done by the GBA, Donna reported that the barrels have been planted.

Members were pleased last year by the absence of vandalism and the placement of the barrels. There are 30 planted this year. With success, more will be planted next year. It has been recommended by the Conway School of Design that the existing grates around the trees are not healthy. Efforts are underway to determine how/who to remove them. Donna is doing a lot of this work personally. Jean Wall

motioned that the Garden Club vote to be a sponsor for the Beautification Committee's efforts. Jeanne seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

EXTRAVAGANZA RECAP:

The proceeds were \$778.45. Not bad given the weather! Suggestions for next year included: better advertising, better signage, a sandwich board at the Farmer's market, shut down earlier, sell some of the extra 'stuff': mugs, bags, etc., work with Holly Spatcher for annuals, and explore having vendors.

JUNE FIELD TRIP:

On June 29 there will be a Garden Club tour of John Trexler's garden in Boylston.

The cost will be \$10/person. People can go on their own or meet at Cherry Run Plaza at 8:30AM to car pool. Laura will put this on the website; Jeanne will get it into the Recorder. There will also be a Trap Plain work bee; information is on the website.

GARDEN TOUR:

The committee is very enthusiastic - the gardens all look amazing! Ten gardens have been identified and nine have been confirmed. Norm will follow up with Diane Tidlund, the 10th garden. The need for co-hosts and weeders has been identified. The next step is to assign them to gardens and notify them. Jeanne, Norm and Elise will do that. Norm will prepare the map with the garden descriptions. The map will be the ticket for the tour. The price is \$12/person. Marsha Stone has volunteered to chair the refreshments. Linda has the signs. Norm will get them from her and 'refurbish' them. The committee will place them out on Friday night. Good publicity will be the key to the success of this event! Laura, Dolly, Norm, Jeanne and Linda all have responsibilities here.

NEXT MEETING: Salad night at Jean Wall's 6PM on June 17.

Garden Tour Refreshments

Marsha Stone

We are looking for donations of baked goods & savories for the Garden Tour on July 6th.

Please contact Marsha Stone at mds41@comcast.net or 773-0201 to let me know what you'd like to donate or with questions. All donations should be dropped off Fri 7/5 at my home - 41 Meadow Lane in Greenfield. I can arrange pick up if you'd prefer.

We'd like morning breads, muffins, veggies, dips that would be safe to be kept out for hours (i.e. no mayo based), gluten free offerings, etc. Please call or email so that I can coordinate in order to have a diverse assortment. Garden members always come up with some delicious treats!

Thanks very much - here's looking forward to another successful tour!

2013 GARDEN TOUR - JULY 6 IS THE DATE

The Committee is very excited about this year's tour.

We have nine special gardens selected for your enjoyment and interest. They are mostly in Greenfield with one in Gill and one in Turners Falls.

Tickets will be sold at Trap Plain from 9AM-1PM; the cost is \$12/person. Maps and garden descriptions will be given out at that time.

There will be refreshments, water and other fun 'stuff' along the way.

Mark the date on your calendars and come enjoy the day. The rain date will be on Sunday July 7, if needed.

Garden Tour Drawing

Linda Tyler

I am looking for more items for the drawing to be held during the Garden Tour. I already have a gorgeous basket of items and a moss garden. A hyper tufa garden has also been promised. If you have an item for the drawing please let me know at 413-522-1686 or

davidptyler@comcast.net. Items can also be dropped off on my front porch at 23 Hastings Street, Greenfield, MA with a note attached to let me know it is for the drawing. Thanks!

Directions

(excerpt)

The best time is late afternoon
when the sun stokes through
the columns of trees as you are hiking up,
and when you find an agreeable rock
to sit on, you will be able to see
the light pouring down into the woods
and breaking into the shapes and tones
of things and you will hear nothing
but a sprig of birdsong or the leafy
falling of a cone or nut through the trees,
and if this is your day you might even
spot a hare or feel the wing-beats of geese
driving overhead toward some destination.

But it is hard to speak of these things
how the voices of light enter the body
and begin to recite their stories
how the earth holds us painfully against
its breast made of humus and brambles
how we who will soon be gone regard
the entities that continue to return
greener than ever, spring water flowing
through a meadow and the shadows of clouds
passing over the hills and the ground
where we stand in the tremble of thought
taking the vast outside into ourselves.

~ Billy Collins ~

Things To Do

Isabel Field

Here is a list of helpful tips taken from the UMass Garden Calendar for the month of June.

The Vegetable Garden

*Plant eggplant, peppers, cucumbers, squash and melon transplants the first week in June

*Plant seeds of cucumbers, melons and squash

*Mulch around vegetable plants now that soil has warmed

*Harvest outside leaves of parsley and let inner leaves grow

*Shade lettuce plant during hot weather using shade cloth or lattice

*Thin vegetable crops and let remaining plants develop

The Annual Rose Viewing at the End of the Road in Heath, MA.

Pat and Henry Leuchtman have their Garden Open Tour on Sunday, June 30, 2013 from 1-4 pm. Enjoy

the roses in the sun, then lemonade and cookies in the shady Cottage Ornee.

Directions: Come up 8A north about 4.7 miles and turn left onto Rowe Road. There will be a sign pointing you in the right direction. Another sign will point you Right onto Knott Road and drive to the End of the Road. For those with a GPS our street address is 43 Knott Road.

Cornus Kousa Trees

Elise Schlaikjer

Cornus Kousa trees are sitting in pots at Elise's home. They are about 3 foot high and would love to enhance your garden or lawn. They are yours for a free will donation to the Garden Club. Call or email Elise to arrange a time for viewing and picking up. 773-1683 or roselise@verizon.net. Ask about several other varieties in good size clumps that also need a loving home....

Trap Plain Clean Up

There will be a work bee at Trap Plain on Monday, June 10 at 5:30 with a rain date of Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30. Please bring rakes, trowels, a weed bucket, and clippers.

Fantastic Field Trip! Saturday, June 29th, 2013

10:30am at Maple Grove, Boylston, MA - \$10 per person. Rain date will be June 30th (lightning, thunder, hail, twister, hurricane) Carpool leaves 8:30am.

The club has booked the 10:30 spot on Saturday, June 29th at the home of the recently retired Director of the Worcester County Horticultural Society and Tower Hill, John Trexler. His 1 acre garden has been described as the "consummate collector's garden," reflecting his broad range of interests in the world of horticulture. John will take us systematically through his 400+ woody and herbaceous plants.

If we pack a picnic lunch, we can trot over to Tower Hill and picnic on the grounds, then spend a few hours seeing what's new and interesting there. If we get a minimum of 10 people, we can get the Tower Hill group rate of \$9 per adult, \$7 per senior. Regular rates are \$12 per adult, \$9 per senior.

You can choose to carpool or meet us there. Carpool will leave Cherry Rum Shopping Plaza no later than 8:30am. Please RSVP so we know who's attending to greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com, or call and leave a message at 413-774-4594 (Laura). If you are not carpooling, please get in touch for directions.

The Gardens of Westminster, Vermont

Saturday & Sunday, June 29 and 30, 10AM – 3PM
Featuring the gardens of Gordon & Mary Hayward and other Westminster gardens. Rain or shine.

Admission: \$15 or 2 for \$25

www.westminstercares.org 802-772-3607



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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
Walker Farm 1190 U.S. 5, Dummerston, VT- 10% off plant material until the end of June
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.