



Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 21 114 Main Street
Thomas G. Sullivan, M.A.L.D.
Master of Arts in Landscape
Design

Steering Committee 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26
Home of Jean Wall

April Meeting 6:00 pm

April 18 - Hypertufa workshop
for the Extravaganza
At the home of Richard Willard
23 Pickett Ln, Greenfield, MA.

March Program

Norm Hirschfeld

Pollinator Habitat Creation- Tom Sullivan will be covering the key elements of native bee habitat design, including nesting requirements and flower types to help the largest number of bees and other pollinators flourish. You will walk away with the basic tools for increasing pollinator resources in your gardens and neighborhoods.

Tom is passionate about the keystone role pollinating insects play with the plants in our world. Since graduating from the Conway School in 2008 he has given talks at the USFW Discovery Center and at the Natural Organic Farmers Assoc. Conference and the Hitchcock Center for the Environment. Doing business as “Pollinators Welcome” Tom’s focus is on building popular support for regional native bee habitat conservation with his “Yard-By-Yard” approach.

Thomas G. Sullivan, M.A.L.D. Master of Arts in Landscape Design

PollinatorsWelcome.com : Edible Landscape Design, Bee Habitat Education, Bee Sanctuaries

Please join us at 114 Main St. in Greenfield on March 21 at 7:00.

President’s Report

Laura Schlijker

Welcome to a new year with the garden club! I think we can all sense that spring is just around the corner, and thoughts are turning to planning this year’s vegetable garden, and deciding what trees, shrubs or perennials to add to our permanent beds. Bulb and flower shows are in full swing. All of this year’s grant proposals have been submitted and will be evaluated this month, with winners notified in early April. I was glad to see that many folks took advantage of the new email submission option. I would like to draw your attention to the new date for the Extravaganza: May 11th. With the warmer weather coming earlier in the season, Memorial Day weekend seemed late for our plant sale. Mark your calendars now!! I hope that many of you have internet connections, and can keep up with the club website, where I will be posting notice have internet connections, and can keep up with the club website, where I will be posting notice of field trips and updating/filling in the club calendar. We have exciting opportunities planned, starting with Tom Sullivan’s talk on pollinators – perhaps you saw the recent article on him in the Recorder? I encourage you to come and support the club – and bring a friend!

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletters. For the April Newsletter, please send to Linda Tyler by Saturday, March 30, at 1:00pm. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Jean Wall

Income: \$1,298.00

Expenses: \$1,014.43

Interest: \$.18

Income: Membership, donation, and Annual Meeting

Expenses: Annual Meeting: name tags, color copies, primroses, speaker, Greenfield

Grille; December newsletter; Renewal of Domain Name for website; postage

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

or write to 40 High Street, Greenfield MA 01301.

******Membership! Please be advised that if you have not paid your 2013 dues this could be your last newsletter. Membership is \$18 for a single member and \$24 for a family membership.**

Newsletter

Linda Tyler

You may note some changes to the newsletter. The Steering Committee notes will now be included in the newsletter so you will know exactly what direction the club is heading in. You will also note that there are more contributors! "Things to do in the Garden" has been discontinued. If you would like to take over this portion of the newsletter or write a column about something else the club would be interested in, I would love to hear from you. This is your newsletter! Please help make it into something the members want to read!

Extravaganza!

Linda Tyler

Please mark your calendars! The date for the Extravaganza has changed. The Steering Committee felt that the sale was a little late in the season and have moved the date forward! The new date for the Extravaganza is Saturday, May 11.

Steering Committee Meeting

Jean Canteen

Meeting held at Jean Wall's home on 2/21/13

ATTENDEES: Jean Wall, Linda Tyler, Laura Schlaikjer, Elise Schlaikjer, Jeanne Canteen, Isabel Fields, Norm Hirschfeld, Donna Mollard

Items Discussed:

Garden Tour: There are five gardens confirmed and five potentials. Norm will send letters to those confirmed; Jeanne and Linda will follow up with the potentials.

Laura will email the list of additional volunteers so Jeanne, Norm and Elise can see how they want to help. Norm, Elise and Jeanne are contacting the vendors to see if they will continue the discounts for the garden club. All have said 'yes' so far.

Programs: Our March program will be on March 21st at 7:00PM at 114 Main St. Tom Sullivan will speak on Pollination.

Donna will make the flyers. We will also invite the Master Gardeners and Greening Greenfield.

The April program will be on April 18th. We will be making hypertufa at the home of Richard Willard, 23 Pickett Lane, Greenfield, MA

Isabel will be in touch with 5 Acre Farm to find out when we can tour the greenhouses.

The Extravaganza is being moved from 5/25 to 5/11
Other Items:

- 1.) The Grant Committee will meet at Taylor's Tavern.
- 2.) There are some Field Trips we are considering for the summer: Tower Hill, Garden of John Trexler, Smith College Botanic Garden
- 3.) BEAUTIFICATION: The Containers will be refilled by Chapley Gardens. In addition, there are plans for a model bench to be placed in front of the Chamber of Commerce as well as some new recycling/trash containers.

Greenfield Garden Club

Check out the club's web presence...

<http://www.thegreenfieldgardenclub.org/> Thank you Laura Schlaikjer for making this happen. The club can also be found on Facebook! With changes happening to the calendar, keeping up to date on events is important so you don't miss any of the special events.

Grant Committee

Linda Tyler

The Grant Committee will be meeting at the end of the month to discuss and award grants. If you had signed up for this committee and did not receive a letter regarding the meeting, please call. Laura Schlaikjer at 774-4594.

The Rejuvenators Are Coming!

From the Greenfield Business Association Newsletter

There's a new team in town and they're called the Greenfield Rejuvenators! The Rejuvenators is a group of like-minded individuals representing Greenfield businesses, Greening Greenfield, the Tree Committee, and the Garden Club. The GBA is on board via the involvement of your very own Coordinator Caitlin. Its primary focus at the moment is the beautification of downtown Greenfield.

The group was in its infancy when Kate Snyder was still at the GBA and is just about ready to emerge from the planning phase to start making Greenfield more beautiful. The group was responsible for the downtown street containers last year and will be doing the same and much more this year.

If you'd like to know how you could be involved, contact Caitlin at 774-2791 or gba@franklincc.org. Great things are coming and you can help make them happen!

Smith Spring Bulb Show

The Smith College Spring Bulb Show runs until March 17. Stop in for a breath of spring!

Crab Dip

8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

8 oz. fresh crab meat

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 ½ TBSL white wine vinegar

1 ½ TBSL sugar

1 ½ TBSL grated onion

1/2 tsp. curry powder

1/2 tsp. bottled horseradish

1 garlic clove, mashed

1/4 tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients well. Serve with crackers or fresh vegetables.

Fennel Apple Grapefruit Salad

From Brattleboro Coop Newsletter

1 bulb fennel, washed well and thinly sliced

1 small red onion, thinly sliced

1 green apple, thinly sliced

1 ruby grapefruit, peeled, seeded, and cut into small sections

2 Tbsp. chopped toasted walnuts (optional)

Dressing:

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

1 Tbsp. honey or maple syrup

1 ½ Tbsp. lime juice

1 tsp. lemon juice

Salt and pepper to taste

Layer all these ingredients; fennel, onion, sliced apple. Drizzle lemon or lime juice. on top of apples to prevent browning. Top with grapefruit sections and toasted walnuts. Mix dressing ingredients and pour over the fruits and vegetables. Serve chilled.

Sojourns in the Parallel World

(Submitted by Elise Schlijker)

We live our lives of human passions,

cruelties, dreams, concepts,

crimes and the exercise of virtue

in and beside a world devoid

of our preoccupations, free

from apprehension -- though affected,

certainly, by our actions. A world

parallel to our own though overlapping.

We call it "Nature"; only reluctantly admitting ourselves to be "Nature" too.

Whenever we lose track of our own obsessions, our self-concerns, because we drift for a minute,

an hour even, of pure (almost pure)

response to that insouciant life:

cloud, bird, fox, the flow of light, the dancing

pilgrimage of water, vast stillness
of spellbound ephemerae on a lit windowpane,
animal voices, mineral hum, wind
conversing with rain, ocean with rock, stuttering
of fire to coal--then something tethered
in us, hobbled like a donkey on its patch
of gnawed grass and thistles, breaks free.

No one discovers

just where we've been, when we're caught up again
into our own sphere (where we must
return, indeed, to evolve our destinies)
-- but we have changed, a little.

~ Denise Levertov ~ (*Sands of the Well*)

Earth

(Submitted by Elise Schlijker)

Let the day grow on you upward

through your feet,

the vegetal knuckles,

to your knees of stone,

until by evening you are a black tree;

feel, with evening,

the swifts thicken your hair,

the new moon rising out of your forehead,

and the moonlit veins of silver

running from your armpits

like rivulets under white leaves.

Sleep, as ants

cross over your eyelids.

You have never possessed anything

as deeply as this.

This is all you have owned

from the first outcry

through forever;

you can never be dispossessed.

~ Derek Walcott ~ (*Sea Grapes*)

Annie's Garden Center

3/9/13 – *Beware the Ides of March* with Mary Ellen Warchol and Denise Lemay- The Ides of March- unlucky for Caesar, lucky for you! Join us for this fun cooking workshop as we pay tribute to the 15th of March with Caesar-inspired foods. This workshop will include cooking demonstrations, tastings and recipes. Togas are optional

Bringing Nature Home

The Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association's Spring Gardening Symposium March 16, 2013 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Frontier Regional High School, South Deerfield, MA *Featuring Doug Tallamy*

For more information and to pre-register go to:

<http://www.wmassmastergardeners.org/Upper%20Vall%202013.pdf>



Greenfield Garden Club
23 Hastings Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

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 .