# Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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## Vacations and Field Trips, Oh My!

August activities are on hold – we are taking a vacation month and getting ready for the field Trip to The Song Garden in Cornish, NH coming up on Saturday, September 17th. This is envisioned as a full-day trip to the Cornish area, with secondary side trip possibilities and either a purchased or picnic lunch. The Song Garden is a Pick-Your-Own flower garden, with stunning mountain views. There is also a self-service Tea House in a 1910 artist colony bungalow. Also on the property is a white quartz labyrinth, where we can take time to walk its path with a quiet mind and open heart. We could picnic on the grounds, or hit the Hartland Diner or Chef Brad's Crazy Side for lunch. In the afternoon we could go to Saint-Gaudens Historic Site and check out the formal gardens designed by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens. There are also short hiking trails that would take us past streams, brooks and ponds. For those crazy for cooking, King Arthur Flour is also close by! Please contact the club president if you are interested in this fun day out so we can plan the day around everyone's interests. (Info under "Officers" on page 2.)

*The Song Garden in Cornish, NH*

## 18th Annual North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival

Directions to the Festival:
https://garlicandarts.org/directions/alternative-travel/

Rain or Shine
Saturday & Sunday
September 24 & 25, 2016
From 10 until 5 each day
$5/day Adults or $8 weekend pass
Kids under 12 are free
Forster's Farm
60 Chestnut Hill Rd
Orange, MA
Local crafters with handmade items
Entertainment * Demos * Garlic!
Relax * Shop * Wander
https://garlicandarts.org/
https://www.facebook.com/NorthQuabbinGarlicAndArtsFestival/

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Garden Club programs are generally the third Thursday of each month.*

**Thursday, August 18: There is no August Meeting – see you at the Fair!**

**Saturday, August 27:** Shelburne Grange Fair 9-3

**Tuesday/Wednesday, September 6/7:** Fair Booth set-up

**September 8-11:** Franklin County Fair

**Saturday, September 17:** Field Trip to Cornish, NH

**Sunday, September 18:**, Field Trip Rain Date

**Wednesday, September 29**, 6:00 pm: Steering Committee Meeting with Potluck, 40 High St, Greenfield. Send items for the agenda to: greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

# President's Report

*from Laura Schlaikjer*

It could certainly be said that the dog days of summer are upon us! The heat and humidity are making us think twice about going outside! We know that soon it will break and we'll be back to weeding and harvesting in the vegetable garden. Thank goodness we are finally getting some rain, although days of a steady, gentle rain have been nowhere in sight all summer. Club members meet regularly despite the weather to tend Energy Park. Contact Nancy Hazard of Greening Greenfield if you'd like to join them! (nhazard@worldsustain.net) Our next club event will be our trip to The Song Garden in Cornish, NH (see page 1). I do hope many of you are interested and will rsvp so we can plan the details. If you are looking for an in-state field trip, don't forget the Stickwork exhibit by Patrick Dougherty starts on August 26 and runs through 2017 at Tower Hill Botanic Garden. This has been a great year for blueberries. I can honestly say that I am glad there is no peach crop since my freezers are full of berries! Places like Bug Hill Farm in Ashfield are still open for picking late varieties as well as fall raspberries, currants, basil and cut flowers. The next product to vie for space in my freezer will be pesto, as the basil crop is also looking good this year. It's Fair season – the Heath Fair (Aug 19-21), the 70th anniversary Shelburne Grange Fair (Aug 27), the Three County Fair in Northampton (Sept 2-5) and of course the Franklin County Fair (Sept 8-11). Celebrate the season at your local fair! See you in September!

### Franklin County Fair: September 8-11, 2016

This year's theme is "Bushels of Fun." We'll be having bushels of fun as we put together our booth at the Roundhouse on Tuesday September 6th from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm, and again on Wednesday, September 7th from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. At the recent club meeting where we invited all with ideas to come and share them, we focused on a more Zen theme with a labyrinth. We think we have all the materials we need, but please contact Linda Tyler (davidptyler@comcast.net) if you'd like to see how you can help, either with donations of plants and materials, or sweat and elbow grease on the 6th and 7th. You will get your items back on the afternoon of Monday, September 12th when we dismantle the booth for another year. Make sure to stop by during the Fair to visit the booth and all the other great exhibits!

## Looking Back: 1994

Janice McGuane – President
Sandy Brodie – Vice President
Carol Ball – Recording Secretary
Janice Wing – Corresponding Secretary
Ken Doerpholz – Treasurer

Annual Meeting & Dinner held at Famous Bill's Restaurant with speaker Brian McGowan from Blue Meadow Farm, Montague.

The Roundhouse exhibit won first place, and club member Priscilla Collins won the Cushman Award. The Parade float won 3nd place this year.

Field Trips: Boston Flower Show; Berkshire Flower Farm (Ashfield); Baystate Perennials (Whately); Kirin Herb Farm (Charlemont); Perry Pond Gardens (NMH).

Guest Speakers: Paul Michael & Stacey Chapley on Water Gardens; William Hutchinson on Orchids; Sherry Wilson on Landscapingto Attract Birds and Butterflies.

Community Activities: Winter Carnival; Bowl for Kids' Sake; Trap Plain gardens; Library & Federal St School planting;2nd Annual Garden Tour (Tix were $5!); Franklin County Fair float and Roundhouse display; Community Meal; Farmer's Market Plant and Bake Sale; Adopt-a-Barrel Contest and Holiday Greens; Greenfield Fall Festival, The Valley Gardener (7 episodes aired on GCTV).

Workshops: Dried Wreathmaking with Margie Wissman, and Holiday Wreathmaking with Richard Willard.

### Officers 2016:

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**Pottery Workshop examples by artist Rhonda Wainshilbaum**

Create a **shade garden** for respite from the heat of summer. There are many perennials that make a shade garden particularly inviting. Plants with eye-catching foliage are Ferns, especially the Painted Japanese Ferns; Ornamental Grasses, especially the bright and flowing Hakonechloa; Epimediums; Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle); Huechera (Coral Bells); Hostas (many also have attractive flower stalks); Pulmonaria (Lungwort); and Lamiums. Shade plants with striking flowers are Astilbes; Primula (Primroses); Hellebores; Euphorbia (Spurge), Toad lilies, Tiarella (Foamflower)and Digitalis (Foxglove). Shrubs that thrive in lights shade are the Hydrangea family, of which there are many varieties to choose from.
With summers getting hotter, we'll be spending more time in the shade, so make yours an inviting space!

Back by popular demand, clay artist Rhonda Wainshilbaum is holding 2 classes on Saturday, August 27th at her home in Leyden. From 10-12, make a stamped clay 12" birdbath or shallow salad bowl (at left). Rhonda will fire and glaze it, or you can return later and glaze it. From 12-2pm, make a cement leaf-shaped birdbath. All necessary materials will be provided. The glazed bowl class is $55, and the cement leaf class is $30. Save $5 by registering for both or if you bring a friend. For more information and to register, contact Rhonda at 413-624-5175.

# Treasurer's Report

*Jean Wall*

Balance as of August 13, 2016..... $6,439.12

Income ..... $1,777.47
*Interest, Programs, Extravaganza, Tour*

Expenses..... $1,851.19
*Postage, Programs, Extravaganza, Tour*

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to:

Jean Wall

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## MEMBER DISCOUNTS

These vendors have agreed to provide the listed discounts for members who show their membership card when making a purchase. We appreciate their support! Please respect their offers by remembering these generous discounts are for club members only and only when your card is presented.

**Backyard Birds** – 15 Strong Ave., Northampton
10% off regularly prices items except thistle birdseed

**Baystate Perennial Farm**
36 State Road (Route 5/10), Whately
10% off regular priced plants

**Chapley Gardens**
397 Greenfield Road (Route 5/10), Deerfield
10% off regular priced plants and pond supplies

**Five Acre Farm** – 110 Hinsdale Rd., Northfield
10% off regular priced plants

**Glenbrook Gardens**
56 Glenbrook Drive, Greenfield
10% off regular priced plants and products

**Greenfield Farmers' Cooperative** (Agway)
269 High Street, Greenfield
10% anything garden related

**LaSalle Florists**
23 LaSalle Drive (Route 5/10), Whately
10% off regular priced plants

**O'Brien Nurserymen** – 40 Wells Road, Granby, CT
10% off plants

**Silver Garden Daylilies** – 23 Picket Lane, Greenfield
10% off daylilies

**Sugarloaf Nursery** – 25 Amherst Road, Sunderland
10% off regular priced plants

**Warm Colors Apiary**
2 South Mill River Road, South Deerfield
10% off

**Wilder Hill Gardens**
351 South Shirkshire Road, Conway
10% off plants and consultations

*Any vendors interested in offering our gardeners a discount, please contact the Steering Committee.*