Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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September Field Trip: Art in the Orchard

Saturday, September 22, we will be heading off to Easthampton , MA to enjoy not only the edible delights at Park Hill Orchard, but also the visual ones. Art in the Orchard is a multifaceted sculpture exhibition and festival taking place between August 11 and Thanksgiving on the grounds of a quintessential working New England apple orchard in Easthampton, Massachusetts. AIO 2018 is an invitational sculpture exhibition along a walking trail showcasing three dimensional outdoor works and installations created by local and regional artists. 2018 is an invitational sculpture show featuring works by alumni sculptors who were chosen by a jury in a past show. For 2018, several works by two guest artists will be featured, Joe Chichirillo from North Bennington, Vermont and Peter Barrett from Egremont, Massachusetts. The self-guided trail is a ½ mile long, and a jaunt through the labyrinth adds another ¼ mile. Dress appropriately.

A visit is free, but there is a suggested donation of $5 per person, or $20 for a group. The artists will be sitting with their sculptures on 9/22 from noon until 4 pm. What luck! (Rain date is Sunday, 9/23.) Please RSVP to Laura at 413-522-0901, or email greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com. Interested persons will be kept in the loop about where/when to meet for the carpool. The farm store has their famous cider slushies – we should pack a picnic lunch, buy a cider slushie, and relax in the orchard!

September President's Report

You might be wondering what happened to the newsletter after the June publication. I am afraid that between work and home, I did not have the time or energy to put one together. I can only hope that you, the reader, were equally occupied with your summer plans and did not miss the omission! We are in the homestretch of the year, with the Franklin County Fair fast approaching (August 31 is the deadline for entering your flowers or handiwork at the Roundhouse). We are short-handed for the booth this year, so please call me and let us know how you can help! Our final 2 field trips are on the horizon. From there it's the wreath-making and holiday party. The year will culminate at the Annual Meeting in January, when we hope to return to the French King restaurant. Linda Smith noted that their seating arrangement made it easy to meet and talk with folks you might not normally sit with! We may use the meeting as an opportunity to hash out the future of the club with everyone able to comment and discuss the options. Please stay tuned for details! In the meantime – see you at the Fair and in the orchard!

ART IN THE ORCHARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sept 1, 8:00 am - Steering ctte, 40 High St, Greenfield

Tues/Wed, Sept 4/5: Set-up the booth at the Roundhouse

September 6-9: Franklin County Fair

September 9, 4:00 pm: Labyrinth Talk with Robert Ferre

Saturday, September 22, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm: Field Trip

Sept 29/30: North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival

"Still Stinkin' After All These Years!"

The 20th Annual Garlic and Arts Festival will be held on Sept. 29 and 30, 2018 in Orange, Massachusetts. Celebrating 20 Years of Peace, Love, and Garlic! The Organizers have made this a special Festival for everyone, celebrating 20 years of fun, farms, families, food and community-building through art and music. Check out **What's New** for this celebratory year. Learn how **Volunteers** are critical to the Festival's success. Check out the **scheduled events** and meander among 100 bountiful booths featuring regional artists, farmers, community organizations and garlic cuisine. Celebrate and relax with great bands, spoken word, and performance on three stages- including a solar-powered music stage – and throughout the rolling fields and forest. Be inspired by exhibitor demos and ample activities for kids and families. Get silly with garlic games galore including the famous raw garlic-eating contest. Soothe the soul with healing arts exhibitors. Travel the garlic globe with celebrated chef demos, and fill your belly with farm fresh and savory cuisine as you relax in the food courts. Enjoy over 80 engaging workshops, activities and performances.

WMMGA Master Gardener Training Program 2019

Classes to meet weekly January to April at Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Ave, Holyoke. UMass Amherst faculty and staff, and other green industry experts will present horticulture lectures that cover: ornamental plants; fruits; vegetables; identifying pests and dis-eases; and sustainable gardening practices. To become a Master Gardener, participants must attend a mandatory two-hour orientation, successfully complete the course and exam, and fulfill 60 hours of volunteer service hours in the first year. Participants should have access to the internet and a printer. Once certified, Master Gardeners maintain active status by completing 15 hours of volunteer service and three hours of continuing education annually. Volunteer activities include: Maintaining demonstration gardens, assisting at plant clinics, answering hotline questions and speaking to community groups. Registration deadline is 9/21. For more info or to download the application, visit www.wmmga.org. Questions? Call or email Sharon: 413-253-7031 or rogalssm@gmail.com.

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The 21st Century Labyrinth Revival:

An Illustrated Talk by World-Renowned Robert Ferré, Labyrinth Designer and Creator

- How can our town benefit from having a community Labyrinth?
- Why is the Labyrinth re-emerging at this particular time?
- What are the benefits of Labyrinth walking?

Sunday, September 9, 2018, 4 PM
Parish Hall
Greenfield Second Congregational Church

Free and Open to All!

For more information please contact communitylabyrinthfc@gmail.com
Sponsored by the Community Labyrinth Coalition

Please join us!
*For a festive evening to benefit Syrian refugees.**

Temple Israel Greenfield is hosting a silent auction.
Enjoy complimentary beverages and hors d'oeurves

Saturday, October 27th, 7-9 pm

Come with a generous heart to bid on
gift certificates to restaurants & businesses,
vacation rentals, art, gourmet meals,
gift baskets, and more.

Temple Israel Greenfield
27 Pierce Street

*Our partner organization, **NuDay Syria** is run by Muslim American New Englander Nadia Alawa.

NuDay Syria has a stellar record of bringing urgently needed supplies and relief for people suffering this overwhelming tragedy. We are supporting their campaign to send large shipping containers with desperately needed items through Turkey into Northern Syria.

We are honored to be sending 100% of the proceeds of our event to benefit this effort.

www.nudaysyria.org

templesilentauction@gmail.com

Things to do in the September Garden

Pickle and preserve the harvest. Make unusual pestos and salsas. The internet has lots of ideas and recipes to inspire you!

Remove weeds now for fewer in the spring.

Take stock of your garden – does it need more late-blooming perennials? Take an inventory of what changes you want to make next year and plan it out over the winter.

Turn your compost pile – or start one!

Gardens not performing well? Start at the ground level - have your soil tested through UMass's Soil and Testing Laboratory.

Plant a fall crop of veggies (greens, peas, etc.), but remember to leave room for your garlic crop, which will go in next month. High Mowing Seeds has good fall planting info on their website.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 31, 2018 .....$5,596.21

Income $320.26
Interest, Dues, Extravaganza, donation
Expenses $100.00
Extravaganza
All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to the club Treasurer:

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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

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

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

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

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.