Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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A Visit with a New GGC Member's Garden

Visit the Amherst Gardens of Beth Schreier and John Kick

Date/Time: Thursday, July 18, 5:30pm

Location: 1171 South East St, Amherst, MA

Use the directions conveniently provided on Andrews Greenhouse webpage to park across the street in their parking lot. Take care when crossing the busy street.

GGC members Beth and John have created a lovely garden using shrubs, perennials, conifers, trees and stone. Both are soil scientists (USDA NRCS). Since moving in in 2001 they have created – and continue to create - quite the oasis in their gently sloping backyard, and are looking forward to sharing their vision with club members. They are not interested in sharing it with the resident woodchuck though!

Please RSVP to the club so we can let Andrew's know how many cars to expect. There may be sales going on at Andrews in case anyone wants to go early and check out their offerings. Their hours are daily from 9-4:30. For anyone interested in carpooling from Greenfield, please indicate that when you RSVP.

July President's Musings ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

It's July, and I am just planting my veggie garden. I ran out of time before my trip to the UK to visit my brother with 2 childhood friends, visiting multiple gardens. Two days after I got home, I visited 5 more gardens in CT with the Garden Conservancy. I found the biggest difference was the use of stone walls versus brick walled gardens. There was something comforting seeing the stone walls of New England, since an enclosed garden with tall brick walls is not in my future. We have a wonderful July meeting in Amherst – I hope you can make it! Also – see my plea for help in getting the Fair booth planning started. We have many trips and webinars on the horizon. Please RSVP as you can. I remember when we mailed the newsletter and had to keep it to 4 pages (2 sheets of paper) for a single stamp! ~ Enjoy! Laura

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10 – Enchanted Gardens' 4 MetroWest garden tour – see page 3
July 18, 5:30 pm – monthly meeting in Amherst garden – see page 1
July 20-21, 10-4 – Colrain Flower Garden Tour – see below
July 21, 6:17 am – Full Buck Moon
July 26, 5:30 pm – Steering Committee Meeting

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better ~ Albert Einstein

Colrain Flower Garden Tour – July 20 & 21 10AM – 4PM

The Colrain Historical Society is sponsoring two flower garden tour days this month in Colrain. There are 9 gardens on this self-guided tour, and tickets are $20 per person. They can be purchased either at Pine Hill Orchards or Catamount Country Store. Rare specialty plants from a Connecticut nursery, a large selection of Daylilies, and native pollinator plants will be offered for sale during the tour. You will see plant collector's' gardens, perennials, pollinator habitats, unusual annuals, and well-established trees and shrubs in the various landscapes of Colrain. Grab-and-Go lunch is available at Catamount Country Store on Saturday and Pine Hill Orchards on Sunday. Catamount Country Store is located at 113 Main St in Colrain, and Pine Hill Orchards is located at 248 Greenfield Rd in Colrain.

*Don't forget to check out Margaret Roach's excellent **Monthly Garden Chores** on her website:* https://awaytogarden.com/category/chores-by-month/

175th Franklin County Fair GGC Booth Planning

In order to put on our annual display at the Roundhouse this fall, we need a committee of interested persons to come forward to plan the design. *The steering committee is not able to be responsible for the booth this year.* The Fair theme is appropriate for the club: **Rooted in Our Community.** Please contact Laura, who would like to continue our tradition, but needs your help. We can start with an idea and then gather the materials and people to help put the idea into action. Please email the club ASAP to indicate if you have the time to brainstorm. We can figure out the implementation later. The set-up days are Tues/ Wed, Sept 3 & 4. Let's do this!!

Officers 2024:

President/Newsletter/FB/Website: Laura Schlaikjer
Vice President: Marsha Stone
Treasurer: Becky George
Recording Secretary: Pamela McBride
Corresponding Secretary: Nicki Shipman
At Large Member/s: Eva Carrier; Michelle Tirrell; Celt Grant

Enchanted Gardens Special Tour Invitation July 10, 10-4 (Antonia is 10-2)

Four gardeners are graciously opening their lovely private gardens to Jana Milbocker's newsletter subscribers for a self-guided garden tour. Friends and family are welcome to attend for free. These gardens are definitely worth the trip. I saw the Kominz gardens a year or so ago and was truly amazed. Email the club to carpool to all or some of them.

Kominz Garden **Host**: Phyllis Kominz
Address: 233 Glenn Rd., Weston, MA

This extraordinary hillside garden features collections of dwarf conifers, specimen trees, hostas, epimediums, and unusual perennials. You will marvel at more than 200 dwarf conifers, unique elms, columnar beeches and other collector plants accented by flowers, statuary and water features. Perennial specialist Joanne Daphnis will be on hand to answer questions. Kominzgarden

Joyce's Garden **Host:** Joyce Hannaford
Address: 73 W. Central St. Natick, MA

Joyce's garden is an exuberant collection of unusual trees, colorful perennials and structural tropicals accented with lush containers, artwork and beautiful lighting. You will find specimens of Japanese umbrella pine, tri-color beech, stewartia, katsura and other gems. Drifts of daylilies, phloxes, daisies and hundreds of other flowers provide brilliant color. JoycesGarden

Garden on the Rocks **Host:** Elena Lapitsky
Address: 60 Warren Rd., Ashland, MA

Hewn out of a steep, rocky slope, Garden on the Rocks is Master Gardener Elena's outdoor sanctuary. The garden is home to fruit trees and bushes, mature conifers, roses, perennials and a collection of tropical plants. You will find a charming summerhouse, several ponds, patios, winding paths and whimsical accents. Tropical plants are available for sale. GardenontheRocks

Antonia's Garden **Host:** Antonia Hieronymus
Address: 61 S. Mill St., Hopkinton, MA

Antonia's garden has unique hardscaping, elements of whimsy, mature conifers, a Japanese Garden, two ponds and an abundance of flowers. As an artist, Antonia has a passion for unusual, eye-catching design. She sees the garden as a canvas for creations of color, shape, and texture. She has been refining this garden for 30 years. Antonia's Garden.
Jana Milbocker Book Signing: 10:00–11:30

Highland Street Foundation is offering **August Adventures** again this year. August Adventures 2024 is 31 days, 31 adventures, and 100% free. It provides access and opportunities to new and old partners highlighting the geographical and cultural diversity of the Massachusetts arts and culture community. Please note that some organizations require advance registration, so register soon. Some sell out early.

01-Aug - Historic Deerfield

02-Aug - The Children's Museum of Greater Fall River

03-Aug - Worcester Art Museum

04-Aug - Edward Gorey House

05-Aug - Falmouth Museums on the Green

06-Aug - Battleship Cove

07-Aug - Naumkeag Historic House and Gardens, The Trustees

08-Aug - Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston

09-Aug - Museum of African American History Boston

10-Aug - Marconi/RCA-Wireless Museum

11-Aug - Pilgrim Hall Museum

12-Aug - The Garden at Elm Bank (Mass. Horticultural Society)

13-Aug - Children's Museum at Holyoke

14-Aug - Emily Dickinson Museum

15-Aug - Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House

16-Aug - Jacob's Pillow

17-Aug - Hull Lifesaving Museum

18-Aug - John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum

19-Aug - The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Carousel

20-Aug - MIT Museum

21-Aug - Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

22-Aug - Buttonwood Park Zoo

23-Aug - Wenham Museum

24-Aug - Paul Revere Heritage Site

25-Aug - Cape Cod Museum of Art

26-Aug - World Ocean School (Sold Out)

27-Aug - Cape Cod Children's Museum

28-Aug - Fitchburg Art Museum

As seen on Facebook…

29-Aug - The Sports Museum and Boston Bruins Heritage Hall

30-Aug - Cape Cod Museum of Art

31-Aug - Mass Audubon | Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners new class of Master Gardeners in 2025

A series of Meet & Greet events are being held in western MA counties for anyone interested in applying for our 2025 Training Class. Come and meet current Master Gardeners to learn more about the organization, what the training class is like and what Master Gardeners offer to our communities. (Northampton was June 30th)

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM at Grandmother's Garden
https://www.grandmothersgarden.org/
Smith Ave
Westfield, MA 01085
Event Contact: Laurie Parent (plant_dreams@yahoo.com)

Sunday, July 21, 2024, 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Berkshire Botanical Garden
5 West Stockbridge Road
Stockbridge, MA 01262

Event Contacts: Margy Gwozdz (wgwozdz@roadrunner.com) & Donna Meczywor (mochapdw@gmail.com)

Enjoy Westminster Cares (VT) Garden Tour on July 6 and 7, 10am – 3pm

Gordon and Mary Hayward's Westminster West gardens in Vermont will once again highlight the Westminster Cares Garden Tour, which celebrates its 21st anniversary this year. Gordon and Mary helped start the tour in 2003, after a successful garden tour for the Yellow Barn Music Festival.

The tour will be held July 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Tickets are $20 for one, or $35 for two; they are good for both days of the tour and include entry to special events. Children under age 16 get free admission to the Garden Tour.

In addition to the Haywards, the Adairs' "Sanctuary" garden, and the Kebbells "Mole End" garden will be on the tour.

Two special programs are planned: On Saturday, (11:30am), Bianca Fernandez will lead a workshop at "Hope Roots", her cut-flower farm. Participants will learn how to grow and arrange cut flowers for color and inspiration 12 months a year. Also on Saturday, (1:30pm), furniture maker, artist and teacher, Mark Ragonese, will lead a hands-on demonstration, "Saplings: Sculpting, Bending and Weaving." Entry to these special events is included with your ticket.

Tickets are available online June 1st at www.westminstercares.org. They can also be purchased throughout the tour at the Hayward's garden or at the Westminster Institute.

The Hayward's garden, begun in 1984, is based on the footprint and the remnants of the Ranney farm, including the milking parlor and a stone wall that ran to the silo. Their garden shed was originally a tobacco barn moved up from Connecticut River Valley.

Mary, originally from the Cotswold region in England, and Gordon, from northwest Connecticut, were teachers who purchased the Ranney Farm, built in the late 1700s, in 1983. Both raised on farms, they treasure the long history of the property. "The house has been part of the life of the community for 200 years, so it's also a celebration of the history," Gordon says.

As part of the tour, visitors can learn about the first project in Windham County to establish a forested riparian buffer. The project, in conjunction with the Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, is restoring a five-acre field to bird and wildlife habitat. The Haywards have been weeding out invasive species, and planting native species of trees and shrubs, alongside an existing wildflower garden.

The Secret World of Philadelphia's Private Gardens
Thursday, July 11, 2 – 3pm

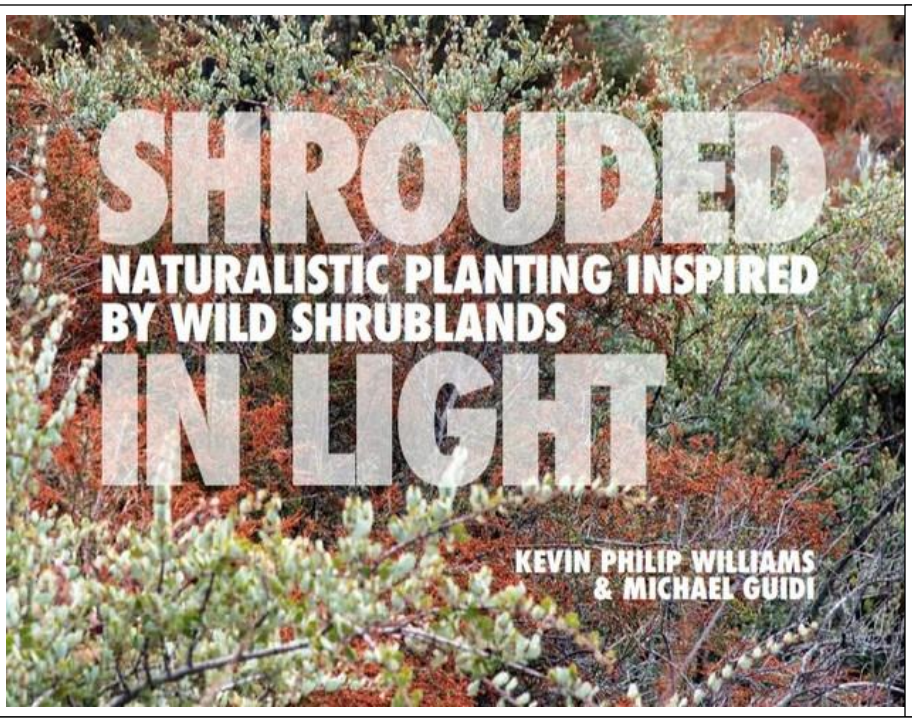
Live on Zoom

$5 for Garden Conservancy members. Call 845-424-6500, 9-5, and let them know you are with the Greenfield Garden Club to purchase. A recording of every webinar will be sent to all who register in case you cannot watch live.

Join garden historian Nicole Juday, author of the new book *Private Gardens of Philadelphia,* as she discusses the character-driven gardens she discovered in writing her book. Using examples illustrated with images from the book's lavish photography by Rob Cardillo, she will not only highlight how these stunning gardens reflect the personalities and interests of their owners but will also point to examples of how these contemporary landscapes say something about the social, economic, political, and religious influences that have contributed to the incredible richness of horticulture in the Philadelphia region.

About The Speaker:
Nicole Juday had her first exposure to great horticulture when she came to Philadelphia in the 1990s. Soon thereafter, gardening became the catalyst for a career change and a source of lifelong fascination and learning. Her work includes serving as the rosarian for Wyck House and Garden, the oldest rose garden in the country. Later she managed the renowned program at Barnes Arboretum School in Merion, then directed programming at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. She has served on the boards of several horticultural nonprofits and speaks and writes frequently about gardens and garden history.

LOOKING AHEAD: Garden Study Weekend Symposium at Hollister House Gardens in CT
September 7, 2024 Hollister House Garden Study Weekend brings together some of the most important voices at work today in the fields of horticulture and garden design for a weekend of learning, inspiration, and networking. Featuring Fergus Garrett, Peter Del Tredici, Katherin Tracey, Matt Mattus and moderator Paige Dickey. Learn more HERE.



Shrouded in Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands
Thursday, July 25, 2 – 3pm

Live on Zoom

$5 for Garden Conservancy members. Call 845-424-6500, 9-5, and let them know you are with the Greenfield Garden Club to purchase. A recording of every webinar will be sent to all who register in case you cannot watch live.

Shrublands exist all around us, thriving in almost any environmental condition, from the desiccating sunshine of the endless sagebrush steppe to the deep, private shade of moist forests. These diverse and inspiring ecosystems serve as perfect models for our gardens. Beyond their inherent beauty, they provide nurturing habitats and demonstrate resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Join the authors of *Shrouded in Light* as they invite you to work, live, and play with shrubs. Explore a glorious spectrum of wild shrublands and discover the philosophies and design strategies behind translating these magnificent plant communities into your home garden.

This webinar will be convened by Open Days Garden Host Lisa Negri of Denver, CO.

Kevin Philip Williams is a naturalistic gardener who collaborates with plants to create dynamic and challenging worlds. His unique style combines bio-regional plant palettes, a hardcore punk ethos, and post-human aesthetics to craft wild and captivating spaces. Kevin's extensive work with Denver Botanic Gardens has led to the creation of celebrated public gardens throughout the city. Kevin has worked as a gardener on The High Line in New York City and was a Horticulture Intern at Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Michael Guidi is an ecologist and horticulture researcher who is passionate about naturalistic plantings that embody the flexibility and resiliency of wild systems. His work draws inspiration from liminal urban spaces and wild areas alike. Preferring common and weedy plants to the rare and precious, Michael is a proponent of dynamic, self-sustaining gardens and green infrastructure as alternatives to static high-maintenance landscaping. Michael worked as a field biologist before joining the Denver Botanic Gardens horticulture department.

Lisa Negri is no stranger to math, science, and working with the earth. And as an engineer and CEO of an environmental engineering company for 27 years, she was also well known as a thought leader and has been a frequent catalyst for growth and change. These days, Lisa's SummerHome Garden in Denver allows her to blend that engineer's mind with a passion for education, commitment to community, and dedication to curbing climate change. She believes that changing even one small corner of the world makes a difference.

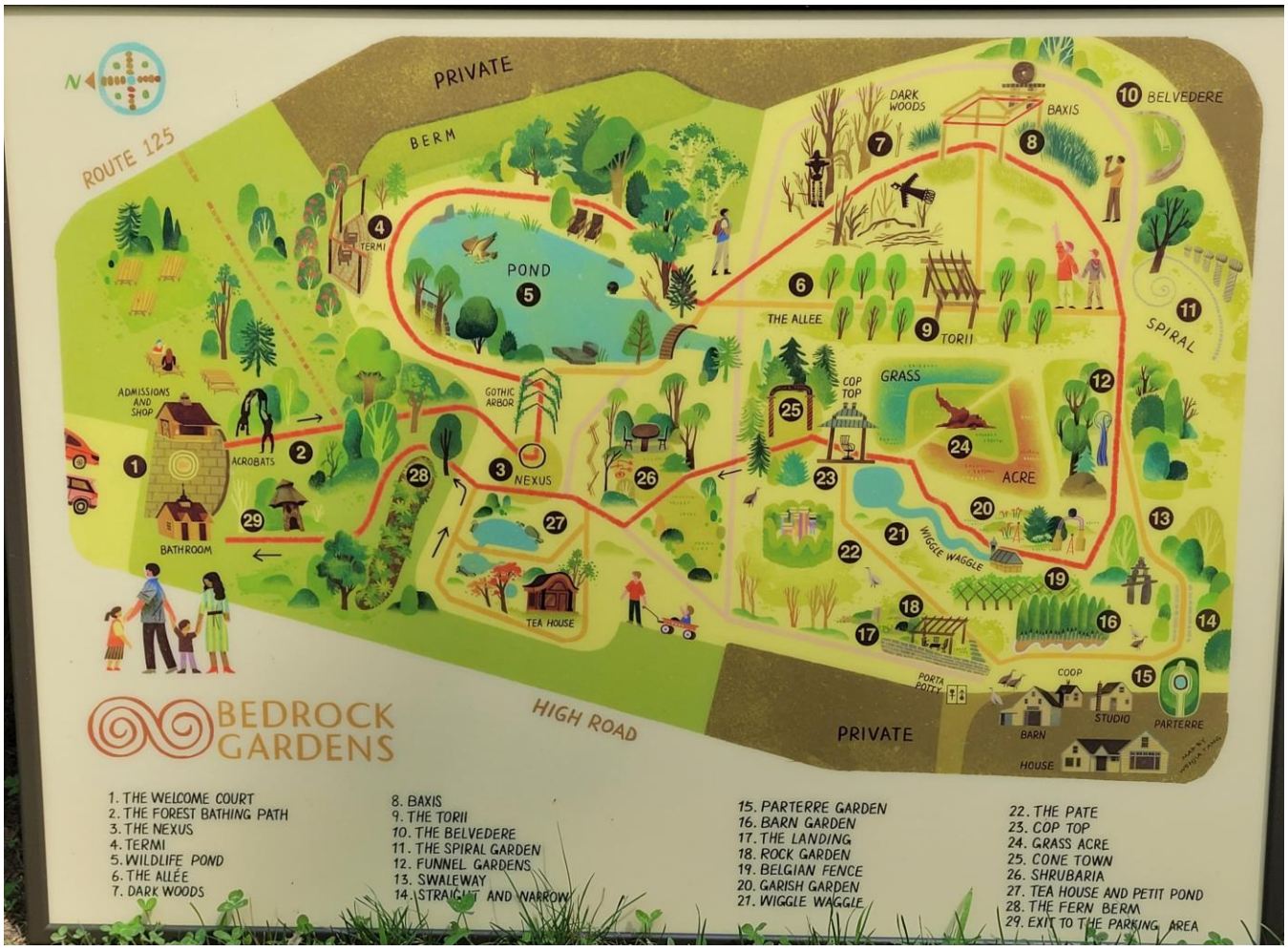
CLUB TRIP TO BEDROCK GARDENS IN LEE, NH

Saturday, September 7, 2023 at 10:30AM

Private Guided Tour with John Forti, Executive Director

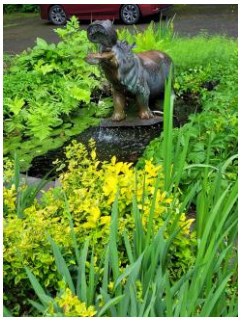
Please try to RSVP by July 30 so we can plan.

Yes, we are still advertising this event! We have reserved a private, guided tour at Bedrock Gardens with The Heirloom Gardener himself, John Forti. We have locked in the date with our check. We have not yet attracted 12 GGC members and friends for the tour to break even (we're up to 9), but can take more than 12. It's $20 per person. The regular entrance fee (no tour) is $15. It is a roughly 2+ hour drive to Lee, NH, so we would want to carpool and leave around 7:30AM. We know it is also the Franklin County Fair that weekend, but hopefully folks can visit/volunteer on the other days that the Fair is open. It's not easy to get John himself as our tour guide. Please RSVP by July 30th.



Our **2024 Garden Tour** was a great success with 92 tickets sold. This was down from 127 sold in 2022, but this was partially because both Northfield and Amherst had their garden tours the same weekend. We had seven gardens, all with very different designs. New this year - we sold plants that were a big hit. Numerous friends came up to me and told me how much they enjoyed the tour this year. Seven gardens was a manageable number in terms of being able to view all of them. Thank you to Nancee Bershof, Mary Chicoine Praus, Martha Thompson, Tom Ashley of Dancing Bear Farm in Leyden, and Eric Greene for their plant contributions to the tour's plant sale. I also want to thank all the gardeners, hosts, volunteers and our Tour Committee for their very hard work that made this tour possible. After expenses, we brought in $605 from the Tour, of which $284 was collected from the plant sale. Though our goal was not to make a profit, it's nice that the tour more than paid for itself.

Submitted by Norm Hirschfeld, Tour Chairperson on behalf of the Tour Committee: Carol Ball, Eva Carrier, Bill Levine, Deb Loomer, Pamela McBride, Liane Watts, and Marla Zlotnick.



Those Lovely, Large Lupines are Not Native

I read an interesting article recently about Lupines (*Lupinus polyphyllus*) versus perennial/native Lupines *(Lupinus perennis L.).* We love those big blooms, but it is outcompeting the smaller native variety, and pollinators that rely exclusively on it. Read the article here. Read about Sundial, or native Lupine here. Purchase plants at Native Plant Trust.

NON-NATIVE LUPINE

NATIVE LUPINE or SUNDIAL

BEE KIND TO YOUR BEES!

~ With member Liz Nett

Bees need water which may be in short supply at certain times of the year – especially now.
At the end of a dinner or picnic when you've got those water-melon rinds that still have a little fruit on them and perhaps the ends of the watermelon cut off. These are perfect to put out in your garden or anywhere that bees may be out finding forage. The bees will land on them and be sustained by the water and the sugar in the watermelon. Putting them in a shady spot will keep them fresh a little bit longer. What's left over can simply be put in a compost pile. Your bees will thank you!

A Garden Party with The Weldon House

Thursday, August 8th at 1pm

The club has been invited to help host a garden party at the Weldon House on Thursday, August 8th. The club is working with Emily Verock-Isrow to put together a houseplant activity for the residents to enjoy. Danielle Lucier will present on houseplants, and we will then do a houseplant potting activity with the assembled group. The club will sponsor the speaker and any needed supplies, and answer any gardening questions. Emily and The Weldon House will provide light refreshments. If anyone is interested in helping, and is able to attend a weekday afternoon event, please let us know. It's a garden party, so helpers should wear their best garden party hat!

O'Brien Nurserymen, Granby, CT
Open Garden Days for July

Hours: Friday 10-5; Saturdays 10-5; Sundays 10-5 (On the dates below only)
Also by Appointment (please call ahead) – **GGC members receive a 10% discount (no credit cards)**

July 4, 5, 6 & 7 – Yes, Open the 4th! Featuring, Polygonatum odoratum 'Fireworks'

July 12, 13 & 14 – High Season for Daylilies, Checkout our Display Tables

July 19, 20 & 21 – Do you call them Heuchera, Hoochaira or Coralbells?

July 26, 27 & 28 – Summer Blooming Azaleas, for Fragrance in the Garden

How many flower words can you find?

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of May 14, 2024 .....$7,682.54

Income $1,256.19
Interest $0.19; membership: $45; Tour: $1,211
Expenses $387.43
Bee Fest Bee $100; Bedrock Garden deposit $250;hotecards $20; Event expenses $17.43
Balance as of June 15, 2024.....$8.551.30

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to Greenfield Garden Club:
c/o Becky George, 61 Madison Cir
Greenfield MA 01301 **Questions?**
greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Saturday, July 27th
greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

Greenfield Garden Club
PO Box 309
Greenfield, MA 01302-0309

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.

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

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

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

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

Shelburne Farm and Garden ***NEW!!!***
355 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne
10% off anything garden-related

Any vendors interested in offering our club member - gardeners a discount, please contact a member of the Steering Committee – thank you!!

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

Mill River Farm Market – Conway Road/corner 116 & Rtes 5/10. S. Deerfield
10% off plants in Spring and Fall

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