Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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Kinsey-Pope Garden: Invitation to View

Tuesday, June 10th at 5:30pm
119 High St, Amherst, MA

We have been personally invited to visit the **Kinsey-Pope Gardens** with owner Carol Pope. She is welcoming anyone who wants to come earlier to arrive at 4:30, but the official tour will not begin until 5:30. We will bring wine and appetizers. Please join the carpool as parking is limited. Bring a folding chair, & appropriate footwear as there are stone steps and paths. Carol is really looking for-ward to our visit!

From Carol: "This is a garden begun by my late husband and me (both academics with no formal garden training) soon after we moved here in 1978, working and learning together for twenty years. I have been the primary garden designer from the beginning, and designer and gardener for another twenty years, now recently with some wonderful garden help. It is a landscape of many uncommon trees with strikingly beautiful bark and a wide variety of textures, flowers, berries, and great autumn color; many shrubs with more than one season of beauty; perennials flowering in three seasons; ground covers of unusual dramatic effect covering all beds during all seasons; and in winter offering a wide palette of interesting shapes, lovely bark, and many evergreen trees and shrubs. In addition, there are three bridges over a stone-lined swale, a hand-built screened gazebo and curved top arbor, a charming little pond, many benches and Japanese stone lanterns, large-stone walkways and stone walls, and a Japanese inspired fence surrounding all of the 1/2-acre garden."

RSVP: greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

June President's Musings ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

Welcome to June, with hopefully sunnier weather, although I suspect that in a few more weeks we'll be wishing for the cooler and rainier month of May. As usual, there are many wonderful options for your consideration this month. Please join us on June 10th at Carol Pope's garden – it's a work of art. This is also a good time to look around you and send us the address of any gardens you think would be a good addition to next year's GGC Garden Tour. We are thinking of looking for few gardens in Bernardston too, so if you see one that you slow down to admire – please alert us of the location. The Garden Conservancy has changed their policy for club memberships. Instead of calling them, contact me to place your order online, then pay me back. Remember that tix are non-refundable. See page 12. *Happy gardening ~ Laura*

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7, 10-4 – Open Garden Day at Elise Schlaikjer's garden (see page 10)
June 7 - Biological Compost Workshop in Leyden (see page 12)
June 11 – 5:15pm – Steering Committee Meeting
June 14, 10-4 – Northampton Garden Tour (see page 11)
June 21, 10-4 – Imperfect Garden Tour (see below)

In early June, the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.
~ John Steinbeck

The Fifth Annual Imperfect Garden Tour Returns Saturday, June 21
Marlboro Community Center, Marlboro, VT from 10-4

Held rain or shine, this gem of a garden tour just to our north features 12 gardens in late spring/early summer abundance. There will also be music and an open art studio. Purchase your tickets HERE or at the Marlboro Community Center the day of the tour. Tickets are $20. Be prepared for spotty GPS, although the ticket is also your map.

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

UPINNGIL Strawberries

They are getting very close! We will start picking for the farm stand on Wednesday June 4th. The first flats will come out of the field and onto the farm stand at 10am. Weather permitting, we will open for PYO on Wednesday June 5th at 8am. The PYO will be open regularly 8am to Noon – *as long as there is good picking*.

Once the season begins, we will update this page daily, so this is the place to look for the most current info on PYO.

Officers 2025:

President/Newsletter/FB/Website: Laura Schlaikjer
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Corresponding Secretary: Nicki Shipman
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WOMEN'S FUND
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Bloom for Change

Bloom for Change: A Garden Party to Advance Gender Equity

Cultivating Community, Friendship & Collective Action

Tuesday, June 17th | 4:30 – 7:00 PM
Hosted by Lynn Griesemer and Bryan Harvey
Private Home | Amherst MA | Address provided in follow-up emails

Join us for Bloom for Change: A Garden Party to Advance Gender Equity! It will be an inspiring evening of purpose and possibility.

Surrounded by beautiful blooms and good friends, we'll celebrate the power of community to empower women and girls across our region. Together, we'll cultivate a future where all can flourish through friendship, philanthropy, and collective action.

This is a fundraising event—an opportunity to connect with the Women's Fund, invest in gender equity, and introduce others to the movement. We hope you'll invite a friend who would be inspired to grow with us.

While your presence at our Garden Party is a wonderful show of support, we invite you to consider making an additional contribution to help our initiatives for women, girls, and gender diverse individuals to flourish. Every gift, like each raindrop in a garden, combines to create remarkable growth. We are anticipating that the new year, which for us begins on July 1, will begin our transformation as we embark on strategic planning and coordinating the groundwork for our 30th anniversary celebration.

RSVP by Monday, June 9th. Capacity is limited.

Questions? Contact: info@mywomensfund.org

Let's gather. Let's celebrate. Let's grow something powerful—together.

You can support the Women's Fund in many ways. **Learn how here!**

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Greenfield Tree Committee

Growing, planting and tending trees for human and environmental health

***Greenfield neighborhood tree planting supported by First Church of Deerfield*.**

Members of Greenfield Tree Committee have been busy planning this year's neighborhood tree planting, to be held on **Woodleigh Avenue on June 7th from 8:30 to 10:30 am.**

"What makes this year's planting so special", says committee member Mary Chicoine "is the unique partnership between our committee and the First Church of Deerfield." Chicoine says the church's Missions Committee sought out a worthy environmentally focused project to support and found the Greenfield Tree Committee's tree planting event to be particularly attractive. The First Church of Deerfield, a welcoming, progressive congregation, is involved in a number of benevolent activities year-round. They also seek to make one larger donation annually to a worthy group.

This year they were seeking a project that would have a positive environmental impact in Franklin County. Says the church's Missions Committee member, Betsy Fraker, "Our congregation is most enthusiastic about this project and appreciates the focus on an Environmental Justice neighborhood like Woodleigh Avenue. We are glad that our donation will fund the purchase of over twenty trees for this street." Fraker adds that there will be a blessing of the trees during the planting by Pastor Liza Knapp.

Susan Fisher, Woodleigh Avenue resident and Tree Committee member says, "It's great to have so many residents in our neighborhood supportive of this project. We are looking forward to having a more beautiful, tree-lined street." River birch, red maple and swamp white oak are some of the native shade trees that will be planted, along with some small-stature trees such as serviceberry and hawthorn for under utility lines. Fisher says that although the smaller trees don't pack the ecological punch that larger shade trees do, the smaller, mostly native trees provide important habitat for birds and pollinators and help shade the heavily used sidewalks in her neighborhood.

All are welcome at the June 7th tree planting event, from seasoned tree planters to folks brand-new to the activity. The event begins at 8:30 at 25 Woodleigh Avenue, though volunteers can stop by to help any time that morning.

For more info: www.GreenfieldTreeCommittee.org or www.facebook.com/Greenfieldtree.

The Extravaganza Was a Success!

Many thanks go to all who worked tirelessly to pull this year's Extravaganza together, and to those vendor-friends of ours who donated large, quality plants for the sale. Our net was $2,150.23 plus 6 new members! Here is the break-down: Vendors: $170; drawing $112; bake sale: $394; tag sale: $295.50; plant sale: $1,319. We spent $100 in advertising and $40.27 to print the posters. We are thankful for the plant donations from Wilder Hill Gardens, Baystate Perennials, Sugarloaf Gardens, LaSalle's, the Bridge of Flowers, Floral Affairs, Chapley Gardens, and Erving Garden Club. We are also grateful for all our onsite vendors, and hope that many of you supported them. Here are a few photos from the day.

Chapley Gardens – a change in the vendor discount and a little history to go with it!

Chapley Gardens is located at 397 Greenfield Rd, Deerfield, MA

Chapley Gardens has been around for 47 years. It is the little place on the side of the road that goes way back. Chapley Gardens does not have a lot of frontage but there is a plethora of plants to check out and explore. Paul Chapley started the business in 1978 with the help of his dad. It was a humble beginning with one greenhouse and a wagon on the side of the road. They grew hanging baskets, annuals and vegetable starts.

In 1991, Paul, now joined by his new wife Stacey, added water gardens to the store. This has been a niche that has set Chapley Gardens apart from all other garden shops. Specializing in water gardens with displays, fish, water lilies, lotus and bog plants along with the know-how has made Chapley Gardens a leader and a destination in the water garden industry in New England.

We encourage people to stop by and check out our offerings of annuals, both the tried and true as well as the unusual. This year we have Petunia 'Firefly,' a bioluminescent white petunia. It truly does glow in the dark! A biotech company has inserted the bioluminescent gene from a mushroom into the petunia. If you like trying unusual plants, check this one out.

Despite the recent cloudy, cool, and rainy weather the tropical hibiscus have been putting on a show, along with the gorgeous gerberas and awesome cannas. We have three types of papyrus (cyperus) from 24 inches to 6 feet tall. Foliage is a must in any mixed container or landscape and we have a beautiful selection of coleus, alocasia, colocasia, monstera, ferns and so much more!

When Chapley Gardens added water gardens, adding perennials was natural. So many to choose from but unlike other garden centers our set up is easy for the beginning gardener because our sun loving perennials are organized by their month of bloom. Choose from a large selection to keep your garden in color. Our Hosta Heaven section has an incredible selection of hostas that grow from 7 inches up to 3 ½ feet tall. We have complimentary shade-loving perennials to accompany these beautiful hostas.

Stop by and be inspired by the beautiful plants, amazing container gardens and enjoy the fish and frogs at Chapley Gardens.

***Note**: Due to the charges levied by credit card companies, we are only able to offer members the 10% discount if they pay with **cash** or **check**. Thank you for understanding!*

O'BRIEN NURSERYMEN – OPEN DAYS 2025

40 Wells Rd, Granby, CT

sales@obrienhosta.com

Use your 10% discount on your purchases!

June 6, 7 & 8 – Krazy, Kuantities, of Kousa Dogwood Selections
June 13, 14 & 15 – Exotic Arisaemas, Japanese & Chinese Species
June 20, 21, & 22 – A Thousand Shades of Hostas, at their Best!
June 27, 28 & 29 – Japanese Stewartia, A Spectacular Four-Season Tree
July 4, 5 & 6 – Hazy, Hot & Humid, Checkout out Cool Ferns
July 11, 12 & 13 – Discover our Dazzling Daylily Display, for 2+ months, a Tradition
July 18, 19 & 20 – We offer Hardy Hydrangeas, that will bloom in your garden.
July 25, 26 & 27 – Is your Anemonopsis Blooming, or still teasing?
August 8, 9 & 10 – Hosta Dividing Demo, Each Day at Noon
August 22, 23 & 24 – Unique Conifers for the Winter Garden, ahh hell, Everyday!
September 5, 6 & 7 – Japanese Woodland Peonies! Granby Farm Day (Saturday)
September 12, 13 & 14 – Did you see dem, cooool Sedums?
September 26, 27 & 28 – Many Dwarf & Variegated Ginkgos, for Golden Fall Color
October 10, 11 & 12 – End of the Hosta Season Sale
October 31, Nov. 1 & 2 – Visit now for Amazing Fall Colors of Japanese Maples, etc.

Hours: Friday 10-5; Saturdays 10-5; Sundays 10-5 (On Above Dates Only)
Also by Appointment – Please Call Ahead
They accept cash, check, or firstborn child – but not credit cards!

On June 2, 1962, **Vita Sackville-West** passed away at the age of 70. Today, her legacy is remembered at Sissinghurst Castle in England, where thousands of people each year come to see the garden that she created with her husband, Harold Nicolson. When writing about opening privately-owned gardens to the public in 1947, Vita said, "I [mentioned] it in a desire to urge keen gardeners to see as many gardens as possible…… Nothing could be more useful to the amateur gardener than to observe other people's ideas….. successes…..[and] failures."

Pimm's Cup – A Refreshing Summer Drink

The Pimm's Cup is a refreshing summertime drink that's been around since the mid-1800's. It has an alcohol content of 6%, so about the same as an average glass of beer. It's made with Pimm's No. 1 liqueur, which is a gin-based product mixed with a special blend of fruits and spices. The basic recipe is one part Pimm's and three parts sparkling lemonade. The 'lemonade' in the recipe is actually not American lemonade, it is a clear, sparkling lemon drink more like lemon/lime soda, or you can use ginger ale or even champagne (known as a Pimm's Royal Cup).

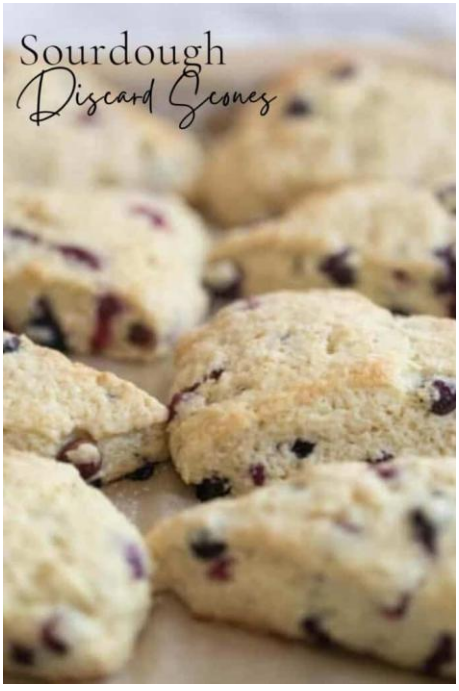
In a tall glass filled with ice cubes, add 1.5 ounces of Pimm's No. 1. Add 4.5 ounces of sparkling lemonade. An online commenter says Polar and Canada Dry have a Tom Collins mixer which is essentially a sparkling lemonade. They go on to say that muddling a few slices of cucumber into the drink is a nice touch. Garnish the drink with slices of cucumber, and any combination of mint, borage, lemon, orange, apple and strawberries that you like.

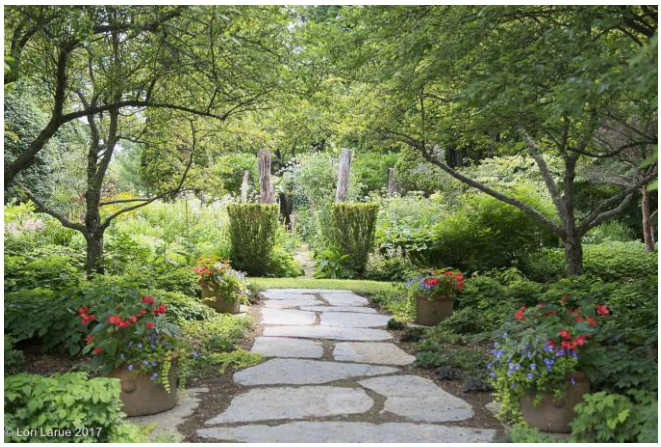
A Pimm's Winter Cup is made with Pimm's and warm apple juice. Sadly, the Pimm's No. 3 (brandy-based) is unavailable. A Pimm's Mojito mixes it with Soda Water and muddled limes. A "Pimmlet" is a gimlet with Pimm's No. 1 substituted for the gin.

Pimm's is very popular in the UK. It is one of 2 staple drinks at Wimbledon, the Chelsea Flower Show, the Henley Royal Regatta, and the Glyndebourne Festival Opera – the other drink being champagne.

Joyce Karpinsky's Sourdough Discard Scones

If you were lucky enough to purchase a scone at the Extravaganza, you might be interested in the recipe so you can make them at home. Joyce found her recipe on the Farmhouse on Boone blog. This is a great base recipe that you can use as a jumping off place for your own favorite add-ins, like chocolate chips, dried cranberries, or blueberries. You can make them right away, or let them ferment for a more easily-digested product. You can start them in the evening and cut and bake in the morning. You can even start them 3 days ahead. You can freeze them once they are baked to have them on hand later. The secret to a flaky scone is to keep all the ingredients cold – use frozen butter, cold cream, cold eggs – and not to overwork the dough. Click on the link above to find the recipe. Upinngil has extra sourdough starter that they give away – call them for availability.





Gordon and Mary Hayward's 2025 Open Day: Saturday, June 21

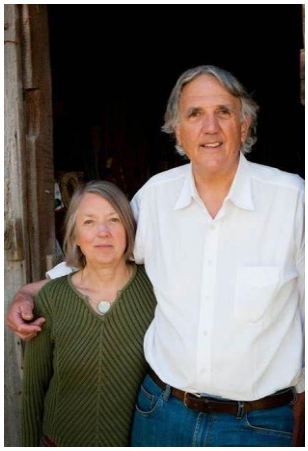
Hours: 10-3

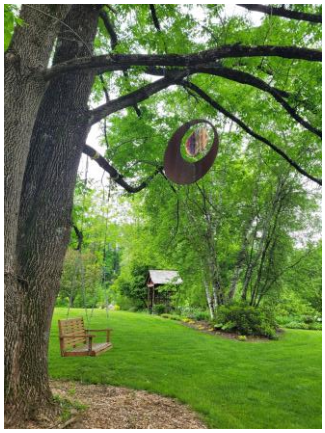
Putney, VT (full address sent after you register)

Gordon and Mary Hayward's 1½-acre garden surrounds their 220-year-old farmhouse in southeastern Vermont. Over the past 38 years, they have developed a hybrid of Old England and New England gardens to reflect Gordon's growing up on an orchard in northwestern Connecticut, and Mary's growing up on a farm outside Chipping Campden in the North Cotswold Hills of England. The garden, the subject of their book The Intimate Garden (WW Norton, 2005), comprises fourteen garden rooms. One area includes a pair of 90-foot perennial borders that terminate in a post-and-beam gazebo framing views of 20 acres of meadows. More than 40 planted terra-cotta pots and many garden ornaments, several from England, figure into the mood of this garden.

This garden's estimated size is 1.5 acres.

Read more about this garden and register HERE. At $5 for a member ticket, you can go every year! It's simply gorgeous!





Phoenix House Gardens 2025 Open Day: Saturday, June 7 in Greenfield, MA

Hours: 10-4

In 2008 I moved from the woods of Michigan to 2-1/2 acres in the city of Greenfield. I had a relatively blank slate to work with. I had trees and shrubs planted as a barrier next to the busy street. Then I created an 80-foot labyrinth with gardens leading up to and surrounding the center gazebo, which holds a large, hollowed-out tree trunk with a seat and many carved animals. There is a small streambed with a Japanese bridge, and a back deck with a built-in water feature. Behind an ancient and huge ash tree, I planted a berry patch and a vegetable garden, while off to the side are a variety of fruit trees and a grape vine. My desire to create a pollinator home for our many small-winged creatures was central to my thinking, as well as creating a quiet refuge for myself and my friends. Unfortunately, many small, four-legged creatures were drawn to this space as well, and I feel like the voles have a subway system underneath the whole property! Gardening is a vibrant and challenging love affair whose reward is a living connection to the earth.

This garden's estimated size is 1½ acres.

Read more about this garden and register HERE.

The Fabulous 413 Interview

Kaliis Smith (pictured far right) came out to GGC member Elise's 'Phoenix House Gardens' to do a plug for The Garden Conservancy as well as the Greenfield Garden Club. You can access the podcast HERE. TGC ambassador Sarah Chadwick and Laura had a lot of fun in the process.

Open Saturday June 14 10 - 4 Rain or Shine. Tickets are on sale now!

Save the date!

Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 10am–4pm, rain or shine

Friends of Forbes Library, Inc. announces the 31st Annual Northampton Garden Tour on Saturday, June 14 from 10am to 4pm, rain or shine.

All proceeds from the tour, raffle and t-shirt sales benefit the Friends of Forbes Library, Inc to support library programs, events, and projects that could not otherwise be funded.

We hope the tour will inspire and educate with a variety of landscape styles, plants and gardening methods. The care and skill that has been poured into these gardens is extraordinary. Each garden has plant descriptions and volunteer guides to answer your questions. There will be live music and a plein-air painter for your enjoyment. Bicyclists are welcome along this 12-mile scenic route. Tickets provide garden locations and parking guidance. You provide your own transportation to all gardens on the tour.

Purchase tickets May 5 through June 13 at

- Bay State Perennial Farm (Whately)
- Cooper's Corner (Florence)
- State Street Fruit Store (Northampton)
- Gardener's Supply Company (Hadley)
- Sugarloaf Gardens (Sunderland)
- Forbes Library

Buy a **Raffle Ticket** for your chance to win a prize and to further support Forbes Library. Prizes include a beautiful garden bench, organic compost, gift certificates, garden supplies, and other delightful items. Bring cash to the garden tour, or buy your raffle ticket at Forbes Library May 5 – June 13. Raffle tickets are $5, $10 and $20 offering multiple chances to win. The raffle drawing will take place at the end of the tour. Winners will be notified by phone. Whether you are a gardener or garden admirer, there is bound to be a prize for you.

Purchase tickets online May 5 through June 11 HERE.

- Prepay online and pick up prepaid tickets at Forbes Library ONLY ON Thursday June 12, 4pm-8 pm; Friday June 13, 10am-6pm; and Saturday, June 14 (tour day) from 10am-1pm.

Tour tickets are $20 if bought in advance. Day of tour tickets are $25 and ONLY sold at Forbes Library from 10am-1pm on Saturday, June 14th.

Buy a **Northampton Garden Tour T-Shirt** for $30, or 2 for $50. T-shirts are sold at Forbes Library and at garden #3 on tour day.

Garden Conservancy Gardens in our immediate area open in June. Check the website for other locations.

June 7th – High Meadow Farm in Ashfield
Phoenix House Gardens in Greenfield
Stone Hill in Plainfield

June 14th - Swift River Farm in Petersham

There is a **new website** and a **new procedure** for getting tickets for open gardens and webinars. Please email/text/ call me with your order. I can log on and place the order on the website using my personal credit card. You can pay me back! I could also give out the club password, but all emails with receipts and info will still go to the club email. I am also little reluctant to have the password out in the world. Let me know what works best for everyone!

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 16, 2024.....$7,158.76

Income $105.17
Interest $0.17; Membership: $105.00
Expenses $1,186.68
Mtg expenses: $340.67; grants: $500; community event (Bee): $100; Garden Conservancy membership: $10; office supplies $55.74; Extravaganza flyers: $40.27
Balance as of May 15, 2025 .....$6,077.25

All financial matters and membership dues should be directed to Greenfield Garden Club:
c/o Becky George, 91 Smith St #111, Greenfield MA 01301 **Questions?**
greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

July NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Saturday, June 28th
greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

Greenfield Garden Club
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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
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

Floral Affairs ***NEW!!***
324 Deerfield St, Greenfield
10% off anything in the store