Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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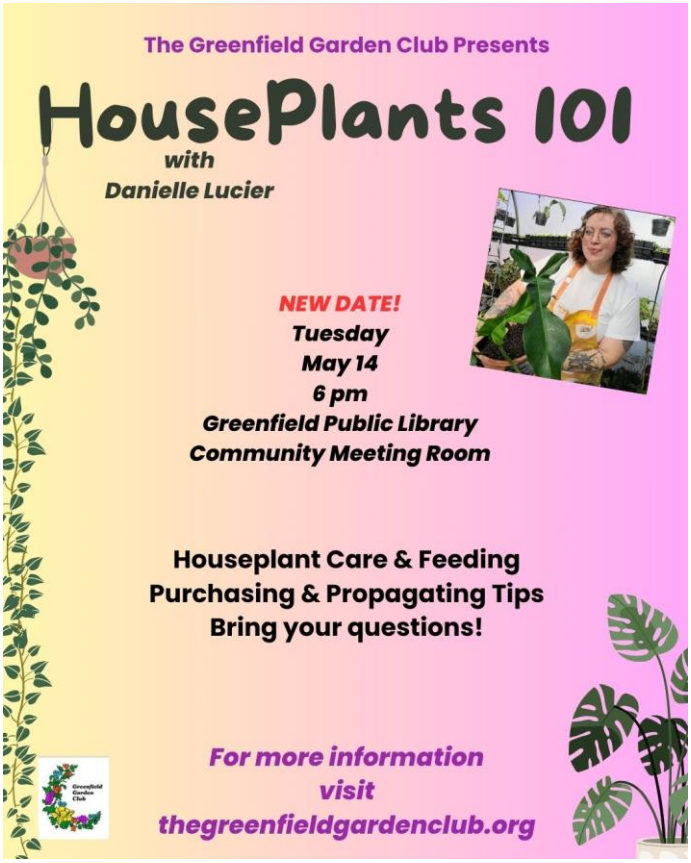
Twin Events: May 14 and May 16



GGC Nite at LaSalle's Florist

May 16 at 5:00 pm

23 LaSalle Drive, Whatley, MA

You know that LaSalle's Florist in Whatley has flowers for every occasion, and grows many of its own, like freesias and calla lilies, but did you know that they also sell plants for your gardens in the spring? This year, John will have an assortment of bedding and cut flower annuals, plus herbs, vegetables, geraniums, hanging baskets and planters. John is offering club members their 10% discount. To carpool from the Big Y parking lot, call/text Laura at 413-522-0901, or email the club: greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

May President's Musings ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

It's May and a whole new gardening season is stretching out before us! So many possibilities! So many plants to choose from! We had to reschedule our Houseplants 101 from April to May 14th, so my questions list keeps getting longer! Plus, John LaSalle has invited us down to Whately to see the greenhouses and purchase plants with our discount on the 16th. Don't forget to gift a plant (or 2) to your mom on Mother's Day (5/11)! If you have any small pots so spare, we can use them to pot up plants for the Garden Tour's Plant Sale on June 8th. Email the club for details. We are planning a trip to Bedrock Gardens in Lee, NH on Saturday, September 7th. If you can commit this early, please let us know asap. We need to give them a $250 deposit and would love to know we can rustle up the 12 people this covers. See details page 8. I hope to see you this month! ~ *Laura*

At Bedrock Gardens

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2, 7-8:00 pm – Building Soil Building Community webinar – see page 5
May 5, 2-5:00 pm – Resilient Greenfield at the LAVA center (see at right)
May 11, 9am – 7:30pm Western MA Herbal Symposium in Mpntague
May 14, 6:00 pm - Houseplants 101 at the Greenfield Public Library
May 16, 5:00 pm – GGC Nite at LaSalle's florist
May 22, 5:15 pm – Steering Committee Meeting

To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Houseplants 101 rescheduled from April!

Greenfield native Danielle Lucier has been working with plants since childhood. Growing up with two garden-loving grandmothers, she always had an interest in caring for plants and learning how to make them grow to their best potential. She has worked as a nursery head at a local exotic plant greenhouse for over 3 years and owns her own indoor plant consultation business called Danielle.Grows. She's built a personal plant collection of over 280 species of rare plants that she tends to daily. In this workshop Danielle will go over house plant care - including choosing plants based on your lighting, where to purchase plants, and how to care for them once you get them home. She will also review different types of propagation, types of soil and potting mediums, and how to choose what's best for each plant in your collection. Refreshments will be served.

BRIDGE OF FLOWERS

Closed for repairs in 2024

Plant Sale: Saturday, May 11 from 9:00am to noon. Baptist Corner lot, on the corner of Water and Main Streets. Perennials dug from the bridge as well as select annuals will be for sale.

Read about and see photos of the Bridge of Flowers in this article in Yankee Magazine, to help you get through the 2024 season without being able to make an in-person visit to the bridge.

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

Come to a Jam, Potluck & Panel 5/5, 2-5pm @ LAVA

Resilient Greenfield is a new way to shift from climate crisis avoidance, distraction, aimless talk or token action to community-based, results-oriented organizing and project work.

Come join us for an afternoon of music, food, conversation and community building at The LAVA Center. Bring an instrument, potluck food, and/or your ideas to answer, "What can we do together in response to the climate crisis?"

After the fun (3:30ish), we'll talk to area experts, organizers and leaders about how to make Greenfield more resilient to climate impacts, ending with an open conversation about visions and next steps for Resilient Greenfield.

Register soon, please!. LAVA only has space for 47 people. Childcare will be provided - please indicate need when you register.

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

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY – Open Garden Days in May

Coming up in our area. Call 845-424-6500, say you are a member of the GGC, and buy tickets at the member rate of only $5 per garden. Click here to find other gardens by month/state. Interested in a carpool for 5/11? Email greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com.

MAY 11th	Worcester, Middlesex and Hampshire Counties
	Middlesex County – Garden of Pepe and John Maynard This garden in Groton, MA has about 10 acres featuring a meadow, garden structures/sculptures, fruits, vegetables, rare plants, native plants, a wooded/shade garden, and scenic views.
	Worcester County – Berry Garden This Boylston garden of about 2 acres features rare plants/plant collection, native plants and a shade garden. What began as an open hayfield in 2001 now feels like a well-established garden due to the time and energy lavished on it.
	Worcester County – Garden of Matt Mattus & Joe Philip Mature, 3rd generation, 1.5 acres, suburban family property in Worcester. A collector's garden of paths, garden rooms and a 100-year-old goldfish pond. Featured in Martha Stewart Living, Better Homes and Gardens, and other magazines.
	Worcester County – Swift River Farm Orchard of heirloom apples, stone walls, perennial gardens, woodland garden, tree peonies, rock garden, and a spring garden. In 2010 Gordon Hayward created a master plan to unite the gardens, adding a water garden, a large pollinator meadow, an oak walk and gravel paths.
	Hampshire County - Kinsey Pope Garden in Amherst (Also open June 29 and Oct 19.) Half-acre garden with many uncommon trees, shrubs, perennials and ground-covers, providing all-season interest. There are also 3 bridges, a gazebo, arbor and pond, plus Japanese stone lanterns and fence.

WILDER HILL GARDENS – 351 South Shirkshire Rd, Conway, MA 01341

Mother's Day Sale

Saturday, May 11, Sunday, May 12
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Don't miss our annual Mother's Day Sale!

Hardy, healthy flowering shrubs, native plants, trees, perennial flowers, herb plants, and a great selection of sturdy and unusual annuals.
Stop by for locally grown nursery stock, horticultural advice, and inspiration.

Learn How to Prune Workshop
Saturday, May 18. 9 am-12 noon
$60 (includes handout)
Wilder Hill Gardens

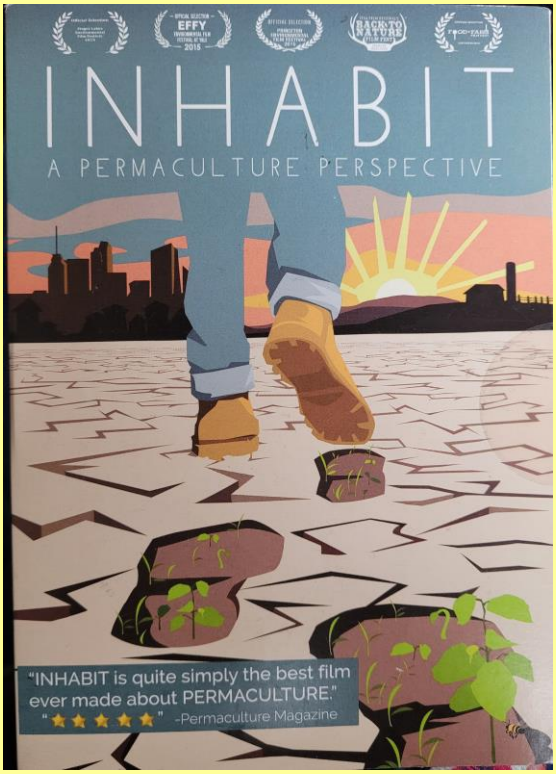
Are you mystified by the prospect of caring for the overgrown shrubs and trees in your landscape? In this hands-on workshop, we will learn three 'secrets' to unlocking the mystery of correctly pruning your ornamental and fruiting shrubs, and trees too!
Please bring a pair of hand clippers.

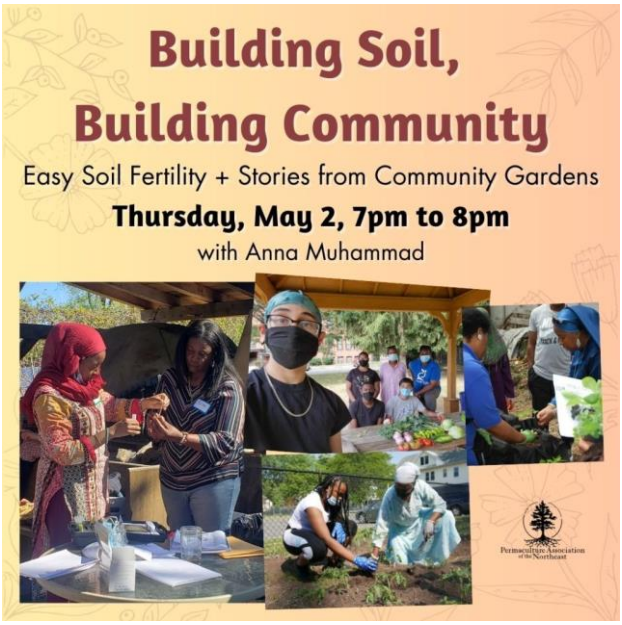
Using Native Plants in the Home Landscape
Saturday, May 25, 9 am-12 pm $60
Wilder Hill Gardens

Would you like to add native plants to your landscape to refresh your plantings while providing food and habitat for beneficial insects and birds? In this workshop we will learn which native plants are especially suitable for home landscape design. How exactly do we define a native plant from a botanical perspective? We will cover native woody plant material (trees and shrubs) and learn how to create a lovely and self- sustaining native plant shade garden. Students will create their own preliminary design with the plant lists provided.

the farm at Wolf Pine Hollow

Located in beautiful Hancock, NH, you will find a kaleidoscope of color blooming from the flower fields, including fan-favorite varieties of tulips, daffodils, lavender, dahlias, sunflowers, and more. Wolf Pine Hollow also has fruit trees, berry bushes, table grapes and kiwiberries, and fields of garlic and vegetables. Join their mailing list for pick-your own events.





You don't have to be a Soil Scientist to achieve soil health and fertility. Learn how to use basic soil health techniques to grow healthier and stronger plants. Click HERE.

INHABIT is a feature-length documentary that explores the many environmental and agricultural issues facing us today, and examines solutions that are being applied using the ecological design process called 'Permaculture,' which uses the principles found in ecosystems to help shift our impact from destructive to regenerative. Focused mostly on the Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the US, INHABIT provides an intimate look at permaculture peoples and practices across the rural, suburban, and urban landscapes. During the year-long filming process, they documented 20-plus stories of permaculture sites in action. They explored a breadth of response to local and global challenges from issues of food, water and medicine to governance, economy and culture. Click HERE to view the videos of the stories that did not make it into the film.

Michael Pollan: The single greatest lesson the garden teaches is that our relationship to the planet need not be zero-sum, and that as long as the sun still shines and people still can plan and plant, think and do, we can, if we bother to try, find ways to provide for ourselves without diminishing the world.

Saturday
June 8*
10 am - 4 pm

Greenfield Garden Club

Garden Tour 2024

and Plant Sale

Ticket Sales

Day of Tour **ONLY**
9:30 am - 1pm
$10 per person

John Zon Center
35 Pleasant St.
Greenfield

*Rain Date Sunday June 9

For More Information Visit
thegreenfieldgardenclub.org

Email the club to let us know if you would like a few flyers to post in your neighborhood.

NOGUCHI'S GARDENS
LANDSCAPE AS SCULPTURE

Thursday, May 2, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Live on Zoom

$5 for Garden Conservancy members. Call 845-424-6500 May 1st, 9-5, and let them know you are with the Greenfield Garden Club to purchase. A recording will be sent to all who register in case you cannot watch live.

The artist and landscape architect Isamu Noguchi's (1904–1988) interests and production spanned an exceptionally broad terrain from furniture and lamps to courtyards and gardens. Although his gardens include several of the twentieth century's most iconic landscape designs, Noguchi nonetheless occupies a place removed from the normal practice of landscape architecture. As an artist, he relied more on intuition than on objective analysis, and he shaped his landscapes as sculpture, with space as their primary vehicle.

In his comprehensive and richly illustrated study of Noguchi's gardens, noted landscape historian Marc Treib describes and critiques projects that date from Noguchi's early, unrealized projects for playgrounds and monuments to a large park in Sapporo, Japan, whose construction was completed only posthumously. The story begins with the discussion of Noguchi sculpture that relate in some way to actual landscapes, then moves to the dance set designs for Martha Graham, finally entering the realm of actual landscapes with his gardens for the *Reader's Digest* offices in Tokyo.

About the Speaker. Marc Treib, Professor of Architecture Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley, is a historian and critic of architecture and landscape architecture who has published on a wide variety of modern and historical subjects in the United States, Japan, and Scandinavia. His most recent books include *The Landscapes of Modern Architecture: Wright, Mies, Neutra, Aalto, Barragán*; *The Aesthetics of Contemporary Planting Design*; *Serious Fun: The Landscapes of Claude Cormier*; *The Shape of the Land: Topography and Landscape Architecture*; and most recently, *Poodling: On the Just Shaping of Shrubbery*.

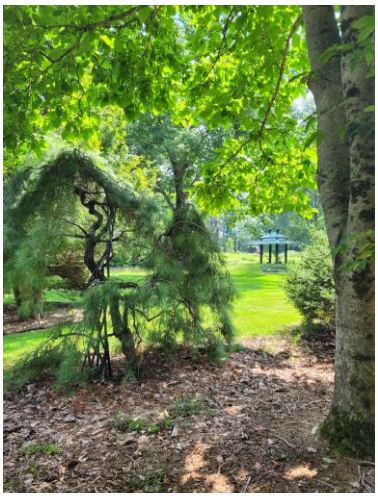
CLUB TRIP TO BEDROCK GARDENS IN LEE, NH

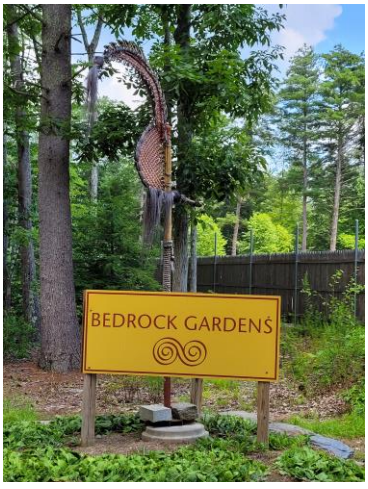
Saturday, September 7, 2023 at 10:30AM

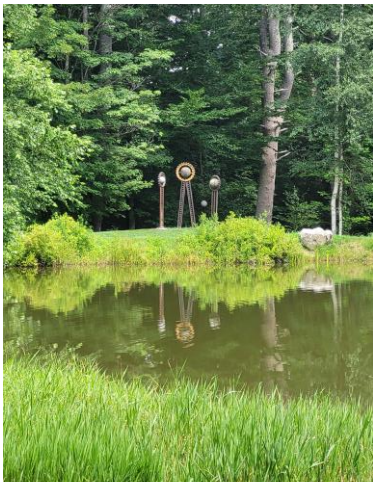
Guided Tour with John Forti, Executive Director

RSVP NOW!

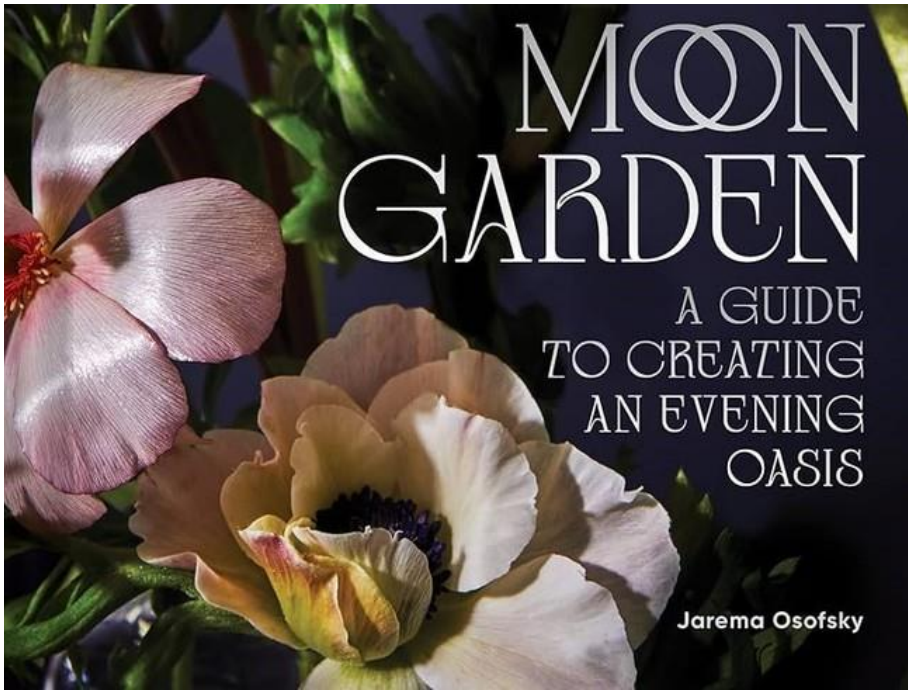
We are planning a guided tour at Bedrock Gardens with The Heirloom Gardener himself, John Forti. We have to lock in the date soon with our check. We hope to attract at least 12 GGC members and friends for the tour to break even, but can take more. It's $20 per person. The regular entrance fee without the tour is $15. It is a roughly 3-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 contact the club with your interest ASAP. Here are a few photos from 2023!







Most nurseries have opened by now – hurray! Below is a sampling of the plants being grown with tender loving care at **LaSalle's Greenhouses**, where we will be going on Thursday, May 16th for a short history of the family business and a chance to purchase plants and ask questions. John has supplied our annual meeting plants for many years.



MOON GARDEN
Thursday, May 16

2:00 – 3:00 pm

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 will be sent to all who register in case you cannot watch live.

Moon Garden is a guide to creating a garden that comes alive at night, with night-blooming plants and night-fragrant flowers. The book is full of design and horticultural wisdom, planting tips for outdoor, indoor, and container gardens, and soothing rituals such as journaling and meditations. With beautiful botanical illustrations, *Moon Garden* encourages readers to approach gardening as a grounding, spiritual practice.

About the Speaker. Jarema Osofsky is a Brooklyn-based lands roots in Hong Kong. Jarema's design studio, Dirt Queen NYC, works closely with clients to create verdant gardens that offer meaningful and ecologically sustainable connections to the natural world. Her debut book, *Moon Garden: A Guide to Creating an Evening Oasis* invites readers to dive into the enchanting world of night gardens. Jarema's work has been featured in *Architectural Digest, T Magazine, Elle Decor, Apartment Therapy,* and others.

The first ever Western Mass Herbal Symposium – **Saturday, May 11th – 9:00am – 7:30pm**

Located at the Montague Retreat Center. A full day of over 30 teachers and classes, and an herbal and craft marketplace. Ginger Love Cafe will be serving lunch and dinner. Children's tent with activities. Close out the day with a dance party after dinner. Read more and purchase tickets at their website. (There was a Recorder article Tuesday, April 23rd in the Home and Garden section.)

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

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)**

May 3, 4 & 5 – Bishop's Hat, Horny Goat Weed (Epimedium)

May 10, 11 & 12 – Deliciously Fragrant Daphnes

May 17, 18 & 19 – Cypripediums – Lady-Slippers

May 24, 25, 26 & 27 – Conifers unfurling New Growth and Showy Cones

May 31, June 1 & 2 – Don't miss our Itoh Peonies in Bloom

BayState PERENNIAL FARM

Organic vegetable, flower, and herb plants grown by Lyonsville Farm.

- A selection of over 30 heirloom & hybrid tomato plants.
- Unique edible plants including pawpaw, goji berry, honey berry, kiwi berry, elderberry, persimmon, hazelnut, fig, plus many varieties of apple, pear, and peach trees.
- Large selection of perennials including an expansive collection of natives.
- Many annual and hanging basket options.

In addition to offering gardening and farm supplies, our specialty lies in houseplants, garden decorations, and unique gifts!

Shelburne FARM & GARDEN

Open Monday through Friday 8-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 10-4

355 Mohawk Trail Shelburne, MA | @shelburne_farm_and_garden

Native Plant Trust
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Open weekends.
Nasami Farm, Whately, MA
www.NativePlantTrust.org
Cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis), © Native Plant Trust

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Mar 15, 2024.....$8.075.59

Income $290.20
Interest $0.20; Floral event $160; memberships $130
Expenses $407.06
Floral event $320; stamps $69; Event Expense $18.06
Balance as of April 16, 2024.....$7,958.73

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

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday, May 29th
greenfieldgardenclub@yahoo.com

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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.

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