Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

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September Trifecta: The Fair, a Garden visit, and NYC

September events:

September 5 & 6 – Fair Set-up

September 7 – 10 – Franklin County Fair

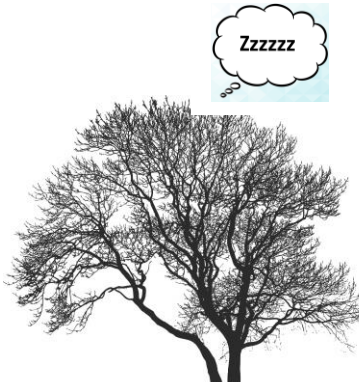
September 21 – visit Bill Hodgeman's gardens in Sunderland

September 23 – bus trip to NYC and the High Line

The 174th Franklin County Fair
September 7-10, 2023

Garden Conversations at Sugarloaf Gardens - 25 Amherst Rd, Sunderland
Saturdays at 1:00PM in September

- **September 2** – Tree & Shrub Planting
- **September 9** – Low Maintenance Trees & Shrubs
- **September 16** – Create Your Own Fall Container
  - (*bring or buy a container*)
- **September 23** – Trees & Shrubs for Fall Color
- **September 30** – Putting Your Garden to Bed



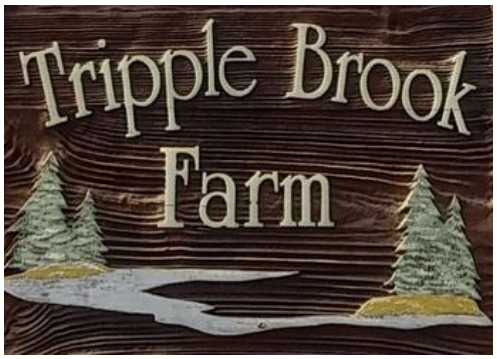
September President's Musings ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

September is here already! It's been quite a ride weather-wise this summer so far. Today is sunny and cool, but I think it will be rather hot while we set up the booth at the fair, especially since we are right at the back door facing west. We think this year's booth will be lovely and hope you have time to go see the fair - especially the Roundhouse. Everyone works so hard on their displays. * If anyone is interested, I have a good 10 babies of the white hibiscus shown at right. Email the club for meet-up info. * If you didn't get a chance to visit Bill Hodgeman's gardens in June, we are invited for the 2nd bloom flush on the 21st. It will be a combined meeting with the Northfield Garden Club (see pg 7). * Our bus is filling up for NYC and the wonderful High Line! We've also added a 2nd pick-up in W. Springfield. Put on your walking shoes and join us for a fun day in the Big Apple. Marsha is taking your calls at 413-773-0201. I look forward to seeing you at the Fair, in Sunderland or in NYC! ~ Laura

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 29, 5:15pm - Steering and Fair Committee meeting combined
Sept 5, 6-9pm & Sept 6, 3-9 - Fair set-up
Sept 21, **5:30pm** – trip to Bill Hodgeman's gardens in Sunderland (see pg 7)
Sept 23 – bus trip to High Line in NYC (see pg 5)
Sept 30 & Oct 1 – Garlic and Arts Festival

We come from the earth, we return to the earth and in between, there are gardens… ~ Danny Clarke



Tripple Brook Farm is a unique New England nursery that specializes in permaculture. They offer a diverse collection of cold-hardy perennials, natives, edible plants, and various bamboo species.

They also offer their own patented TBF Root Cutter, for transplanting trees and shrubs, as well as a Complete Tree Digging System for larger projects. They are located at 37 Middle Road, Southampton, MA. Open Wed – Sat, 11-6 or by appointment.

Call 413-527-4626 or email: info@triplebrookfarm.com.

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

September

~ John Updike

The breezes taste
Of apple peel.
The air is full
Of smells to feel –
Ripe fruit, old footballs,
Burning brush,
New books, erasers,
Chalk and such.
The bee, his hive,
Well-honeyed hum,
And mother cuts
Chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed clean
With suds, the days
Are polished with
A morning haze.

Officers 2023:

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

HERITAGE WALKS 2023 – in Berkshire (MA) and Litchfield (CT) Counties. These **free** walks (register in advance – limited number of participants) will be held every weekend in September. Download the brochure at their website (where you will also find one date correction for the hike up Cobble Mountain). What better month for glorious fall walks! 2023 HOUSATONIC HERITAGE WALKS - Housatonic Heritage
And: Visit - Housatonic Heritage – check out the Historic Homes and Gardens page.

O'BRIEN NURSERY OPEN GARDEN DAYS SEPTEMBER 2023

September 1, 2 & 3 – Toadlilies – Great, Late Summer Flowers for the Shade

September 15, 16 & 17 – Dwarf & Variegated Ginkgos – Granby Farm Day (Saturday)

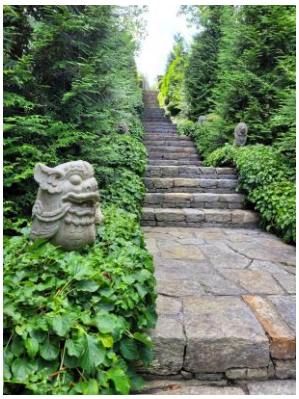
September 29, 30 & Oct 1 – Unique Conifers, for the Winter Garden!

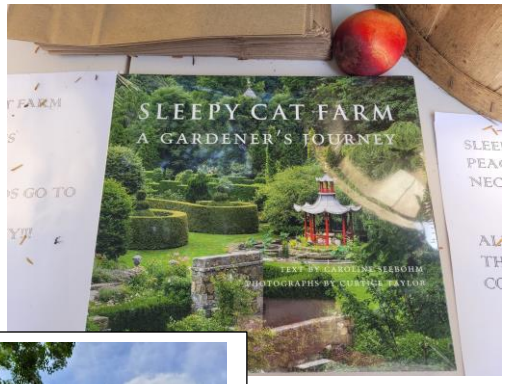
Hours: Friday 10-5; Saturdays 10-5; Sundays 10-5 (On Above Dates Only)

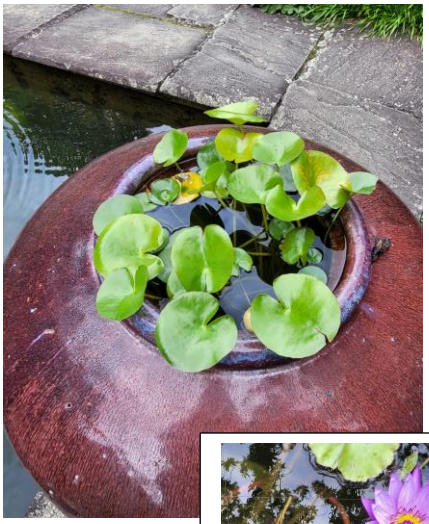
O'Brien Nursery – 40 Wells Rd – Granby, CT 06035

860-653-0163 * www.obrienhosta.com

Several GGC members went to 2 very different gardens in Connecticut on the **Garden Conservancy Open Days** on August 19th. We visited Hollister House Garden in the town of Washington, CT, and Sleepy Cat Farm in Greenwich, CT. Both were incredible!







THE GREENFIELD GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS …

THE NEW YORK CITY HIGH LINE

Saturday, September 23, 2023

$ 65 per person * Rain or Shine

(Includes the driver gratuity)

Join us for a wonderful and memorable trip to the High Line! Enjoy walking the beautiful High Line, and visit Hudson Yard. For lunch, visit Chelsea Market, between 15th and 16th Streets, which features a wide variety of cuisines. You can also purchase that special gift designed to celebrate New York's 'Park in the Sky' at the market. Enjoy a visit to Hudson Yard to admire the Vessel, and stop in at Pier 55, (Little Island/the Floating Park) which are both located on the Hudson River waterfront.

I ♥ NY

Some ask, what is the High Line? It is a revitalized piece of the city's past, and a park that almost wasn't. It's built on a historic, elevated freight line that was destined for demolition. It inspires millions worldwide and is an example of how cities can turn industrial eyesores into beautiful spaces for all to enjoy. It runs from the Meatpacking District between 10th and 12th Avenues north to 34th Street. Piet Oudolf, the legendary Dutch landscape designer, chose perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees for their hardiness, sustainability, texture and color variation, with a focus on native species. High Line Art commissions and produces 30 plus public art projects each year. It's one of the top places to visit in the city.

Wear comfortable shoes and don't forget your camera!

Travel Insurance is Recommended by calling our office and we can give you the rate. Thank you for travelling with us!

TOUR PROVIDED BY…

First Choice Tours
Custom Group Tour Planning

To reserve your seat/s please call
Marsha Stone at 413-773-0201

The motorcoach will depart from the Park n' Ride Commuter Lot in South Deerfield at 7:00 am

We look forward to seeing you on the bus with us! ♥

Since printing up the flyers, we have added a 2nd pick-up point to the itinerary. For those who wish to get on and off the bus south of Deerfield, we will now be stopping in West Springfield, exit 10, at the Quality Inn on Riverdale Street. Folks joining us there should arrive early enough to make a 7:30 departure. (We leave South Deerfield at 7:00 AM.) We're looking forward to having you join us!

Gardening in a warming world – find out more at this Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences link: [Gardening in a Warming World | Cornell Garden-Based Learning]

September 17, 2023 Environmental Sunday Series
The Episcopal Church of Saints James and Andrew and CISA

present

Local Farming in the Climate Crisis: Panel and Action Plan

From the February deep freeze that took out Northeast peaches, to May's hard frost damage to apples, and to July's excessive rains and floods, our local farms are reeling from climate-related crop losses.

Come to the panel at 12 pm to learn about what is happening. Stay for the action session at 1:45 pm to be part of planning support for local farms for the future.

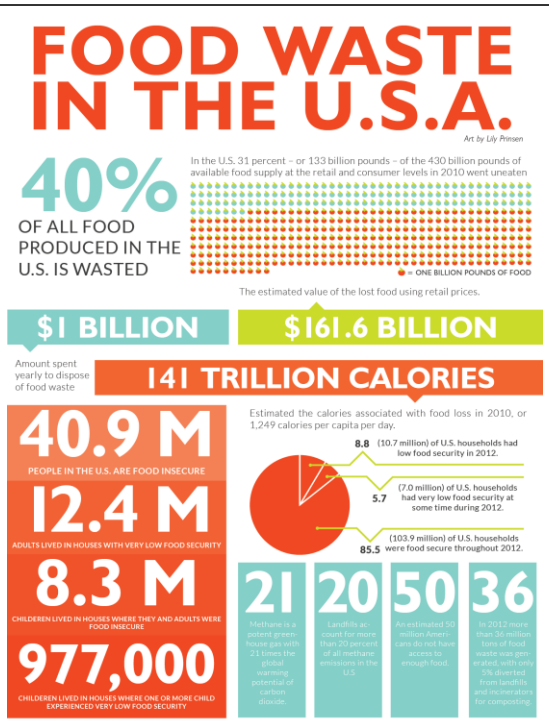
The panel brings together two local farmers, David Fisher of Natural Roots Farm in Conway and Sarah Voiland of Red Fire Farm in Montague and Granby; also with Natalie Blais, State Representative for 1st Franklin District. They will discuss the challenges of farming in the climate crisis, the Massachusetts' government response, and visions for the future

When: Sunday, September 17, 2023
Where: The Episcopal Church of Saints James and Andrew
8 Church Street, Greenfield, MA
(Please enter front doors of the Church on Federal Street).
Time: 12 noon to 1:30 pm Panel and Q&A,
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm Action Plan

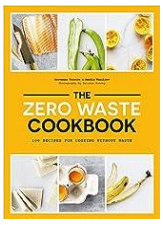
Snacks will be available.

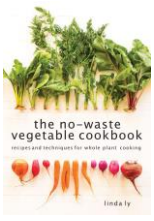
Donations will go to the United Way Massachusetts Farm Resiliency Fund which is responding to the recent flooding impacting western and central Mass. The Fund is also intended to support Massachusetts' farms after future climate events.

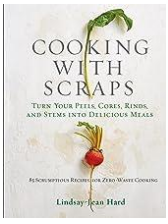
Contact: Ella Ingraham, ejmai127@gmail.com



Our household easily fills a gallon-sized compost bucket full once or twice a week. Food hides in the fridge and has to be thrown out. It's such a waste! That 40% at left is 40% of the entire US food supply – or 119 billion pounds. I was intrigued when I found a blog with a section called "You Can Eat That?" The author also has a cookbook out called The No-Waste Vegetable Cookbook: Recipes and Techniques for Whole Plant Cooking, by Linda Ly. I know about eating things like pea shoots, chive blossoms, and carrot tops, but I definitely have never considered eating tomato leaves! There are many zero waste cookbooks on the market.







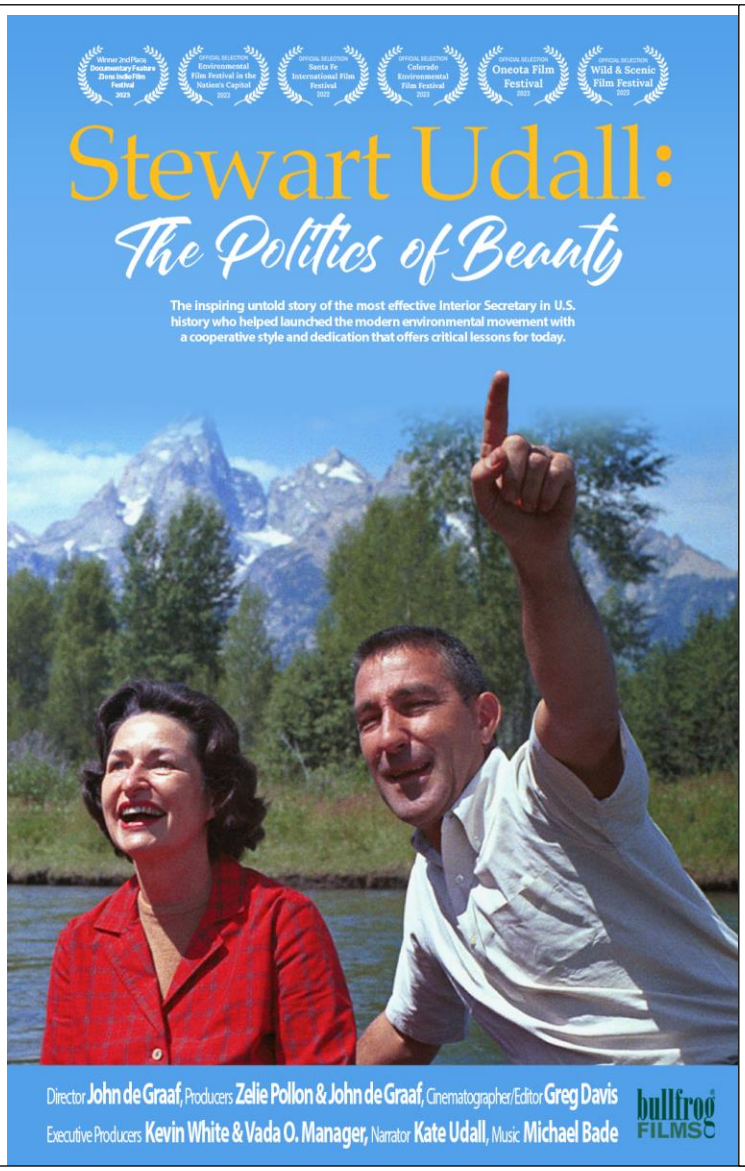
Danny Clarke – known in the UK as 'The Black Gardener'

Did you notice the quote under Upcoming Events on page 2? This comes from Danny Clarke, who is a British Garden Designer. He came into the public view in 2015 as the BBC's Instant Gardener on television and hasn't looked back. I only learned about him when I saw an article in the New York Times recently. David Austen Roses has named a rose after him, called the Dannahue (Mr.Clarke's given name). This apricot-colored English shrub rose has been in development for 12 years, the average length of breeding for a new David Austen rose. It is versatile, able to grow in sun or shade, in containers or in a vast green space, and in multiple soil types. It's also great for pollinators.

The rose reflects Mr. Clarke's message of making make sure that gardening is accessible and inclusive to everyone. He is a leading voice for expanding accessibility to green spaces. In addition to running a private design company, he is a designer for Grow to Know, which teaches young people in disadvantaged communities how to garden. The new rose is only available in the UK at present, but should make its debut in the US next year. Mr. Clarke has a presence on social media in case you want to like his pages and learn from him.

Return Visit to the Gardens of Bill Hodgeman in Sunderland 9/21/23

For those of you who were able to visit the gardens of Bill Hodgeman on that rainy afternoon in June, you will remember that he invited us to come back for the next bloom flush in the fall. The Northfield Garden Club has arranged a visit for their club, and has invited us to come with them. The date is **Thursday, September 21st** at 5:30 PM. Please email the club with your interest and we will send the address. There is parking on the street. The Northfield Garden Club usually starts with a short business meeting, and then Bill will give a brief history before we start the tour.



The Massachusetts premiere of the award-winning documentary film "Stewart Udall: The Politics of Beauty." presented by Filmmakers Collaborative & Kestrel Land Trust

The only full-length biographical film of this towering figure in mid-20th Century American conservation. Stewart Udall is noted for his service as Secretary of Interior under both JFK and LBJ. Stewart and his brother Morris (Mo) Udall were raised in a Mormon family in the far rural north of Arizona. They went on to become towering public figures in their native Southwest and on the national stage. Stewart Udall was a Renaissance man and authored numerous books on American history and public policy. An early campaigner for racial justice and environmental justice, Stewart was also a poet and admired Robert Frost. He played a key role in raising the profile of poet Frost in the White House and in Washington, D.C. cultural life. As Secretary of Interior, Udall in essence converted JFK, and subsequently both LBJ and Ladybird Johnson into becoming conservation leaders in their own right. Under Udall's leadership, more units were added to our protected lands and waters than under any other leader at the helm of Interior. Including national parks, national wildlife refuges, national seashores and more. Plus, Stewart Udall was directly responsible for the passage of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the establishment of a National Trails program. Udall was one of the earliest public leaders at the federal level to warn of the looming dangers of climate change. After leaving public office, Udall was a tireless advocate for both compensation to "downwinders" affected by the years of testing of nuclear weapons in Nevada, and for compensation to Navaho uranium miners for the detrimental impact on their health. During his entire career, Udall worked across the aisle, making a point to collaborate with his Republican colleagues to get important work done to protect our air, lands and waters. This film reflects on a turbulent time when the nation was polarized by many social and political divisions–the 1960s, yet a time when many political leaders in both parties found a way to work together to get important business done for the future of the nation.

The screening will be followed by a panel conversation with

- Writer/Director, **John de Graaf**
- Consulting Producer, Laurence Cotton (a former resident of the Connecticut River Valley)
- Biographer, Thomas Smith (a Massachusetts resident who appears in the film)
- Stewart Udall's personal aide, Sharon Francis (a New Hampshire resident who appears in the film)
- Moderated by Kestrel Land Trust Executive Director, **Kristin DeBoer**

Show Date/Time: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm Doors at 6:00 pm **Ticket Prices:** $10.00 for Adults ($13.95 after Fees) - Children & Students FREE **Where/ How Tickets Can be Purchased:**
Purchase online **HERE** (scroll to the bottom of the page if using mobile), or you may visit or call the box office at 413-584-9032 ext.105.

MIKE'S MAZE in SUNDERLAND

Mike's Maze will open on September 8th for the 2023 season. This year's theme centers around AI, or Artificial Intelligence. It asks the question, printed out along the edge of the maze, "In the age of Artificial Intelligence, what makes us human?" "Thinking" is the answer and it's embedded in the corn. The fonts used in design were created by David Jonathan Ross, a typist based in Western Mass-achusetts. It gives the image the digitized feeling that the maze co-creators, Jess and David Wisseman, were going for. As usual, there will be plenty of human-based activities to enjoy at the maze. Club members over the years have enjoyed getting together and meeting there for a stroll through the maze and then getting a bite to eat at the Corn Café.

HOURS: Fridays from 11-5, and Saturdays and Sundays from 9-5. Admission on Fridays is $12/adult and $10 for seniors, $16/$14 on weekends.

The Blue Moon of August will be the biggest and brightest moon of the year and will rise on the night of Wednesday 8/30/23. The next one will be 14 years from now!

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of July 15, 2023 .....$9.536.88

Income $45.25
Interest $0.25; Dues $20; Extravaganza booth fee $25
Expenses $88.80
$88.80 Feng Shui printing & refreshments
Balance as of Aug 16, 2023 .....$9,493.33

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Wednesday, September 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

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