# Greenfield Garden Club Newsletter

**September 2024** Vol. 32, No. 8

## Double Feature Weekend: Bedrock Gardens and the Fair

## September President's Musings ~ *Laura Schlaikjer*

September has arrived ushering in cooler air – at least for the moment! There is still time to commit to the trip to the fabulous 30-acre Bedrock Gardens, although at this point there is no official carpool. Work on the Fair booth starts today. There are 2 events at Tower Hill later this month, the Gesneriad and Begonia Society show and sale and the New England Dahlia Society show and sale, well as the North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival. I was introduced to the lovely Japanese Anemone (at left) in Nina Thayer's Greenfield garden recently. It's not native, but it comes in many colors and it's a deer-resistant pollinator magnet that will bloom from late summer thru the fall, and comes in many colors. Learn more about them here. Enjoy the fruits of your summer labors and we'll see you at the Fair! ~ Laura

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 3, 6-9pm & September 4, 3-9** – Fair Booth Set up days
**September 7, 10-12** – GGC's guided tour of Bedrock Gardens in Lee, NH
**September 16, 4-5 pm** – Grant Committee Meeting at GPL Makerspace
**September 19, 6:00pm** – Mayor's Walk at Shattuck Park
**September 17, 10:34 pm** – Full Harvest Super Moon (2nd supermoon of 2024)
**September 28, 29, 10-5** – Garlic & Arts Festival in Orange, MA
**September 30, 5:15 pm** – Steering Committee Meeting

*A late summer garden has a tranquility found no other time of the year ~ William Longgood*

## Quonquont Farm Happenings

Grab a friend and join them for the final hands-on flower arranging workshop of the season. Gather for drinks and light refreshments before touring the cutting garden with its abundance of late season warm colors. Explore your artistic side while enjoying a late summer evening at the farm. Pick a bucket of flowers and create an arrangement to take home. This outdoor workshop will be held in our cutting garden and open-air pavilion. Registration ($75) includes flowers, vase, and refreshments. Pre-registration required.

It's time to pick delicious apples, enjoy the view, slurp a cider slushie, and indulge in a tasty cider donut on the porch. It's apple season at Quonquont Farm! Our farm store has fresh picked apples, cider, our own flowers and veggies, as well as other gifts and treats. And join us for freshly made cider donuts on weekend mornings (thanks, North Hadley Sugar Shack!). We're currently picking Paula Red, Mollies Delicious, McIntosh, and Gala. And our beautiful flower garden is open for picking.

Quonquont Farm hours are Tuesday thru Sunday, 9-4.

Located at 9 North Street in Whately, MA

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

## Grant Committee Meeting

Monday, Sept 16 at 4pm
Greenfield Public Library
Makerspace Room

As we do not have a set Grant Committee, and plans are in flux, this meeting is open to all who are interested in mapping out the grants that the club gives out on an annual basis. Pre-Covid we had a pattern that we followed in giving grants to those who work with children and gardening – schools, before and after-school programs, day care, libraries, etc. We met once a year and gave out the grants in time for teachers and others to use them for the spring. Now our grants are given out on a rolling basis. Come and lend your voice and ideas to the committee!

**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

**Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture at Native Plant Trust, named as next "Ask the Gardener" columnist for The Boston Globe**

Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization and the only one solely focused on New England's native plants, announced today that Uli Lorimer, Director of Horticulture, will become the next "Ask the Gardener" columnist for The Boston Globe. Following his predecessors, long-time columnist Carol Stocker and more recently, R. Wayne Mezitt, Lorimer will explore garden-related topics and answer questions submitted by Globe readers in a bi-weekly column, while remaining full time at Native Plant Trust. "Anyone who knows Uli knows that he was made for this role," notes Tim Johnson, CEO of Native Plant Trust. "He has been teaching and inspiring gardeners for decades as a speaker, sage, and author of The Northeast Native Plant Primer and other works. His garden scholarship, personal insights, and poetic language constantly straddle science, art, and philosophy, encouraging us all to live a little more in tune with the natural world and to lighten our footprint on this earth through ecological horticulture." "I am deeply honored and thrilled with the opportunity to share my passion and decades of gardening experience with the Globe readership," notes Lorimer. "Gardens have a unique power to build connections between humans and the natural world. The pursuit of a livable future must include respect for and access to the rich benefits of New England's biodiversity. I am looking forward to exploring the ways in which gardens can help us grow together towards a brighter, greener future." Lorimer is the author of the best-selling book The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden (Timber Press), which has been #1 on Amazon in its category since publication in 2022. He oversees Garden in the Woods, Native Plant Trust's famed botanic garden in Framingham, MA, and Nasami Farm in western Massachusetts, a nursery focused on the propagation of and research about New England native plants. The Delaware native grew up with an interest in all things green and holds degrees from the University of Delaware in Landscape Horticulture and Foreign Languages and Literature. Prior to his role at Native Plant Trust, Lorimer served as curator of the Native Flora Garden at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. During his tenure at BBG, Lorimer not only tended the original 108-year old Native Flora Garden but was also instrumental in the creation of a new *(next page)*

*(continued from page 3)* extension of the garden, which features a native coastal plain meadow and pine barrens. He also worked closely with botanists throughout the region to collect seed from the wild, propagated new plants for the collection, and documented and studied the region's biodiversity. Lorimer was a contributing author and photographer for several BBG publications, including Community Gardening, Healthy Soils for Sustainable Gardens, Tough Natives for Tough Places, A Native Plant Reader, Easy Compost, and Edible Gardens. He continues to be a popular teacher and public speaker at Native Plant Trust. For more information, please visit: www.NativePlantTrust.org.

**The full moon in September** will be on **Tuesday, September 14th at 10:34 pm EDT**. It is known as the Super Harvest Moon, which will be the last full moon of summer. This full moon will be in Pisces and is the second of four full supermoons in 2024. There will also be a Penumbral Lunar Eclipse at the same time as the full moon. A penumbral eclipse occurs when the moon passes through the Earth's penumbral shadow. Unlike a total or partial eclipse, the penumbral eclipse is more subtle. During this event, the Moon appears slightly dimmer due to the partial shading by the outer part of Earth's shadow. It's a fascinating celestial phenomenon! Early next month, Wednesday, October 2nd, there will be an annular eclipse, also known as the "ring of fire," when the moon is smaller than the sun when it passes in front of it. Sadly, Hawaii will be the only US state with a partial view.

**Floral Affairs** in Greenfield is offering 2 classes in September – **Ikebana** on September 9th and **Sunflower Topiary** on September 18th. www.floralaffairsofgreenfield.com

Join us for Ikebana, a Japanese art of flower arrangement that embodies the beauty and meaning of life through design.

Class will run 6 – 8PM

Click HERE to purchase your seat.

Come join us at **Floral Affairs** for a unique event where we explore the art of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Discover how this ancient practice goes beyond just floral design and embodies deeper meanings and philosophy. Learn the principles of balance, harmony, and minimalism in creating stunning arrangements that reflect life's beauty and impermanence. This in-person event will immerse you in the world of Ikebana, offering a hands-on experience to create your own masterpiece. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with nature and explore the profound art of Ikebana!

Join us for **Sunflower Topiary**, a fun evening of crafting an unusual floral display that turns sunflowers into unusual topiary shapes.

Class will run 6 – 8PM

324 Deerfield St, Greenfield, MA

Click HERE to purchase your seat.

Come join us at **Floral Affairs** for a fun-filled day of creating your very own **sunflower topiary**! Let your creativity bloom as you design and craft a beautiful sunflower arrangement to brighten up any space. Our expert florists will guide you through the process, ensuring your masterpiece is nothing short of stunning. Don't miss out on this opportunity to bring a touch of sunshine into your home!

**Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association Information Session & Soil Testing**

**Saturday, September 14 and 21 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

The Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association (WMMGA) will be at the Greenfield Public Library to answer questions and offer pH soil testing. Bring a sample of soil to learn what your garden needs to flourish! For information on collecting soil samples , see "How to Test Your Soil" on their homepage at https://wmmga.org/ WMMGA is a member-managed nonprofit organization dedicated to the educational mission of promoting good and sustainable gardening practices. Each Master Gardener has completed an in-depth training program, including hands-on activities in gardening and public education, and has made a commitment to participate in WMMGA-sponsored public programs each year. WMMGA is an Affiliate of the national Master Gardener program of the American Horticultural Society. This program, free and open to the public, is a rain or shine event.

**Mike's Maze revealed for 2024 – Join the Circus Starting on September 6th, 2024**

The circus is coming to Mike's Maze in Sunderland! The cornfield along the banks of the Connecticut River has been transformed into an 8-acre circus-themed corn-ival! Come experience what Wired Magazine called "the most elaborate corn maze in America!"— a unique fall attraction that's guaranteed to entertain and delight tiny tots and their adult ringmasters alike. We put the Barn in Barnum & Bailey, so don't miss the show!

Activities:

- Explore an 8-acre maze of circus trivia and discover your inner circus performer
- Play games of strength and skill along Mike's Midway
- Clown around in Mike's Magnificent playground where all the games are larger-than-life
- Shoot out the Giant Slide like a human cannonball
- Send spuds soaring at the Potato Cannons
- Tip toe the tightrope atop the Rope Climber like a trapezist
- Embrace your inner aerialist and launch into flight on the Jump Pad
- Spin yourself into a hypnotic trance on the Rolling Tubes
- Ride and race the pedal carts on Dave's Daredevil Derby
- Marvel at Mike's Menagerie—these animals might not be exotic, but you can pet them
- Enjoy all your fairground favorites served fresh at the Corn Cafe, featuring everything from kettle corn and cider donuts to burgers and farm fries.

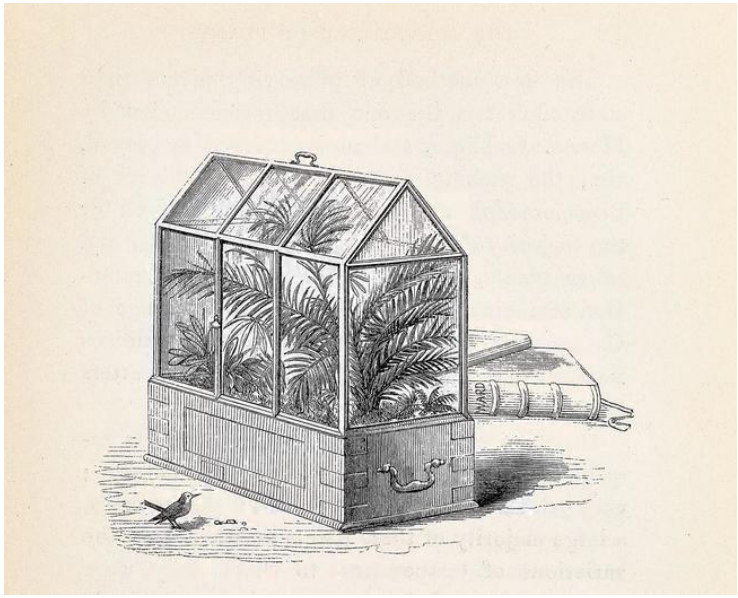
**Taliesin West: The Desert Laboratory**
**Thursday, September 12, 2 pm**
Live on Zoom

$5 for Garden Conservancy members. Call 845-424-6500, 9-5, tell them you are with the GGC to purchase. *A recording will be sent to you a few days afterward.*

In 2023, the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation commissioned the integrated design practice at Sasaki to complete a new master plan of Taliesin West, the former home and studio of architect Frank Lloyd Wright in Scottsdale, AZ. In this conversation between Sasaki landscape architects and senior staff from the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, the history of the site will be discussed along with the impetus and aims of the project and broader lessons for everyone who cares about landscapes.

Taliesin West embodies Wright's principles of organic architecture blending harmoniously with the surrounding landscape. The Sonoran Desert surrounding Taliesin West is an integral component of its design and plays a crucial role in the site's development and sustainability; it is also one of the most biologically diverse deserts in the world, home to many distinct species of flora and fauna adapted to survive in its harsh and arid conditions. The buildings and landscapes face new challenges from climate change, invasive species, and development. The new master plan by Sasaki will respect the site's heritage while considering contemporary developments in ecology and sustainability, allowing the site to remain a resilient and alluring destination for visitors seeking horticulture and culture alike.

**About the Speakers: Susannah C. Drake**, FASLA FAIA is a Principal at Sasaki and founder of DLANDstudio. She lectures globally about resilient urban design and has taught at leading design schools including Harvard, Cooper Union, and Illinois Institute of Technology. She received the 2020 Cooper Hewitt National Design Award for Climate Action and her work is in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art. **Stuart Graff** began studying Frank Lloyd Wright's work more than fifty years ago, sustaining a lifelong passion for the work of America's greatest architect. Since 2016, as the President and CEO of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, he has stewarded one of the world's great cultural legacies to ensure its relevance for our time and for the future: teaching us how to build and live better, as one with the world around us. Jennifer Gray, PhD is the Director of the Taliesin Institute at the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. She is an architectural historian and curator with a focus on modern architecture, landscape, and social politics. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy. **Andrew Sell** is a Senior Associate Ecologist and Landscape Architect at Sasaki specializing in landscape restoration and ecological design for a changing climate. Before joining Sasaki in 2017, Andy practiced environmental education and ecological restoration at Glacier National Park, Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum.



**Garden Politic in Nineteenth Century America**

**Thursday, October 3rd at 2 pm**

Live on Zoom

**REGISTRATION**

$5 for members of the Garden Conservancy

$15 for General Admission

*A recording of this webinar will be sent to all registrants a few days after the event. We encourage you to register, even if you cannot attend the live webinar.*

How did ordinary home gardeners in nineteenth-century America perceive their gardens as tied to the fates of the nation and the world? This webinar event explores how caring for plants brought these gardeners face-to-face with the greatest political issues of the day: colonialism, conquest, slavery, and democracy. It focuses on a selection of gardeners who were also famous writers—including Emily Dickinson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Frederick Douglass—and shows how their homes and gardens were important places for broader environmental thinking. This talk draws on research from Mary Kuhn's new book, *The Garden Politic: Global Plants and Botanical Nationalism in Nineteenth-Century America*.

**About the Speaker:**

**Mary Kuhn** is an assistant professor of English at the University of Virginia. She is the author of *The Garden Politic* and many articles on the relationship between people, plants, and politics. At UVA, she routinely teaches courses in nineteenth-century literary studies, environmental literature, and the environmental humanities.

**U. S. Botanic Garden's Plant Science Conversations Series** - where the Garden's leader-ship break down current plant science during casual conversations with fascinating researchers. This month they've invited their new Curator, Amy Highland. She will discuss her work in plant conservation, the world of public garden plant curation, and share some of her goals for the collections. Friday, September 6th online. Register here.

The Garden Party at The Weldon House (Thursday 8/8) was a lot of fun for all involved. Emily Verock-Isrow did an outstanding job with organizing the event, inviting the GGC to participate, decorating the room and providing refreshments. Danielle Lucier was a wonderful houseplant instructor. GGC members enjoyed interacting with the residents.

**From:** Meryl LaTronica

**Subject: Just Roots seeks new Executive Director.**

Hello farm friends and good people of the world!

I wanted to share with you all that we have just launched the search for the next Executive Director at Just Roots.

Could it be you? Or someone you know? Have you been hankering to take on a leadership role at a small, farming and food justice organization in ye olde western mass (Greenfield, specifically)? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

Please see the job description HERE.

Or, give me a holler and I can tell you more about Just Roots, and what our hopes and dreams are in our new leader.

Thanks for being in community with me, for spreading the word, and for being YOU!

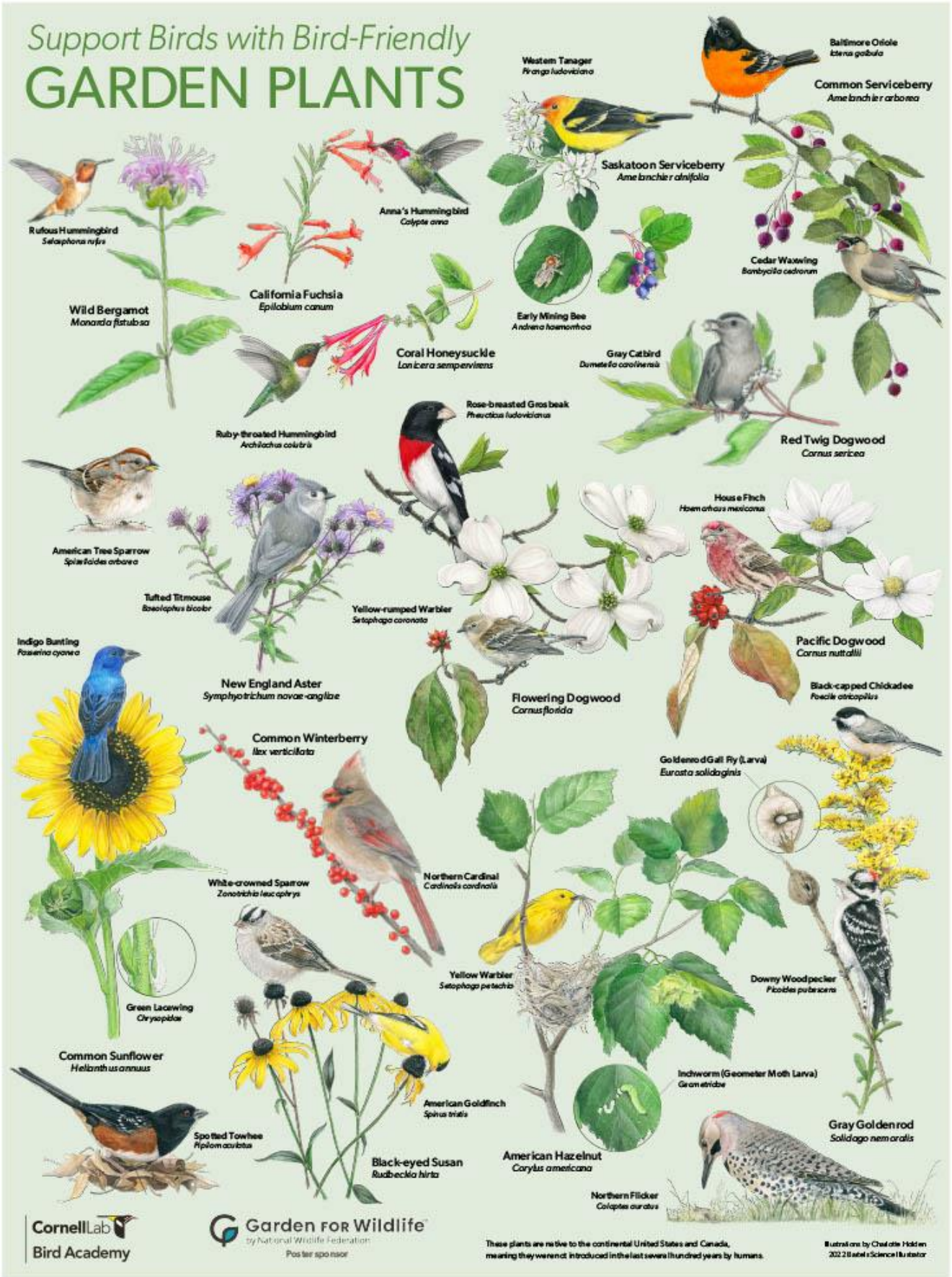
Help us find our next awesome leader!!

With love and care,

Meryl
meryl@justroots.org

**TRIPPLE BROOK FARM,** located at 37 Middle Road in Southampton, is open Wednesday – Saturday from 12-5. Appointments are preferred, but same-day appointments are accepted. 413-527-4626 and info@triplebrookfarm.com

Specializing in permaculture, they have a diverse collection of cold-hardy perennials, natives, edible plants, and various bamboo species. You can check out all their offerings HERE. Don't forget to check their sale page, currently featuring Christmas Fern, Swamp Milkweed, 'Bluebird" Smooth Aster, 'Amethyst' Raspberry, Black Gum (Tupelo), Dwarf Fern-Leaf Bamboo, and 'Ivan's Beauty' Mountain Ash. Best-Sellers include Sweet or Anise-Scented Goldenrod, 'Fall Gold' Raspberry, Goji Berry, Butterfly Milkweed, Blue-Eyed Grass, Lingon Berry, Hardy Kiwi, Blueberries, Chokeberries, Pawpaw, and a hardy Fig, among many others. There are 112 native plants, 121 perennials, 49 edible fruits, 37 edible plants, 38 shrubs, 18 herbs – the lists go on! If you are looking to increase your native plantings, it's well worth scheduling a visit and adding to your landscape. Fall is a good time to plant with cooler air temps, warm soil, and (hopefully) plenty of moisture.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GARDEN PLANTS
Western Tanager
Piranga ludoviciana
Baltimore Oriole
Icterus galbula
Common Serviceberry
Amelanchier arborea
Saskatoon Serviceberry
Amelanchier alnifolia
Rufous Hummingbird
Selasphorus rufus
Anna's Hummingbird
Calypte anna
Wild Bergamot
Monarda fistulosa
California Fuchsia
Epilobium canum
Early Mining Bee
Andrena hormathoa
Cedar Waxwing
Bombycilla cedrorum
Coral Honeysuckle
Lonicera sempervirens
Gray Catbird
Dumetella carolinensis
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Archilochus colubris
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Pheucticus ludovicianus
Red Twig Dogwood
Cornus sericea
American Tree Sparrow
Spizelloides arborea
House Finch
Haemorhous mexicanus
Tufted Titmouse
Baeolophus bicolor
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Setophaga coronata
Pacific Dogwood
Cornus nuttallii
Indigo Bunting
Passerina cyanea
New England Aster
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae
Flowering Dogwood
Cornus florida
Black-capped Chickadee
Poecile atricapillus
Common Winterberry
Ilex verticillata
Goldenrod Gall Fly (Larva)
Eurosta solidaginis
White-crowned Sparrow
Zonotrichia leucophrys
Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis
Yellow Warbler
Setophaga petechia
Downy Woodpecker
Picoides pubescens
Green Lacewing
Chrysopidae
Common Sunflower
Helianthus annuus
Inchworm (Geometer Moth Larva)
Geometridae
American Goldfinch
Spinus tristis
Spotted Towhee
Pipilo maculatus
Gray Goldenrod
Solidago nemoralis
Black-eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta
American Hazelnut
Corylus americana
Northern Flicker
Colaptes auratus
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These plants are native to the continental United States and Canada, meaning they were not introduced in the last several hundred years by humans.
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# *Support Birds with Bird-Friendly*
# GARDEN PLANTS

Here are 14 North American plant species that support birds. See a plant you like that doesn't fit your space or location? There may be a similar plant more suitable to your habitat. Try searching for plants native to your area in the same genus.

## Herbs, Forbs, and Vines

### Black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia hirta*

**Other names:** Common Black-eyed Susan, Brown-eyed Susan

**Native range:** Canada from British Columbia east to Quebec and Nova Scotia. Native or naturalized throughout the entire U.S.

**Care:** Annual/perennial; needs full sun and dry to moist, well-drained soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, bees, small seed- and insect-eating birds.

### California Fuchsia *Epilobium canum*

**Other names:** Hummingbird Trumpet, Zauschneria

**Native range:** Western United States from Washington to New Mexico.

**Care:** Perennial; prefers full sun and dry to moist, well-drained soil.

**Attracts:** Hummingbirds, bees.

### Common Sunflower *Helianthus annuus*

**Other names:** Annual Sunflower

**Native range:** Manitoba, Canada to Texas and westward. Not native but naturalized to the eastern U.S.

**Care:** Annual; prefers full sun and dry soil.

**Attracts:** Bees, seed-eating birds.

### Coral Honeysuckle *Lonicera sempervirens*

**Other names:** Coral Honeysuckle, Trumpet Honeysuckle, Woodbine

**Native range:** Eastern U.S. from Maine to Florida and west to Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

**Care:** Perennial; prefers full or partial sun and moist, preferably rich soil. Will need a structure to climb.

**Attracts:** Hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, fruit-eating birds.

### Gray Goldenrod *Solidago nemoralis*

**Other names:** Prairie Goldenrod, Oldfield Goldenrod, Dyersweed Goldenrod, Dwarf Goldenrod, Field Goldenrod

**Native range:** Across southern Canada. Native in the U.S. from Montana to Texas and eastward. Native range extends south to Durango in Mexico.

**Care:** Perennial; prefers full sun and sandy, clay or gravel soil. Plant in dry soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, seed- and insect-eating birds.

### New England Aster *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*

**Other names:** New England American Aster

**Native range:** From Quebec to Alberta in Canada, south through the U.S. into North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, and Kansas and west to the eastern Great Plains. Also native to the mountains of Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

**Care:** Perennial; prefers light shade and moist soil.

**Attracts:** Hummingbirds, butterflies, caterpillars, bees, seed- and insect-eating birds.

### Wild Bergamot *Monarda fistulosa*

**Other names:** Beebalm

**Native range:** Most of southern Canada and part of the Northwest Territories, most of the United States except California and Florida. Northeastern Mexico.

**Care:** Perennial; prefers full sun to partial shade, dry to moist soil.

**Attracts:** Hummingbirds, butterflies, caterpillars, bees, insect- and nectar-eating birds.

## Trees and Shrubs

### American Hazelnut *Corylus americana*

**Other names:** American Filbert

**Native range:** From Manitoba to Texas and eastward, except Florida and the far eastern coast of Canada.

**Care:** Perennial; prefers partial shade to shade and dry to moist, rich, well-drained soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, seed- and insect-eating birds. Good cover and nesting location.

### Common Serviceberry *Amelanchier arborea*

**Other names:** Downy Serviceberry, Shadbush, Juneberry, Junebush, Shadblow, Sarvis

**Native range:** Southeastern Canada New Brunswick to Quebec and Ontario. Eastern U.S. from Maine to Minnesota to Texas.

**Care:** Perennial; can handle sun to shade. Prefers moist, well-drained, acid soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, bees, fruit- and insect-eating birds.

### Common Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*

**Other names:** Winterberry, Michigan Holly, Black Alder

**Native range:** Quebec and Ontario in Canada, down through the eastern U.S. from Florida to eastern Texas and up to Minnesota.

**Care:** Perennial; tolerates full sun to full shade and moist or wet soil. Needs lots of water and tolerates poorly drained soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, fruit- and insect-eating birds. Good cover and nesting location.

### Flowering Dogwood *Cornus florida*

**Other names:** Virginia Dogwood, Florida Dogwood, White Cornel, Arrowwood, American Boxwood, Corona de San Pedro

**Native range:** Ontario, Canada; southern Maine to Florida in the U.S., west to Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois; Coahuila to Veracruz, Mexico.

**Care:** Perennial; prefers partial shade to shade and dry to moist, rich, well-drained, acid soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, bees, fruit-, insect-eating birds.

### Pacific Dogwood *Cornus nuttallii*

**Other names:** Pacific Flowering Dogwood, Mountain Dogwood

**Native range:** British Columbia down the Pacific coast through California. Also native to Idaho.

**Care:** Perennial; tolerant of full sun to full shade. Needs dry or moist, rich, well-drained soil.

**Attracts:** Fruit-eating birds.

### Red Twig Dogwood *Cornus sericea*

**Other names:** Red Osier Dogwood, Red Osier, Red-twig Dogwood

**Native range:** Canada, Alaska, and the northern and western continental U.S.

**Care:** Perennial; can handle full sun to full shade, with well-drained soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, fruit- and insect-eating birds.

### Saskatoon Serviceberry *Amelanchier alnifolia*

**Other names:** Western Serviceberry, Juneberry, Saskatoon

**Native range:** Along the Pacific coast from Alaska to California. East to Quebec in Canada, Minnesota to New Mexico in the U.S.

**Care:** Perennial; can handle full sun to full shade. Prefers dry to moist, well-drained soil.

**Attracts:** Butterflies, caterpillars, fruit- and insect-eating birds.

Sources: The Biota of North America Program (BONAP), *North American Plant Atlas*; Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, *Plant Database*; National Audubon Society, *Native Plants Database*; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), *PLANTS Database*

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Learn more in the self-paced, online course **Growing Wild: Gardening for Birds and Nature.**

**O'Brien Nurserymen, Granby, CT**
**Open Garden Days for August**

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)**

August 30, 31 & **Sept. 1** – Do you Grow Japanese Woodland Peonies for their Seedpods?

**September 13, 14 &** 15 – Dwarf & Variegated Ginkgos – Granby Farm Day (Saturday)

**September 27, 28 & 29** – Unique Conifers – Abies, Picea, Larix, Pinus; Oh My!

Calling all teachers! There is a brand-new series of videos created for kids in grades K-2 by WonderGrove Kids in collaboration with **Homegrown National Park**. They focus on the importance of creating habitats for birds, making it easy and fun for them to learn about how they can help nature in their own yards. The first 4 episodes are now available (for free!) on the new Homegrown National Park Kids page. What a great opportunity to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards! Also available on the HNP Kids page, is a link to Doug Tallamy's ground-breaking book "Nature's Best Hope" in a young reader's edition, as well as Symbiotic Schoolyard, an 8-week, Next Generation Science Standards-Aligned Ecosystem Unit where middle school students become restoration ecologists to increase the biodiversity of their own schoolyard. At the core of the curriculum, which has already received rave reviews from teachers and students alike, is a hands-on native species planting project. Share the news with your teacher-friends!

# Treasurer's Report

**Balance** as of July 15, 2024 .....$8,065.95

**Income** .....$45.21
*Interest $0.21; 2 new members: $45*
**Expenses** ..... $327.77
*All expenses are Weldon House expenses*
**Balance** as of August 15, 2024 .....$7,783.39

*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**

**October NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**
**Sunday, September 29th**
**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**
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