

# LGC Newsletter



July 2024



## Message From The President

Welcome to July -

It's Summertime and the living is easy! With that in mind, this will be short and sweet.

I am wishing you all a happy 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Annual Luncheon Meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> and I hope to see you there! Although, I know some of you are away this time of year - you will be missed.

If you haven't already done so, please respond to the invitation to the annual meeting, see below. We must have an accurate count of attendees by July 5<sup>th</sup>. Let's make it a fun and memorable occasion.

The membership meeting on August 16, which includes spouses/partners, is a cocktail party honoring our Honorary members. More to come on the specifics in the August newsletter. In the meantime, please note your calendars, it is a Friday!

I just received a letter referencing the 2024 GCA Annual Meeting. As a Club, it's important to understand the value and relationship we have with GCA. The "letter" says it all. Please scroll to the bottom of this email and read the letter

written by a GCA Annual Meeting attendee. It's a must-read!

[Sara](#)

Click the button below for a listing of all upcoming Club meetings, workshops, and other events. Do you have something to add to the calendar? Click [HERE](#) to submit an event for the LGC calendar.

CALENDAR

## Program

### **Annual Luncheon Meeting At Stonybrook Golf** 263 Milton Rd

#### DETAILS

**July 18, 2024**

Early Arrival Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Awards Presentation on the Deck: 11:30 a.m.  
Lunch served: Noon

Cost: \$45 (gratuity included)

Make your check payable to LGC and mail to:  
LGC  
Susan Kendall  
PO Box 848  
Litchfield, CT 06759

#### Floral Design Sweepstakes for Centerpieces

Please note: your check will be your reservation. Stonybrook requires that we let them know how many will be attending by July 5 so we must have your check by that date! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

[Dietary Restrictions?](#)

## Announcements and Articles of Interest

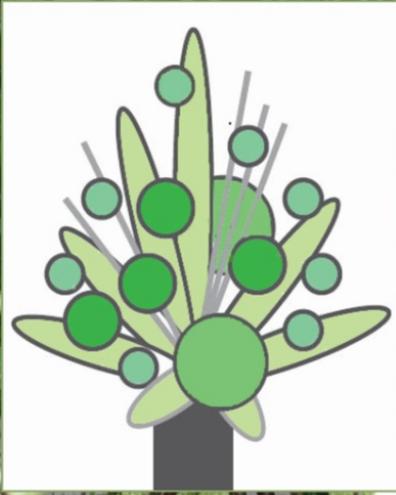
### **Monthly Floral Design "IDEAS"**

Idea #12, Traditional Mass Design

[MaryEllen O'Brien](#)



## Traditional Mass Design



### Supplies

1 Vase / Container  
Floral Foam to fill the container  
Clippers

### Plant Material

Think about the design Form, Colors and Textures when choosing your plant materials.

Contrast in both Color and Texture is important as well as Rhythm with the placement of your plant materials. Look to the color wheel for contrasting colors and rough vs. smooth for textures. Remember that Traditional Mass Designs are generally geometric in shape and maybe round, oval or triangular.

Dutch and Flemish still life paintings of flowers especially of those by Jan Brueghel the Elder come to mind when one thinks of a Traditional Mass Floral Design. These paintings depicted in fine detail many varieties of flowers and not all from the same season. These paintings were generally imaginary creations of the artist making. The paintings are so life like you can almost hear the insects depicted in many of them, buzzing around the flowers and the sweet scent of floral perfume filling the air. It's no wonder that we think of these paintings when thinking of Traditional Mass Arrangements. Today, we can create those full, abundant designs which were only in the mind's eye of the artist. Flowers, fruits and vegetables which were out of season can now be physically placed together with the nature of our global markets. Full, abundant designs can be achieved in the style of the old masters.



IDEAS from the Floral Design Committee • Litchfield Garden Club

JULY 2024 • Traditional Mass Design

[Click here to view in larger format](#)



The dues for the Litchfield Garden Club are \$175 and are due annually in July. If paying by check, click [HERE](#) for the mail-in form. If you're paying your dues online, please visit the LGC [WEBSITE](#) to pay with PayPal or Credit Card

**Please pay by July 15, 2024**

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## Committee Reports

### Communication

Visit our [Hospitality](#) page to see the images of the Garden Tour. Also, visit our [Blog page](#), there have been several new entries. Do you want to make a post? Email Joan (click below) to send her an image and comments on an interesting local gardening event or your garden activity.

[Joan Burgess](#)

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### Floral Design

#### **A BLUE RIBBON IDEA ...REMINDER from FLORAL DESIGN COMMITTEE**

July 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for our Annual Meeting and the Floral Design Committee will decorate the tables at Stonybrook Golf Club for our Sweepstakes competition.

Sweepstakes Title: ***Flowers ARE....Our Endless Summer***

Create a small Traditional Mass floral design to be placed on the dining tables at Stonybrook Golf Club. Designs should not exceed 8" in any direction.

Arrangements may be delivered to Stonybook between 10:45-11:00 am on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

All floral designs may be removed at the close of the LGC Annual Meeting.

*Designs will **not** be judged, but; all who contribute a floral design will be awarded a five-point score (Five points is equivalent to a Blue Ribbon win) and will be added to your total tally for the NOVICE, Lydia B. Hickox Novice Design Award or the MASTER Plate in Floral Design.*

We need 12 floral creations for the meeting...Will you be a lucky one to add points to your total Sweepstakes score?

Please call: MaryEllen OBrien at ( 413-229-3025 ) or click my name below to email if you plan to enter a floral centerpiece or have any questions.

All my best,

[MaryEllen O'Brien](#)

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### Horticulture

Priscilla Twombly, a member of the Sasqua Garden Club in Fairfield, led a soft-wood cutting workshop in Sylvia and Jay Abbott's lovely backyard. Eight members attended the workshop

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Hort Workshop page to see the images of the soft-wood cutting workshop.

### [Kate Jamison](#)

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## Membership

Dear Fellow Garden Club Members,

Submissions for our Provisional Program can be sent to me at any time of the year.

Please consider sponsoring a friend who would be a good fit for our club. New members are the source of a healthy and diverse membership.

Our annual luncheon will be on July 18th at Stonybrook Golf Club. I hope to see you all there!

### [Lynne Sherman](#)

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## Projects



### **Meadow Street planter is in full bloom!**

Spring plantings are coming along nicely!

A tip of the hat to Joan Burgess for setting up the electronic sign-up sheet for watering. It has worked so well; every slot has been filled. We thank everyone so much for signing up!

### [Seton O'Reilly](#)





You and your Spouse/Partner are  
Cordially Invited For Cocktails  
To Celebrate  
Our LGC Honorary Members  
At the Home of  
Rosamond & Richard Quay  
88 Seherr Thoss Dr, South  
Friday, August 16, 2024  
5 P.M.



Detailed information will be in our August newsletter.



The following is a letter sent by a GCA Annual Meeting attendee.

**Below is a Must READ**, as it says so much about the GCA organization that we are a part of.

**Letter from attendee Linda Murphy:** To begin, approximately 600 women descended on Hartford CT. They held up traffic, but while we were waiting for the elevators, I overheard two men seriously discuss, ***"I wonder what a garden club can discuss at a convention? Why would they even hold one?"***

I smile -

**Maybe it's when the President of the Environmental Defense Fund states that** "the GCA is a giant in Conservation". Our NAL has a huge impact in DC.

**Maybe it's a scholarship recipient who researches seed diversity and explains** to us how it can protect our food supply as the world warms.

**Maybe it's the founder of Zumiez who owns 600 stores worldwide** but also a conservation advocate in Washington who tells us who and how to advocate for the Arctic National Park Reserve through a talk, free book, and free IMAX.

[Read more](#)

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Do you want to be part of one or several LGC Committees - and be included on the committee mailing list? Just use the [ONLINE FORM](#) to select your committee of interest.

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### Follow us on Instagram!

The LGC is on Instagram and we love to post your news and photos! Please send upcoming events, club activities, civic projects, milestones, and hort tips. Include photos and a brief write-up of news on our club events you would like to share. The best format is text in an email with JPG photos attached. Take active photos showing members at work or showcasing beautiful gardens, flowers, and plants.

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### Newsletter Submissions

Would you like to share an event for the newsletter? Send in any info or images to be included in our upcoming newsletter. Please do so by the 25th of the month.

[Email Submissions](#)

**Do you need the password** for our website, if so - click [HERE](#).

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