

LGC Newsletter



May 2021



Message from the President

Dear Members,

Happy May Day! Spring is here, and just like our gardens coming alive, so is the LGC. More than 30 members attended our Earth Day tree planting at the Reeve Meadow last week - a clear indication that we are ready and eager to see each other and pick up where we left off before the pandemic. The club will continue to cautiously resume in-person meetings outside. Our May Business Meeting will be under the tent at the Community Center. We will vote on By-Law revisions and the slate of officers for the coming term. Please read the proposed By-Law revisions, prepare your sweeps, and put the date on your calendar!

Stay well and see you soon,
Annie

LGC Annual Business Meeting
Litchfield Community Center
Under the Tent!

May 20, 2021
3:00 p.m.

Our business meeting will begin promptly at 3pm under the tent!

Click to RSVP to [Emily Dalton](#)

Parking details: Please carpool if possible and park in the Auction House parking lot. There is no parking available at the LCC due to the placement of the tent.

Photography and Horticulture Sweepstakes: Will be inside the Community Center with drop-off at 10:00 AM, judging at 11:00 AM, and on display beginning at 12:30 PM. Come prior to the meeting to view the sweeps.

The Hostess team will be providing individually packaged refreshments, drinks and treats for your enjoyment at the meeting.

Vice President

We will be voting on the revised Bylaws at the May business meeting (see buttons below), along with the new Policy Handbook, for your review. Thanks to all for your good comments, and especially to our Policy Committee for its hard work over the past months. Members are: Annie Borzilleri and myself, Sara Gault, Sylvia Abbott, Ronnie Schoelzel, Julia Metcalf, and our scribe Martha Phillips. Emily Dalton also joined in and made valuable contributions.

On the Awards front, at the recent Zone II Meeting, Ronnie Schoelzel and Tovah Martin were honored with special awards, and those will be presented at our Annual Meeting on July 15th, along with other Club awards and commendations.

[Susan Magary](#)

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Nominating Committee

Members: Rose Brooks, Emily Dalton, Lynn Sherman, Doreen Tango Hampton, and Nancy Rath, present the slate of new officers for the years 2021-23.

President: Susan Magary

Vice President: Emily Dalton

Corresponding Secretary: Crystal Carminati

[Rose Brooks](#), Chair

Treasurer

Annual Dues for the upcoming fiscal year - July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 are due in July. Dues are \$175 and may be paid by check or PayPal. Please note if paying by PayPal there is an online service charge of \$5.50. Thank you.

You may pay your dues by check – click [HERE](#) for the mail-in form. If paying online, click [HERE](#) for the link to PayPal.

[Sara Gault](#)

Committee Reports & Announcements

Conservation

Earth Day in the Snow - On April 22, 2021 in the bitter cold with the snow swirling all around us, around 30 members of the garden club met at the Tapping Reeve meadow to plant 4 crabapple trees - one tree each for Earth Day 2020, Earth Day 2021, in memory of loved ones lost, and in celebration of all those first responders who have kept us well and safe during this pandemic year.



Our best laid plans for Earth Day 2020 were cancelled just as the pandemic began one year ago, and we were delighted to gather again together for the first time in person since March last year. The snow was an added bonus weather event in the midst of the blooming daffodils and budding trees.

Our special thanks to the Litchfield Historical Society which generously contributed a crabapple tree and the use of their incredible meadow at Tapping Reeve for our event. We are delighted to have them as dear friends and neighbors who often collaborate on projects together. Happy Earth Day!

Visit our [website](#) for all the images.

Litchfield High School Earth Day -

The conservation committee sponsored a Litchfield High School student, Madison Carr, for her Backyard Wildlife Habitat Improvement table at the school's

April 22 Earth Day Celebration. LHS had 9 tables of environmental action programs, giving students the chance to choose which projects to support personally. We donated packets of River Birch Tree seeds and a blue bird nesting box. Congratulations Madison, you did a great job!!



Madison Carr at her Backyard Wildlife Habitat Improvement table at the LHS Earth Day celebration.

Our Own Owls - Our Own Owl nesting boxes have arrived! They are ready for delivery to everyone who has placed an order. Please contact Grace for delivery and ordering. We still have owl nesting boxes (\$70) and bluebird nesting boxes (\$25) available for purchase.



Thank you Washington Supply Co for ordering our own owl nesting boxes.



Thank you to Dave and all the team at Washington Supply Co.



Our Own Owl nesting boxes are ready for delivery!

[Grace Yagtug](#)

Horticulture

Greetings! It looks like we can start to enjoy being together socially distanced again which means: SWEEPSTAKES! Horticulture is lucky enough to have a sweepstakes inside the LCC at our May meeting, and the schedule for cuts and live plants is listed on the Horticulture sweepstakes page click [HERE](#). Please sharpen up your snips, and bring lots of beautiful things so that judge Ronnie and clerk Julia can bestow many ribbons! We need your plant material to be in place between 10 and 10:45 in order to be ready for judging. Diane, Rose and I will be there to make sure you are on the right track. Your entries may be picked up after our club meeting that afternoon.

We will also be having a plant sale that day in the parking lot, so please donate fun and exciting plants in any size pot so that we can encourage lots of shopping. Bring your check books! The proceeds will go to our own Pollinator Garden at the White Memorial Conservation Center. I have already dug and split several plants from my garden in anticipation of the sale.

Last but not least, Julia and I filmed a video at my house about propagating tropicals by stem and leaf cutting, as well as dividing and rooting indoor succulents. Please look for it on the Horticulture video and workshops - click [HERE](#). I will post photos of plants suitable for cuttings, and I might be able to bring some to the meeting...

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Also, Rose Brooks has been kind enough to offer me a hand for the next term, and I feel so lucky to have her by my side.

[Kate Jamison](#)

Projects and Beautification

The Projects and Beautification Committee will meet on May 6th at 10:00 at the Tapping Reeve Meadow on South Street.

Kathy Fields has graciously offered this space to our garden club for meetings. Please wear a mask if you plan to attend. We shall discuss new projects, placement of the three blue bird houses and any other unfinished business. Please come with some fresh ideas. Thank you and we hope to see you then.

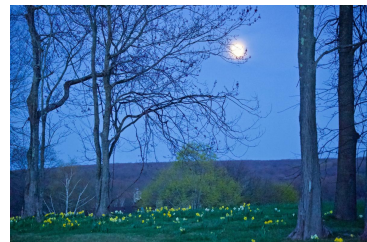
There are the 300 daffodils the we planted for Litchfield's 300 anniversary and around the flagpole 100 daffodils for the Suffragettes and the 19th Amendment. These beauties are at the Community Field, and I hope you can all go there to see them in all of their glory.



[Lynne Sherman](#) and [Dale Ryan](#)

Photography

Our May LGC program is scheduled to meet outside in the tent at the Litchfield Community Center on May 20th. All of our exhibits will be set up inside the center so that those who wish may view them. If you entered the sweepstakes, **Buds and Blooms, please print your photo and mount it on foam core and leave it at the Center on the 19th or with Cathy (860-921-7280)**. If you need foam core, Berta has



some at the center or Cathy will be glad to give you some. Images should be printed either in 8x10 or 11x14 inches.

In 2021, both the April and the May full moons are also known as Super Moons as they are noticeably closer to earth and appear larger than usual. If anyone is interested in "shooting the moon", we will hold one moonrise workshop and one moonset workshop, outdoors locally. A tripod is ideal, but not necessary. The above photo is taken handheld April 26th on East Chestnut Hill. The most favorable time to shoot the full moonrise is the day before the actual full moon, so we will give it all a try on Tuesday, May 25. More info to follow.

Click [HERE](#) for 7 Tips to Make the Next Supermoon Shine in Your Photos. And click [HERE](#) for Expert Tips for Taking Amazing Pictures of the Supermoon

Reminder: All submissions are due by September 30, 2021 for the GCA Covid Project. [Learn more](#) about the project. Click [HERE](#) for guidelines and to submit.

[Cathy Oneglia](#)

Scholarship

The Executive Committee voted to send a \$300 contribution to the FGCTT Scholarship Fund in honor of Polly Brooks who was installed as the CT Federation's President on April 14th. The EC also contributed \$250 to the GCA Scholarship Committee.

[Ronnie Schoelzel](#)

Visiting Gardens

On Tuesday, May 18th, we will take a tour of two nurseries. We will begin with an 11 am tour of Cricket Hill which specializes in peonies, both tree and herbaceous. Lucky for us, the Tree Peonies should be in bloom when we go.

Our next stop will be at Shakespeare Gardens where we will be met by our very own Kate Jamison who will be our tour guide. Hopefully there will be a variety of succulents available, in addition to all the other plants.

If you would like to come, bring a bag lunch and meet at St. Anthony's parking lot at 10:15. To arrange carpool, please notify Nancy Post at 860 567-8475 or npost1126@gmail.com if you will be attending.

P.S. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes as the terrain at Cricket Hill, while beautiful, is uneven. Hope to see you there!

[Nancy Post](#)

From the Communications Desk

Visit our [Floral Design Web-page](#) to see the PowerPoint of the April Design Sweepstakes, Fine Art and Flowers. Also visit our [Calendar Web-Page](#) for upcoming dates of LGC and other garden events.

[Blog Posts](#): How and what to post? Take a look at what has been posted already, and that may spark a thought. Entries are up to approx 200 words. Send your image(s), article and article title to [Joan Burgess](#) for posting.

[Click for Calendar](#)

Member News and Upcoming Events

SPRING IS FREE AT THE WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM!

Admission to the museum will remain free for the spring season, through June 2021.

Spring free from winter hibernations and come connect with great art at the Wadsworth. Reserve your tickets online via thewadsworth.org. Walk-up visitors may be accommodated based on availability. Hours are Fridays: noon–8pm, and Saturdays and Sundays: noon–5pm. Masks, social distancing, and a contactless temperature check required. Check our [website](#) for more information on how we are preparing for your visit.



**Wadsworth
Atheneum**
Museum of Art

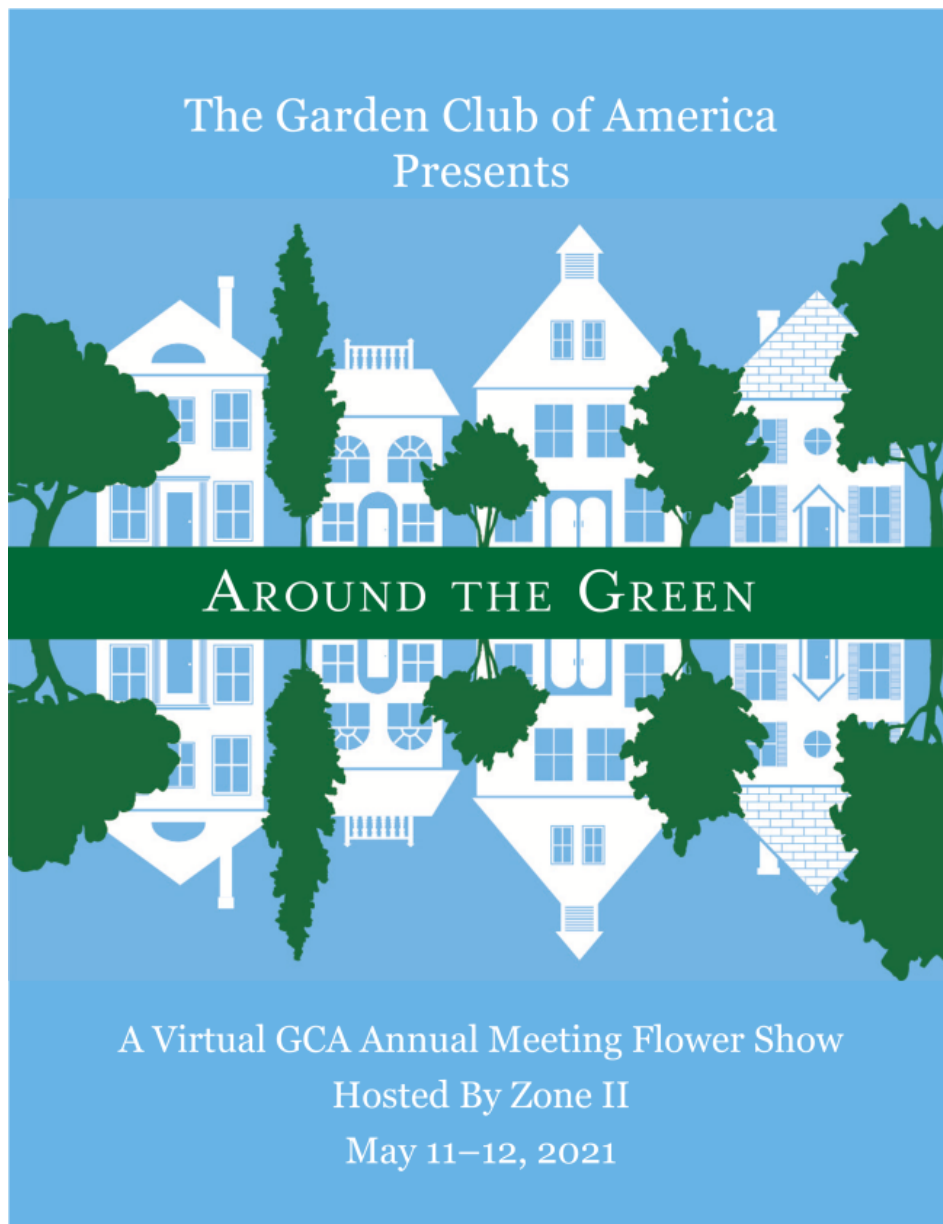
MAY FLOWERS While the Wadsworth’s annual Fine Art & Flowers event will not take place this year, a scaled-back celebration of the season, May Flowers, will feature different floral arrangements each weekend April 30–May 23. Live music will be performed in the galleries on Sundays, May 2–23, at 2pm. For more info, visit their [website](#)



Plant Sale
Saturday, May 8
(the day before Mother's Day)
8am - 2pm
Eastern Greenwich Civic Center
90 Harding Road
www.gardenOG.org

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