

LGC Newsletter



October 2019



Message from the President

Dear Annie,

What a show! And what a tremendous coming-together of our club! The success of our wonderful show would not have been possible without every one of you. Regardless of the size of your contribution, large or small, it mattered. Thank you, Ronnie, for fearlessly leading the way as Chairman. And thank you, Diane, for bravely suggesting on the heels of our 2017 show that the LGC celebrate our town's 300th with a flower show.

Joan has been busy loading our website with images - everything from set-up to celebration. [Take a look!](#) And, please, if you have any images to share, please send them to her.

Our club is now resuming its normal activities (phew!). I hope everyone will take advantage of all our committees have to offer...new agendas are forming right now with your ideas and input. Our committees are open to all members, no need to 'sign up'. Come join in the fun!

Annie

"Welcome Peter Punzi, Executive Director, White Memorial Foundation, and where can we go from here? "
Presented by, Peter Punzi

October 17, 2019
Litchfield Community Center
3:00 PM

If you haven't done so already, please RSVP to [Emily Dalton](#)

A Flower Show Thank You from Ronnie

THANK YOU to every LGC member who worked on the *Town Crier to Twitter* flower show, whether you helped set up or clean up, entered an exhibit, were a hostess, chaired a committee, made hors d'oeuvres for the preview party, stamped invitations, or clerked for a judging panel! Kudos to all the exhibitors who exhibited in one of the Divisions, especially novice exhibitors who did so for the first time. When the compliments began rolling in, I remarked that I did not create this show alone! Litchfield Garden Club held up its standard for presenting a beautiful show with a schedule that celebrated Litchfield's 300 years. Staged at the 100-year old White Memorial Conservation Center, it was the perfect venue for sharing the show with the community. The Children's Activity table attracted walk-in families with young children who happily took



home a succulent they planted themselves. Every Division elicited *oohs* and *aahs*.

I will be holding a wrap-up meeting October 18 from 10:00 - 12:00 at the Community Center. Please write a report and email me a copy prior to the meeting, and please let me know if you will be attending.

Again, thank you to all who made the show a resounding success and congratulations to all who won a ribbon for an exhibit. In my eyes, you are all winners!

[Ronnie Schoelzel](#), *Flower Show Chair*

Ronnie provided the header image. Autumn image of grasses, dahlias, salvia, and nicotiana.

Committee Reports & Announcements

Civic/Projects

The Projects/Civic Beautification Committee is working on revitalizing the ice skating rink in Litchfield. The benches and the cubby (that holds the skaters' shoes) are in terrible disrepair. We are hoping that we can have the boy/girl scouts help us as a community service project.



The other plan for this fall is to plant 300 daffodils for Litchfield's 300th anniversary and 100 daffodils for the Suffragettes at the Community Field.

We will need some volunteers to water, for the mums will be planted soon. In fact, Murphy's planter is finished and looks fabulous. Please contact me if you can help with watering.

Our next meeting is not scheduled, but emails will be coming.

[Lynne Sherman](#)

Conservation

We held our first Conservation meeting on September 30, 2019, with 22 people in attendance with vigorous and passionate discussions about what we can do together to make a difference.



Among the topics covered were - educating and involving children in conservation activities, practicing sustainable growing disciplines, creating pollinator pathways, sustaining treescapes, to mention just a few, all dear to our hearts.

Our next phase is to define the projects coming out of our discussions together, and determine how to begin.

We mutually agreed that we will not be overwhelmed with the breadth of what needs to be done, rather we will go forward step by step continuing to make the small changes that result in big and lasting results for our planet and our children.

[Grace Yagtug](#)

Horticulture

I am sure I will not be the only one to crow about our flower show which took place on the weekend of September 21st, but I can personally attest to how great the horticulture division was! I was lucky to be a clerk on one of the judging panels, and they loved the show. They all agreed that there was an impressive amount of participation and at a high level of quality as exemplified by a number of class commendations. Hooray for the Litchfield Garden Club! The horticulture committee will have met by the time this newsletter comes out and be armed with all sorts of ideas and dreams; more to follow.

Thanks

[Kate Jamison](#)

Photography

The Photography Committee will meet at 2pm on Thursday, October 10th at the Litchfield Community Center. Martha has suggested that it would be fun and

instructive to have everyone who entered the flower show bring their photos to the meeting and we would share the judge's comments and learn from each other. It was noted that the judges spoke about line and movement more than composition and focus. So...let's move our discussion to include some helpful hints and recommendations regarding line and movement which I will provide. We are advancing in skill. We will also plan for our November sweepstakes.

Thank you all for your participation and enthusiasm for "Town Crier to Twitter". Congratulations to everyone, especially Rosie Furness on her Best in Show.

Onward,

[Cathy Oneglia](#)

Visiting Gardens

In August we had two club-to-club visits. One was from the Lenox Garden Club and another from a member of the St. Louis Garden Club. Many thanks to Diane who graciously hosted both of them for a garden tour and refreshments on her terrace. Jim Lamond also opened his garden. It was a fun day for all our visitors.

[Nancy Post](#)

From the Communications Desk

Check out the [Photo Gallery](#) page for images of the Gala/Preview Party! Also visit the [Flower Show](#) page for images of Photography, Hort and Design awards.

Don't see something but want it posted or have a question - contact [Joan](#). Need LGC information - use our website! It's all there and easy to find.

If you want something posted on the [LGC Calendar](#), please contact [Joan](#).

Upcoming Events for your calendar & Member News

CLIMATE CHANGE: IS THERE STILL HOPE FOR HUMANITY?

an Evening with Bill McKibben

*Groundbreaking author, environmentalist, and activist
offers a powerful call-to-arms to save our planet.*



Monday • Nov. 11, 2019 • 7:30 PM
Saxe Middle School
468 South Ave • New Canaan

For Tickets & Information go to:
NewCanaanLandTrust.org/McKibben

1 ticket • \$35 • includes McKibben's latest book *Falter*
2 tickets • \$40 • includes one book
Students • \$10

**New Canaan
Library**



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The Connecticut Valley Garden Club (CVGC) will host its ninth annual "Set 2 Celebrate" fundraiser on November 15-16, 2019 featuring more than 30 tablescape designed by decorators, florists, businesses, organizations, and individuals. [Read more.](#)

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**Bristol Garden
Club's**

*Holiday Luncheon &
Boutique*

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Boutique: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Program: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.

The Farmington Club
162 Town Farm Road
Farmington

Speaker: **Bill Cusano**
from *De Vars-Phillips*
Florists & Antiques

Price \$45.00 per person
For Reservations Call:
Joan Nyerick - (860) 589-7166
Deadline for reservations is Oct 31st

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