



*LITCHFIELD GARDEN CLUB
August Meeting*

*Master Potter in the Garden
a presentation by
Guy Wolff
Demonstration & History of Garden Pottery*

*Thursday, August 20th
1:30 PM
Wolff Studio
1249 Bantam Road, Route 202*

*RSVP
Ellen Ebbs
(860) 567-4175*

Arethusa ice cream extravaganza to follow



Parking is limited so carpooling is suggested.

Welcome to a newly expanded MEETING NOTICE. With Susan and Joan's expert help, I am hoping that this will become more of a newsletter each month. And, we need your help. If you have items of interest for our members, please send those to Susan, Joan, or me.

I am looking forward to being your president for the next two years and as most of you know, I think "horticulture" quite a bit of the time SO...want to remind you all to take pictures of your plants or trees or vegetables and send them to Joan for inclusion on the website under "Plants in Our Gardens". I know that there are phenomenal blooms out there now...how are your dahlias doing?

Best.
Barbara

A Bit about Guy Wolff: Master horticultural craftsman and potter. Guy Wolff is a treasure right in our own backyard. His studio on Route 202 about a mile west of Bantam Center is the birthplace of original and timeless hand thrown pots. Guy's profound appreciation for the beauty and architectural integrity of antique pots makes every one of his creations a thoughtful work of art.

Many of us are lucky enough to have one of his pots in our gardens already, but we are not the only ones. Estates and botanical gardens around the country proudly exhibit his work. We are fortunate to have him as our guest speaker for August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUES

Second Reminder: It's time to send in your club dues if you haven't already done so. Our club has 78 members. Dues have been received from 59 members. Unpaid dues are outstanding from 11 active members, 2 provisional members, and 6 associate members.

Please take a look at your checkbook if you cannot remember whether you paid. Do it now, don't wait! The LGC Bylaws state that Club dues are payable "in July."

Club dues are \$175. Many members also include an additional gift to the Centennial Fund and/or the Civic Fund. Checks should be made out to the Litchfield Garden Club and sent to the LGC, P.O. Box 848. Litchfield, CT 06759.

Thank you!

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION/PROJECTS

Thank you to the following members who are watering our troughs this month.

Norfolk Road

- 7/26 - 8/8 Jackie Miller & Ellen Ebbs
- 8/9 - 8/22 Sylvia & Jen Abbott

Western Green

- 7/26 - 8/8 Diane Stoner & Martha Phillips
- 8/9 - 8/22 Drew Harlow & Anita Torizzo

If you would like to help with the watering this fall, please call Victoria Sansing at 567-9747.

CONSERVATION

There will be no official new work in the Pollinator Garden this month, but anyone interested is welcome to go weed.

WEBSITE

- Check out the new photos on the website - you must be logged in. All the wonderful images that Cathy Oneglia captured are in the "2015 Annual Meeting" folder.

- Do you have something really terrific in your garden? We have a section on our website - "Plants in our Gardens" and we need YOUR plants showcased. Please send your images and brief description to Joan Burgess.
- Do you need help navigating our website - please email Joan @ waburg@optonline.net and she would be happy to give you some navigation hints!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Gary Rodgers is our new honorary member for his long standing relationship and dedicated commitment to our organization.

Susan O'Brien has joined us as an associate member from the New Canaan Garden Club where she has been a member since 2004. She was the Chair of the Horticulture Committee, as well as the Civic Chair and Awards Chair. Susan received awards for "rising star", horticulture and community service. In addition, she holds a flower arranging certificate in a professional program at the New York Botanical Garden.

We also have two new provisionals - Bette Wu and Lisa Horne

Bette Wu has lived in Litchfield for over 30 years. She worked for Litchfield Public Schools several decades, most recently as the "Information Technology Specialist". She also contributed to the production of plays in the High School, working as costumer, photographer, marketing coordinator and Producer. She is currently interested in baking, photography and has an eye for composition and design.

Lisa Horne has lived in Litchfield for the past 27 years with her husband Jake. They have three grown daughters, Emily, Maggie and Amanda. Her first grandchild Keely was born in May. Lisa worked in Administration at the Forman School and as an Interior Designer for many years. Recently she launched her own shoe company, L Horne Design, which produces beautiful espadrilles. For fun, Lisa loves to play tennis, sail and garden.

We are very lucky to have these new members in our Club. Welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS

A Special Thank You to Ellen Oneglia who graciously served as Chair of our Hospitality Committee this past term. Ellen took our "sweets and savories" to a new level. Not only were the refreshments and floral arrangements for our meetings always delightful, but Ellen made it all look so easy. Thank you Ellen!

And a Special Welcome to Ellen Ebbs who will carry on the Hospitality tradition this term. We are so lucky to have her in this capacity. Welcome Ellen!

Special Recognition to Holly Taylor for the glorious frame she created for our awards at the Annual Meeting in July. If you did not get a chance to see the frame up close at the meeting

Delphinium "Royal Aspirations" 2012 - 2015.

Lynne Sherman reports -- In January 2012, Barbara MacDonald and Nancy Post spear-headed a workshop on growing delphiniums. From that workshop, we sowed delphinium "Royal Aspirations" seeds from Dowdeswell's Delphinium Ltd., New Zealand. I was skeptical because I have purchased several delphiniums from very reliable nurseries in the area and they all failed to grow the following year. However, this year was different. While only one plant grew from the three seeds planted - it is just amazing and it gets bigger each year. Lynne's Delphiniums are on our website in "Plants in our Gardens".

Learn more about flower arranging - have you ever wanted to learn more about floral design, but didn't know where to start? Would you like to know what judges look for in designs? Do you want to become a better floral designer? E-mail Cathy Ritch at "cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com" if you have any questions. It's affordable and fun - get a group together to carpool.

Cultivating a Century of Inspiration: The Litchfield Garden Club, 1913-2013.

The long-awaited book written by Lynne Brickley about the history of the Litchfield Garden Club is available online directly from the publisher, Blurb.com. Hardcover @ \$85 + \$6 shipping. Softcover @ \$68 + \$6 shipping.

Background: The inspiration for this book is to be found in the extensive archives of the LGC collected by members over the years and donated to Litchfield Historical Society. Research and compiled by club historian Lynne Brickley, the written records of the club provide excellent documentation of many aspects of local history from 1913 to the present. Founded at the height of the colonial revival reinvention of Litchfield as an idealized and largely mythical New England village of the Revolutionary period, the LGC has played a major role in the creation and preservation of that image. The very fabric of the town in 2013 and its national prominence as a place of beauty is, in no small way, the result of the century of work of the club.

AN AUGUST FORECAST - Flowers are in the forecast for August. They will reign, reign, reign. Rain gear and umbrellas are optional...cameras a must! On August 8-9, 2015, the Lenox Garden Club in conjunction with the Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, Massachusetts will hold a GCA Flower Show entitled: RAINWATER...weather or not. This will compliment this year's theme of WATER at the Botanical Garden.

Meeting Notice Information, contact Susan Jordan call (860) 866-6707: