The WEST-HARTFORD-CARDEN-CLUB

President's Message

Spring 2014

Greetings Garden Club Members,

Celebrate Spring! Celebrate the West Hartford Garden Club's 75th Anniversary as members of the National Garden Clubs and the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.

As my term as President draws to an end, let me thank all of you for your support. As individuals and as committee members you have utilized numerous opportunities to organize, collaborate and nurture yourself and the community. We have warmly welcomed new members to our club.

Thank you to all Board Members for your vision and talent in leading the committees and events promoted by the West Hartford Garden Club. WOW! We have collaborated on many projects that you will read about in this Newsletter. We accomplished many tasks: we presented a Standard Flower Show in conjunction with the Historic Butler McCook House. We also promoted the National Garden Clubs, "Conservation Pledge" and Theme, "Making a World of Difference" with our continuing "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle sales. Also, we received a donation of flowers to be used in the Garden Therapy arrangements. Our club has sponsored numerous opportunities to plant trees, make floral arrangements and container gardens with seniors and youth in the community.

"Save the Date", Saturday, June 7, 2014 we will host the Garden Tour. We are also planning to participate with a booth display in Celebrate West Hartford on Sunday, June 8, 2014.

For next year, the Program Committee has put together another fantastic schedule of programs and the Nominating Committee has selected a great Board to work with Joan Martin and Susan Petty-Bailer. Congratulations to Joan and Susan.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as President of the West Hartford Garden Club. Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm as we continue the long standing and proud traditions of the West Hartford Garden Club.



2014 – 2016

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Flower Arranging StudyFrancie Bergquist & Marjorie Johnson Festival of TreesMadeleine Hexter Fine Arts & FlowersLynn B. Horne & Fran McIntyre			
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Garden TourN/A			
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to the following new members:



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Liz and Jamie are serving on Junior Gardeners. Linda joined the Civic Projects Committee, and Mary is on the Flower Arrangements Committee.

In April, after 11 years of faithfully serving our club in many capacities, Janet Meyer has resigned. She and her husband are moving to Virginia. We will miss her.

In January, long-time member Janet Dahill passed away. Janet was an active member for 22 years. In April, Effie Economou passed away following a lengthy illness. We will miss both of them.

Our current membership is 110 members - 65 Active, 40 Associate, 4 Professional and 1 Honorary member.

If you know someone who would like to join our club, call me and I'll give you the Sponsor's information.

If you need a ride to a monthly meeting, you may call Chloe Horton no later than Friday, the week before the meeting. Chloe will arrange a ride for you through our **Garden Express**.

Elsie Harp, Membership Chair

CT Flower Show 2014 "Backyard Paradise"

Congratulations To:

Madeleine Hexter, Margaret Pulito and Anita Herbst:

Madeleine Hexter
Blue Ribbon
Design Division, Section B, Class 6,
On the Porch
A coffee table design



Margaret Pulito
Blue Ribbon
Horticulture Division 11
Section B
Aloe Variegata
Partridge Breast Aloe

Margaret Pulito
Yellow Ribbon
Horticulture Division 11
Section B
Sedum Morganianum
Burro's Tail

Anita Herbst Honorable Mention Miniature Design.

This is just a note to say how thankful I am for your participation in the refreshing job at the Federated Flower Show (also known as Design Quality Control). With so many volunteers, we are able to focus on each design without feeling overwhelmed by the size of the whole show. I think it was one of the prettiest shows in a long time, but without our care and attention, it would not have been so beautiful. The Federated women who organize the show also appreciate our work.

Again, thanks, and see you next year, Ellen Clark

Refreshers: Pat Duncan, Kate Dixon, Jeanne Grandy, Meg Griffin, Marty Harper, Madeleine Hexter, Lynn Horne, Chloe Horton, Marj Johnson, Martha Keener, Susan Lindberg, Joan Martin, Francesca McIntyre, Pat Moores, Sharon Mulvey, Betty Payton, Susan Petty-Bailer, Julie Przybycien, Margaret Pulito, Karen Rider, and Mary Ann Souza.





Thank you
Susan Lindberg
For your dedication!

This is a very active, exciting committee that brings joy to all.

The West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation group has enjoyed several wonderful floral arranging sessions this winter and they always ask "when are you coming back?"

Paige Falasco and Pat Moores will coordinate the floral arranging program on April 14th. The Garden Therapy Committee will work with the residents to bring a touch of spring color to the planters on May 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Our program at the *Alfred E. Plant* housing complex is so successful, the residents' sign up in advance and wait in line at the door for half an hour to assure they will be included in our group. Twenty-one participants enjoyed the truckload of flowers that Susan Lindberg transported from Trader Joe's.

Note: We need more red and green plastic coffee cans. Please save them for us and if you have old coffee mugs, we can use them as well. They can have stained interiors. We have enough tissue boxes and deli container liners to last us a lifetime.

Check our Web calendar for scheduled activities.

Consider joining us. July Joly





















~ CIVIC PROJECTS ~

In celebration of Earth Day/ Arbor Day in CT, WHGC will be planting two pink native dogwood trees on the Butler-McCook Homestead the week of April 21-25, 2014. These trees are a "swap" with KNOX for some of the Dutch elm disease resistant elms secured for the town of West Hartford with a grant from the Foundation for Public Giving's, Vernon D. and Florence E. Roosa Family Memorial Fund, from the Elm Research Institute in Keene, NH.

We are hopeful that the contractor for the renovated Amos Bull House at the back of the BMC property will also be planting contracted trees prior to the "official" opening of the ABH as the headquarters for CT Landmarks on May 29th, a ceremony to which Club members are invited. These new trees and the formal garden, so lovingly maintained by the WHGC, will be backdrop also for the 20th Anniversary of *Hartford Blooms* Garden Tour, June 21-29, 2014, and the festivities taking place each weekday in late afternoon of this event. [Incidentally, TOUR booklets for Hartford Blooms are only \$ 10, which includes entry to *everything*!]

Your Civic Projects committee will be visiting several sites about town to spruce them up before our 15th biennial GARDEN TOUR and member-grown PLANT SALE, June 7th. If you would like to help plant, please contact either co-chair: Betty Payton or Jeanne Grandy. And, a big THANK YOU to each of you for your support for all this Civic Project activity ~ couldn't do it without you!

Jeanne Grandy



Conservation Corner

Our club deserves kudos and congratulations as we continue to embrace our Reduce Reuse Recycle sales. To date, this Garden Club year, we have made nearly \$500 as well as donated numerous objects to club committees and thrift shops. Thanks to all of your support and the generous donations from Levette Perkins. The committee is planning to buy another tool or two for our Tool Library. We would welcome any suggestions from the general membership.



As spring finally arrives, please remember the wonderful Weed Wrench is available to easily uproot

saplings, invasives or otherwise. The caliper of the unwanted should be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to about 2 inches. Contact Madeleine Hexter to "take it out".

On the broader Reduce Reuse Recycle note, there is a wonderful new newsletter put out by the town called Recycle This, Trash That. If you would like to receive the first two additions, just email Julie at jmpslp@comcast.com and she will enthusiastically forward it to you. It is informative and cleverly written. Questions are welcomed and answered in a very timely manner. Questions may be sent to WHRecycles@westhartford.org. The current guidelines for our town stream cycling are included in this newsletter.

Another request: Please save plastic lids from bottles or jars for the creative art teacher at Julie's school where they will become part of a large mosaic. Bring them to the April and/or May meetings and Julie will deliver them to her.

We have 2 sales remaining: Fancy Pots for the April meeting and Frame Yourself (picture frames) for the May meeting. These themes are perfect for Spring Cleaning Projects in the garage, basement, shed or home.

Thank you to all for embracing our timely and important theme this year. We have made and continue to make a difference!!











JUNIOR GARDENERS

We are nearing the conclusion of another productive and enjoyable year with the students at Hillcrest. (HANOC)

We have combined the theme of plants, flowers, and even winter birds into our 45 minute sessions.

During the winter months we have relied heavily on greens and artificial flowers, but with the arrival of spring we look forward to doing our first live flower arrangements in April.

In May we will continue our tradition of cleaning up the landscaping in the front of the center and planting annuals with the children.

We welcome two recent WHGC members to our committee, Liz Kuhn and Jamie Wein, and will be happy to have their ideas and energy as we resume again in the fall.

Judy Carrithers and Patricia Duncan







Butler McCook News

It's time to burn the puffy coats and boots! Go on, you know you want to do it. Or, even better, you can celebrate spring by joining your fellow garden club members during work sessions in the Butler McCook garden. Tuesday, April 15, will be opening day for the sessions and we're excited to see what's been hiding under all that snow. Also, a tour of the newly renovated Amos Bull House will be available that day to Garden Club members and will be conducted by Sheryl Hack, Executive Director, Connecticut Landmarks.

Please note these important dates for Butler McCook: May 29 will be the "official" reopening of the Amos Bull House; June 24 is the date of the Connecticut Horticultural Society's "Along the Garden Path: West End of Hartford" tour; and from June 25-27, the Butler McCook House will host "Afternoon Tea in the Gardens" as part of the 20th anniversary celebration of *Hartford Blooms*. The gardens will need to be in their best shape for these events, so your help is more essential than ever this season.

Thanks in advance to all who have signed up for shifts. We still need additional crew, so please consider volunteering for more than one shift. If you haven't signed up yet, contact us at chertv@aol.com. You will receive a reminder by email at least one week before your work date. The email will include information about parking, cancellations, and changes to work start-times due weather conditions.

As always, we encourage you to bring your favorite tools and your bright smiles. You are guaranteed to have a good time.

Paula Mooney, Carolyn Lind, Chloe Horton and Cheryl Fine, Co-Chairpersons

The West Hartford Garden Club Presents

The 2014 Biennial West Hartford Garden Tour



Our Garden Tour Committee is busy preparing for this years tour and it is paying off. Things are falling into place and we are looking forward to a successful and rewarding tour of "Memories In the Garden". Posters and post cards will be available at our next monthly meeting. Think about high profile places around town, where you can display the posters and/or leave a pack of post cards for public consumption. Don't

forget to revisit your favorite places from time to time and replenish the supplies. The more we get the word out, the more successful we will be.

We will also be distributing the lawn signs and ask that you place them 6' back from the road, with good visibility. In most cases, installing the sign perpendicular to the road will catch folk's attention regardless of the direction they are traveling.

This is our main fund raiser and the level of success will determine the quantity and quality of our **Civic Projects** for the next few years.

Some important things to remember:

• Plants for our **Noah Webster Plant Sale** - Ann Uphoff and Barbara Cloonan are planning a "Dividing & Repotting Plants Workshop" on **April 30, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.** Join them for hints and tips on preparing your plants for the Noah Webster Plant Sale.

Please *label each perennial* with the name, color, height, sun or shade, and if possible a colored picture to help customers when making their selections.

Plant drop off will take place at Noah Webster, **June 6, from 2 - 5 p.m.** Contact Lynn Horne, Pat Duncan or Fran McIntyre should you have questions.

- As we come closer to our tour date, **Ticket Captains** will be advised when and where to pick up tables and supplies. Contact Madeleine Hexter or Louise Pruyne should you have questions.
- The **Refreshment Committee** will be collecting your baked goods on Friday, June 5th. Please use disposable, recyclable containers. Ann Painter, Susan Lindberg and Chloe Horton will keep you posted as to the drop off locations.
- Our **Garden Hostesses Committee** is signing up Club members for stations in the four gardens. If you have not already signed up, please do so at the next monthly meeting or contact Judy Carrithers or Priscilla Thomas. Perhaps a family member and/or friend may wish to share time with you as a garden hostess we welcome and appreciate their participation.
- **Traffic Control** will once again be headed up by Susan and Dick Lindberg. Signs need to be distributed in the early morning of the tour and returned at the end of the day. Please contact Susan if you are able to help.
- Lawn Signs should be returned to Jeanne Grandy no later than Monday, June 9th.

Remember, many hands make light work.



Scholarship News

Thank you for the generous \$1500 donation to the Federated Scholarship Fund.

Our state candidate is Shane Feyers and we hopefully will have another Connecticut winner at the national level.

We wish him the best. He was one of the Connecticut 7 last year.

Thank you again.

Federated Garden Club Scholarship Committee.



Have you been thinking about trying something different?
Joining a new committee?

Why not attend one of their meetings or activities?

Ask a friend or acquaintance to join you. Male or female is fine with us.

It's a great way of introducing them to our club and they may decide to join.

> Be curious, branch out, try something new, share it with a friend.



Happenings at the Harris Agriculture Center of Bloomfield High School

There will be a "walk through" on May 12, 2014, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Four exhibition stations will be set up as follows:

- Honey Extraction
- Pesto Making Demonstration
- Harvesting Fish
- Hair Water with Flowers

The students will be assisting in all parts of the demonstration.

An "Advanced Flower Arranging Class" will be held on May 22, 2014 between the hours of 1-3:30 p.m. The class size will be limited to 22 persons and the cost will be divided among the participants – the cost will not exceed \$35.00 per person.

Questions? - Contact Lynn B. Horne <u>LTBH0929@gmail.com</u>

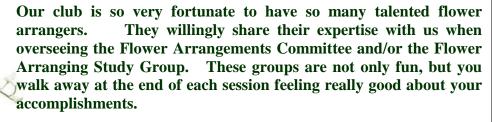


Noah Webster Garden

As time grows closer to our June tour date, the gals heading up Noah's Garden will be looking for your help in sprucing up the the beds in this historic garden. This location is headquarters for our *Plant Sale* and for purchasing *Tour Tickets*. Check our website calendar for work days and if you find some extra time to help, please contact Donna Corio or Sheila Daley. Many thanks.







The focus of our September 4th monthly meeting will be a member *Flower Arranging Challenge*. You may enter individually or you can make it a joint effort – simply ask another member to join you. A surprise guest will talk about design techniques. Sign up now so you can enjoy this fun event.

For details contact Joan Martin <u>joanmurray.martin@gmail.com</u> or Chloe Horton HNutcracker@aol.com

Help Us Advertise Garden Tour 2014.

Just like the loaves and fishes, we have post cards enough to feed an army. Now all we need is for you to help distribute them. Some suggestions would be your favorite Beauty Salon, Garden Center, Book Store, Bank, Coffee House, Grocery Store, Athletic Center, Church or any other place with a good traffic count. Just ask permission to post a card on their bulletin board or to leave a stack on their counter. The more we get the word out, the higher the attendance. Higher attendance will enable our club to continue...

To enhance the beauty of our community;

To contribute to civic improvement; To work for the conservation of native plants and wildlife



SAVE THE DATE

Our June 12, 2014 Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held at the 1877 Club Restaurant in Gray Conference Center, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford.



West Hartford Garden Club 2014-2015 Proposed Budget

Money Market Account	29,079.38	713 I Toposeu	<u> </u>
Checking Account	1,985.33		
Total Assets	\$31,064.71 2013-2014 <u>Total to March 1st</u>	2013-14 <u>Budget</u>	2014-2015 Proposed Budget
Income	0.005.00	0.700	0700
Dues Cuest Panations	6,605.00	6,700	6700
Guest Donations Garden Tour	180.00 0.00	400 5,000	250 0
Federated Garden Clubs of CT	100.00	3,000	0
Hort. Auction, Raffles, Awards, Etc.	0.00	400	100
Interest from Money Market & CDs	23.50	50	30
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	384.50	0	200
Tool Rental	20.00	0	20
Total Income	\$7,313.00	\$12,550	\$7,300.00
Expenses			
Awards	25.88	100	100
Communications/Mailing labels	221.00	30	75
Conservation Corresponding Secretary (cheer & mem book)	0.00 50.00	50 150	50 150
Fed. Garden Clubs of CT (dues)	480.00	500	500
Flower Arrangements (including Dec & June)	257.27	600	600
Flower Arranging Study Group.	209.97	500	400
Hort. Study Group	268.06	200	300
Hospitality (8 luncheons - not Dec & June)	134.00	400	300
Insurance (liability)	500.00	530	530
Life Memberships	0.00	100	0
Membership (including welcome plants)	97.80	150	150
Newsletters	56.24	80	80
Photography	0.00	30	30
President's Fund	0.00	50	50
Programs	1,362.33	3,000	3,000
Holiday Luncheon	-124.62	0	0
June Luncheon	0.00	0	0
Publicity Recording Secretary.	0.00 29.79	10 32	10 35
Rent (monthly meeting room)	1,875.00	3,000	3000
Treasurer	11.27	40	40
Vice President/By-Laws/Nominating	0.00	25	25
Website	0.00	200	200
Yearbooks	353.78	395	395
Misc./Contingency	53.50	200	200
Total Operating Expenses	\$5,861.27	\$10,372	\$10,220.00
Restricted Budget			
Civic Projects	3,200.00	0	1000
Garden Tour	1,421.15	3,200	0
Festival of Trees Fine Arts & Flowers	184.42	175	175 175
Butler McCook House	0.00 16.84	175 300	175 300
Garden Therapy	42.32	600	600
Jr. Gardeners	80.56	350	350
Elizabeth Park	0.00	75	75
Noah Webster Maintenance	10.60	500	300
Various annual donations	0.00	400	400
Total Restricted	\$4,955.89	\$5,775	\$3,375.00
Total Expenses	\$10,817.16	\$16,147	\$13,595.00
	\$27,560.55		Deficit in Proposed Operating Budget
Checking Account	4,457.67		-\$2,920.00
Money Market Account	23,102.88		<i>+ ,</i>
Total Assets	\$27,560.55		Expenses/ Restricted Budget
Total Unrestricted	21,292.87		paid from Garden Tour profits
Total Restricted	6,267.68		
Total Assets	\$27,560.55		

Earth Day ~ April 22

"Ever wondered how Earth Day started? This observance arose from an interest in gathering national support for environmental issues. In 1970, San Francisco activist John McConnell and Gaylord Wisconsin Senator Nelson separately asked Americans to join in a grassroots demonstration. **McConnell** chose the spring equinox (March 21, 1970) and Nelson chose April 22. Millions of people participated, and today Earth Day continues to be widely celebrated with events on both dates. The most common practice of celebration is to plant new trees for Earth Day."



The thirsty earth soaks up the rain, And drinks, and gapes for drink again. The plants suck in the earth and are With constant drinking fresh and fair.

Abraham Cowley, English poet (1618-67)

For hints and tips on how you can make a difference use the link below.

http://www.almanac.com/content/when-earth-day

Arbor Day ~ April 25

"Arbor Day, which is Latin for *Tree Day*, is an environmental holiday where citizens and groups are encouraged to plant trees and care for the already existing trees. Arbor Day was founded by J. Sterling Morton on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska City, Nebraska, United States where over an estimated one million trees were planted on that single day.

The United States celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in the month of April while other countries celebrate on various dates through the year."

The West Hartford Garden Club Elm Tree Project has most certainly contributed toward the goal set back in 1872. Come visit our booth at celebrate West Hartford on June 8, from Noon to 6 p.m. Bring a friend or two and help us continue promoting awareness of the importance trees play in our every day life.

Did you know trees help:

- Tame Storm Water- Rain refreshes the land and nourishes the green landscape. But as houses, stores, schools, roads and parking lots spread and natural tree cover is lost, so is the absorbing effect of vegetation and soil. The welcome rain becomes costly storm water runoff. Without the benefit of trees and vegetated infrastructure, waterways are polluted as oils, heavy metal particles and other harmful substances are washed away. Fish and wildlife suffer, drinking water becomes expensive or impossible to reclaim, property values are reduced, and our living environment is degraded.
- Reduce our Carbon Footprint- As trees grow, they help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere.
- Conserve Energy Deciduous and conifer trees planted properly, will help to keep your home cooler in summer and warmer in the winter.

For more information visit <u>www.arborday.org</u>
It's packed with good





Fine Arts and Flowers

A reminder to all, including significant others, to save the dates of April 25 through April 27th, for "Fine Arts and Flowers" this year.

We are planning to have Bill Graham of "The Little Black Dress" fame on Friday, April 25th, from 12-2 p.m. for a demonstration with a luncheon to follow. Cost: \$75.

Our "Farm to Table Dinner" to be held April 26th, from 6-9:30 p.m. was such a success last year we have decided to double our seating for this year. The theme will be "Italian Renaissance", the fountain being the focal point of this event.

It begins with a cocktail hour in Morgan Great Hall, at which point we will be "musically" called to dinner in Avery Court. Tickets will be \$95 per person.

The link to purchase tickets is: <u>thewadsworth.org/flowers</u>, or you may call (860) 838-4100 Monday through Sunday for 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Our thanks to all.

Lynn Horne

If you have any questions or want further information, contact Lynn directly at <a href="https://linear.ncbi.nlm.ncbi.nl

HARTFORD BLOOMS GARDEN TOUR JUNE 21 – 29, 2014

The Hartford Blooms Garden Tour is a nine-day showcase of Hartford's spectacular gardens and historic architecture. On opening weekend, tours start at the world-famous Elizabeth Park Rose Garden, known for its two and one-half acre garden featuring more than 800 varieties of roses. From there, it's on to the Hartford Public Library, where nationally acclaimed speakers will set the tone for the carefully constructed, self-guided walking tours scheduled over the following week.

The weekday tours will include private and public gardens within Hartford's diverse and eclectic neighborhoods, a visit to a historic site, and the opportunity to purchase meals/beverages at some of Hartford's favorite eateries and private clubs. The tours will conclude with a complimentary reception at Hartford's Butler-McCook House and Garden, where visitors will peruse the iconic homestead, enjoy refreshments, and experience live music and "en plein air" artists at work.

The final weekend will focus on Hartford's unique architecture and expansive public gardens. Tours including the Wallace Stevens Walk, Riverfront Recapture's Lincoln Walk, the Downtown Hartford Circle, (Adrian's Landing, City Hall, the Hartford Public Library and the Wadsworth Atheneum, and the Trinity College Walk will be featured.

Each \$10 Tour Book admits the bearer to all activities, lectures and tours over the nine days.

Check back in May for a complete listing of the Daily Tours!

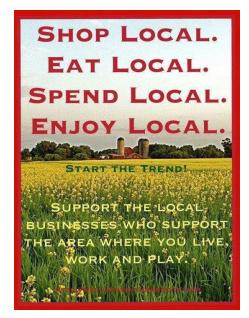
http://www.hartfordblooms.org



Our sincere appreciation to the below local businesses for supporting West Hartford Garden Club Projects Thank You!

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To stimulate interest and creative activity in the art of gardening;

To enhance the beauty of our community;

To contribute to civic improvement;

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