

# 2016 - 2017 Garden Club of Darien Program

## Schedule

### September

#### **Thursday, September 8**

Floral Design committee meeting and workshop ideas at Diane Schlinkert's, 6:00 pm. A light supper will be served and painted coffee cans distributed to the provisionals.

#### **Monday September 12**

GCD Board Meeting 8:45 coffee, 9:00 Meeting

At the home of Debbie Murray, 100 Stephen Mather Road

#### **Tuesday, September 13**

Membership Meeting, 9:30 coffee, 10:00 meeting at the DCA

##### Floral Design

“Hands on Floral Arranging Workshop” in elegant footed compotes. A social gathering for members for the start of the year. In club floral design judges ( Irene, Kingy and possibly Emily's mother) will walk among the tables to give tips. Possible demonstration or model completed. Betsy will focus on utilizing chicken wire instead of oasis for conservation/environmental proactivity. Consider asking for donated plant material from members (hydrangea, greens, etc.) to cut down on cost of materials.

Coffee Can Competition: Flower arrangements are to be made with flowers from your garden in a one pound coffee can painted matte black, not to exceed 16 inches in any direction, viewed from three sides. This competition is judged 50% flower arranging and 50% horticultural excellence. Not enough flowers in your garden? Feel free to buddy up with a pal and use flowers from both gardens.

##### Hort

Dahlia Cut Stem Competition, using the American Dahlia Society guidelines.

Bulb Sale: Daffodil bulbs, with a focus on fragrance, will be available for ordering, and will be delivered at the October meeting. Please bring your checkbooks, as we can not order bulbs without previous payment. Our two big spring daffodil competitions GCD in April and the Greenwich Daffodil Society the same week.

Heliotrope Cuttings: We are handing out Heliotrope cuttings for members to grow over the winter, and will display them at a later date in the spring.

##### Photography

Judged competition Live Garden, representing quote, “*Through the looking glass oh tiger lily, I wish you could talk.*”

##### Conservation

Green Minute

## **Wednesday September 21**

### **Iris Dividing Workshop: 9:30am**

Meet us at the Darien Historical Society for an informative morning of dividing Irises. Irises are long lived perennials that benefit from dividing every five to seven years. Come learn the ins and outs of this simple task, and go home with an iris or two. Bring your shovel

## **Friday September 23**

Newsletter Deadline

## **Wednesday and Friday September 26 and 28**

### **Photography**

IPhone workshop with Julie Stauffer – using Iphone, apps and editing. This 2 day workshop will have a charge of \$150pp. (Time/location TBD)

## **October**

### **Tuesday October 4**

#### **“20 Minute Workshop” at 9:30am**

Come learn how to make a cutting of an Amistad Salvia (a plant that hummingbirds love!) with optimal success for rooting and growing. Emily D’Andreas home, 9 Hamilton Lane

### **Tuesday, October 11**

GCD Board Meeting: 8:30am; Membership Meeting: 9:30am (coffee), 10:00am (meeting)- DCA

#### **PROGRAM:**

Kerry Ann Mendez, Perennially Yours, Kerry will speak about Stunning Flowering Shrubs and Groundcovers for Right Size Flower Gardens

#### **Hort**

Trough Competition: Bring in those small troughs you made at Carol Caulfield’s home last October. You can also bring in one you have bought or made previously. There is a 3-month ownership requirement for all plant material. Empty holes in your trough? Feel free to move plants from one planter to another.

#### **Floral Design**

Competition, ‘Autumn Blaze’, a modern mass arrangement design in a basket of your choice, not to exceed 20” in any direction, viewed from all sides.

#### **Photography**

Judged competition, ‘Birds, Bees and Butterflies’ with plant material

#### **Conservation**

Green Minute

## **Monday October 17**

Zone Rep Chair Meeting, 9:30-12:30, held at the CT Agricultural Center in New Haven.  
All Committee Heads to attend.

## **Wednesday October 26**

### **Succulent Container Workshop, at 10am**

We will have a variety of succulents to plant in a container. Fun and easy to care for (for those who claim a black thumb!). Danielle Mossman's home, 549 Indian Field Road, Greenwich

## **November**

Photography workshop (Date TBD)

Amy Cholnoky will instruct on photo tips.

## **Monday November 7**

GCD Board Meeting 8:45am coffee, 9:00am Meeting

At the home of Emily D'Andrea, 9 Hamilton Lane

## **\*\*Wednesday\*\*, November 9**

Joint Membership Meeting AT New Canaan, Waveny House (9:30am coffee, 10:00am meeting)

### **Floral competition**

..Among both clubs! "Arranging for the Holidays": Create a traditional floral design incorporating seasonal plant material. Not to exceed 18" diameter, no height restriction. To be displayed on a 30' high table draped with a cloth. Drop off at Waveny between 9:00am and 9:30am

### **PROGRAM:**

Barbara Paul Robinson on "Rosemary Verey: the Life & Lessons of a Legendary Gardener."

## **Friday November 18**

Newsletter Deadline

## **Tuesday November 22**

### **Thanksgiving Centerpiece workshop**

## **Tuesday November 29**

### **Outdoor Winter Planter Workshop: 9:30am**

Back by popular demand is the outdoor planter workshop. Come learn how to create a beautiful outdoor planter that will last all winter long. You will make one at the workshop, and take enough materials home for your second one. Advanced reservations and payment a must. Amy Fraser's home.

## December

Floral design committee to decorate the Darien Library (Date TBD)

### **Monday, December 5**

GCD Board Meeting 8:45am coffee, 9:00am meeting  
at the home of Cindy Ryan, 3 Harbor Road

### **Wednesday, December 7**

Christmas Greens Workshop

### **Tuesday, December 13**

Christmas Tea, at the home of Amy Fraser, 76 Arrowhead Way, 11:30am – 1:30 pm

# 2017

## January

### **Monday January 9**

GCD Board Meeting, 8:45am coffee, 9:00am meeting  
Location tbd

### **Tuesday, January 10**

Membership Meeting at the DCA in the **McKittrick Living Room (note change in location and time)** 9:30 coffee, 10:00 meeting

#### **PROGRAM:**

Leslie Lee, the Board Chair of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound to discuss "Reports from the Front: the Fights for our Air, Water and Land." Ms. Lee is an Honorary Board member and past President of the Greenwich Land Trust and is currently Co-Chair of the Advisory Board of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy. Additionally, she is a former President of the Greenwich Garden Club and subsequently served as Vice-Chair and then Conservation Representative for Zone II of the GCA from 2012-2016. She has also been a Vice President for the South Street Seaport and served as Director of Development of Outward Bound.

#### **Conservation**

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### **Thursday January 26**

#### **“Feed the Birds” Wreath Workshop: 9:30am**

Help the birds get through the toughest part of winter by making a wreath with things for them to feed on. Also make a ‘nesting bag’ with twigs, hair, and other things they can use to build a nest. Emily D’Andrea’s home

## Friday January 27

Newsletter Deadline

## February

### Monday February 6

GCD Board Meeting, 8:45am coffee, 9:00am meeting  
at the home of Eileen Smith, 54 Stony Brook Road

### Tuesday, February 14

**“20 Minute Workshop”:Edible Flowers: 9am (before the membership meeting)**

We'll plant Nasturtiums and Violas that you can use in our 'Edible Flower' workshop in May. Even if you are not interested in learning how to candy flowers, you'll learn how to germinate and grow different types of seeds.

**Membership Meeting** at the DCA , 10:30am–1:00pm

**(note: start time at 10:30am)**

#### **PROGRAM:**

“Our Farm-to-Table Story”: Robin McConaughy, Double Brook Farm/Brick Farm Market and Brick Farm Tavern (NJ), *(includes boxed lunch presentation from their farm)*

#### **Floral Design**

Competition: “Valentines Table Setting”. Table top arrangement and place setting to reflect a Valentine's theme. All design elements must fit on the placemat, including plate, napkin, silverware and glassware (excluding floral arrangement). Not to exceed 15” in all directions and viewed from all sides.

(judge timing for FD judge to be confirmed)

#### **Conservation**

Green Minute

#### **Hort**

Par Competition: One submission per entrant to be judged individually against perfection. A par class includes anything that grows-container plants, vegetables, terrariums, bulbs, parent & child, etc. The entry must be propagated or owned by the exhibitor for at least 3 months. The entry must be in a clean pot with a compatible saucer.

Pass out instructions for the Forced Branch Competition in March.

#### **Photography**

**Exhibitions** (Valentines or Winter, TBD)

### Tuesday February 21

**Workshop: “3B's”** (for Birds, Bees and Butterflies), 10am

Create your Garden using this year's GCD theme of Pollinators. We will teach you how to create a multi season garden that will attract our 3B's! Limited space. Danielle Mossman's home, 549 Indian Field Road, Greenwich

## **Friday February 24**

Newsletter Deadline

## **March**

### **Monday March 6**

GCD Board Meeting, 8:45am coffee, 9:00am meeting

Location TBD

### **Tuesday, March 14**

GCD Membership Meeting at the DCA, 9:30 coffee, 10:00 meeting

#### **PROGRAM:**

Deborah Herbertson/ Terrain, Westport. Floral Arranging tips and exciting décor ideas for the spring.

#### **Hort**

Competition: “Forced Branch”: Give it a try, and bring an early spring blessing into your home! It’s easy! Here are the forcing times from the 2014 edition of the Old Farmers Almanac:

- 4 weeks: Cherry, Crabapple, Lilac, Flowering Quince and Spirea
- 3 Weeks: Deutzia, Flowering Almond, Magnolia
- 2 weeks: Redbud
- 1 week: Forsythia

You may enter as many different types of branches as you wish, but each entry must consist of only one single branch, ie: one stem of Forsythia, one stem of Cherry, etc. Containers and wedging materials will be provided. You can find branch forcing tips and guidelines on the GCA website. Must be in place by 8:20am.

#### **Floral Design**

Competition: “Small is Beautiful” A miniature flower arrangement. Possible 2 classes, up to 5” and 5”-9”

**Conservation** – Green Minute

## **Friday March 24**

Newsletter Deadline

## **April**

### **Monday April 3**

GCD Board Meeting 8:45am coffee, 9:00am meeting

At the home of Angela Lineberger, 25 Maywood Road

## **Tuesday, April 18**

GCD Membership Meeting, at the DCA, 9:30am coffee, 10:00am meeting

### **PROGRAM:**

Marta McDowell, “All the Presidents’ Gardens”

### **Floral Design**

Competition – “Art in Bloom”, an arrangement depicting a color photograph (details tbd). Height not to exceed 24” viewed from 3 sides. Include Mounted photograph next to arrangement.

### **Hort -**

Cut Bulb Competition: Bring in your cut bulbs: Daffodils, Tulips, Hellebores, etc. This year we are expanding the competition beyond just daffodils!

### **Conservation**

Green Minute

## **Friday April 21**

Newsletter Deadline

## **May**

### **Monday May 1**

GCD Board Meeting, 8:45am coffee, 9:00pm Meeting,  
At the home of Lesley Sandison, 15 Seagate Road

### **Tuesday May 2**

#### **“Edible Flower Workshop” 10:30am**

Bring the nasturtiums and violas you have been growing and learn how to candy them. We’ll also talk about other flowers that can be eaten and at what stage. We’ll serve a light lunch using our grown flowers. Location TBD

### **May 4-6**

GCA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD

### **Friday May 5**

#### **Annual Plant Exchange 11am**

Come bring some of your plants you would like to share. Take home as many as you bring. Lunch will be served. Location TBD.

### **Tuesday, May 9**

GCD Membership Meeting at the DCA, 9:30am coffee, 10:00am meeting

### **PROGRAM:**

Julie Stauffer, "Garden Photography and iPhone tips"

### **Hort**

Competition: Standard Geranium topiary Competition: Bring in those geranium topiaries we started at Angela's last May. There will be another class for purchased geranium topiaries in case you missed that workshop. Ownership requirement is 6 months.

Heliotrope plant Competition: Bring your Heliotropes that were handed out at the September meeting. All must be in place by 8:20am.

### **Photography**

Competition – "A Sylvan Scene" – details to follow

### **Conservation**

Green Minute

## **Wednesday May 24**

Newsletter Deadline

## **June**

### **Monday June 5**

GCD Board Meeting, 8:45am coffee, 9:00am meeting

At the home of Margaret Smith, 147 Long Neck Point Road

### **Tuesday June 6**

GCD Membership Meeting 11:00am-1:00pm

### **Hort**

Annual Rose Competition: Please bring stems from your garden. We are dividing each class into 2 categories: roses grown with pesticides and those without. We are hoping that if your Rose is beautiful but the leaves are not, you will still enter it. Members may only enter one specimen per class of Roses. The following are the classes:

- Class I Floribunda and Grandiflora
- Class II Old Garden (1867 and earlier)
- Class III Shrub Roses (including David Austin)
- Class IV Climbers
- Class V Hybrid Teas
- Class VI Miniatures

### **Floral Design**

Competition – 2 Classes Home grown and Store bought roses. Container tbd

### **Photography**

Competition – 3 Classes Roses, Macro, Single and Multiple

## **Tuesday and Wednesday June 20 – 21**

Zone II Meeting, Washington, CT

### **Future Ideas:**

*\*75<sup>th</sup> GCA Anniversary, not club founding, celebrate?*

*\*Nature Center Cherry Blossom Celebration*



*\*Carolyn Roehm Lunch*

*\*Andrew Cote, Bee lecture*

*\*Paulette Tavormina , Still life photographs*

*Garden Club Book Club*