

2019-2020 Garden Club of Darien Program Schedule

September

Thursday, September 5 - Floral Design Committee Cocktails
6:00 pm at the home of Allie Callan, 4 Rock Spring Lane

Monday, September 9 - GCD Board Meeting at DCA
8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting
Immediately following the meeting will be a tour of the DCA's Bird Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 10 – Membership Meeting at the DCA
Coffee at 9:30 am, Meeting at 10: 00am

Program

Featuring William L. Kenny, Owner of Native in Fairfield, CT

William will present the national movement of expanding ecologically critical native plant habitats to support our wildlife. He will highlight regional native plants that we can all add to our gardens and that contribute to the return of wildlife species, such as native birds and butterflies, within a short period of time!

Coffee Can Competition: Both Floral Design and Horticulture:

A design using flowers and plant material from your own garden in an 11.3 oz. (traditionally know as one pound) coffee can painted flat black. Not to exceed 16" in any direction. 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.

Please drop off at the DCA between 8:15 and 9:00 am. Entry cards are on the GCD website and all plant material must be identified. Judging begins promptly at 9:15 am.

Hort - Dahlia Cut Stem Competition

Flowers must be from your garden. We will be using the American Dahlia Society guidelines, listed below, for classification. Please note, classes of competition is based on the ADS Dahlia classification, not on the actual size of your entry/flower. For example, if your Dahlia is a AA (Giant) but not over 10 inches in size, it is still entered in the AA Class. Stems must be disbudded with only one set of leaves.

Class Description:

- AA (Giant), over 10 inches in diameter.
- A (Large), over 8 to 10 inches in diameter.
- B (Medium), over 6 to 8 inches in diameter.
- BB (Small), over 4 to 6 inches in diameter.
- M (Miniature), up to 4 inches in diameter.
- BA (Ball), over 3.5 inches in diameter.
- MB (Miniature Ball), over 2 to 3.5 inches in diameter.
- P (Pompon), up to 2 inches in diameter.
- MS (Mignon Single) up to 2 inches in diameter.
- S (Single) over 2 inches in diameter.

Important: check the GCD website under Horticulture downloads “Dahlia Judging Criteria” for Dahlia competition details.

Photography

Competition – “*Native Plants and Pollinators*”

Enter a color, 8”x10” photograph of either native plants or pollinators or a photo including both. Note common/botanical names of plants on entry card, if known. Please drop off photos on or before Sunday, Sept. 8th at 7 Contentment Island Rd. (Plastic bin will be on the side porch as of Friday, Sept. 6th.)

September 11 – 13, 2019 - Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference
Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado

Monday, September 16 - Zone II Representative Committee Meeting:
CT Agriculture Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven. 9:30 am coffee,
10:00 am -12:00 pm meeting.

Wednesday, September 18 - Horticulture Committee Kick-off Meeting and Coffee
10:00 am at the home of Kristin Collier, 66 Pear Tree Point Road
Introduce the horticulture committee members and have sign-ups for “Hort Helpers” during the year.
Discuss the calendar for upcoming year.

Wednesday, September 25 - Cutting and Propagating Workshop
10:00 am at the home of Maeve Zamsky, 66 Five Mile River Road
Sue Okie will lead this workshop.

Possible workshop with provisionals - Preparing for club competitions workshop

Conservation topics for September and October: *Sustainable Agriculture*

October

Monday, October 7 - GCD Board Meeting
At the home of Kristin Collier, 66 Pear Tree Point Road
8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting.

Tuesday, October 8 - Membership Meeting at the DCA
9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am meeting

Program *Amy Ziffer, Shade Gardening*

Author, of the book “The Shady Lady Guide to North East Shade Gardening,” photographer, and Master Gardener, Amy is also a former staff editor at Fine Gardening magazine. Her garden writing and photography have appeared in Fine Gardening, Horticulture and Yankee magazines. Amy is the owner of A Shady Lady Garden Design based in Sherman, Ct. and has been helping her New England clients create beautiful gardens since 1998.

Photography

Competition : “*Color*”

Any interpretation of this element of design is acceptable. Let your imagination flow!

Photo should be color, 8"x10" with a white mat border. Drop off is on or before Sunday, Oct. 6th. (Details to follow.)

October Date TBD -Floral Design Study Group

Discuss what design in preparation for November workshop topic.

Thursday, October 24 - President's Council

Thursday, October 24 - Forced Bulbs Workshop

9:30 am at the home of Maeve Zamsky, 66 Five Mile River Road
Lois Baylis will lead this workshop.

Conservation topics for October/November: Oceans

November

Monday, November 4 -GCD Board Meeting

Location TBD. 8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting

Tuesday, November 5 - Floral Design Workshop

Waveney in New Canaan, joint workshop with New Canaan Garden Club.

Peggy Moore will lead a program on "Italian Line Design"

Peggy Moore is an award winning flower arranger, GCA Floral Design Judge, lecturer, Past President of WAFA and member of the Fairfield Garden Club, a Zone II member of the GCA. She will lead a hands-on workshop she attended last year in Italy. Flowers and containers provided. PLEASE BRING YOUR CLIPPER. Cost \$40.00 payable to New Canaan Garden Club. Limited to 10 people from Garden Club of Darien. RSVP to Allie Callan with check to secure your reservation. RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT.

Tuesday, November 13 - Membership Meeting

Waveney in New Canaan. Joint Meeting with New Canaan Garden Club.

9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am meeting

Program *Ariella Chezar, Master Flower Arranger (Joint, with New Canaan)*

Our November 13 speaker is Ariella Chezar, the author of *Flowers for the Table* and *the flower workshop*, and a Master Floral Designer whose work has graced the covers and pages of Martha Stewart Living, O Magazine, Smitten, Sunset, Garden Design, Better Homes and Gardens, Domino, Real Simple, Sweet Paul and many more. Ariella teaches workshops all over the world and has also designed flower arrangements for the White House. In the fall of 2017, Ariella came onto the Flower School New York staff as Artistic Director and Master Designer.

Floral Design *Floral Design Sweeps, "Nature's Signs of Fall"*

Joint meeting with New Canaan Garden Club (parallel sweeps)

Create a Line Design for our joint meeting hosted by New Canaan, not to exceed 18" X 18"d. No height restrictions. To be displayed on a 30" table. Pairs are welcome. Modern line design: uses a minimum of plant material with emphasis on contrast in form and texture. There may be more than one point of emergence for plant material. Entries accepted and passed between 9:00 – 9:30am.

November Date TBD – Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop
A festive workshop to be led by Emily D’Andrea

December

Monday, December 9 - GCD Board Meeting
Location TBD.8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting.

December - Greens Workshop location/date/time TBD

December- TBD- Winter Outdoor Planter Workshop
Emily D’Andrea will lead us in creating beautiful outdoor planters.
Cost TBD

Tuesday, December 9 - Christmas Tea at the home of TBD

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January

Monday, January 6- GCD Board Meeting
8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am Meeting at the home of TBD

Tuesday, January 14 - Membership Meeting at the DCA
9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am meeting

Program *Stephen Scanniello, the "Rose Guy"*.

Stephen is a pre-eminent rosarian, author, lecturer, and gardener. Stephen is presently the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden Curator and rosarian for Elizabeth Park, the nation’s oldest public rose garden located in West Hartford, CT. He is a judge for the rose trials of Bagatelle in Paris and President of the Heritage Rose Foundation. Stephen has worked tirelessly throughout his career to preserve heritage roses and in 2009 created the Heritage Rose District of New York City – a volunteer project that promotes heritage roses and gardening with the children of Harlem. Stephen's serious approach to determining best practices in rose care has led him to receive several awards including the Great Rosarian of the World Award in 2009, the 2013 Garden Club of America Jane Righter Rose Medal, and the American Horticultural Society's Annual Book Award in 1998 with his book A YEAR OF ROSES. He has authored and co-authored five books on roses. Stephen Scanniello lives for roses and describes each one as if he were describing a quirky, adored relative. Stephen was honored in 2015 (along with Julie Andrews) by the New York Botanical Garden and in 2019 by Bette Midler for his ongoing work in rose preservation and education.

Date/Location TBD - Workshop -How to prepare for a Par Competition
Carol Caulfield will lead this workshop.

Date TBD - Floral Design Workshop at Nielsen’s
Topic, date, and costs to be announced.

February

Monday, February 3 -GCD Board Meeting

Location TBD, 8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting

Tuesday, February 11 - Membership Meeting at the DCA

9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am meeting

Program - *Photographers Len Jenshel and Diane Cook, "Gardens by Night."*

Jenshel and Cook have been renowned landscape photographers for over 40 years. As a married couple, they have collaborated since 1991 and have been contributing photographers at National Geographic Magazine for the past 20 years. Jenshel works in color and Cook in black and white. Their photography of gardens at night is extraordinary, and their presentation is inviting with their tales of travel, history, and garden design, all enhanced with humor and the sharing of lessons learned throughout their years of experimentation and dedication.

Floral Design - *Judged Competition: "Stars Align"*

Continuing in the line design theme, create an arrangement showing line and negative space.

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 one year. The entry must be in a clean pot with compatible saucer.

Hort - *Cut Stems Competition*

Propagated cuttings to be entered.

Entries need to be in place no later than 9am with a completed entry card.

Please drop off at the DCA by 9AM. Entry cards are on the GCD website and all flowers must be named.

Judging starts promptly at 9:15AM.

Photography

Competition: *"Patterns"*

Any interpretation of this element of design is acceptable. Photo should be a color, 8"x10" with a white mat border. Drop off is on or before Sunday, Feb. 9th. (Details to follow.)

March

Monday, March 2 - GCD Board Meeting

8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting

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

Tuesday, March 10 - Membership Meeting at the DCA

9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am Meeting

Program *Kyle Riccoboni, Floral Design Demonstration*

Kyle is a fine art painter by trade. He was the window director at Macy's flagship store in NYC, merchandising director of several Saks Fifth Avenue stores in the NY area and fashion director of the Stamford, Ct store. During his years in the fashion business, Kyle began his own floral design business. A self-taught floral designer, Kyle has always had a love and passion for plants and flowers. In 2000, Kyle joined the Earth Garden team in New Canaan, where he grew up, because the company promoted

creativity and had a discerning eye. Kyle is now the Creative Director of Earth Garden and is the public face in coordinating weddings, parties, events and decorating projects.

Hort - *Forced Branch Competition:*

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 like; each entry must consist of only one single branch. Containers and wedging materials will be provided. Reminder: Check the GCD website for Forcing Branches guidelines in Horticulture downloads.

Please drop off at the DCA by 9AM. Entry cards are on the GCD website and all flowers must be named. Judging starts promptly at 9:15AM.

Tuesday, March 31 -Ikebana Workshop 10:00am – 12:00pm

Joint workshop with New Canaan Garden Club at Waveny

Shizue Pleasanton and Irene Miltimore for a demonstration and workshop to learn the Japanese art of flower arranging, a modern form of an ancient art of sculpture with living materials. Containers and flowers will be provided. PLEASE BRING YOUR CLIPPERS. Cost \$40. Made checks payable to New Canaan Garden Club, RSVP to Allie Callan with check to secure your reservation. RESERVATIONS NON REFUNDABLE WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT.

Shizue Pleasanton is a graduate of the Sogetsu Ikebana School of Japan. She teaches at the Silvermine School of Art. Irene Miltimore is an award winning flower arranger, a GCA Floral Design Judge, lecturer, and member of the Garden Club of Darien.

April

Monday April 6 - GCD Board Meeting

8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting at the home of Amy Fraser.

3 Harbor Bluff Lane, Rowayton

Tuesday, April 14- Membership Meeting at the DCA

9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am meeting.

Program *Kathryn Herman, Garden History and Design*

Kathryn is principal of Doyle Herman Design Associates, an award-winning landscape design firm based in Greenwich. Her passion for classic British landscapes is echoed in her beautiful Connecticut property, which is a remodeled groom's cottage on 6 acres of a 1920's estate. Kathryn tours English gardens for ideas every year with her co-principal James Doyle, and she installed an English-style garden which includes a 114 foot long garden room, packed with perennials and backed by mature trees, among them the Pepperidge trees that gave the property its name. Kathryn will talk about her own property, which won the 2016 Stanford White Award and the 2008 Palladio Award, and was recently featured on the Garden Conservancy's Open Days, as well as some of the European gardens she and James were commissioned to design.

Hort – *Daffodil and Other Spring Flower Competition*

Please bring in your cut daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs. Containers and wedging materials will be provided. Please go to the Garden Club of Darien website:

<http://gardenclubofdarien.org/hort.html>. Click Horticulture and then look at Downloads to find "Daffodil Classifications" and "Daffodil Entry Card." Please drop off at the DCA between 8:15 – 9:00 am. Bottles

and wedging materials will be provided. Entry cards are on the GCD website and all flowers must be named. Judging begins promptly at 9:15AM

Floral Design - *Judged Challenge class: "Ikebana influenced Challenge"*

Designers will be supplied with container, plant material and given 30 minutes to design and create an Ikebana 'styled' arrangement. Limited to 10 arrangements, cost TBA, RSVP to Allie Callan with check to secure your reservation. RESERVATIONS NON REFUNDABLE WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT. PLEASE BRING YOUR CLIPPERS

April Hort Workshop - Horticulture Committee- Spring Planters incorporating Native Plants
Date TBD – possibly Oliver's in Fairfield

April – May Newsletter Deadline

Conservation topics for April: Waste Management

May

Tuesday, May 12 - GCA Annual Meeting -Asheville, NC

Monday, May 4 - GCD Board Meeting
8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am meeting
At the home of Maeve Zamsky, 66 Five Mile River Road.

Tuesday, May 12 - GCD Membership Meeting
6:30 PM to 9:00PM- Please note this is an evening meeting

Program

TBA (Joint, with Tree Conservancy Evening Meeting, open to the public)

Photography

Competition : *"Trees- Any Season"*

B&W **or** color photograph is acceptable. "8x10" with a white mat border. Drop off is on or before Sunday, May 10th. (Details to follow.)

May- date TBD - Floral Design Study Group
Focus will be on Bridal bouquets

Conservation topics for discussion : Clean Air

June

Monday, June 8 - GCD Board Meeting
8:30 am coffee, 9:00 am Meeting at the home of Lisa
Turn over meeting

Tuesday June 9 – GCD Annual Meeting
11:00 am-1:00 pm at the home of TBD

Hort - *Rose and Early Summer Cut Stem Competition*

Please bring stems from your garden. We are hoping that if your Rose is beautiful but the leaves are not, you will still enter it, however, two sets of leaves must be present.

Members may only enter one specimen per class of Roses.

The following are the rose classes:

- I. Species Roses
- II. Old Garden Roses (prior to 1867)
- II. Hybrid Teas
- IV. Floribunda and Grandiflora
- V. Climbing Shrub Roses
- VI. David Austin Roses
- VII. Shrub Roses including Knock outs
- VIII. Miniatures

The cut stem classes - TBD

Bottles and wedging materials will be provided. Please drop off between 8:15 – 9AM. Bottles and wedging materials will be provided. Entry cards are on the GCD website and all flowers must be named. Judging begins promptly at 9:15AM.

Floral Design – Rose Competition

Classes: Home Grown and Store Bought. Plant Material must be made up of predominately roses (more than 50%), not to exceed 20" wide, no height restriction, container of designer's choice. **TUESDAY JUNE**

Judged Competition: "Rose Wedding Bouquet"

Create a hand Tied bouquet! Size restrictions are 20 inches in width and height, but can cascade down unlimited. Plant material must be predominantly Roses. Two classes: "Home Grown" and "Store Bought".

Photography –

Judged Sweeps : "Macro Rose", "Multi Rose", "Single Rose", and "Manipulated Rose"

Photograph should be color, 8"x10" with a white mat border. Drop off is on or before Sunday, June 7th. (Details to follow.)