



The Bee Skep

January 2016

The President's Letter

Hello Everyone . . . and Happy New Year!

What fun we had at our Holiday Auction! “**Thank you’s**” to all FGC members – and especially the Ways and Means Committee and the December Hospitality Team – who worked so hard to make the auction an extraordinary success. And very special “**Thank you’s**” to **Kathy Jannuzzi**, our auctioneer, who made the event ever more so entertaining and profitable, and to **Brie Quinby** for hosting the event in her fabulous and historic home. Through the generosity of our membership’s donations and purchases, I can happily report that FGC will again be able to meaningfully contribute to the Farmington Beautification project in 2016.

Please have on your January calendar to attend our program on January 11 at Village Gate. The event is a brown bag (BYO) luncheon, beverages and dessert provided, which will feature several roundtable discussions on important gardening topics facilitated by **Marcie Shepherd**. The afternoon will be a great opportunity to share our holiday stories and catch up with each other, too.

On February 8, we will have a Flower Arranging program by Bill Cusano at 9 a.m. at the Farmington Library. This is a great opportunity to invite a guest/potential member to join us for this early morning meeting. Bringing in new members is a great New Year’s Resolution for us all!

I am excited about this new year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Kathy Lindroth
President

Upcoming Events

January Meeting

January 11

11:30 a.m.

Village Gate

88 Scott Swamp Road

Farmington

Who Are All These People and Exactly

What Are They Up to?

Speaker: Marci Shepard

NOTE: This will be a brown bag lunch meeting. Please arrive with your own salad or sandwich. Beverages, chips and desserts will be provided. **RSVP to Jan Wright at janetwright@att.net or 860.673.0542 by January 7** so we can plan seating arrangements. **See page 2 for more information.**

Garden Tour Meeting

January 13

Time: TBA

Kathy Lindroth’s home

4 Chelsea Place

Farmington

February Meeting

February 8

9:00 a.m.

Farmington Main Library

6 Monteith Drive

Farmington

Beautiful Arrangements from

Supermarket Bunches

Speaker: Bill Cusano

Connecticut Flower and Garden Show

February 18-21

Connecticut Convention Center

Hartford

<http://www.ctflowershow.com/>

Who Are All These People and Exactly What Are They Up To?

Come to our January 11 meeting and hear **Marci Shepard** speak on this intriguing topic. We'll be at Village Gate, 88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington, for a brown bag lunch – bring your own salad or sandwich. Beverages, chips and desserts will be provided. All members (guests also), **please RSVP to Jan Wright at janetwright@att.net or 860.673.0542 by January 7** so we can plan seating arrangements.

Three reasons not to miss this meeting!

1. Month after month wonderful guest speakers who are gardening experts come to our meetings to share their wisdom. They arrive, they speak, and they leave. Have you ever thought of a question for them on your way home from the meeting and it's too late to ask? That problem will be solved at the January Meeting. We will have club member gardening experts (**Alice Willard, Sandy Goralnick, Martha Fanelli,**

and **Ann Mullen**) sharing their wisdom. If you think of a question for them on the way home, not to worry. They will be at subsequent meetings!!

2. Do you suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder? Do you crave color during the winter months? Problem solved at this meeting. Each table will have a wonderful, colorful plant which will be given away to one lucky winner at each table.
3. Have you ever wished you knew more members better? This meeting will feature roundtable discussions so you will have an opportunity not only to get to know your table member speaker, you will also get to know the other members sitting at your table. We will have name tent cards for each of you so you can be learning names and gardening tips at the same time!

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Hospitality Committee

Jan Wright and Pauline Dickstein

Thanks to all the hostesses for our Christmas Auction. The luncheon and presentation were the best!

January's Meeting at Village Gate will be a bring-your-own brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. All members (guests also) **please RSVP to Jan Wright at janetwright@att.net or 860.673.0542 by January 7.**

Hospitality Sign Ups

Last spring, active members were asked to sign up for a monthly hospitality team that would provide light food and beverages prior to our business meetings and programs. Hostesses, please use cards provided on food table to name/describe food you are bringing. Below is the current schedule of each team with the Head Hostess of the team highlighted in yellow:

SIGN-UP FOR HOSPITALITY – 2015-2016						
Sept. 14, 2015	Main Library – 11:30 am	N. Thompson	B. Hess	L. Creed		
Nov. 9, 2015	Founders Fund Main Library – 11:30 a.m.	P. Dickstein	M. Boschen	B. Mayer	M. Dudley	
Nov. 16, 2015	greens workshop Makeshift Theater – 11:30 a.m.					
Dec. 14, 2015	Holiday Auction – TBD	Filomena Soyster	J. Bomann	B. Rubin	C. Bogino	J. Amodio
Jan. 11, 2016	Village Gate – 11:30 am	Jan Wright	Kathy L.			
Feb. 8, 2016	Main Library – 9:00 am	Sandy G.	D. Kagan	G. Hadfield		
Mar. 14, 2016	Stanley Whitman – 11:30 a.m.	D. Haviland	L. Graydon	T. Kamionek		
Apr. 11, 2016	Makeshift Theater – 11:30 am	A. Mullen	V. Marshall	B. Bartucca		
May 9, 2016	Main Library – 9:00 am	M. Bryant	D. Pescatello	M. Shepard		
June 13, 2016	member's home					

Holiday Auction

2015



The Auction was a **great success!**

We had a wonderful time -- a delicious selection of sandwiches and desserts and the opportunity to visit with Garden Club friends and guests in a lovely setting.

The auction itself was fun with **Kathy Jannuzzi** entertaining us as she auctioned off a fine selection of holiday treats, gardening items and artwork. We enjoyed seeing the products of our creative and talented members.

Thank you to everyone who contributed an auction item and to all members and guests who placed a winning bid on auction items. **Through all of your efforts we raised \$3,200 for our community projects.**

A special thank you to **Brie** for opening her home and being a gracious hostess.



Connect with FGC on Facebook

by Ann Mullen

Farmington Garden Club is moving into the online social era with our own Facebook page. Please join us. The easiest way to join our group is to become a Facebook member and then e-mail **Ann Mullen** that you have done so. There are several other Farmington Garden Clubs in the U.S., and this seems the most accurate way to get our members to be our Facebook page members. Once you have done this, you will need to go into your account on Facebook and click on Farmington Garden Club on the left side of the page under groups.

There are photos, dates, and reminders so check us out!

Thanks for Holiday Baskets

*To Our Friends of the Farmington Garden Club,
Once again I thank you for the lovely Christmas greens we delivered to our appreciative seniors. It certainly is such a thoughtful gesture and brings some Christmas cheer to their homes and lets them know they are not forgotten at this special time of year.*

Best wishes for a holiday season filled with Peace and Joy!

Warmest Regards,

Nancy Walker & all the recipients of your Christmas Greens

Lectures, Lunches and Book Signings at Pond House Café

If you're missing gardening activities during these winter months, a series of lectures, lunches and book signings from the Elizabeth Park Conservancy and Pond House Café can help bring spring a little closer. All lectures are on Wednesdays at The Pond House Café. For more information on the lectures or to pay online visit www.pondhousecafe.com/events/category/all/ or call Becky Trutter at (860) 604-5823.

January 20, 6:30 – 8 p.m., \$10 – *The Garden in Winter* lecture by Rosemary Aldridge. Receive design ideas to make your winter garden visually interesting and offer protection from harsh weather damage.

February 3, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., \$35 – *Tourism and the Great Botanic Gardens of the World* lecture by Dr. Richard Benfield, followed by a buffet lunch. Travel through five continents and five thousand years of Great Botanic Garden establishment and development to see what made them great and still makes them so special and popular today.

February 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m., \$10 – *Native Plants and the Problem with Invasives* lecture by Michael Klein and Rosemary Aldridge. Discover how invasive plants can negatively impact our local ecosystem and how native plants can help the environment and provide an aesthetically pleasing garden.

February 24, 6:30 – 8 p.m., \$10 – *Succession of Bloom in the Perennial Garden* lecture by Jane Gottier. Learn to “orchestrate” your garden’s symphony of bloom. Discover the secret to keeping your garden looking fresh and colorful throughout the growing season by selecting specific plants and plant combinations.

March 9, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., \$35, Book \$35 – *Outstanding American Gardens: A Celebration-25 Years of the Garden Conservancy* lecture by Page Dickey followed by a buffet lunch and book signing. Be inspired by this stunning selection of public and private gardens the Conservancy has helped to save. Beautiful photographs show an amazing display of the unbounded resourcefulness of the American gardener.

March 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m., \$10 – *Designing for Fall Color* lecture by Rosemary Aldridge. Add color and interest to your fall landscape by selecting plants with changing foliage and texture. Emphasis on extending color into the very late fall season.

At Home in the Garden with Carolyne Roehm

April 20, 10 - 11:30 a.m. lecture, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. book signing, \$25, Book \$55

Carolyne Roehm will visually take us through her exquisite gardens at her 59-acre Sharon, CT estate, Weatherstone, featuring images from her newly published book *At Home in the Garden*.

From the Membership Chair

by Dotsie Kagan

Just an update on Membership By-Law changes adopted at the last meeting. We have only 26 active members this year and are hoping that our efforts in promoting the activities of the FGC this year will bring in new members. If you have friends or neighbors you think might be interested in being a part of the FGC, please let me know. I have information about our activities and a new application that I can give you or mail to prospective members. The application process has been simplified and requires that potential new members do the following:

1. Attend one meeting during the last 12 months.
2. Complete an application which includes a short biographic sketch and a list of interests. This must be received by the Membership chair by the Oct 31 or April 30 meeting.

3. Attend an orientation session prior to admission to the club at the December or June meeting.

Please help us by encouraging garden friends to attend our meetings as your guest. We have one new member, **Diane Tucker**, who joined us in December. Diane has already been helping out with the Colton Street Pocket Park and has met many of you at Guest Night. Here's Diane's contact information to add to your member directory:

Diane Tucker
5 Hart Street
Farmington, CT 06032
diane@dianetucker.us
Home Phone: 860-470-7252 / Cell: 860-202-1173

Please contact me with questions or concerns: dotsie.kagan@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

CELEBRATING THE OUTDOORS

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOUR

June 10 & 11, 2016 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. / June 9, Preview Party

To All Members:

- * Please mark the dates on your calendar now!
- * Everyone will be needed to help on the tour days and in advance.
- * Friends and family are invited to help.
- * All funds raised go to beautify the Village Green.

Please come to the next Garden Tour meeting:

Wednesday, January 13, Time: TBA

Kathy Lindroth's home, 4 Chelsea Place

Questions, comments or ideas: Contact Ann Mullen or Kathy Lindroth.

The Federated Garden Clubs

The latest issue of the Federated Garden Clubs' newsletter is now available online. As members of the Farmington Garden Club, we are eligible to subscribe to the newsletter and receive each issue via

e-mail.

The Newsletter of the Farmington Garden Club



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The deadline for the **February** issue is

Friday, February 19

Send your articles, event listings, photos, etc. to Bernadette Mayer at brossemayer@comcast.net