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## PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

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## **GUIDELINES: PREPARING A CLUB YEARBOOK AND PROGRAM**

These guidelines, suggested format and content have been developed by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC) as the most efficient way of organizing club information. Also included in this material is the Scale of Points adopted from NGC to be used in judging your club's yearbook in competition.

### **PURPOSE OF A YEARBOOK**

A club yearbook should be an easy-to-use source of information for the club year, planned to inspire members to attend meetings and participate in club activities. It is a combination package presenting a picture of the club's goals, the continuity of its objectives from year to year, and details on meetings, members and special events.

It is hoped that each club will consider publishing a yearbook, even though it may not plan to compete for a yearbook award. Try to have new yearbooks available for distribution at the first meeting of the new club year for maximum benefit to members.

The purpose of the club yearbook is to summarize the year's plans and provide information for ready reference. Club yearbooks are also eligible for competition at State and National levels. See pages 7 to 10 of this publication or the NGC Yearbook Scale of Points as printed every two years (odd numbered years) in the September/October issue of *The National Gardener*, and for a suggested division of judging points.

Ideas on how to include required material should always be interpreted in the best interests of club members, asking the question: "Will this give the members a clear picture of their club"? You must be a winner at the State level in order to compete for a National Award.

### **DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN THE AWARD RULES**

**CLUB YEARBOOK:** A Club Yearbook is a booklet published annually, composed of a selected number of pages stapled or otherwise bound together within covers.

**CATEGORY:** A category is a division of award entries to provide equitable competition among states, according to financial resources, and among clubs, according to total paid club membership. A paid membership is one for which a State Garden Club has forwarded the required per capita dues to NGC Headquarters. State yearbook categories are: (1) with advertisements, (2) without advertisements. Club membership categories are: (1) clubs under 20 members; (2) clubs 20-29 members; (3) clubs 30-44 members; (4) clubs 45-69 members; (5) clubs 70-99 members; (6) clubs 100-299 members; (7) clubs of 300 or more.

**ACTIVITY:** An activity is a specified deed, action, function, or sphere of action.

- An *activity* may be a single function whose direct purpose is to further one or more of NGC's *objectives*, without being involved in a specific *project*, or major undertaking.

Example: A field trip to a botanical garden is an activity in pursuit of the objective of advancing the study of *horticulture*.

- *Activities* are also the means for accomplishing accepted projects, undertaken for the purpose of fulfilling one or more of NGC's *objectives*.

Example: Preparing suet ball birdfeeders for the winter season is an *activity* planned as part of the *project* to provide backyard bird sanctuaries, fulfilling the *objective* of aiding in the protection and conservation of natural resources.

**PROJECT:** A project is a large or major undertaking especially one involving considerable money, personnel, or equipment.

In garden club programming, a *project* is accomplished through related *activities*, which are necessary to complete the major undertaking, and is accepted by the membership for the purpose of furthering one or more NGC *objectives*.

Example: Hosting the annual district meeting is a project. It may require a number of activities, such as visiting and selecting a meeting site, to solicit door prizes, to provide funds for amenities (table decorations, corsages), etc. The purpose of the objective is to coordinate and further the interest of the State Garden Club at the district level.

**OBJECTIVE:** An objective is something that one's efforts or actions are intended to attain or accomplish.

- NGC objectives are stated in broad terms, permitting the clubs the freedom of choosing specific projects to promote these objectives as appropriate for their membership.
- Example: Furthering the *objective* of horticultural education, scholarships may be accomplished through a *project* to establish a state scholarship fund with **activities** planned to raise funds and to provide promotional programs at the student level and to recognize student accomplishments, etc.

## **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB, INC. OBJETIVES BYLAWS, ARTICLE II**

- To be organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (e) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- To coordinate and further the interests and activities of State Federations of Garden Clubs, State Garden Clubs, State Associations of Garden Clubs and the National Capital Area Garden Club, together with similar organizations in the territories and possessions of the United States and foreign countries.
- To aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources, to protect civic beauty and encourage the improvement of roadsides and parks.
- To encourage and assist in establishing and maintaining botanical gardens and horticultural centers for the advancement of science and for the enjoyment and education of the public.

- To study and advance the fine arts of gardening, landscape design, floral design and horticulture.
- To cooperate with other organizations in the furtherance of the foregoing objectives and in such actives as may be determined by The Board of Directors.
- To further horticultural education, conservation and landscape design through gift scholarships.
- To establish and maintain permanent headquarters and to construct and furnish buildings and improvements to house the same in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, and in such other place or places as might be lawfully selected and determined by The Board of Directors.

**PROGRAM:** A program is a planned schedule for the procedure to conduct meetings, including business agenda, speaker or entertainment, etc.

**TABLE OF CONTENTS:** The table of contents is a list of subject headings in the order of their appearance in the book, disregarding alphabetical order of page titles.

Example: Title page, p.1; Table of Contents, p.2; President's Message, p.3, etc.

**THEME:** The theme is a unified or dominant idea, motif, etc.

- Use of theme does not require that all speakers, decorations, demonstrations, etc., be on a single subject throughout.

Example: Theme, "The Good Earth," can be reflected in "Down to Earth", title for the speaker on soil conditioning; "Earthenware" for a ways and means pottery sale; "Heaven and Earth" for a flower show title, etc.

## NGC AWARD #16, CERTIFICATE OF MERIT FOR YEARBOOKS

### FORMAT OF BOOK (15 POINTS TOTAL)

- The scale of points for format allows 3 points for the structure of the book and 12 points for the arrangement of content

#### STRUCTURE OF BOOK: PRACTICABILITY (3 POINTS)

- **Convenient size:** Large enough to be legible and small enough to be easy to carry to a meeting. A recommended, economical size uses an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, folded in half crosswise. Adjust to suit club needs. (1 point)
- **Durability:** Securely bound or well fastened. In general, ribbon, yarn, string, etc., tend to tear out before the year's end and are not as satisfactory as staples or sewing machine stitching (for smaller books). (1 point)
- **Neatness:** Pleasing choice of color of ink and paper, even margins, numbered pages, identifiable headings, arranged for easy reading. Professionally typeset books and mimeographed books are considered equal (1 point)

#### ARRANGEMENT OF CONTENTS: COVER (2 POINTS)

- Cover must include: (a) name of club; (b) town; (c) state; (d) year. May also include club theme, if desired. (2 points)
- Cover design is optional and receives no points in the scoring. An attractive cover does enhance the book for the pleasure of the members and may add prestige to the image projected by the club.
- For permanent binder covers, which some clubs prefer, substitute a durable paper cover for NGC award competition, making sure that the required information is on the temporary cover. Fasten the yearbook with substitute metal rings to allow pages to turn easily.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF CONTENTS: TITLE PAGE (2 POINTS)

- A title page is required, and must show: (a) name of club; (b) town; (c) state; (d) year; (e) number of members; (f) National Garden Club, New England Region, Federated Garden Clubs, and any other district and council memberships. (4 points)
- Other organizational memberships may also be added to the title page, or shown elsewhere, such as African Violet Society, American Rose Society, etc.
- Although not included in the Scale of Points, the following information should be added, as it is needed for the awards report; (g) year organized; (h) year federated.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF CONTENTS: SUBSEQUENT PAGES (8 POINTS)

- **Required:** Names and addresses of (a) national president; (b) regional director; (c) state president; (d) district director; (e) council chairman, if any.
- **Optional:** (a) Theme of above named officers; (b) names and addresses of other national, regional, state and district officers, as desired.

- **Required:** Names and addresses of club officers (Email addresses optional).
- **Recommended:** Names and addresses of club committee chairmen, this is for the benefit of club members.
- **Required:** Club membership roster, including complete mailing addresses with zip codes and phone numbers with area codes.
- *Note: Where most of the members have the same zip code, a notice should be printed at the beginning of the list designating, for instance: All Zip codes are 91324 unless otherwise noted. "In the same manner where most of the members have the same phone area code a similar notation should be added: "All area codes are 818 unless otherwise noted".*
- **Required:** A calendar of events other than regular meetings, such as: NGC and state convention dates, regional meeting dates, NGC schools, Arbor Day, Garden Week, etc.

**NOTE:** *"There is no set order for pages after the title page and table of contents, except for the club library list (if any) and the bylaws, which are usually the last items in the book. The sequence of pages is of no importance and should be placed where it is most convenient to the members.*

#### **ARRANGEMENT OF CONTENTS: OPTIONAL (0 PTS)**

- **Recommended:** That the bylaws be included in the yearbook, although they are not noted in the Scale of Points. This is a service to the membership and may also be used for reference in judging award entries.

**CLUB THEME:** When a theme has been chosen, it should be listed in the yearbook. Any reference to the theme must be mentioned in a majority of the meetings. The theme may be printed on the cover or the title page or may be a part of the President's Message.

- The theme should be repeated at the beginning of the program pages where monthly business and programs are announced. For ideas on incorporating the theme with the year's program, refer to any or all of the Yearbook Plans available on order from Member Services, NGC Headquarters.
- **ACCEPTABLE ADDITIONS** to the yearbook that are of interest and value to the club members, such as: club members who are serving (a) on national, regional, state and district levels; (b) as flower show judges and instructors; (c) as landscape design consultants; (d) as gardening consultants. Other items may be a statement of club goals, the club invocation or creed, the club flower, the club colors, club awards, birthdays, memorials, the club library list.

## PROGRAM CONTENT: CLUB MEETINGS (50 POINTS)

The choice of club programs is of vital importance in maintaining member interest, attracting new members, and promoting NGC objectives.

### Required:

- **At least seven (7) business meetings per year must be included in the program. These are usually monthly meetings, and it is suggested that a separate page be allowed for each meeting. This is for easy reference.** If such a format is not feasible, separate each month's programs with a decorative repeating motif or a line or series of lines, leaving as much empty space as possible at the end of one month's program and the beginning of the next, for easier visibility and identification.
- **WHEN: Place of meeting. Give precise date;** e.g. Dec. 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Although the club meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month, the exact date of each meeting is necessary.
- **WHERE: Place and time of meeting. Give exact address (with directions), phone number and time.** For example: Church of the Foothills, 1014 N. Highland Ave., Duarte; (555) 409-2345, 9:30 AM. If held in a home, give the name, address and phone number of the hostess and name of co-hostess (if any).
- **WHO: Name of speaker,** including credentials and brief identifying information, and some word on type of presentation, (e.g., demonstration, slides etc.)

For example: Mr. Zachary Cutler is the owner of Creative Designs. He is a Landscape Architect and Botanist. He will present a slide program on "Landscaping your Garden with Perennials." There will be a question and answer session following his presentation.

- Recommended: Business agenda, including the inspiration, flag salute, etc., and committee reports should be considered as part of the day's program and end where appropriate.
- Suggested: Include club activities or projects occurring on other than regular club meeting days, adding them chronologically throughout the program pages for the convenience of members and to serve as interim progress reports.
- NGC has made two major changes to this section, as follows:
  - Inclusion of a partial or full program detailing the NGC President's policies and theme (See [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)) for the current year.
  - Inclusion of a partial or full program informing garden club members of the educational information available to them as well as the products listed in the Member Services Catalog that they may want or need.

## PROGRAM CONTENT: CLUB PROJECTS (35 POINTS)

- Continuing projects and new projects for the year must be listed separately. Remember that a new phase of the continuing project can be considered a new project in itself, for example, a new rose trellis in a memorial garden, which is maintained as a continuing project.
- Required: Location, description, and member participation\* in both types of projects.

*\*Membership participation: Make a reasonable estimate, and then work to involve that number of members. If one or two participate in a project, it is not truly a club project.*

- **Required:** Notation of when subjects of meetings pertain to project work.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR REPORTING CLUB PROJECTS

Following the description of each project list the meeting dates during the year when that project will be included on the agenda. It is also suggested that the name of the project chairman be included following the project description, although this is not required. For example:

New Project #1: To promote xeriscape gardening at home and in public places. Recognize outstanding low water maintenance plantings at an annual ceremony. Conservation Chairman, Mrs. William James.

Speaker: September 8, 2011, exhibit: November 9, 2011; tour: March 16, 2012; ceremony: May 9, 2012.

Projects may also be numbered, coding them CP#I, etc. (for continuing projects) and NP#I, etc., (for new projects), using these coded numbers on the appropriate program pages to designate when the subjects or activities of meetings pertain to project work.

Other devices that identify the interrelationships of club projects and club programs are also acceptable, providing they can be easily recognized by the club membership, as well as the judging panel, if the yearbook is submitted for competition.

Each club president of record receives an annual copy of the current Member Services Catalog, courtesy of NGC. The catalog lists a number of publications and illustrated lectures all helpful in planning the year's program, activities, and projects. Additional copies are available free of charge upon request to: Member Services, NGC Headquarters, 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, Mo., 63110. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope. The catalog measures 5 1/4 x 8 1/4 and weighs less than one ounce.

*This document has been compiled by the NGC Club Program Chairman, Awards Chairman and Publications Chairman. Published, April 1994.*

## **STATE CONTEST FOR BEST YEARBOOK**

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., sponsors an annual competition for the best yearbooks in each class listed under Award 16B. This contest is based on the Point System for Scoring Entries for Award 16B as devised by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The Federation Yearbook Chairman may submit to The Federation Awards Chairman the top winner in all classes. At her discretion, she may in turn, enter the winners in the National competition for Yearbook Award 16B.

An Award of Excellence, a small pewter bowl, may be presented to the yearbook that has scored 98 or higher. It does not necessarily need to be awarded every year and cannot be given to the same garden club two years in a row.

Send three (3) copies of your yearbook to The Federation YEARBOOK CHAIRMAN, Barbara O'Connor, 91 Hilltop Lane, West Haven, CT 06516-4810 as soon as it is ready. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

# SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING NGC YEARBOOK AWARD 16

## FGCCT 2011-2013 Yearbook Score Sheets

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Garden Club	# of members	Category
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### I. FORMAT POINTS (15)

#### A. Book Structure practicality (3)

1. Convenient Size (1) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Durability (1) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Neatness (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Section Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Arrangement of Contents (12)

##### 1. Cover (2) *If permanent binding is used, substitute paper cover for judging*

- a. Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Town, State, Year \_\_\_\_\_

##### 2. Title Page (2)

- a. Name of Club (.5) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Town, State, Year (.5) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Number of Members (.5) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. NGC and organizational memberships (.5) \_\_\_\_\_

##### 3. Subsequent Pages (8)

- a. Name, Address, Phone # of:
  1. National President \_\_\_\_\_
  2. New England Regional Director \_\_\_\_\_
  3. State President \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Club Officers \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Club membership roster with complete:
  1. Mailing Address (*include zip code*) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Phone Numbers (*include area code*) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Calendar of events other than regular meetings  
(*include FGCCT&NGC dates*) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Page numbers \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Table of Contents \_\_\_\_\_

Section Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. Options (0)

1. Bylaws
2. Budget, Fundraising, Roll Call
3. Club Theme, if used, carried throughout book
4. NGC, Regional and State themes

PAGE TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Judges' Comments

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### II. PROGRAMS (50)

Goals for ideal club programs: study an activity relating to NGC objectives such as Birds Blue Star Highways, Conservation, Civic Development, Flower Shows, Garden Therapy, High School, Junior/Intermediate Gardening, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, Roadside Development, World Gardening, etc.

- A. Program Meetings (10)
    - 1. At least seven meetings per year (3) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. Date, location/address, time of meeting (3) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. Speaker's name, qualifications, program title (4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Program Content (40)
    - 4. Programs, workshops, tours (with brief description)
      - furthering NGC objectives
      - a. Variety of program topics (12) \_\_\_\_\_
      - b. Variety of styles of programs-lectures, power point, tours, etc. (12) \_\_\_\_\_
      - c. Variety of speakers – specialists, members panel, etc. (12) \_\_\_\_\_
      - d. Portion or full program about NGC President's Projects (2) \_\_\_\_\_
      - e. Portion or full program about NGC Member Services items (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Section Total \_\_\_\_\_

Judges comments

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III. CLUB PROJECTS (35)

- A. List Continuing and New Projects (15) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Excluding fundraisers and social events)
  - B. Description and Location of projects (10)  
Member participation, Project Chairs, Benefits to Community, Relationship to NGC Objectives \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. List Donations (10)
    - 1. Amount and to whom donation was made: including scholarship and nonprofit organizations.
    - 2. In-kind donations (e.g. books to Library, materials to schools, bird feeders, labor, etc.)
    - 3. Sale of NGC products (e.g. Vision of Beauty Calendars, etc.)
    - 4. Sale of FGCCT Products (e.g. Pins, ornaments, etc.)
- Section Total \_\_\_\_\_
- Page Two Total \_\_\_\_\_
- Page One Total \_\_\_\_\_
- GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Judges comments

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JUDGED BY \_\_\_\_\_

## **GUIDELINES FOR CLUB PROGRAM CHAIR**

1. The Program Chair must realize that a well-planned, interesting program is the backbone of the club's activity for the year and must be planned with the club's needs in mind.
2. An adequate budget must be established for the program year.
3. Encourage the use of talent from within your own club's membership as part of the program.
4. Plan each program to highlight an important phase of garden club work of interest to the membership.
5. The yearbook (containing the program) should be planned using the guide set forth previously.
6. The program should be planned and finalized as soon as possible. Distribute to each member before the first meeting.
7. Courtesy to speakers - for all engagements, write a cover letter to the speaker along with a written contract see page 13.
  - a. Name of hostess club or clubs.
  - b. Date and place (whether a home or hall).
  - c. Time that speaker is expected to arrive and desired length of time of program. (Do not ask speaker to sit through a business meeting if it can be arranged otherwise.)
  - d. Subject desired.
  - e. Approximate attendance anticipated; club members only, invited guests or general public; whether or not admission fee is to be charged.
  - f. Inquire about fee, travel and other expenses (such as flowers), necessary properties (such as screen, projector, tables, etc.)
  - g. Ask for written confirmation to avoid any misunderstanding.
  - h. Send explicit travel instructions about two weeks prior to meeting. Include parking facilities, train or bus schedules, and highway numbers.
  - i. Plan to give speaker needed assistance by having members of the committee arrive at the meeting place early to help speaker unload and set up, and at the end of the meeting, dismantle and reload.
  - j. Allow adequate space in a room or hall for speaker to demonstrate. Be sure there is proper lighting and a portable microphone if needed.
  - k. Make the necessary arrangements to have a check ready for the speaker and present it inconspicuously.
8. Be sure club's program is given publicity in the local paper.
9. Send three (3) copies of the club's yearbook to The Federation Yearbook Chair for State, Regional and National competition.
10. Share interesting programs with the entire Federation through the Connecticut Federation NEWS or by letter to The Federation Program Chair.
11. Suggestions to help defray program expenses: have club members bring a paying guest; invite one or more area garden clubs to co-sponsor the speaker; combine program with paid luncheon and open to other area garden clubs; combine program with a sale of plants and/or other- craft items, and/or a raffle, etc.; invite the public, charging admission.

## **APPRAISAL OF SPEAKERS**

Our Federation has prepared a booklet "PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS" which is revised about every two (2) years. It contains the names and addresses of speakers in many categories. The speakers included on this list have been recommended to The Federation, by member clubs and/or Board Members. We appreciate receiving names of new speakers on all subjects of interest to our garden clubs. When submitting prospective new speakers or programs, please complete a Speaker Evaluation form (see page 14) at the conclusion of each Speaker's presentation. Remember to fill out your Annual Program Report completely. We do read and retrieve information from them.

**COMMENTS ABOUT SPEAKERS CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.** If your club has been disappointed in a program, do let us know. Please send your comments with the name of the speaker to The Federation Program Chairman. Do include your name, address and club name.

One copy of PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS is sent to each club president. Additional copies may be purchased from our Federation office for a \$3.00 fee.



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**203-488-5528**

**SPEAKER'S CONTRACT**

**MAY BE COPIED AS NEEDED**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Program \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Arrangements:**

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage and Tolls: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Expenses (itemized) \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Will lodging be required? \_\_\_\_\_

**Speaker's Requirements:**

Tables, Pedestals, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Help Required setting up (day or night before) \_\_\_\_\_

Staging \_\_\_\_\_ Height from floor \_\_\_\_\_

Lighting \_\_\_\_\_ Acoustics \_\_\_\_\_

Location of meeting place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Number of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Directions: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return two copies of this form.



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**SPEAKER EVALUATION**

**(To be completed by Program Chairman or Club Vice President)**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Program Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (i.e. Projector screen, accommodations, supplies, microphone) \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Speaker stick to Program Title? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the Speaker on time? \_\_\_\_\_

Did Speaker speak at a level everyone could relate to? (Too advanced? Too basic?) \_\_\_\_\_

Was the topic interesting? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the Speaker bring any hand outs? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend this Speaker to other groups? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return the completed form to Program Chairman:**

**Barbara Bruce**

**17 Alling Road**

**Northford, CT 06472**

**Email: [barbandchris2@comcast.net](mailto:barbandchris2@comcast.net)**

## **PROGRAMS BY TOPIC**

Speaker details are at the end of the topic listing. Contact speakers for additional information. All members of the Board of Directors of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., are available to help the clubs within the field of their chairmanship.

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35 Ruth Loiseau  
51 Marna Ringel  
63 Gary Zinsmeyer

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40 Dee Mozzochi  
57 Tony Vitti

30 June Klopfer  
42 Kathrine Neville  
58 Kaye Vosburg

32 Miriam Landsmand  
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61 Melinda Wolcott

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30 June Klopfer  
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11 Andrea Candee

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### **GARDEN THERAPY**

Contact the Federation Chairman for availability of programs:

Dottie Fox  
48 Taft Circle,  
Watertown, CT 06795

### **HISTORIC/MEMORIAL OR PUBLIC GARDENS**

Contact the Federation Chairman for available slide show:

Nancy Lenoce  
59 Spinning Wheel Road  
Trumbull, CT 06611-2674

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# **SPEAKER ENTRIES**

## **1 Lorraine B. Ballato**

16 Muddy Farm Road

Brookfield, CT 06804

203-740-8636

[ladygardener@msn.com](mailto:ladygardener@msn.com)

Fee: \$350

Type: Power Point

“Foolproof Hydrangeas”

“Safe Solutions to Gardens & Landscapes”

“Designing With Shrubs”

“Not Your Grandmother’s Roses”

“Home Grown Harvests”

“Deer Proofing Your Garden”

“The Garden Contained”

“Low Maintenance Gardening”

“Tropicals in your Connecticut Garden”

“The Ins and Outs of Self Watering Containers”

## **2 Richard Benfield**

Professor of Geography CCSU

1615 Stanley St.

New Britain, CT 06050

860-832-2879

Fax: 860-832-3140

[benfieldr@ccsu.edu](mailto:benfieldr@ccsu.edu)

[www.ccsu.edu](http://www.ccsu.edu)

Fee: Negotiable, depending on club size.

Type: PowerPoint and Lecture

“The Business of Blooms: Tourism at the Great Botanic Gardens of the World” - soon to be a book.

“The Great Gardens of America”: Take a journey through five centuries and 5,000 miles exploring the amazing history of American gardens.

“Weird and Wonderful Gardens of the World”: Throughout the ages, garden design has spawned numerous garden types.

## **3 Ruth Bennett**

Treasurer, CT Iris Society

American Iris Society – Master

Judge

74 Schulman-Veselak Road

East Haddam, CT 06423

860-873-1305

Fee: Negotiable

Type: Power Point

“In the Garden” (seasonal)

“In the Garden – Dividing Iris” (seasonal)

“Judging Iris on The Show Bench”

“Iris in New England”

“Iris Culture”

“Iris Species”

“Hands on Dividing” (seasonal)

#### 4 Lisabeth Billingsley

119 Beach Park Road  
Clinton, CT 06413  
203-444-6548

[lisabethbillingsley@comcast.net](mailto:lisabethbillingsley@comcast.net)

lisabethbillingsle.com

Fee: \$200.00

Type: Slide Presentation

An accomplished artist explains how to press flowers and make a pressed picture or cards. A 5-page handout is given.

Presentation includes a slide show of her pressed flower art, plus she brings finished examples of her work.

Member of the International Pressed Flower Art Society

Worldwide Pressed Flower Guild, The Madison Art Society, The Clinton Art Society and The Essex Art Association.

Her work is in many private collections and may be seen on her website.

#### 5 Rita Bond

Landscape Design LLC  
2 Alcima Drive  
Simsbury, CT 06070  
860-658-2508

[rwblld@comcast.net](mailto:rwblld@comcast.net)

[rita.bond@gmail.com](mailto:rita.bond@gmail.com)

[www.ritabondstudios.com](http://www.ritabondstudios.com)

Fee: \$250 + mileage

Type: slides lecture/demonstration

“Designing a Better Garden: Secrets of the Pros”

“Pruning” Slides and Demonstration

“Garden Bones”

“The Spirit of Place: Magical Gardens of Japan and Europe”

“The Mixed Border: Taking Advantage of Everything out There”

“Plants for All Seasons”

“The Gardens of Japan”

“Gardens and Gardening For All Seasons”

“New and Underused Trees and Shrubs”

#### 6 Mary Jo Bridge Palmer

Sam Bridge Nursery  
437 North Street  
Greenwich CT 06830  
203-869-3418

Fax: 203-869-2949

[maryjo@sambridge.com](mailto:maryjo@sambridge.com)

Fee: \$200 plus travel

Type: Mostly Slides, Working on PowerPoint Presentations

Perennials-any topic

Rose Care

Houseplants-Growing

Propagation

Flowering Shrubs, Grasses

## 7 Broken Arrow Nurseries

13 Broken Arrow Road

Hamden CT 06518

Richard Jaynes (Owner)

Andy Brand (Nursery Manager)

“Kalmia and Related Species”

“New and Unusual Plants”

“Butterfly Gardening”

“Spectacular Natives! Diversity and Beauty from the Wilds of America”

“Homeland Diversity: Attracting Wildlife to Your Yard with Native Plants”

“Berried Treasure: Spectacular Fruit for Connecticut Landscapes”

“Epimediums and other Great Groundcovers”

Adam Wheeler

(Propagation and Plant

Development Manager)

“Plant Geeks are Us; Oddball Plants for Oddball People”

“Rare and Unusual Trees and Shrubs”

“Fun with Color: Variegated Foliage in the Garden”

“Underutilized and Exceptional Native Trees and Shrubs”

“Plant Propagation for the Home Gardener”

“Scrambling Rambling and Sprawling; A Closer Look at Weeping Plants”

“How to Grow World Class Giant Pumpkins”

“Invasive Exotic Trees and Shrubs and Well Behaved Alternatives”

“Tough Trees and Shrubs for Tough Places”

“Fire Engine Red, Russet and Bronze; A Look at Trees and Shrubs for Fall Color”

“Magical Witches of Winter; A Closer Look at the Genus *Hamamelis*”

“30 Favorite Trees and Shrubs”

“Brighten Up Those Winter Blues; A look at Winter Interest”

“Lace caps, Mop heads and Sterile Florets: Great Hydrangeas for Adventurous Gardeners”

“Throw the Burning Bush on the Brush Pile; Overused Plants and Superior Alternatives”

“Purple and Gold Foliage Trees and Shrubs”

Workshops (2-3 hour hands on classes – Cutting Propagation for the home gardener & Grafting Propagation for the home gardener

Carl Galanter

(Perennial Manager)

“Pruning for the Faint of Heart”

“Spring Ephemerals”

“Divide and Conquer: Slay your Fears of Perennial Division”

“Plethora of Perennials for the Late Season Garden”

“Turf Alert; Ornamental Grasses for the Landscape”

Chris Koppel

(Sales Manager)

“Japanese Gardening”

Mark Marenholz

(Field Production Manager)

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Jude Hsiang

Sales Staff

“What’s Wrong with My Plant”

“Heal the Gardens”

Type: Lecture/workshop 1-1/2 hrs

Fee: \$150-300. Several of the lectures can be altered into 2-3 hour workshops for an added fee

## 8 Cathy Beauregard

149 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Bethel, CT 06801  
203-300-6460

[Cathybeauregard@comcast.net](mailto:Cathybeauregard@comcast.net)

Fee: \$175

Type: Lecture/Demonstration

Call for additional topics  
and more information

“Waking up the Garden in Spring”

“The Autumn Lullaby”-putting your garden to bed for the season

“Protecting Your Garden From Deer”

“Horticultural Tips & Tricks”

“Taking the Mystery Out of Pruning”

“Gardens as Therapeutic Places”

“The Healing Garden”

“Horticultural Therapy”

“Organic Gardening

“Why Use Native Plants?”

## 9 Karen Bussolini

P. O. Box 219  
South Kent, CT 06785  
860-927-4122  
860-671-0273 – cell

[kbgarden@charter.net](mailto:kbgarden@charter.net)

Fee: \$350 (in state) + mileage

Type: Slides & Power Point

“Designing with Elegant Silvers”

“Jazzing Up the Garden with Color and Contrast”

“Gardening with Kids: Opening Eyes and Doors”

“Solving Slopes”

“Survival in the Darwinian Garden: Planting the Fittest

“Landscaping with Native Plants”

“Learning from My Mistakes: A Technophobe’s Guide to Garden  
Photography”

“Naturescape Your Yard”

“Nature and Garden: Through the Photographer’s Eye”

“The Unsung Season: Gardens in Winter”

“Where Bulbs Shine” Using Flowering Bulbs in the Landscape”

## 10 Lorraine Calegari

Stone Hill Estates  
130 State Street, B-33  
North Haven, CT 06473  
[lorcaleg@aol.com](mailto:lorcaleg@aol.com)

203-234-1099

Fee: \$150.00

Type: Lecture and demonstration

“Beyond Flower Pots”

Learn interesting ways to alter, re-purpose and display old flower pots, watering cans, hoses and other garden paraphernalia. Also discover easy ways to preserve and display souvenirs and collectables. One hour demonstration includes actual samples of altered items and larger images with a demonstration on how to make the transformation & give new life to just about anything.

11 Andrea Candee, MH, MSC

“The Healing Power of Herbs”

Create Your Own Herbal Medicine Cabinet

South Salem, NY 10590

“Natural Approaches to Lyme Disease”

Phone: 914 763 8889

“The Healing Harvest”

[www.AndreaCandee.com](http://www.AndreaCandee.com).

Fee: \$300

Type: Slides, PowerPoint

12 Patricia Carr

“English Gardens”

P. O. Box 31

“Spanish & Italian Gardens”

New Milford, CT 06776

“Women Botanical Artists”

860-354-2559

[patpatmos@charter.net](mailto:patpatmos@charter.net)

Fee: \$250

Type: Slides (has own projector)

13 Cheryl N. Collins

“How to Photograph Your Garden”

1112 School Street

“Gardening For The Spirit”

Mansfield, MA 02048

“How to Plan a Plant Sale”

508-339-7191

“How to Host a Garden Tour”

[cheryl@picturethispresents.com](mailto:cheryl@picturethispresents.com)

“Mass Gardens on Tour”

[www.picturethispresents.com](http://www.picturethispresents.com)

“Doorways and Courtyards” – a lesson on paving & stonework

Fee: Call

“Container Gardening”

Type: Power Point

“Art and Architecture in the Garden”

14 Brenda Connor

“What you really need to know to enter a flower show”

373 Country Club Road

Translation: I’m scared, how do I get over the fear?

Cheshire, CT 06410

203-272-0178

203-606-5444 cell

Type: Lecture

Fee: Call

15 Christine Cook, APLD

37 Barrows Road  
Easton, CT 06612  
203-268-3218

[ccook1@optonline.net](mailto:ccook1@optonline.net)

Fee: CT - \$350  
Out of State - \$400

Type: Slide & Power Point

“Gardening with Mosses”

“The Dragon’s Lair, Creating Dragonfly Habitat in  
Your Garden”

“A Butterfly Social”

“Nature’s Banquet”

“A Site By the Seaside”

“A Sense of Place”

“Pentimento, Survival Plants From the Last Age of  
the Dinosaurs”

“Shimmer, Shine, Glisten, Glow, Light in the Landscape”

16 Brid Craddock

59 Main Street  
Newtown, CT 06470  
203-364-1774  
203-448-0758

[bridcraddock@gmail.com](mailto:bridcraddock@gmail.com)

Type: Power Point and In the Garden Hands On

Fee: \$175.00 (power point)  
\$350.00 (hands on)  
plus mileage

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860-676-8482

[kdalley@comcast.net](mailto:kdalley@comcast.net)

Fee: \$125-\$250 based on travel  
and materials provided

Type: Lecture using live plants

“Easy-Care Roses for All”

“House Plants for the Four Exposures”

“New and Unusual Shade Plants”

“Creative Container Design”

“Deer and Critter Proofing”

“Pruning made Practical”

“Putting the Garden to Bed for the Winter”

“Waking up the Garden in the early Spring”

Call for additional programs

18 Sharon M. Douglas, Ph.D.

See Website for listings

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The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

P.O. Box 1106

New Haven, CT 06504

203-974-8496/8499

Fax: 203-974-8502

[Sharon.Douglas@po.state.ct.us](mailto:Sharon.Douglas@po.state.ct.us)

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“Knowing and Managing Invasive Plants”

203-231-1790

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203-888-9280 (fax)

“Edible Landscaping and Herbs”

[bduesing@mac.com](mailto:bduesing@mac.com)

“CT NOFA: Cultivating an Organic Connecticut”

Fee: \$300 + mileage

"Trees for Your Yard"

Type: Digital Projector

20 Sydney Eddison

“Change: The Passage of Time in the Garden”

65 Echo Valley Road

“The Rainbow Contained”

Newtown, CT 06470

“The Unsung Season, Gardens in Winter”

203-426-2800

“Gardens to Go”

[eddison@snet.net](mailto:eddison@snet.net)

Fee: \$550-700

Type: Powerpoint and slides

**21 Gary Ginsberg**

160 Beacon Street

Hartford CT 06105

860-205-8286

Fax: 860-509-7750

[hologram7942@yahoo.com](mailto:hologram7942@yahoo.com)

Fee: \$250

Type: PowerPoint and exhibits that exemplify the good, bad and downright disgraceful things for sale at stores including household pesticides and yard, lawn and garden ways to be greener and toxics-free

Toxic chemicals in plastic containers, couch cushions, even toothpaste a toxicologist for the state of CT, co-author of “What’s Toxic, What’s Not”, radio show host (Dr. G) of WTIC AM's Greener Living. Presentation includes how to decrease our carbon, waste, and toxic footprints and which aspects should be on top of your to-do list? Interactive with lots of audience participation

**22 Bill Graham**

Beautiful Things

127 Essex Street

Salem, MA 01970

978-745-1142

978-741-0613

[wpgpjr@verizon.net](mailto:wpgpjr@verizon.net)

Fee Design: \$550 + Mileage

Type: Hands on Floral design

“The ‘Little Black Dress’”

“Suddenly Spring”

“Winter Wonder Land”

“Just Plain Pretty”

“Flowers and Fashion”

“Designing thru the Decades”

“A Summer Place”

“A Bewitching Time”

“Hats and Horticulture”

**23 Roger Gregoire**

27 Walnut Drive

Hebron, CT 06248

860-646-8760

[gregorie.rogerg@gmail.com](mailto:gregorie.rogerg@gmail.com)

Fee: \$175.00

Type: Lecture and Hands on Demonstration

“Garden Tool Maintenance

“Vegetable Gardening”

“Starting Vegetables from Seed”

**24 Todd Hansen, and**

Apprentice Lydia Cruz

Sanctuary Bonsai

237 Burnham St

East Hartford, CT 06108

860-849-2323 cell

Fax: 860-282-1692

[promol@conversent.net](mailto:promol@conversent.net)

[www.sanctuarybonsai.com](http://www.sanctuarybonsai.com)

Basic-“Bonsai, Illusion vs. Reality” History, theory, design and horticulture, illustrated by actual specimen Bonsai on display.

“Bonsai, Chinese Penching or Japanese Bonsai?”

“Repotting Bonsai and soil making.”

“Wiring Bonsai and advanced wiring techniques.”

“Hands on workshop, Material provided.”

“Tool care, sharpening and maintenance.”

Hold an event or meeting at Sanctuary Bonsai, Garden Tour or

Type: Lively and engaging with live material. Lecture/Demonstration included or optional

Fees: \$100 to \$300 depending on location, duration and the choice of event

Please feel free to call or email to discuss. Plant material and mileage additional.

"Anyone who can grow a houseplant can grow a Bonsai. You just need a little more information."

**25 John Himmelman**

17 Hunters Ridge

Killingworth, CT 06419

860-663-3225

[jhimmel@comcast.net](mailto:jhimmel@comcast.net)

Fee: \$250.00

Type: Power Point

“Butterflies & Their Gardens”

“Singing Leaves, The Songs & Stories of the Night Singing Insects”

“Wild Birds – Stories about the Birds in our Yards & Parks”

“Insects & Their Amazing Stories”

**26 Art Horn**

Meteorologist. Climate Researcher,

TV weatherman, Writer

185 Pine Street #308

860-643-6550

860-268-9139

[skychaserman@cox.net](mailto:skychaserman@cox.net)

theartofweather.com

Fee: \$175

“Extreme Weather” all about the wild weather here and around the world during this last year

“Weather Myths and Mysteries” Weather folklore and rhymes, weather myths.

“A Hurricane is Coming” history of New England hurricanes, when the next one might hit and how to prepare

“Climate Change is not Man Made” – Explains why nature causes climate change not the way we make energy. Show is about science not politics.

27 Mary-Beth Kaeser

Horizon Wings

9 Sand Hill Road

Ashford, CT 06278

860-481-0525/cell:860-481-0525

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Fee: Honorarium-if available

Type: Power Point and other

“Native Plants”

“Invasive Species”

“Composting”

“Field ID of Wildflowers or Trees”

“Being a Master Gardener”

“Rain Gardening”

“Maintaining Perennial Gardens”

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29 Deborah Kent

Design/Install/Maintain Business

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Master Gardener

95 Tryon Street

South Glastonbury

CT 06073-2022

860-657-6047

fax: call first 860-657-3943

[dkentdesigns@cox.net](mailto:dkentdesigns@cox.net)

[deborahkentdesigns.com](http://deborahkentdesigns.com)

Fee: \$150 subject to change

travel at IRS rate

Type: PowerPoint Presentations

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Lessons learned as a plant buyer, grower and in garden

maintenance to trouble-shoot potential problems

“Great Plants for 4-season Interest”. Low maintenance trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals, includes many natives

'Garden Design made Easy'. Do's and don't and a section on step-by-step how-to's I use as a professional designer.

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'Container Gardening' pictures of spring, summer, fall and winter containers, handout includes the best annual varieties

'The Facts of (Plant) Life' - things your Nursery never told you

Lessons learned as a plant buyer, grower, and in garden

maintenance to trouble-shoot potential problems.

### 30 June Klopfer

Master Gardener, NCG Judge

Creative Arrangers of CT

36 Burchard Lane

Rowayton, CT 06853

203-838-1541

[togarden4u@aol.com](mailto:togarden4u@aol.com)

Fee: \$250.00

Type: Lecture and Workshops

“Floral Designs from Your Garden”

“New Trends in Floral Designs”

“Exhibiting Floral Designs”

“Tips to Lower Garden Maintenance”

“Winning Horticulture Specimens”

### 31 Suzanne Knutson

308 Westport Road

Wilton, CT 06897

203-761-9359

Fax: 203-834-2741

[knuthome@optonline.net](mailto:knuthome@optonline.net)

Fee: \$250 plus mileage

Presentation Type: Slides

Using professional photographs, Ms. Knutson covers all the basics of landscape design including:

Getting Organized, Common Mistakes,

Structuring your landscape in distinct outdoor spaces

Establishing Garden Beds

Basic Rules of Thumb for Good Garden Design

How to fill garden beds with interesting plants

### 32 Miriam Landsman

48 Butternut Hollow

Greenwich, CT 06830

203-869-2148

203-622-9074

[Miriamlandsman@optonline.net](mailto:Miriamlandsman@optonline.net)

Fee: Call + mileage & materials – arrangements may be sold or raffled

Travel time not to exceed 1 hour and 15 minutes

Type: Lecture/Demonstration

“Arranging Elegant Flowers for Your Entertainment”

“Designing with Flowers from the Supermarket”

“Festive and Easy Decorations for Your Home for the Holidays”

“Grow, Gather, Harvest, Arrange!”

33 Doreen Larson

135 Concord Street

New Haven, CT

203-467-8236

203-747-1827 (cell)

[doreenlarson@cs.com](mailto:doreenlarson@cs.com)

Fee: \$150 plus mileage

“The Importance of Native Plants – Both Practical & and Aesthetic”

“Replace Invasives With Beautiful Native Plants”

“How To Transform Your Garden Into An Eco-Friendly Habitat”

“Sustainable Gardening”

34 Marie Lipski

P. O. Box 581

Unionville, CT 06085

860-828-4939

Cell: 860-770-9999

Fee: \$125.00

Expenses: Mileage & Plant Material

Type: Lecture, Demonstration, Workshop

“Shade Gardens”, “Herb Gardens”, “Silver Gardens”

“Children’s Gardens” “Xeriscaping”

“Autumn Herb Gardens”

“Creative Containers”

“E-Z Centerpieces”

“Grow Garden Gifts”

“Earth Friendly Gardening”

35 Ruth Loiseau

P. O. Box 613

Suffield, CT 06078

860-833-0005

[ruth@ruthl.com](mailto:ruth@ruthl.com)

Fee: Call

Type: Design Shows & Workshops

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36 Jan Mann

298 Palisades Avenue

Windsor, CT 06095

860-985-9811

[jan@cursingconnecticut.com](mailto:jan@cursingconnecticut.com)

Fee: \$150-\$200 depending on mileage

Type: Lecture

Author of *Cruising Connecticut with a Picnic Basket* - an eclectic and fun book. My one hour talk begins with my 25 year quest for diverse destinations across the state where all ages can enjoy fun activities along with the fine art of picnicking. Fun day trips and picnic recipes are shared and questions are encouraged.

<p><b>37 Nancy Moore</b>          2157 Huntington Turnpike          Trumbull, CT 06611          Home: 203-377-0325          Cell: 203-727-0161  <a href="mailto:moorfieldherbfarm@yahoo.com">moorfieldherbfarm@yahoo.com</a>          Fee: \$250.00          Type: Lecture</p>	<p>“Planning and Planting the Culinary Herb Garden”          “Growing Herbs and Vegetables Organically”          “Cooking with Herbs and Edible Flowers”          “Heirloom Tomatoes”</p>
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<p><b>38 Tovah Martin</b>          P. O. Box 20          Roxbury, CT 06783          860-354-7960  <a href="mailto:tovah@tovahmartin.com">tovah@tovahmartin.com</a>  <a href="http://www.tovahmartin.com">www.tovahmartin.com</a>          Fee: \$400 + travel expenses          Type: Power Point</p>	<p>“Terrariums &amp; You”          “Terrarium Workshop”          “Infusing the Garden with Personality”          “Putting Perennials Through Their Paces”          “Trowels &amp; Tomorrow: Garden Stewardship”          “The Lawn Liberation Movement”          “Gardening for the Five Senses”          More to come...please check my website</p>
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<p><b>39 Gini Mita</b>          169 Cheshire Road          Wallingford, CT 06492          203-269-0305  <a href="mailto:imgini89@sbcglobal.net">imgini89@sbcglobal.net</a>          Fee: \$250 plus mileage          Type: Powerpoint</p>	<p>“Starting Plants from Seeds” – geared to home gardeners;          unique method of pre-soring large seeds; making pots          from newspaper; using found materials for mini          greenhouses          “Cooking, Baking and Gardening w/Herbs &amp; Edible Flowers”          “Saving Vegtable Seeds”</p>
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Fee: \$295.00

Type: Power Point

“The Wildflowers of Mystic & the Stoningtons”

“Spring Ephemerals”

“Autumn Jewels”

“A Celebration of English Gardens”

“Ten Eco Friendly Tips for Your Garden”

## 42 Kathrine Neville

Master Gardener

Designer of Katherine's Garden

16 Abigail Street

Woodmont, CT 06460

203-874-4752

[kgardens@optonline.net](mailto:kgardens@optonline.net)

Fee: Call

Type: Lecture

"Basic Annual and Perennial Gardening"

"Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening"

"Edible Flower and Herb Gardens"

"Period Gardens, Rose Gardens, Shade Gardens, Knot Gardens"

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## 43 Kathy Olson

184 Woodland St.

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203. 634.4074

[thebeelady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thebeelady@sbcglobal.net)

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## 44 Chip Osborne

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781-631-2468

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**45 Tony Palmieri**

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[Datura1111@aol.com](mailto:Datura1111@aol.com)

Fee: \$300

Type: Demonstration, Hands on also available

“Contemporary Line Design”

“Natural Mechanics”

“Interpretive Asian Design”

“Hand-tied Bouquets”

Contact for additional programs

**46 John Pawloski**

42 Squash Hollow Road  
New Milford, CT 06776  
Phone: 860-354-0296  
Email: [j.a.pawloski@att.net](mailto:j.a.pawloski@att.net)

Fee: \$175 + mileage

Type: call

“Wildflowers of New England”

“Western Wildflowers”

“Endangered Plants of Connecticut”

“Alpine Flowers”

“Nature Photography”

“Once Upon a Bog”

“Once Upon a Meadow”

“How to Identify Wildflowers”

**47 Rich Pomerantz**

10 Church Hill Road  
Washington Depot, CT 06794  
860-355-3356  
Fax: 860-355-3356  
[rich@richpomerantz.com](mailto:rich@richpomerantz.com)

Fee: \$350

Type: Hour long presentations are presented with beautiful digital slides. Rich is always available to stay after class and sign his books: *Great Gardens of the Berkshires*, *Hudson Valley Farms* and *Wild Horses of the Dunes*.

“Design Strategies from Great Gardens”

“The Intent of the Gardener”

“It’s Only Garden Photography”

“A Photographic Journey Through the Garden”

“Art in the Garden

“Specialty Gardens”

Full Day Garden Photography Workshops

48 Colleen Plimpton

16 Starr Lane  
Bethel, CT 06801  
230-743-9700

[colleenplimpton@yahoo.com](mailto:colleenplimpton@yahoo.com)

Type: Lecture & Power Point

Fee: \$250.00

“The Bins & Outs of Composting”  
“All Season Color in the Garden”  
“Good Night My Garden”  
“Hello My Garden”  
“Gardening With the Birds”  
“The Merry, Merry Month of May”  
“June is Bustin’ Out All Over”  
“Yankee Doodle Dandy July Garden”  
“Mentors and Memories in the Garden”  
“Oh, No Bambi!”  
“Perennial Plants of the Year”

49 Carol King Platt

297 North Airline Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492  
203-269-8642

[ckingms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ckingms@sbcglobal.net)

carolkinggardens.com

Fee: \$350+ .40 per mile

Type: Slides and Demonstrations\*

“Redesigning Your Garden”  
“A Year ‘Round Cutting Garden”  
“The Mixed Border: The Greedy Garden’s Guide to having it all”  
“Companion Plantings for Roses”  
“Cottage Garden Style”  
“Foundation Planting Fundamentals”  
“Rhododendrons in the Landscape”  
“Herbs in the Landscape”  
“Vertical Gardening”  
“Holiday Decorations from Nature's Bounty”, a demonstration.  
\*Other floral demonstrations and workshops upon request

**50 Dick Rauh, Ph.D**

Faculty at NYBG  
25 River Road #2208  
Wilton, CT 06897  
203-563-9371  
Fax: 203-762-1240  
dickrauh@aol.com

Fee: \$100

Type: Lecture, Demonstration, Slides

“The Sex Life of Flowers” basic botany - review of the names of flower parts and some of the secrets behind the marvelous variation in form. “Flower to Fruit” learn the botanical names and classifications of these agents of seed dispersal  
“History of Botanical Illustration-Ferns”

**51 Marna Ringel**

**Flowers By Marna**

1509 Brookside Drive  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
646-919-1183 (cell)  
[flowersbybarna@gmail.com](mailto:flowersbybarna@gmail.com)

Fee: \$450.00 + \$250-\$300 for flowers

Type: Lecture-Demonstration

“European Hand Tydes” (Modern & Easy)  
“Christmas Arrangements”  
“Contrasts” (alive/dead/straight/curvy)  
“Fruits w/Flowers”

**52 Ray Rogers**

503 Lee Avenue  
North Brunswick, NJ 08902  
(732) 249-9282  
[rayro@optonline.net](mailto:rayro@optonline.net)

Fees: \$300 1 hr with questions  
(usually less than 100-miles)

\$600 if overnight travel is required  
(plus travel expenses)

Type: Current-slides, PowerPoint

I request the opportunity to sell my books as well as plants and pots from Atlock Farm, a specialty plant nursery in central New Jersey.

“Lots of Pots: Designing Container Plantings”  
“Coleus: Red-hot, Easy, and Versatile”  
“Showplants: Taking the Blue Ribbon”  
“The Philadelphia Flower Show: Celebrating More Than 175 Years”  
“Cacti and Other Succulents: Living Art”  
“Sensational Container Plants”  
“Getting to Know Euphorbias”

**53 Edith Royce Schade**

Professional Photographer  
Master Wildlife Conservationist  
887 Goodale Hill Road  
Glastonbury, CT 06033  
860-633-4885

Fax: 860-633-4885  
edith@goodalehillpress.com

Fee: \$100-150 + mileage

Type: Multi-media slide/lecture

“Monet’s Garden: Light and Flowers”

“Nature’s Garden: A Celebration of Wild Flowers”

“Of Sassafras and Shadblow: Celebrating Connecticut’s  
Native Trees and Shrubs”

“Our Home, Their Home: Welcoming Wildlife into Our  
Backyard”

**54 Ronnie Schoelzel**

194 Chestnut Hill Road  
Litchfield, CT 06759  
860-567-8518

spots@snet.net

Fee: Donation to FGCCT Scholarship Committee + mileage

Type: Lecture/Demonstration

“Grow for Show” - how to prepare container-grown plants and  
cut specimens for exhibit in flower shows, how to groom  
and transport exhibits”

**55 Stockbridge Farm**

John & Mary Ellen Warchol  
Denise Lemay  
18 Stockbridge Road  
South Deerfield, MA 01373  
413-665-6918

[info@stockbridgeherbs.com](mailto:info@stockbridgeherbs.com)

Fee: \$250 / cost varies by program

Mileage appreciated.

Type: Lecture & Cooking Demonstration

“Lavender, Basil, Garlic, Edible Flowers, Herbal Teas  
Mediterranean Herbs, Preserving Herbs, Italian Country  
Cooking”

“Cooking with Herbs – Julia’s Way”

A complete listing of information available at  
[www.stockbridgeherbs.com](http://www.stockbridgeherbs.com). We are happy to design  
a program for your individual group or organization.

**56 George A. Trecina**

341 Spring Street  
Meriden, CT 06451  
203-235-7103  
Fee: Call

**Landscape Designer, Owner of Land Design and Horticultural Sales, LLC. Garden Host and Lecturer**

“Landscape Design: The Creative Process” - residential landscape planning, design, installation & maintenance  
“My Garden: Lessons Learned”  
“The Tropical Touch” using exotics in the CT landscape  
“Land Design: Garden Guided Tours” (call for details)

**57 Tony Vitti**

25 Elm Street  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
860-984-5713  
[tonyvitti@aol.com](mailto:tonyvitti@aol.com)  
Fee: \$300 – possible mileage fee  
Type: On Site Demonstration

“Tablescapes – Holiday Table Décor”  
“Cold Weather Annuals”  
“Winter Window Box”  
“Floral Design”

**58 Kaye B. Vosburgh**

110 Pickwick Road  
West Newton, MA 02465  
Phone: 617-916-1944  
Fax: 617-916-1954  
email: vosburghk@aol.com  
Fee: Call  
Type: Lecture/demonstration

“Ikebana” Traditional Styles and Current Creative Styles”  
“Creative Design” Some Ikebana and Named Creative Designs from the Handbook for Flower Shows including some of the newest designs

59 Kevin Wilcox

940 Mountain Road  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

860-243-5256

Cell: 860-990-1485

[kevinhorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:kevinhorticulture@gmail.com)

Fee: \$150.00

Mileage: depends on distance

“Maples, Azaleas, Dogwoods, Rhododendron, Viburnums  
or Conifers”

“Spring, Summer and Fall Interest Plants”

“Winter Tree and Shrub Identification”

“Rare and Desirable Trees”

“Pruning Trees and Shrubs”

“Plant Propagation”

60 Margery Winters

Roaring Brook Nature Center

70 Gracey Road

Canton, CT 06019

860-693-0263

[margerywinters@comcast.net](mailto:margerywinters@comcast.net)

Type: Power Point

Fee: \$150.00 plus mileage

“Going Native”

“Gardening for the Birds”

“Saving Our Wild Areas-One Yard at a Time”

“Spring Wildflowers”

“The Dirt About Soil”

61 Melinda Wolcott

NGC Judge

185 Cannon Road

Wilton, CT 06897

203-761-0633

[mcw185@aol.com](mailto:mcw185@aol.com)

Fee: Call

Type: Demonstration

“Flowers and Fun” Design with a smile!

62 Tom Zetterstrom

“Streetscape design and tree planting”

Community Forester

84 Clayton Road

Canaan, CT 06018

(860) 824-7604 office

(860) 309-5170 cell

[Zetterstrom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Zetterstrom@sbcglobal.net)

<http://tomzetterstrom.com>

Type: Lecture

Fee: Negotiable

Tom sited and planted over 300 public trees in 22 communities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and West Virginia. He received the Community Urban Forestry Award from the Connecticut Urban Forestry Council in 2000.

<http://www.elmwatch.org>

63 Gary W. Zinsmeyer

237 Strawberry Hill Avenue, #8

Stamford, CT 06902

203-975-9500

Cell: 203-219-6933

[garyzofstamford@aol.com](mailto:garyzofstamford@aol.com)

Fee: Call

Expenses: Mileage and Materials

Type: Floral Design Demos,

“Holiday Magic” (Christmas, New Year’s etc.)

“Latest Floral Design Trends”

“Color – Have Fun With It!”

“Colonial Christmas Decorations”

“Victorian Christmas Decorations”

Club keeps all arrangements and containers used.

**FIELD TRIPS**  
**GARDENS AND/OR NATURE CENTERS**  
INQUIRE FOR HOURS & ADMISSION FEES

**BRISTOL**

**American Clock and Watch Museum**  
100 Maple Street  
Bristol, CT 06010-5092  
Tel: (860) 563-6070  
April to November  
[www.Clockmuseum.org](http://www.Clockmuseum.org)

Authentically restored colonial flower and herb garden enclosed by a white picket fence centered with a sundial located next to the American Clock and Watch Museum. The garden, appropriate to a small townhouse built in 1801, was designed by Rudy Favretti in 1973 and has been modified keeping the integrity of the materials by the Bristol Garden Club and is maintained by the membership.

**CANTON**

**Roaring Brook Nature Center**  
70 Gracey Road  
Canton, CT 06019  
(203)-693-0263 115  
[www.sciencecenterct.org](http://www.sciencecenterct.org)

Owls of CT  
Attracting Birds to your yard, migration, birds of the area  
Connecticut Wildlife Digest: A synopsis of our Native Vertebrate Fauna, 115 acres of woodland with 6 miles of self-guiding trail booklet. Building with Exhibits and nature. Guided tours by appointment, general seasonal programs. Some live animals.

**COS COB**

**Garden Education Center of Greenwich Montgomery Pinetum**  
130 Bible Street  
P.O. Box 1600  
Cos Cob, CT 06807  
(203) 869-9242  
[www.gecgreenwich.org](http://www.gecgreenwich.org)

Garden Education Center of Greenwich located in 61 acres of paths through pines, brooks and ponds. Two gift shops, a horticulture building and library as well as a non-profit horticulture center.  
Open Monday - Friday 9 - 3:30PM  
Offers full program of speakers, workshops & field trips.  
Annual May Gardener's Market - Big Plant sale.

**COVENTRY**

**Caprilands Herb Farm**  
Silver Street  
Coventry, CT 06238  
(860) 742-7244/2806  
[www.caprilands.com](http://www.caprilands.com)

Herb Gardens, Herb Garden Tour, Luncheon, lecture  
18<sup>th</sup> Century gift show  
Unique post and beam Green House  
Admission to gardens and grounds free  
Reservations required for lecture/luncheon

**EAST HADDAM**

**Gillette Castle State Park**  
67 River Road  
East Haddam, CT 06423  
(860) 526-2336  
Park hours: 8 AM – sunset

Connecticut River. Castle conservatory - formal gardens under glass overlooking 190 acres landscaped with native trees and shrubs

## **FAIRFIELD**

### **Greenfield Hill Dogwood Festival**

c/o Congregational Church  
1045 Old Academy Road  
Fairfield, CT 06430  
(203) 259-5596

Village landscaped with profusion of white and pink dogwood. Designated Historic Site of National Park Service. Peak of bloom middle of May. Reservations required for seated luncheon at dogwood festival. Call for dates.

### **Ogden House & Gardens**

1520 Bronson Road  
Fairfield, CT 06430  
(203) 259-1598  
Contact: Fairfield  
Historical Society  
636 Old Post Road  
Fairfield, CT 06430  
[www.fairfieldhs.org](http://www.fairfieldhs.org)

Circa 1750 lean-to-home built for the farming family of David and Jane Sturges Ogden. An example of mortise and tenon joinery, it was one of the few buildings to survive the 1779 burning of the town. Herb, native and wildflower gardens maintained by the Fairfield Garden Club. Special tours by appointment

### **Connecticut Audubon Birdcraft Museum**

314 Unquowa Road  
Fairfield, CT 06430-5018  
(203) 259-0416  
Fax: (203) 259-1344  
Museum Hours:  
Tue-Friday 10AM-5PM  
Sat&Sun 12 Noon-5PM

Special programs (offered on-site or at your site): Slide show "Gray Lady and the Birds: Mabel Osgood Wright and the Founding of Connecticut Conservation Movement," 45 minute presentation Slide Show, "Birdscaping: Gardening to Attract Birds in your Yard," 45 minutes. Suggested donation of \$100 for these programs at your site Connecticut Audubon Birdcraft Museum a National Historic Landmark, is America's oldest private bird sanctuary. Since 1914 it has been offering environmental programs in its intimate natural history museum and vest-pocket sanctuary in downtown Fairfield, Connecticut. The museum concentrates on the conservation of Connecticut birds and their habitat with permanent dioramas and changing exhibits. For a calendar of upcoming events, please call.

## **FARMINGTON**

### **Hill Stead Museum**

35 Mountain Road  
Farmington, CT 06032  
(860) 677-4784  
[www.hillstead.org](http://www.hillstead.org)

Hill-Stead Museum offers the visitor a rare glimpse into an American collector's passion for French Impressionism. Cleveland iron industrialist Alfred Atmore Pope and his wife Ada built their Colonial Revival-style house in 1901 to showcase their collection of paintings by Monet, Manet, Degas, Whistler and Cassatt. Today these masterpieces hang in situ amid original furnishings. Pope's daughter, Theodate, designed the mansion in collaboration with the prestigious New York Firm of McKim Mead & White. This 152-acre National Historic Landmark showcases over three miles of stonewalls, stately trees and seasonal gardens including the c. 1920 Sunken Garden designed by landscape architect Beatrix Farrand. Beyond the garden, woodland trails and distant vistas offer round opportunities for country rambles.

**Shade Swamp Sanctuary (DEP)**  
Route 6  
Farmington, CT 06032  
(860) 566-3489  
Farmington Garden Club  
(860) 676-9010

800 acres with self-guiding trails through forest, swamp & ponds west of the Rattlesnake Mountain Ridge, Route 6, New Britain Avenue and the Pequabuck River. Explore this sanctuary on the White Trail (2½ mi.) or the Blue Trail or (1½ mi.) both of which are marked with blazes and color - coded signs.

## **GREENWICH**

**Bruce Museum**  
I Museum Drive  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
(203) 869-0376  
brucemuseum.org

The Bruce Museum of Arts and Science features a series of changing art and science exhibits. It also has a permanent exhibition of science and ethnology called "Changes In Our Land". The Museum is adjacent to a public park.

**Mianus River Wildlife Refuge and Botanical Reserve**  
Iaconic Road  
Greenwich, CT 06803

325 acres of rugged Connecticut, 800 species of wildflowers, trees and shrubs.

**National Audubon Society Audubon Center**  
613 Riversville Road  
Greenwich, CT 06831  
(203) 869-5272  
greenwich.center.audubon.org

522 acre sanctuary with hiking trails, nature gift store, wildlife viewing window & guided tours

**GROTON**  
**Ebenezer Avery House**  
Fort Griswold  
Groton, CT 06340

Gardens established by the former Groton Garden Club, now Trillium Garden Club, include herb & colonial gardens. On-going project for adding plant material. Cuttings used to decorate house during the summer.

**HAMDEN**  
**Edgerton Park**  
P.O. Box 6163  
Hamden, CT 0651  
(203) 624-9377  
edgertonpark.org

Former Brewster Estate of 25 acres enclosed by a high stonewall. Headquarters of Edgerton Garden Center. Conservatory and Greenhouses. Horticultural Library open 1-4 Sundays

**HARTFORD**  
**Elizabeth Park**  
150 Walbridge Road  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
Corner of Prospect and Asylum Ave  
(860) 242-0017  
Elizabethpark.org

Oldest municipal rose garden in the United States; over 100 acres of parkland. 15,000 plants, 800 varieties, 2 1/2 acre rose garden, heritage rose garden, annual garden, perennial garden, rock garden, a large collection of trees and shrubs and greenhouses. Open dawn to dusk 365 days a year and free to the public. Friends of Elizabeth Park help maintain this part.

## **LITCHFIELD**

**White Memorial  
Conservation Center**  
80 Whitehall Road  
P.O. Box 368  
Litchfield, CT 06759  
(860) 567-0857  
whitememorialcc.org

State's largest nature center. Museum, 4000 acres of woodlands. 35 miles of trails and several ponds. Boardwalk through wetland habitat, Nature programs for all age groups.  
Nature trail of the senses

## **MADISON**

**Allis-Bushnell  
Historical House**  
853 Boston Post Road  
Madison, CT 06443  
(203) 245-4567

Professionally designed and built herb garden, a bicentennial gift to the town of Madison from the Garden Club of Madison.

**Wickham Park**  
West Middle Turnpike  
Manchester, CT 06040  
(860) 528-0856  
[www.wickhampark.org](http://www.wickhampark.org)

250 acre park. Gardens totaling almost 11 acres include, the 1329 Oriental Garden, the Italian Shrine, the Lotus Garden and the Cabin Garden. Walking trails and extensive perennial plantings.  
Great location available for garden club events.

## **MYSTIC**

**Mystic Seaport**  
75 Greenmanville Ave.  
P.O. Box 6000  
Mystic, CT 06355-0990  
(888)-937-2767  
[www.Mysticseaport.org](http://www.Mysticseaport.org)

America's largest maritime museum. Numerous nineteenth century exhibits, including seasonally interpreted gardens. Other perennial and annual plantings throughout the grounds. Grounds tours by special arrangements. On site dining and shopping

**Denison Pequotsepos  
Nature Center**  
P.O. Box 122  
109 Pequotsepos Road  
Mystic, CT 06355  
(860) 536-1216  
[www.dpnc.org](http://www.dpnc.org)

The DPNC facility includes a 200 acre sanctuary, covering woodland, wetland and meadow habitats. Natural history exhibits feature live animals and plenty of interactive education. Picnic facilities and unique gift store also on-site. Year- round environmental education programs include children classes, slide presentations, summer camp, birding trips, and special events.

## **NEW CANAAN**

**George Lee Gardens**  
89 Chichester Road  
New Canaan, CT 06840

175 varieties of azaleas, 200 varieties of Rhododendrons  
For more information contact: The Garden Center of New Canaan  
P.O. Box 4 New Canaan, CT 06840

**Helen and Alice Bristow  
Sanctuary and Wildwood  
Preserve**

Old Stamford Road  
New Canaan, CT 06840  
Entrance also from Mead Park  
Park Street, New Canaan (ample parking there), no parking on Old Stamford Road

17 acres of woodlands with many wildlife trails, pond, brook and bridges

**New Canaan Nature Center**

144 Oenoke Ridge  
New Canaan, CT 06840  
(203) 966-9577

[www.newcanaannature.org](http://www.newcanaannature.org)

40- acre site which features unusual habitat diversity, including wet and dry meadows, two ponds, wet and dry woodlands, dense thickets, an old orchard, and a cattail marsh. Two miles of trails criss-cross the site (including a 350-foot marsh boardwalk), and two observation towers overlook the wetlands and cattail marsh. Visitor Center, Green House, Lath House, Swallen Wildflower garden, Arboretum

**NEW HAVEN**

**Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station**

123 Huntington Street  
P.O. Box 1106  
New Haven, CT 06504  
(203) 974-8500 or  
877-855-2237 (outside New Haven)  
[www.ct.gov/caes](http://www.ct.gov/caes)

Well maintained grounds and gardens. Many interesting plant materials. Tours can be arranged. **Substantial Speakers list.**

**East Rock Park/  
Pardee Rose Garden**

ISO Park Road  
New Haven, CT 06504  
(203) 946-8142 (Greenhouse)  
Trowbridge Center (203) 946-6086  
Daily June - September 9-5

426 acres including Pardee Rose Gardens, built in 1920

**West Rock Nature Center**

P.O. Box 2969  
New Haven, CT 06515  
(203) 946-8016  
Closed holidays

Comfort Station, Visitors Center, Nature House, picnic area and wildlife garden No program speakers available at this time

**NEW LONDON**

**Connecticut College Arboretum**

P.O. Box 5201  
Mohegan Avenue  
New London, CT 06320  
(860) 439-5020  
Fee: inquire  
[Arboretum.conncoll.edu](http://Arboretum.conncoll.edu)

Offers Private Guided Tours designed for Clubs and Organizations. Tours available; Native Plant Collection, Caroline Black Garden, Campus Landscape. Tour one or 270 more collections and enjoy your bag lunch at Buck Lodge Conduct club meeting at Buck Lodge. Enjoy a private dell buffet luncheon at campus facility at a modest cost. Arrangements to meet your group's needs can be made by contacting the Arboretum office

**Shaw-Perkins Mansion**

11 Blinman Street  
New London, CT 06320

Connecticut Naval Office during the Revolution Headquarters for the New London Historical Society, Inc. Seasonal Flower/Herb Gardens

## **OLD SAYBROOK**

**General William  
Hart House**  
350 Main Street  
P.O. Box 4  
Saybrook, CT 06475  
Old Saybrook  
Historical Society  
(860) 388-2622

Colonial gardens featuring tulip and persimmon trees, shrubs and plants natural to the region. 125 medicinal, culinary and fragrant herbs; old roses and a wildflower section maintained by Old Saybrook Garden Club. Frank Stevenson Archives Building Old open on Thursdays.  
Garden open to public, talks upon request

## **RIDGEFIELD**

**Aldrich Museum of  
Contemporary Art**  
258 Main Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
(203) 438-4519  
aldrichart.org

One and a half acre sculpture gardens which are open daily. Three major and five smaller art exhibits a year

**The Keeler Tavern  
Museum**  
312 Main Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
Mailing address:  
P.O. Box 204  
(203) 438-5485, (203) 431-0815  
keelertavernmuseum.org

Also known as Cannonball House, ca 1713. Cass Bilbert built Garden House, ca 1915 and formal garden authentic to period  
Museum has his record of use by end of WWI Maintained by the Caudatowa Garden Club Of Ridgefield. Special tours by appointment.

## **ROCKY HILL**

**Dinosaur State Park**  
400 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
(860) 529-8423  
dinosaurstatepark.org

Identification of Trees in Winter Arboretum of Evolution, Trail Walks

## **SHARON**

**Sharon Audubon Center**  
Rte. 4  
Sharon, CT 06069  
860 364-30520

890 acre sanctuary with 11 miles of trails, some self guiding Interpretive building

[www.audubon.org/local/sanctuary/sharon](http://www.audubon.org/local/sanctuary/sharon)

## **SIMSBURY**

### **The Phelps Homestead**

Owned and operated by  
The Simsbury Historical  
Society  
800 Hopmeadow Street  
Simsbury, CT 06070  
(860) 658-2500  
Fax: (860) 651-4354

The museum complex includes ten historic buildings and period gardens on a two acre site in the heart of Simsbury. Among the gardens are the Phelps House's Doorway Garden commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Simsbury Garden Club and the Betty Fisher Memorial Garden. The house's charming 18<sup>th</sup> century Parlor Garden is maintained by the Gardeners of Simsbury. Located at the Hendrick Cottage a delightful period herb garden with a central sundial, and containing over 66 varieties of herbs, which is an ongoing project of the Simsbury Garden Club.

## **STAMFORD**

### **Barlett Arboretum**

151 Brookdale Road  
Stamford, CT 06903-4199  
(203) 322-6971  
Bartlettarboretum.org

Landscape Design, Woody plants (esp. flowering shrubs) 63 acre public arboretum, greenhouse too.  
Tours by appointment

### **Stamford Museum & Nature Center**

Scofieldtown Road  
Stamford, CT 06903  
(203) 322-1646  
stamfordmuseum.org

Working farm with animals, organic gardens, and extensive herb gardens. Changing Pond life exhibit & nature trails, sculptural garden. Planetarium shows, observatory visitors' night.  
Lake with picnic area, seasonal events and programs

## **STORRS**

### **University of Connecticut**

U-67 Dept Plant Science  
Storrs, CT 06269  
Hort.uconn.edu

Floriculture display and trail gardens. Located on 1½ acres on campus, including about 340 feet of perennial borders. Major area devoted to about 200 kinds of annuals started each year by seed.  
All plants labeled

## **WATERFORD**

### **Harkness Memorial State Park**

Great Neck Road  
Waterford, CT 06385  
(860) 437-1523

235 acres, including extensive perennial garden, Alpine rock garden, Italian garden, Herb garden, Oriental garden and boxwood garden (portion of which is used for recreational area for the handicapped)

## **WESTPORT**

### **EarthPlace, the Nature Discovery Center**

10 Woodside Lane  
P.O. Box 165  
Westport, CT 06880  
(203) 227-7253  
earthplace.org

62 acre sanctuary, nature trails, exhibit hall, live animal shelter, Bird & Butterfly Demonstration Garden, Native Plant Court

## **WETHERSFIELD**

### **Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum**

211 Main Street  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 529-0612  
[webb-deane-stevens.com](http://webb-deane-stevens.com)

Three 18th century houses in the center of Connecticut's largest historic district. Guided tours explore the history from George Washington's visit in 1781 to the Colonial Revival. The recreated Webb House Colonial Revival Garden designed by Amy Cogswell in 1921 and restored in 1999-2000 is open to the public. A slide presentation of the restoration of the Webb House Colonial Revival Garden is available.

## **WILTON**

### **Woodcock Nature Center**

56 Deer Run Road  
Wilton, CT 06897  
(203) 762-7280  
[woodcocknaturecenter.org](http://woodcocknaturecenter.org)

149 state protected acres that includes ponds, wetlands with a board walk and three miles of publicly accessible woodland trails.

## **WOODBURY**

### **Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust**

Church Hill Road  
Woodbury, CT 06768  
(203) 263-3711  
Office hours Mon-Sat. 9-5  
[flandersnaturecenter.org](http://flandersnaturecenter.org)

Over 1500 acres of open space with trails and farm area. Botany trail developed and maintained by Pomperaug Valley Garden Club in a 45 acre area of the Van Vleck Sanctuary. Club members available for conducted tours

## **OUT OF STATE**

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **FRAMINGHAM**

**Garden in the Woods**  
80 Hemenway Road  
Framingham, MA 01701  
(508)877-7630  
[www.newfs.org](http://www.newfs.org).

45 acres, the largest landscape collection of wildflowers and native plants in the northeast. Preserved by the New England Wild Flower Society. Informal garden walks, open April 15 to October 31, Tues-Sun 9-5pm, Thurs & Fri til 7pm. Over 1,000 native plant spieces; pond, cactus bog and moss gardens. Largest native plant nursery in New England. Speakers, classes and video tape library.

**Nasimi Farm**  
128 North Street  
Whately, MA  
(413 )397-9922

75 acres of meadows and hills, native plant nursery open September and October, Thurs.-Sun., part of New England Wildflower Society.

[registrar@newenglandwild.org](mailto:registrar@newenglandwild.org) for classes

## **BRONX, NY**

**The New York Botanical Garden**  
Bronx River Parkway  
(exit 7)  
(718) 817-8700  
nybg.org

The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants. The gardens are extensive from the Everett Children's garden to the Rose Garden. Visit their website to plan your trip. The conservatory has changing exhibits often built around the courtyard ponds. There is a full stocked garden shop and a cafeteria. There is also a full slate of educational programs.

**Wave Hill**  
West 249<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bronx, New York 10471  
(718) 549-3200  
wavehill.org

A public garden and cultural center set high on a bluff above the Hudson River in Riverdale. The Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory shelters tender plants from around the world. Flowers flow from stonewalls, hypertufa troughs. There is a pond with lotus, planted pergolas and paths through woods overlooking the river. Cafeteria with terrace looks out to the Palisades. A garden shop carries plants, seeds pots and garden art.

## **BROOKLYN, NY**

**Brooklyn Botanic Garden**  
1000 Washington Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225  
(718) 623-7200  
[www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org)

Library, classes, workshops, gift and garden shop, Terrace Café, Steinhardt Conservatory Gallery, Japanese Hill and Pond garden, Shakespeare Garden, and Fragrance garden are a few of the attractions at the BBG.

## **COLDSRING, NY**

**Stone Crop**  
81 Stone Crop Lane  
Cold Spring, NY 10516  
[www.stonecrop.org](http://www.stonecrop.org)

12 acres of gardens and plants includes grass and water gardens woodland garden, raised alpine stone beds, cliff rock gardens, an enclosed English style rock garden, a conservatory, a display house, a Pit House and systemic order beds. Check site for days.

## **OSSINING, NY**

**Teatown Lake Reservation**  
1600 Spring Valley  
Road # 1  
Ossining, NY 10562  
914-762-2912  
[www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org)

14 trails wonder through a combination of fields, mixed hardwood forest, laurel groves, lakes, streams and farmland. In the center of this reserve is the Wildflower Island created in 1928 when the owner dammed Bailey Brook to create Teatown Lake. The two acre island has over 230 native and endangered species that has been protected from predation. There is a gated walkway to the island. Nature store, open from dawn to dusk.

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

**Longwood Gardens, Inc.**  
[www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org)

Gardens, orchids, fountains, Pierre-DuPont House, 4.5 acre conservatory with 20 indoor gardens, a visit to the website is a must to do this estate justice.



## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

[AHS.org](http://AHS.org)

[www.bartlettarboretum.org](http://www.bartlettarboretum.org)

[www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org)

[www.caprilands.com](http://www.caprilands.com)

[ct.gove/caes/](http://ct.gove/caes/)

[www.ctaudubon.org/](http://www.ctaudubon.org/)

[ctcactusclub.org](http://ctcactusclub.org)

[Arboretum.conncoll.edu](http://Arboretum.conncoll.edu)

[Ctflowershow.com](http://Ctflowershow.com)

[www.cthort.org](http://www.cthort.org)

[ctorchids.org](http://ctorchids.org)

[ctrose.org](http://ctrose.org)

[www.dpnc.org](http://www.dpnc.org)

[earthplace.org](http://earthplace.org)

[edgertonpark.org](http://edgertonpark.org)

[Ctgardenclubs.org](http://Ctgardenclubs.org)

[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

[flandersnaturecenter.org](http://flandersnaturecenter.org)

[www.gecgreenwich.org](http://www.gecgreenwich.org)

[www.gardenweb.com](http://www.gardenweb.com)

[www.hillstead.org](http://www.hillstead.org)

[Gardenclub.org](http://Gardenclub.org)

[www.newcanaannature.org](http://www.newcanaannature.org)

[Gardencentral.org/ner](http://Gardencentral.org/ner)

[www.newfs.org](http://www.newfs.org)

[nybg.org](http://nybg.org)

[www.fairfieldhs.org](http://www.fairfieldhs.org)

[www.sciencecenterct.org](http://www.sciencecenterct.org)

[stamfordmuseum.org](http://stamfordmuseum.org)

[www.stonecrop.org](http://www.stonecrop.org)

American Horticultural Society

Bartlett Arboretum

Brooklyn Botanical Garden

Caprilands Herb

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

Connecticut Audubon Society

Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society

Connecticut College Arboretum

Connecticut Flower Show

Connecticut Horticultural Society

Connecticut Orchid Society

Connecticut Rose Society

Denison Peqtiotsepos Nature Center

EarthPlace, the Nature Discovery Center

Edgerton Park

Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut

Fish and wildlife services

Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust

Garden Education Center of Greenwich

Garden Web

Hill Stead Museum

National Garden Clubs

New Canaan Nature Center

New England Regional

New England Wildflower Society

New York Botanical Garden

Ogden House & Gardens

Roaring Brook Nature Center

Stamford Museum & Nature Center

Stone Crop

[www.teatown.org](http://www.teatown.org)

[www.hort.uconn.edu](http://www.hort.uconn.edu)

[wavehill.org](http://wavehill.org)

[www.webb-deane-stevens.org](http://www.webb-deane-stevens.org)

[whitememorialcc.org](http://whitememorialcc.org)

[www.wickhampark.org](http://www.wickhampark.org)

[woodcocknaturecenter.org](http://woodcocknaturecenter.org)

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**University of Connecticut**

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**White Memorial Conservation Center**

**Wickham Park**

**Woodcock Nature Center**

