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MIDDLETOWN GARDEN CLUB

March 2024 Newsletter

HORTICULTURE



Horticulture

April is Native Plant Month. Watch for more info on how we can support this GCA initiative.

[GCA Website](http://www.gcamerica.org)

ZONE II FUNDRAISERS

Let's support each other by loading up on plants and other garden-related items!



New Canaan Garden Club's sale will be held **May 4 & 5** at the Carriage Barn in Waveny Park, New Canaan. The theme is "Reimagine" and NCGC will sell donated garden-themed items - plants, planters, photography, floral arrangements, and garden tools. One person's donation is another's treasure.

[NCGC Facebook](#)



Zone II Fundaiser

Greenwich Garden Club's "Unexpected Beauty" flower show registration ends on March 13. Horticulture entries are needed. Event will be held **June 14-15**.

[Register](#)

MILESTONES



Congratulations to our newest Master Gardener (Class of 2023), **Tisha Ferguson**, and Advanced Master Gardener (Class of 2023), **Kathy Meyering**!

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Thanks to **Kathie Green** for excavating the initial minutes of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, dated May 17th, 1929. The Middletown Garden Club was one of the founding clubs, and the minutes include the mention of two of our illustrious forebears, Mrs. E.C. Acheson and Miss Mary Jones.

Mrs. Acheson offered metal garden stakes, which our club sold in bundles of 25 or 100. Miss Jones reported on conservation matters and told the membership that the Garden Club of America had made available charts on wildflowers. A payment of \$4.00 was requested from each club to defray the cost of office supplies and postage. Another tidbit from another file folder: MGC seconded the motion to invite the CT Valley Garden Club into GCA in 1933!

MINUTES

February 21, 2024 Business Meeting

Following an informative and entertaining presentation by GCA Scholar Ana Bermudez, Vice-President Wuestefeld called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. She thanked our speaker and Judy and Laney for organizing the program, and especially Lynne and Debby for the delicious snacks.

On a motion by Kathie, seconded by Amy, the minutes from September, October, November, and January were approved unanimously. The Treasurer's reports from the same period were unanimously approved on a motion by Amy, seconded by Kathie.

Kim then passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers who have not yet registered to work at the [GCA Annual Meeting in Hartford, April 25 - 28](#). The online registration for volunteers is expected to go live around March 11. There was much discussion of the jobs and time slots that need to be filled; our club's workers will be dedicated to helping Patsy provide meals for breakfast and lunch for all attendees.

Volunteers will be able to buy aprons commemorating the event - there will also be some we can share; the purpose of the aprons is to make volunteers readily identifiable by the attendees, who will have lots of questions. Kim then asked for committee reports.

Admissions: Amy introduced her guest, Jan Philippe, who moved to Middletown from St. Louis recently. Jan is an avid gardener and is interested in joining the club.

Archives: Kathie reported that the company she selected to scan our archives is progressing, and the pricing appears much lower than she had feared. We will receive the scanned files on a thumb drive, which can be uploaded if we choose to our website or some other storage option.

Civic Improvement, etc.: Edwina explained that the club will vote on the Founders Fund finalists at the March meeting so that Maria can enter our result online before April 1. Anyone who won't attend the March meeting should email Edwina with their vote.

Communications Jane said she would send Debby some publicity material for our April meeting, which is open to the public.

Finance: Mary asked whether any club members were using the membership the club has in the CT Flower Collective. A decision on whether to re-up will be made at the March meeting.

Flower Show and Floral Design: Some classes are still open at the GCA A.M. Flower Show.

Horticulture: Kathy Meyering reminded members to keep tending their violas, from which she will select the entry to bring to the Gavel Challenge at the Annual Meeting in April. Also, the Hort Committee expects to gain support from the State of CT for National Native Plant Month again this year.

There being no further committee reports, Kim called for a motion to adjourn at 2:45 pm. The vote on Jane's motion to do so, seconded by Kathie, was unanimously affirmative.

ATTENDANCE: A. Albert, S. Allison, L. Bank, J. Bell, K. Coley, S. Cornish, L. Garner, K. Green, J. Harris, R. Kelley, A. McCloskey, O. McLaughlin, K. Meyering, P. Mylchreest, E. Ranganathan, R. Rickenback, J. Schoonmaker, D. Shapiro, K. Wuestefeld, M. Xenelis. Special Guest, Jan Philippe.
Excused: E. Carella, T. Ferguson, R. Higgins, M. Holzberg, M. Kalayjian, M. Roberts

MGC Calendar March & April

March 9

CT Master Gardener Virtual Symposium

March 21

Regular Business meeting; Nancy DuBrule, guest speaker.

1:00 p.m.

CT Forest & Park, 16 Meriden Road, Rockfall, CT. (on Route 66)

April 18

Regular Business meeting; Lindsey Taylor, guest speaker.

1:00 p.m.

Wadsworth Mansion, 421 Wadsworth St., Middletown, CT.

April 25 - 28 GCA Annual Meeting, Hartford

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