



DECEMBER 2018 ABBREVIATED NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Tis the season ...

It is holiday time - that hectic time for everyone, but we hope you take some time to enjoy the season too. As we conclude this year of 2018, here's what is happening:

Ty Tan and Jill Ernst ordered, organized, and worked on the greenery to dress up the town, just in time for the annual Holiday Stroll. The Greens Workshop was held at the end of November; you can see the results of our busy members in this newsletter. Our Hospitality chairs, Cindy Bamatter, Cindy Still and Robin Miner, who have been enthusiastically filling our tummies, provided wonderful treats for us too.

We owe a sleigh full of gratitude to Rose Bauersfeld for her initiative in organizing the "stuffing" party at Lapham a few weeks ago. Aply assisted by Karen Hanson, Dody Whitehurst, and Eva Wingate their efforts to get a head start on our ever-important town-wide solicitation brought out many members. Everyone had a good time sharing both chatter with old and new friends as well as enjoying a delicious lunch and door prizes. Thank you, Rose. This might well be a new NCBL tradition. More to come on the mailing of our envelopes ...

In addition to the new, we have an exciting "old" to celebrate. We plan to celebrate NCBL's 80th anniversary with a very special event on Sunday, April 28. We need to form a committee to go forward. Please contact Barbara Beall if you can help.

Plan to start the new year at our January 9 meeting when we will hear Robin Hoffman speak to us on "Impressionists in the Garden: From Vase to Vista."

Have a wonderful and joyous holiday season!

Barbara and Karen

UPCOMING EVENTS



Shopping Event at Against the Grain

Thursday, December 13, 2018

4 pm - 8 pm

Against the Grain 91 Main Street



January Program Impressionists in the Garden: From Vista to Vase with ArtScapades co-founder Robin Hoffman

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

coffee: 9:30 am

program: 10:00 am

New Canaan Nature Center



February Program Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast: A Natural History with Carol Gracie

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

coffee: 9:30 am

program: 10:00 am

New Canaan Nature Center



March Program The Gardener: Enjoy the award-winning film

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

coffee: 9:30 am

program: 10:00 am

New Canaan Nature Center

You can find a complete listing of our programs on our website.



THURSDAY

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**DECEMBER
4PM - 8PM**

**SHOPPING EVENT TO BENEFIT
THE NEW CANAAN BEAUTIFICATION LEAGUE**

SHOP AT AGAINST THE GRAIN WHILE ENJOYING WINE AND APPETIZERS AND 10% OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED TO THE NEW CANAAN BEAUTIFICATION LEAGUE.

**AGAINST THE GRAIN
91 MAIN STREET
NEW CANAAN**



OUR GOAL AT AGAINST THE GRAIN IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY HAND-CRAFTED PRODUCTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND COUNTRY. IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER, WE OFFER THE BEST QUALITY OUTDOOR FURNITURE, CUSTOM BUILT TO HELP OUR CUSTOMERS ACHIEVE THAT PERFECT OUTDOOR SPACE. DURING THE HOLIDAYS, YOU WILL FIND UNIQUE, HAND-MADE PRODUCTS RANGING FROM CUTTING BOARDS, BOWLS, CANDLES, ORNAMENTS TO CREATIVE GAMES AND PUZZLES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. WE ARE ALWAYS BRINGING IN NEW ITEMS TO THE STORE AND OUR CUSTOMERS LOVE TO EXPLORE ALL THE COOL AND UNIQUE ITEMS WE'VE DISCOVERED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.



New Canaan Beautification League presents:

ArtScapades

Bringing you to galleries . . . or galleries to you.

**Impressionists in the Garden:
From Vista to Vase**

**Wednesday January 9, 2019
coffee: 9:30 am | program: 10:00 am
New Canaan Nature Center**



Celia Thaxter's Garden
Childe Hassam, 1890



Red Poppies and Daisies
Vincent van Gogh, 1890

Flowers are made for Impressionism. When we think of the Impressionists, images of vibrant landscapes and beautiful bouquets come to mind.

In a special lecture ArtScapades has developed for gardening groups, Robin Hoffman will discuss how gardens and flowers played an important role in the periods of French Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, as well as American Impressionism.

ArtScapades will present works by Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, Vincent van Gogh, and Childe Hassam, paying special attention to the flowers they painted.



Robin Hoffman and Jodi Stiffelman, of ArtScapades, began teaching art appreciation in 1998. They have presented at libraries and museums in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, and Florida, and are delighted to have been asked to speak at the New Canaan Beautification League.



Save the Date

April 28, 2019

Celebrating 80 years!



NCBL will be celebrating 80 years of service in 2019! Stay tuned for more information on how you can celebrate with us!

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of any member who is ill, hospitalized or has lost a loved one, please let Libby Butterworth or any of the membership chairs know.

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Walter Stewart's T-Bills donated to NCBL



Thank you to those who donated their Walter Stewart's T-Bill balances to NCBL last month. This is a charitable event Walter Stewart's promotes to give their customers a chance to give back to the local organizations of their choice. Many thanks to those who chose NCBL.

Another Chance to Donate December 13 - 19:

Walter Stewart's is having one more chance to donate your T-Bills this year.

Shoppers can donate their T-Bills to the NCBL at checkout between December 13 and 19. Walter Stewart's will match the donations.

New Canaan Gets "Decked Out" for the Holidays

On November 28, NCBL joined forces with the New Canaan Garden Club to make the wreaths and other greens that decorate our town. Reports from the morning all indicate that it was a great time!

Many thanks to our chairs, Ty Tan and Jill Ernst for organizing and taking care of the little hurdles that popped up with ease.

Town Hall and Nature Center planters, wreaths for prominent town buildings like the post office and police station, the train station fence garland, and arrangements for Town Hall offices were made that morning and will be appreciated by all!



The new entrance pots are gorgeous and festive! Underneath the greenery in each pot, there are 200 tulip bulbs, kindly donated by Chris Schipper of Colorblends. These will be blooming in spring.



Tulips Planted in Town

NCBL bought one thousand Spring Blend daffodils from Colorblends to plant in the pocket of land along Farm Road. This area was recently dug for gas lines and our town crew helped us in our efforts to revitalize the area and bring daffodils back to this very visible piece of land. Rob Carpenter, Kathy Lapolla, Faith Kerchoff, and Yvonne Hunkeler comprise the NCBL crew that did the planting that day.



Center Bell Gets a Clean Up

One November morning, Betsy Bilus, Yvonne Hunkeler, and Susan Weatherly spent a productive couple of hours tidying up the Center Bell triangle for winter.

Betsy tells us the weather was perfect and the company delightful. They pruned back the lavender stalks, overgrown rose bushes and red-twig dogwood, dug up the verbena, and raked leaves. It was an enjoyable way to spend the morning!

Lee Garden Report

The following report was submitted from our Lee Garden chairs on the current status and activities going on at Lee Garden:

- Repositioning of the fence has started and should be done soon.
- Water has been shut off for the season and hence, there will be no bathroom until spring.
- Books and files in the barn are being stored in big tubs to winterize and to keep the critters out.
- Fanny Moran, Sandy Seigel, and Kathy Lapolla helped plant bulbs at the garden in mid November when the temperatures topped out at 50 degrees.
- Thank you to our volunteers and to Chris Schipper from Colorblends who donated grape hyacinth bulbs for the garden.

Team Lee:
Kathy, Faith, and Yvonne

Our November Program

Celebrated garden writer Jane Garmey returned to the NCBL with a wonderful program on the public gardens of New York City. Jane stressed that "public gardens do matter" and they make a difference to the city and its various neighborhoods. She talked about many of the gardens featured in her book, and shared how these gardens were born, often arising from unusual circumstances and coincidences, and mostly arising from the passions of individuals.

If you missed her informative talk, you can view it from the NCTV channel 79 taping. You can find more copies of Jane's book, *City Green: Public Gardens of New York*, at Elm Street Books.



November Hospitality

Thank you to those who helped with the wonderful food for our last meeting. We enjoyed a great variety of food and received rave reviews from everyone!

Thanks to: Faith Kerchoff, Betsy Bilus, Judy Bentley, Debera Prosek, Fanny Moran, Liz Kunz, and Robin Miner.

We still need volunteers for February and forward, so please sign up. Contact Cindy Still at stillcj@aim.com.

November Flowers

Many thanks to Jacqueline Harmody for her most lovely flower arrangement! Once again, we were treated to beautiful Free Spirit roses that are just perfect for fall with their soft tangerine color and touches of pink.



Stuffing Party a Huge Success

The Annual Appeal Committee thanks all the volunteers that helped stuff envelopes at the Stuffing Party! The Stuffing Party took place in the dining room at the Lapham Community Center. It was a wonderful time, with lunch and prizes to add to the fun.

The room was alive with conversation and a good deal of stuffing took place.

Please note that bags to be addressed will be handed out at the Wednesday, January 9 meeting. We will email all volunteers reminders on January 7. If you do not plan to attend the meeting we will make arrangements to get the bag to you. Please email Rose Bauersfeld, rbauersfeld@yahoo.com, with any questions.