



## FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

This is our simplified, printable newsletter. To view our entire newsletter see our emailed version.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



#### **March Meeting & Program: Restoring Nature's Relationships at Home with Doug Tallamy (joint meeting with NCGC)**

Wednesday  
March 8, 2017 9:30  
am coffee  
10:00 am program  
New Canaan Library  
Lamb Room



#### **Flower Arranging 101**

Thursday  
March 30, 2017 10:00  
am - noon Waveny  
House Dining  
Room

### A Letter From Our Presidents

**"Why did you join the NCBL?"** I asked people and this is what they said:

"My friend made me/encouraged me."

"I like gardens, plants, and flowers."

"I care about keeping New Canaan looking good."

"It's a great way to meet people - really great people."

"I wanted to learn more about plants in my yard."

"It seems like a group with a good mission."

"I like knowing all the things they have done and do in town."

Whatever your individual reason .... this is a living breathing entity! It needs to grow to live, with new and current members contributing their particular talents. We all have special

**April  
Meeting &  
Program:  
America's Most  
Spectacular  
Garden in the  
1920s with  
Stephen Byrns**  
Wednesday  
April 5, 2017 9:30  
am coffee  
10:00 am program  
New Canaan Nature  
Center



**May  
Meeting &  
Program:  
Garden Style /  
Spring Style with  
Ariella Chezar**  
Wednesday  
May 3, 2017 9:30  
am coffee  
10:00 am program  
New Canaan Nature  
Center



**Lee Garden  
Azalea Festival**  
Sunday  
May 21, 2017  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Olive and George Lee  
Memorial Garden, 89  
Chichester Road

strengths and if we do one thing well, or learn one new thing, then we make this a better organization. The wheels have been turning for NCBL for 78 years - since 1939! Look at the names of our past presidents in our green book, and think of all the board members that have participated before us. When you look around New Canaan, it is difficult to imagine it without the special Beautification touches. Nominating season will soon be upon us to fill positions for next year. Let members of the nominating committee know of your interest. When they start ringing you, be prepared to say yes!

The wonderful Victorian Tea will be held on February 1. This is our thank you to ourselves for all the work we do. It will be purely social - a chance for members to catch up with each other and meet new members and guests. It is being organized by Gloria Simon with members bringing the food, so it will definitely be the best lunch in town. There will be beautiful flower arrangements made by our talented members to delight us. You can wear flowers and hats to make it even more festive. Count on seeing Liz Orteig in another beautiful chapeau!

Many members have been busy addressing our Annual Appeal letters for our March 1 town mailing. Believe it or not we are still receiving checks from the 2016 Appeal! We are extremely grateful to receive this support for what we do.

As you know we have been facing a drought, and in November Aquarion asked customers to reduce their water consumption by 20 percent. Start thinking of solutions to deal with the water shortage. The Chairmen of Hanging Baskets are considering adding hydro crystals to the baskets to deal with the water shortage.

In the meantime, pray for rain, enjoy some gardening books and catalogues, and look forward to our March speaker, Doug Tallamy. He is speaking on March 8 at the New Canaan Library in our joint program with the Garden Club of New Canaan.

*Faith and Sara*

THE NEW CANAAN BEAUTIFICATION LEAGUE &  
THE NEW CANAAN GARDEN CLUB  
PRESENT

# RESTORING NATURE'S RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME

with renowned author and expert  
Doug Tallamy



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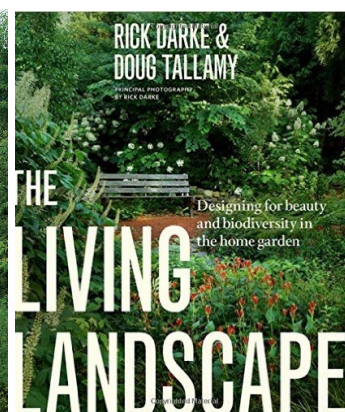
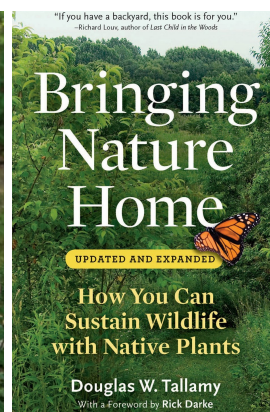
NEW CANAAN GARDEN CLUB

New Canaan Public Library - Lamb Room

## MAKE YOUR LANDSCAPE A LIVING ECOSYSTEM ONCE AGAIN!



photo Doug Tallamy



Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. His book, Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens (Timber Press 2007), was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. His second book, The Living Landscape, was co-authored with Rick Darke and published in 2014. Doug is a regular columnist for Garden Design Magazine. Among his awards are the Garden Club of America Margaret Douglas Medal for Conservation and the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence.



This program offered free to the public by NCBL and NCGC.

# Annual Appeal 2017



Half of the envelopes given to our wonderful members have been addressed and returned already! We are asking that members who still have to finish theirs to return them by February 15. If you cannot meet this deadline please contact Peggy or Judy below as soon as possible, and THANK YOU!

Peggy Jay  
Judy Johnson



Did you Miss Our January Program With Keith Simpson?

You can see the entire informative program on the  
New Canaan Channel 79 website.  
Go to [www.NCTV79.org](http://www.NCTV79.org). Click on “videos” and scroll  
down to NC Beautification League 1-4-17.



# FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP 101

Thursday

March 30, 2017 10 am - noon

Waveny House Dining Room



Susan and Shirley from last year's workshop.

Our first class was so well received that we had to do it again! Join Susan Bergen and Shirley Stancik as they teach our members the basic steps to creating splendid floral arrangements for all occasions.

**Please bring your own clippers and a selection of flowers you wish to use.** Glass vases and additional flowers and fillers will also be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. by March 27 to:

Shirley Stancik [sjsjds@optonline.net](mailto:sjsjds@optonline.net) or

Susan Bergen [fab16snb@gmail.com](mailto:fab16snb@gmail.com) to attend.

This is a member only event.

Hurry, as space is limited!





## **Fairfield County Regional Conservation Partnership**

All Partners Meeting

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017 (new date!)**

**7pm**

**The Wilton Library**

**137 Old Ridgefield Rd, Wilton, CT 06897**

**Hosted by The Wilton Land Conservation Trust**

## **What does a Pollinator Habitat Look Like?**

Speakers:

**Dr. Kimberly Stoner**

Associate Scientist, CT Agricultural Experiment Station

**Dr. Jennifer Mattei**

Dept. of Biology, Sacred Heart University

*CT is the first state to pass a Pollinator Protection Bill designed to increase pollinator habitat and restrict bee-toxic pesticides.*

*Come and learn about integrating healthy pollinator habitats using native plants in our backyards and open spaces.*

*RSVP: Mary Ellen Lemay, Coordinator  
melemay.grb@gmail.co*



## Lee Garden Chairs Get Advice on Trees & Shrubs

Lee Garden Chairs Faith Kerchoff and Yvonne Hunkeler (chairperson Kathy Lapolla was not present) took advantage of the winter landscape to assess the trees and shrubs at the garden. NCBL member and landscape architect Barbara Wilson of Barbara Wilson Landscape Architect LLC joined them to offer her expertise and guidance.



Would you like to help out in Lee Garden this spring? Contact one of the chairs to get on their email list. There are many different jobs to do, including light work, and it's time spent in a peaceful woodland paradise.

Clockwise from upper left:

- Faith, Barbara, and Yvonne discuss a large pine seedling.
- Walking along the mossy path that has been tended by Kathy Lapolla.
- Highbush blueberry.
- Enkianthus
- Tulip tree over 100 years old

This month in Hartford!  
36th Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show  
February 23 - 26, 2017



The show's theme this year is "Woodland Enchantment" and the event is filled with over fifty seminars and over 300 exhibitors.

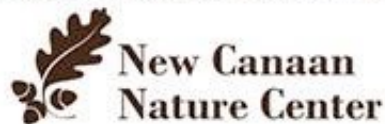
The show is held in the CT Convention Center, an easy drive right off I-91. To see the show schedule, speakers, exhibitors, and to buy tickets, see the CT Flower Show Website.



NYBG Classes at the Nature Center

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*educational classes at:*



The New York Botanical Garden is holding classes at the New Canaan Nature Center! How convenient it is to get top notch training from some of the best instructors in the country right in our own backyard!

The next upcoming class is listed below. To read the class description and to register, see the NCNC website.

Landscape Design : Thursday, March 9, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm