



FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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<https://www.newcanaanbeautification.org/newsletters>**

Hello Members,

Is it winter or spring? Shall we dig in and hunker down with catalogues, or dig in the garden? Whatever the weather might be it is time to think about tree work - be it pruning or just cleaning up. Alternatively, enjoy your houseplants. It's time to feed them now that the days are getting longer.

There are a lot of NCBL activities to stimulate us. On your mark, get set - our 80th anniversary party beckons. Please mark Sunday, April 28 on your calendars. Contact either Karen or Barbara to lend a helping hand.

We hope you are addressing annual appeal envelopes. Rose Bauersfeld and her team: Tonya Gwynn, Karen Hanson, Dody Whitehurst, and Eva Wingate did a super job of organizing and distributing the mailing materials. We all know how important this appeal is; the funds that are donated allow us to continue our mission of making New Canaan beautiful. It takes a village!

We are looking forward to another interesting speaker at our February 6 meeting. Jolley Frank, Nancy Malling, Carol Seldin, and Gerda Smith have done a great job in lining up our speaker once again. Carpooling to the program would be a good idea, especially if there is foul weather. We don't want anyone to be turned away due to parking problems.

The mail drop area at Pine and Park is about to get new plantings. The town recently made major improvements to the curbing, and now our Civic Beautification team led by Faith Kerchoff and Rob Carpenter, is getting ready to plant.

Finally, do you have any ideas for field trips - near or far? Several members are interested. Just call or pop us an email.

Enjoy every minute.

Barbara and Karen

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 about Les Quatre Vents

Wednesday

March 6, 2019

coffee: 9:30 am

program: 10:00 am

New Canaan Nature Center



April Program

The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change with Ken Druse

Wednesday

April 3, 2019

9:30 - 11:30 am

New Canaan Library

Joint meeting with NCGC



May Program

Seizing Beauty- Photographs Inspired by the Old Masters with Paulette Tavomina

Wednesday

May 1, 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.



Wednesday
March 6, 2019
9:30 coffee
10:00 program
New Canaan Nature Center
"THE GARDENER"



Come to our program in March where we will show Sébastien Chabot's captivating and award-winning documentary about one of the world's most beautiful and ambitious private gardens, the 20-acre Les Quatre Vents in rural Quebec.

Chabot's 2009 interview with its then 84 year old creator, Frank Cabot, is the basis for this loving look at Cabot's garden and the joy Cabot finds in creating his natural masterpiece. The movie itself is 43 minutes long.



Calling all popcorn makers!

Hospitality needs 3 - 4 members to bring food for the March meeting. We will be enjoying a movie that day, so popcorn is welcome, along with baked goods fruit, and other breakfast items. Please email Cindy at stillcj@aim.com, and include what you can bring.

We also need people to bring food for the April joint meeting with the Garden Club. Email Cindy at stillcj@aim.com if you can help.

Celebrate With Us!
April 28, 2019

cheers to
80
years

Please join us
to celebrate the anniversary of the
New Canaan Beautification League

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 28, 2019

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Watch your inbox
for more information!



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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The Annual Appeal thanks all volunteers who took bags of envelopes to address. Bags are to be returned at the **Wednesday, February 6 meeting**. Please return all pages and any extra envelopes in your bag. If you are not able to attend the meeting please contact one of the Annual Appeal members for other arrangements.

Thank you!

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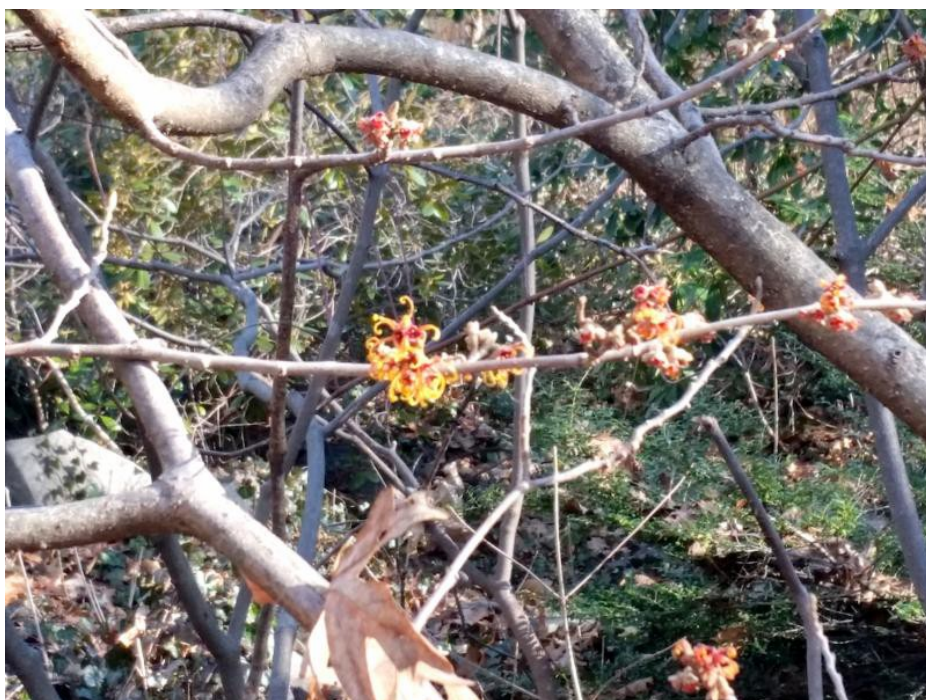
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Lee Garden Report

Amidst the cold and frost in January, there were blooms in Lee Garden. The winter blooming witch hazel (*Hamamelis sp.*) has started to bloom already.

Last year, these shrubs were in full bloom March 1. It will be interesting to see what happens to the blooms on these shrubs as we continue into February and March. You can take a look for yourself by going to the garden and walking down the main path, Wood Road. Multiple witch hazel shrubs can be seen about half way down the path on your right.



January Program

Wonderful Impressions

Robin Hoffman of ArtScapades gave a presentation that was informative, fascinating and fun.

In a lecture created specifically for gardeners and garden clubs, Robin spoke about the impressionists Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh, and Hassam. She skillfully explained the relationship these artists had to the flowers and landscapes they so famously painted.



January Flower Arrangement

Jacqueline Harmody used the theme of the program, impressionism, as inspiration for her bouquet. Roses and hydrangeas were paired with the wispy stems of *Delphenium* and *Thlaspi* to create a light and airy feel.

The flowers in this beautiful bouquet are: 'Playa Blanca' roses, *Hydrangea*, *Delphenium*, and *Thlaspi* 'Green Bell'.

ArtScapades generously shared the list of artwork mentioned in the presentation that can be viewed locally. This list is attached to this abbreviated newsletter. You can also download it from our complete electronic newsletter found on our website.

ArtScapades

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

Where to locally view works of art included in: **Impressionists in the Garden: From Vista to Vase**

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Garden at Sainte-Adresse, Claude Monet, 1867
Camille Monet on a Garden Bench, Claude Monet, 1873
Bouquet of Sunflowers, Claude Monet, 1881
Chrysanthemums, Claude Monet, 1882
In the Kameido Tenjin Shrine Compound, Utagawa Hiroshige, 1856
Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies, Claude Monet, 1899
Water Lilies, Claude Monet, 1919
The Monet Family in Their Garden at Argenteuil, Édouard Manet, 1874
In the Meadow, Auguste Renoir, 1890
The Farm at Les Collettes, Cagnes, Pierre Auguste Renoir, 1908-14
Oleanders, Vincent van Gogh, 1888
Sunflowers, Vincent van Gogh, 1887
Irises, Vincent van Gogh, 1990
Celia Thaxter's Garden, Isles of Shoals, Maine, Childe Hassam, 1890
The Water Garden, Childe Hassam, 1909

The Museum of Modern Art, New York

The Starry Night, Vincent van Gogh, 1889

Brooklyn Museum, NY

The Vineyards at Cagnes, Pierre Auguste Renoir, 1908-14
Plum Estate, One Hundred Famous Views of Edo, Utagawa Hiroshige, 1857

Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme, CT

Summer Evening, Childe Hassam, 1886

Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

Nymphéas (Water Lilies), Claude Monet, 1907
Monet painting in his garden in Argenteuil, Pierre Auguste Renoir, 1873
Self Portrait, Vincent van Gogh, 1887
Vase with Red Poppies, Vincent van Gogh, 1886

NOTE: All works are owned by these museums, but may not currently be on display.