



## **NOVEMBER 2018 ABBREVIATED NEWSLETTER**

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### Presidents' Letter

Now that we are seeing some fall colors, it is easier to believe that the holiday season is approaching quickly. After our Greens and Wreath Workshop on November 28, the Beautification League will take a break from our official projects and have some time to enjoy Thanksgiving and the December holidays.

We want to thank all the members who worked all spring and summer to make the hanging baskets, triangles, Lee Garden and many public areas in town look great. Under the leadership of Faith Kerchoff, Yvonne Hunkeler and Kathy Lapolla for Lee Garden; Kathy Lapolla, Brian Hollstein, and Barbara Wilson for the Triangles; Eileen Boehme, Ann Brookshire, and Bianca Romano for the hanging baskets; and Liz Orteig for Traveling Trowels, so many of you continued our mission of making New Canaan especially beautiful this year!

Our October luncheon was a great kickoff for our 80th year - thank you Gloria Simon. Our speaker, Marta McDowell, was outstanding. Thanks to the Program Committee, we can look forward to another year of informative and entertaining programs. Also, we are planning a special event in the spring to celebrate the Beautification League's 80th anniversary. We will need help with this - stay tuned.

After several years of discussion and planning, and under Peggy Dannemann's guidance, the "barn" in Lee Memorial Garden is finished. We now have an indoor work space and a terrace looking over the garden. Recently, the Woodman family donated a beautiful print of dried hydrangeas to hang in the barn. We hope you can come visit when the barn is open in the spring.

We hope to see you at the November 7 meeting to hear Jane Garmey talk about the well-known, and not so well-known, public gardens of New York City.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Barbara and Karen

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **November Program**

#### **City Green: Public Gardens of New York with Jane Garmey**

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

coffee: 09:30 am program: 10:00 am

New Canaan Nature Center



### **Annual Appeal Stuffing Party**

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Lapham Community Center Dining Room



### **Bulb Planting**

#### **@ Lee Garden**

Friday, November 16, 2018

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lee Memorial Garden



### **Bulb Planting**

#### **@ Lee Garden**

Monday, November 19, 2018

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lee Memorial Garden



### **Bulb Planting**

#### **@ Town Hall**

Monday, November 26, 2018

10:00 am

Town Hall



### **Holiday Wreaths & Greens Workshop**

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

New Canaan Nature Center Greenhouse

# November Program

## Discover New York City's Secret Gardens



### City Green:

Public Gardens of New York  
with author Jane Garmey

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New Canaan Nature Center

This will be our third visit from renowned garden writer Jane Garmey. She is delighted to share her garden knowledge and experience with NCBL members and friends at our November meeting.

Jane explores not only the well-known, but the under-visited gardens of New York City, and details the vitality, variety, and beauty of the city's landscapes and the growing appreciation of how gardens enhance the quality of urban life.

## A Note of Thanks from Tonya Gwynn



*Many thanks to all for the good wishes and the lovely chrysanthemums from the Beautification League. My wrist is getting better day by day and I hope to be back to normal in a few weeks.*

*Tonya Gwynn*

**The Annual Appeal Committee Invites You to a**

**🍂 Stuffing Party 🍂**

**Come Socialize and Help Stuff the  
2019 Annual Appeal Envelopes!  
Bring a Friend!**



This is a great opportunity to catch up with fellow members, meet new people and give the Annual Appeal a hand. Only have an hour or two? No problem, come when you can!

**To show our appreciation we will have door prizes, continental breakfast and lunch**

**DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**Time: 9:30 - 2:00**

**Place: Lapham Community Center, Dining Room**

**RSVP: Rose Bauersfeld, [rbauersfeld@yahoo.com](mailto:rbauersfeld@yahoo.com)**

Like to bake? We will happily accept baked goods to serve for breakfast or dessert.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**BULBS HAVE ARRIVED!**

**LEE GARDEN BULBS**

We have 3 different kinds of bulbs and areas to plant them at Lee Garden. **Come on Friday November 16, or Monday November 19, 11am - 2 pm to help us plant bulbs for spring!**



Learn what a tete-a-tete is!  
Learn what a goose eye narcissus looks like!  
Refreshments and hot cocoa served!



**WE WILL BE PLANTING TULIPS AT THE LARGE TOWN HALL PLANTERS ... for a glorious spring! MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 10AM.**



On November 26 we will remove the current plants from the Town Hall containers and plant tulip bulbs. The bulbs will then be ready to be covered with evergreens after the Holiday Greens Workshop.

## **HOLIDAY GREENS WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, November 28

New Canaan Nature Center **Greenhouse**

(note new location at the Nature Center this year)



Come and join us on Wednesday, November 28, at 8:30 am at the New Canaan Nature Center Greenhouse to make the wreaths that decorate many of our public buildings in town. We will be working in partnership with the Garden Club, an annual tradition and great opportunity to mingle with our friends in New Canaan's other garden group. No experience is necessary as we will show you what to do. It involves attaching fresh cut greenery to wooden frames with staples. Bring hand pruners, if you have them and gloves. There is no reason to call in advance. You can just show up!

When finished with the wreaths, and weather permitting, we will then be going to the Town Hall to add evergreens to the large rounds planters by the new entrance and rectangular planters by the old front door. Dress for the weather if you can help us with this part of the holiday decorating.

Ty Tan and Jill Ernst Holiday Greens Chairs

## WAVENY CARE CENTER FLOWER ARRANGING

### Dining Room Arranging in October

Take a look at some of the arrangements made in October for the Waveny Care Center dining room. The residents look forward to the change in arrangements every week. We heard that one resident in particular, takes photos of the arrangements and posts them on social media!

Anne Tropeano and Betsy Sammarco combined bunches of mini roses with donated Boston fern fronds for arrangements in mid October.



Arrangements by Betsy Bilus and Liz Kunz combined classic fall flowers and colors.



## CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

### The Town Hall in Fall

Our Town Hall planters have been changed out for the fall season.

Yvonne Hunkeler, Kathy Lapolla, Faith Kerchoff, Ty Tan, and Rob Carpenter (who took the photo below) added mums, pumpkins, and gourds to the overflowing pots at the entrance.



## LEE MEMORIAL GARDEN

### Creative Forces Behind the Barn

The photo below was taken one crisp fall day and captures the creative forces behind the new Lee barn. Pictured left to right are Faith Kerchoff, Peggy Dannemann, Yvonne Hunkeler, and Scott Phillips, AIA, LEED. Peggy was the construction manager for the project and Scott the architect.



### A Lovely Donation

David and Kim Woodman have donated a beautiful signed print of dried hydrangeas by artist Manabu Saito to Lee Barn.

Saito was born and educated in Japan, then received a degree in Industrial Design from Pratt Institute in New York City. He began his botanical career designing at the New York Botanical Garden. His botanical illustrations have appeared in Audubon, National Geographic, and numerous other magazines and journals. His works have been included in many books and have been exhibited in Botanical Gardens and museums throughout the world.

The Woodman family had known Manabu for many years. David's parents live in Tucson Arizona and Manabu had relocated there from Brooklyn, NY for the last years of his life. They were extremely close. The signed Hydrangea print presented to the NCBL was chosen by the Woodman's as a gift to the new barn and as a remembrance of the family's collaborations at the garden.

Charlie, David and Kim's son, was a member of SLOBs (Service League of Boys), that worked in the garden on several projects in his tenure at New Canaan High School. We will treasure this gift!

## Autumn Luncheon

We were very fortunate that our Programs Committee was able to reschedule our snowed-out March 2018 speaker for our Autumn Luncheon in October.

Marta McDowell spoke with expertise on the subject of her book *All The Presidents' Gardens*. She engaged our audience with questions and laughter. Did you know that the magnolias planted by Andrew Jackson are depicted on the Jackson \$20 bill? Did you realize that Rutherford B Hayes and his wife started the Easter Egg Roll and were the first to start the tradition of planting memorial trees on the White House property?

Marta shared these facts and more of her favorite vignettes from her book. Please note that Marta shared that her book on Emily Dickinson will be re-published soon in color.



## The Luncheon Flowers

Jacqueline Harmody is a new NCBL board member in charge of the flower arrangements for our special events and programs. Gay Clarke, Gerda Smith and Carol Seldin helped Jacqueline prepare the arrangements for the luncheon.



Gay Clarke, Gerda Smith, and Jacqueline Harmody pose behind the lovely arrangements.

Jacqueline is the co-founder of her floral business, Fleur2U.com. Fleur2U delivers fresh cut bundles of flowers from the farm to your table. There is no florist or middleman involved so you get high quality blooms for a fraction of the cost of a florist. They deliver to New Canaan and surrounding towns and accommodate special orders on request.

Email [jacqueline@fleur2u.com](mailto:jacqueline@fleur2u.com) to be added to their email list. The email list will include what is available for that coming week. You can find her website @ [www.fleur2U.com](http://www.fleur2U.com)