

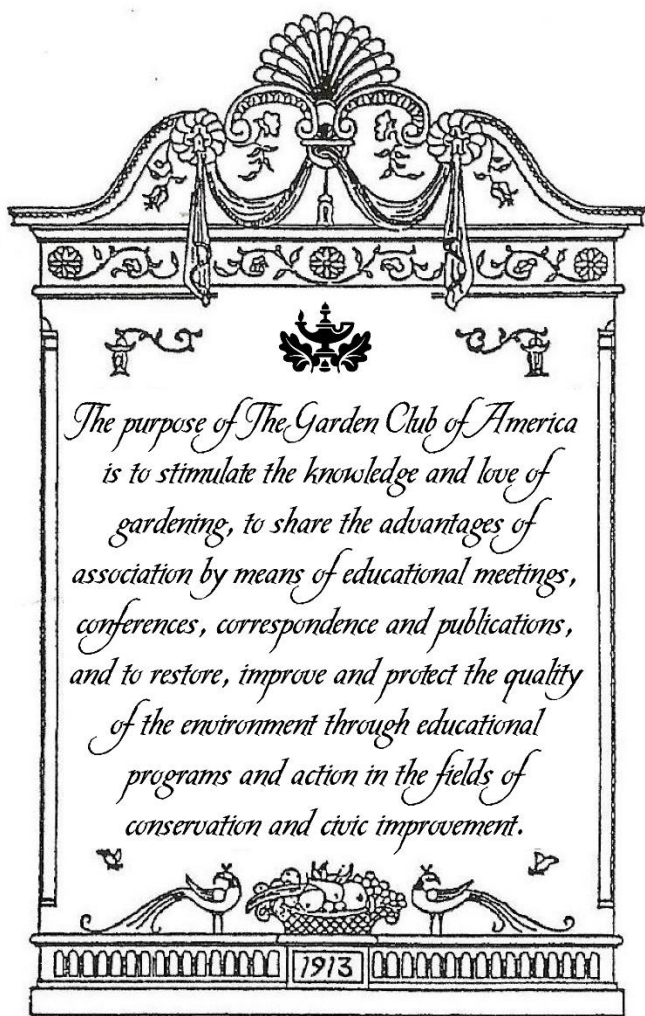


LENOX GARDEN CLUB

A Member of The Garden Club of America

The Mission of the Lenox Garden Club is to develop and stimulate interest and participation in horticulture, floral design, civic beautification and environmental concerns among our members and the public through education, volunteerism and financial support. The club also shares in the objectives of The Garden Club of America of which we have been a member since 1913.

2023 – 2024



*The purpose of The Garden Club of America
is to stimulate the knowledge and love of
gardening, to share the advantages of
association by means of educational meetings,
conferences, correspondence and publications,
and to restore, improve and protect the quality
of the environment through educational
programs and action in the fields of
conservation and civic improvement.*

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2023 PROGRAMS

July – December

Please refer to the newsletters and emails for the most up to date information and any changes to the program.

July 12 **Wednesday** **9:15 AM Gathering/Socializing**
9:45 AM Business Meeting
10:00 AM Program

Topic: Cultivating Cures: The Botany, Ecology and Lore of Northeast Medical Flora

Speaker: Professor Judith Sumner

Place: Berkshire Botanical Garden – Exhibition Hall

Hostess Comm.: ZUTTER, Davies, Shaw

Professor Judith Sumner, a Massachusetts-born botanist who specializes in ethnobotany, flowering plants, plant adaptations, and garden history has taught extensively at the college level and at many botanical gardens. For several years, under the pseudonym of Laura Craig, she authored a column “The Gardener’s Kitchen” in Horticulture Magazine. Her most recent book, published in 2019, is titled “Plants Go To War: A Botanic History of World War II.”

Should an LGC member wish to bring a guest, they will need to purchase a ticket through BBG.

** Please RSVP to Head Hostess KK Zutter at
kpzutter@outlook.com or 518-392-1924 **

August 2 **Wednesday** **9:15 AM Gathering/Socializing**
9:45 AM Business Meeting
10:00 AM Program

Topic: Embracing the Advice of Arborists and Environmentalists in the Care of Our Property

Speaker: Tom Ingersoll

Place: Private home in Lenox

Mtg. Coord.: Kimberley Crocker

Learn about Tom’s landscaping decisions at the Lenox home of one of his clients. He will share the reasons the choices were made and teach us

Learn different approaches to promote garden health, sustaining plantings through the winter while maximizing the beauty of your home landscape year-round.

** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Janet Pumphrey at
jhpumphrey@gmail.com or 413-637-1137 **

**November 1 Wednesday 9:15 AM Gathering/Socializing
9:45 AM Business Meeting
10:00 AM Program**

Topic: **The Importance of Trees in Our Every Day Lives**
Speaker: Bob Leverett
Place: Berkshire Botanical Garden – Ed. Center Classroom
Mtg. Coord.: Loretta Scheel and Paula Gimblette
Hostess Comm.: SALINETTI, Set, Smith, A.

Come join us and learn from the teachings of the “Old Growth Evangelist”, Bob Leverett. He is renowned and respected for his work in locating, identifying and measuring old growth forest for many years. He has been sharing his strong belief that these trees not only offer a serene affect on the human soul, but that they support biodiversity and play a vital role mitigating climate change.

“It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men’s hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanates from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.” Robert Louis Stevenson

** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Bobbie Anne Salinetti at
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December 13 Wednesday 3 PM

Topic: **Holiday Party**
Place: Home of Jeanie Knisely
399 Undermountain Road, Lenox, MA
Hostess Comm.: EGGLEHOFER, Edelstein and members of
the Hospitality Committee

Join in for a joyous holiday. Details to follow.

** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Janet Egelhofer at
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2024 PROGRAM

Please refer to the newsletters and emails for the most up-to-date information and any changes to the program.

IF YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO A HOSTESS COMMITTEE AND ARE UNABLE TO HELP ON THAT DATE, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE AND LET THE HEAD HOSTESS KNOW WHO YOUR REPLACEMENT WILL BE.

**January 10 Wednesday 9:15 AM Gathering/Socializing
10:00 AM Program**

Topic: Presentation of Strategic Plan
Place: Berkshire Botanical Garden, Education Building
Mtg. Coord.: Strategic Planning Committee
Hostess Comm.: SHEA, Moor, Bradley

Come for a presentation to the LGC membership by the Executive Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. It would be best if you came in person, but we hope Zoom will be available on request if necessary. Copies of the plan will be available following the meeting. We're looking forward to sharing the plan with you!

**** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Jane Shea at
janemshea@gmail.com or 413-298-4677 ****

**February 14 Wednesday 9:30 AM Gathering/Socializing
10:00 AM - 1 PM
Demonstration/Workshop
1 PM - 2 PM Bus. Mtg./Lunch**

Topic: Without Flowers on Valentine's Day... It would be just another day in February
Speaker: MaryEllen O'Brien
Place: Berkshire Botanical Garden, Education Building
Mtg. Coord.: Paul Gimblette, Loretta Scheel, Ginger Schwartz
Hostess Comm.: DEARY & PUMPHREY, Stell

As they say, all good things must come to an end . . . so, ladies, it's time to return your favorite Guy Lombardo albums to the back shelf for another year . . . and move on into the new year. And what a way to start the new year with a big WOW! This is just a friendly reminder

success! The instruction and workshop will be approximately
1 hr 15 mins.

**** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Vaunie Grauly at
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**June 5 Wednesday 11 AM Gathering
Noon Luncheon**

Topic: Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Place: The Lenox Club

**Hostess Comm.: FRENCH, Tindale, Copeland, Mitchell,
Yale, Willams**

**CELEBRATE! VOTE! MEET! CONGRATULATE! And of course
ENJOY a beautifully prepared LUNCH!**

**** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Diana French at
drcfrench@aol.com or 413-212-2728 ****

July 10 Wednesday Time: TBD

**Topic: Evolution of Properties: Mid-Summer Garden
Tour and Celebration Party**

Place: Gardens of:

Suzanne Yale, 13 Prospect Hill Rd., Stockbridge, MA

**Dan and Sherry Kasper, 43 West Alford Rd., West
Stockbridge, MA**

**Anthony and Pauline Archer-Wills, 53 May Lane,
Spencertown, NY**

John and KK Zutter, 184 Amy's Lane, Austerlitz, NY

Mtg. Coord.: Visiting Gardens Committee

Hostess Comm.: EGELHOFER, Philbrick, Spina

Visit four properties/gardens that have embraced different approaches to
landscape design and natural/ecological passions. At 5pm gather at the
Zutter property with spouses and/or partners for drinks and hors
d'oeuvres to celebrate the joy of caring for our gardens and each other.

**Preregistration required by July 3, 2024. Please RSVP to
Kimberley Crocker at kimberley.h.crocker@gmail.com**

**August 7 Wednesday 9:15 AM Business/Gathering
10:00 AM Program**

**Topic: Using the Richness of Our Harvest:
Preparing Herbal Dressing and Jelly**

Speaker: Terry Terry

Place: Berkshire Botanical Garden, Center House Kitchen

Mtg. Coord.: KK Zutter

Hostess Comm.: GIMBLETTE, Levin, Set

BBG Herb Associates will guide us in the preparation and sampling of herbal dressings and jelly.

Preregistration Required by Friday, August 2, 2024.

**** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Paula Gimblette at
pgim07@yahoo.com or 413-298-3150 ****

**September 11 Wednesday 5:00 PM Business/Gathering
5:30 - 7:00 PM Program
7:00 - 8:00 PM Reception**

Topic: Film: “Kiss the Ground”

Place: TBD

Mtg. Coord.: Mary Howard, Cynthia Tindale

Hostess Comm.: MANNING, Sprague, Hospitality Comm.

This film presents a plan to use regenerative agriculture to save the planet’s topsoil, water and combat climate change. The film, “Kiss The Ground” provides an introduction to a movement which began in 2013. A revolutionary group of activists, scientists, farmers, and politicians banded together in a global movement of “Regenerative Agriculture” that could balance our climate, replenish our water supplies, and provide healthy, pesticide-free food which could help feed the world. There are many inspiring, successful examples of farmers, ranchers, etc. throughout the film following through on this mission. As they say, the answer is right under our feet. The film was made in collaboration with filmmakers Josh and Rebecca Tickell. The film duration is 1-1/2 hours, with a reception to follow.

**Preregistration required by August 26, 2024. Please RSVP to Head
Hostess Mary Manning at mary@manning-assoc.com
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**October 9 Wednesday 9:15 AM Business/Gathering
10:00 AM Program**

Topic: **Powerhouse: The GCA: Unleashing our
Imagination, Energy, Resources, and Creativity.**

Place: TBD

Mtg. Coord.: Ginger Schwartz

Hostess Comm.: GOLDBERG, Piper, Yale

** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Barb Goldberg at
barbruth2015@gmail.com or 413-637-8950 **

**November 6 Wednesday 9:15 AM Business/Gathering
10:00 AM Program**

Topic: **Interactive Learning Experience on Ecological
Restoration.**

Speaker: Laura Jane Martin

Place: Berkshire Botanical Garden

Mtg. Coord.: Liz Stell

Hostess Comm.: SALINETTI, O'Brien, Snyder

Professor Laura Jane Martin of the Williams College Center for Environmental Studies will lead an interactive learning experience on ecological restoration. The rapid decline in songbirds and pollinators are well-publicized elements of the current biodiversity crisis. Many wild species will need help from humans to survive. What can we as individuals, as gardeners, as activists in our communities do to help? What can we learn from past efforts? To help us find a way forward, Dr. Martin will draw on examples from human efforts in the past century, which she covers in her recent book "Wild by Design: The Rise of Ecological Restoration."

** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Bobbie Anne Salinetti at
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December 11 Wednesday TBD

Topic: **Holiday Party**

Hostess Comm.: TOWL, Davidson, A. Smith

Join in for a joyous holiday. Details to follow.

** Please RSVP to Head Hostess Margot Towl at
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Helga Kaiser '93

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to thank all of you who have volunteered your time for our club. We did so many wonderful things this past year. For me the most important first step was getting us all to meet “**in-person**” once again. And this...we did!

Some of the feedback that I received this past year was that members want to know more about what we have done, particularly with our involvement with Community outreach so I am including much of what we have accomplished since last June. You will find more details in each of the Committee reports.

We had fantastic programs put together by our past and current Program Committees spanning so many different topics organized under the leadership of Program Chairs, Sally Set, KK Zutter and now Kendra MacLeod. During the winter months, we were able to expand the ability for each of you to attend our business meetings followed by our monthly programs by offering hybrid meetings. This couldn't have been done without the support of Mary Talbot, Virtual Communications Chair and Berkshire Botanical Garden's staff. We had programs about growing peonies, birds of the Berkshires, and forest resiliency. We started off in January with Anthony Archer-Wills who dazzled us by showing us many of his designs of naturalistic water gardens. In February, Jane Winn of Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) shared with us what her organization is doing to help combat pollution and climate change. We learned about light pollution from Jane Slade. In May, David O'Neill, director of Mass Audubon gave us a free program at Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (PVWS) about climate change and habitat loss. Afterward, many members went to see the boardwalk that was rebuilt following the microburst storm with the help of funding received from the Garden Club of America's (GCA) Restoration Initiative Grant (RIG).

We had many very popular social gatherings. And yes indeed we did socialize! We began last June on the porch at the Lenox Club for Part 2 of the AM, the next month following our Program on how to document a garden, we gathered for lunch at the home of Deb and Paul Deres and strolled through Shaker Ridge Woodlands most recently documented by for the Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens, visited private gardens in Claverack followed by a social gathering at Art Omi arranged by Kim Crocker, Chair of Visiting Gardens, and her committee. In July, Megan Schwarzkopf, Horticulture (Hort) Chair organized a propagation

workshop at her Bennington, Vermont home for the Hort Committee to propagate plants for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference (SMHC) Plant Exchange (PX). Some of these social gatherings even included Carolyn King's spontaneous "pop up" invitation to see her gardens. In September, members of the Conservation Committee visited the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction to see the incredibly impressive greenhouses where they grow mostly lettuce using hydroponic technology. Can you imagine us there? It was very impressive! In December, we ended 2022 on a high note at our Holiday Tea graciously hosted by member Mary Manning and arranged by Vaunie Graulty and her committee. In March, Nancy Hickey and her crew brought back our French Gardener's Breakfast at Mary Stokes Waller's Orleton Farm. Mary generously hosted us at her newly renovated venue. And Cathie Kavanaugh not only catered for the breakfast (with help), she also donated the food for it. And nothing could have topped it off better than a walk through LGC history organized by Debbie Smith and the display done by her and Paula Gimblette.

In April Flower Show chair Diana French's hope of returning to an in-person Daffodil Show was fulfilled. Diana and her team put together a fabulous Flower Show, Daffodil Derby, for us where daffodils were displayed individually as Hort entries, in floral designs, and in photographs. Well! Talking about socializing, the night before the Flower Show we gathered at Ginger Schwarz's home for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, which were generously donated by her and her helpers. Let's keep these wonderful events going throughout next year!

Now, what did we do for community outreach? Well, we did a lot! Many of you are aware of our activities that you were involved in but if you weren't you may not know about all that we have done.

- We received a **\$3,000 grant** from the GCA written by Barb May and Paula Gimblette to continue to support habitat restoration efforts along the Sackett brook riverbank at **Canoe Meadows** in Pittsfield in partnership with Mass Audubon West.
- We also received another **\$10,000 Restoration Initiative Grant** from the GCA written by Deb Deres, Pamela Sandstrom and PVWS staff to help rebuild PVWS's boardwalk and to educate our community about the impacts of our changing weather patterns.
- We gave another **\$500 to BBG** for a campership in honor of late LGC past president, Ellen Greendale.
- Last summer the **Pollinator Pathway Project** Committee led by Loretta Scheel established a pollinator garden in Stockbridge at the First Congregational Church and added

pollinator plants at the Stockbridge Library Garden with around **\$1000** of funds from our Community Account.

- We gave out our **first LGC Scholarship of \$500** last summer to **Abigail Webster**. Thanks to the generosity of MaryEllen O'Brien who underwrote this grant.
- In August, we supported the BBG Grow Show with many volunteers and entries in both Horticulture and Floral Design. Additionally, several of our members served on the leadership team and others supported the Judging Panel in various roles under the leadership of Co-Chairs KK Zutter and Martha Piper.
- In the fall, we “**womaned**” **Accessorize at the BBG Harvest Festival** under the leadership of Nancy Hickey and new member Cynthia Tindale selling **\$6600** worth of accessories.
- In December, we also solicited and contributed **\$700** in donations for the **Elizabeth Freeman Center** for abused and battered women. We can't say enough about this wonderful organization that provides a safe haven for women and hope to contribute to this organization again next year.
- Two grants were approved by our membership to be given out for tree plantings. One to **Trinity Church for \$2,500** and the other to the **George B. Crane Center for \$1,000** that will be given latter in the fall.
- In March, Jeanne Davidson, Liz Murray, Margot Towl, MaryEllen O'Brien, and Jane Shea organized a **food drive** collecting money and items to be **donated to the Lee Food Pantry**. Over **\$2,000** was collected from LGC members along with 2 carloads of pantry items.
- In April, Lenore Sundberg and members of the Conservation Committee along with Mass Audubon West organized an **educational workshop day at PVWS** for LGC members as well as members of our community.
- As a continuation of our LGC focus on **food insecurity**, Kendra MacLeod organized members to participate in a **workday** of planting at **Gideon's Garden**. Gideon's Garden is a nonprofit that donates 100% of their harvest to local food pantries and works with middle-school children to give them exposure to farming.
- We also gave the **Town of Lenox close to \$1,300** to help maintain Lilac Park.
- Kendra MacLeod and her Fundraising Committee along with Classical Excursions arranged a phenomenal **Fundraising Trip to Northern Ireland** raising thousands of dollars for our community budget for next year.

A few other important things that you should know about are that our club supported the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference which took place at different locations in the Boston area in September 2022. Stephanie Bradford and Loretta Scheel were co-chairs for badges. Deb Deres organized and ran the Plant Exchange. There were several other LGC volunteers who helped us with these efforts: Carolyn King, Ginger Schwarz, and Kathy Tremblay. Lenore Sundberg attended as our LGC delegate. At this GCA conference our Hort Chair, Megan Schwarzkopf's nomination for the prestigious Freeman Medal Plant of the Year received the Honorable Mention Award. In May, Megan attended the GCA Annual Meeting as the LGC delegate and shared with the Club her experience as did Lenore Sundberg with her experience from attending the SMHC. Both of our delegates have and will continue to share and enrich our club with information that they learned.

In February, Deb Deres was tasked by the LGC executive committee to reach out to a strategic planning expert to advise the LGC on developing a Strategic Plan. She contacted Debbie Edwards, a past GCA president with professional strategic planning expertise who developed the latest Strategic Plan for the GCA. We are so fortunate that she has agreed to advise our club. She agreed to do this at no charge to us. Being able to connect with her is a benefit of being a club member of the GCA and something that is worth thousands of dollars in savings for our club. Debbie told me that she is not doing this for the GCA but as an individual with many years of experience in strategic planning and with garden clubs because she wants to help us. The Strategic Planning Committee was formed the same month and is being led by Pam Johnson. In March under Pam's leadership, our club embarked on developing a Strategic Plan where each one of you will be involved to help to shape the future of the Lenox Garden Club.

Once again Gloria McMahon led the effort to decorate The Mount. Many of us volunteered and enjoyed ourselves developing further bonds with members. An invitation was extended to attend Lightwoods for free one night in December to those who helped decorate The Mount. Also, in exchange for this The Mount provides us with a free event.

And Janet Pumphrey's exquisite photographs were chosen not once but twice for the cover of for the GCA eNEWS publication. The extraordinary talent among our members is so remarkable!

Thanks to Mary Talbot and the Communications Committee we were kept well informed of happenings in our club through our monthly communication At-A-Glance and e-mail blasts. I especially want to

acknowledge and thank Angela Cason for developing and getting out At-A-Glance every month.

As you can see, we have had an enormous number of very laudable activities this past year and so many more are not mentioned in this report.

I am so proud of all of you and want to thank you for your continued dedication, efforts, and commitment to our club. I look forward with great anticipation to we will be able to achieve in our next 12 months together.

With much appreciation,
Deb Deres

ARCHIVES

The official records of the Lenox Garden Club generated in the past year continue to be deposited in digital format in secure folders on Google Drive's file-sharing platform. The established document series include the monthly newsletter (distributed via Mailchimp by Lenox Garden Club Communications <lgccomms@gmail.com> beginning with the July 2022 issue), along with minutes of membership and executive committee meetings, budget and financial statements, pages from the yearbook documenting current officers, committee membership, programs and hostess schedules, current members' contact information and list of members in memorium, committee chairs' annual reports, along with summary financial information. In addition to the yearbook contents, permanent pages serving as the club's handbook document the club's mission and history, committee guidelines, policy, and bylaws (updated regularly by the policy committee), along with the annual record of award recipients, and designated attendees to GCA and Zone I annual meetings. Selected miscellaneous communications pertinent to official club business will also be preserved digitally and reflected in the ongoing effort to develop and maintain a secure, accessible digital-archive index.

Documents preserved in the club's physical archives located in the Berkshire Botanical Garden's Center House attic were accessed in the past year and presented in an entertaining program at this year's French Gardeners' Breakfast by six members who covered details of LGC's engagement with Hancock Shaker Village, Habitat for Humanity, Lilac Park, Beinecke Bell kitchen-garden competitions, and other initiatives

including contributions by club members during WW I and II.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Sandstrom

AWARDS

The Awards Committee has the honor each year of recognizing those members who have served the GCA and LGC with years of service and contributions above and beyond for the benefit of GCA, LGC and the wider community.

In 2022, the following members received Years of Service Awards totaling 205 years of service to the GCA.

Thirty Years	Ginger Schwartz
Forty Years	Jytte Brooks Elizabeth Montgomery
Forty-Five Years	Tjasa Sprague
Fifty Years	Debbie Smith

In 2023, the committee had the opportunity to express its appreciation to other members for their contributions.

GCA Awards

2023 GCA Medal of Merit - Margot Towl

LGC Club Awards

2023 Beverly Hallock Award - Mary Manning

2023 Civic Improvement Award - Jeanne Davidson
Liz Murray

2023 LGC Award - Nancy Hickey

2023 President's Award - Mary Talbot

2023 Trusty Trowel Award - Angela Cason

Congratulations to all for sharing their many talents and all their contributions to LGC and GCA.

Stepping in late to chair this committee, I owe many thanks to everyone who helped make these well-deserved awards possible. From writing a proposal letter to GCA, meeting to decide on the club awards preparing the beautiful awards certificates, and graciously presenting the awards, my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of you.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Bradford

COMMUNICATIONS

The 2022-23 year brought in a new style of newsletter for the members. Designed as an at-a-glance, topics were easy to access with icons to click with each month's relevant topics. There were sent to each member on the 15th of the month by email. Topics included the following:

- President Deb Deres' message
- Minutes of the previous month's member meeting
- Reports from the ongoing Strategic Planning Committee
- Invitations to future events
- Suggestions for Recycling Reports from various committees
- Flower Show information

Key to the monthly At-A-Glance Newsletters was Angela Cason, who put information into the email format which members found easily accessible.

E-blasts were sent to members with time-sensitive information. Press releases were sent to The Berkshire Eagle and The Berkshire EDGE online newspaper

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Talbot

CONSERVATION

In September, our large committee of 18 members met to brainstorm and discuss our top concerns regarding the environment. Ideas included invasive plants, native plants, plastic pollution, roadside litter, recycling, composting, and environment-friendly legislative initiatives. We shared ways that we were individually trying to reduce our use of plastics, our efforts to recycle, compost, etc., and decided to survey the whole club for input. Based on the data collected, we have created a Reduce/Reuse/Recycle Resource Guide which will be printed and also made available online for use by all LGC members.

In light of these environmental priorities, we invited Jane Winn, founding director of the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT), to be our Conservation Program speaker for the February 2023 membership meeting. Her inspiring talk, "How to BEAT Pollution and the Climate Crisis", highlighted some of BEAT's many projects that aim to protect and improve our local environment. All LGC members were encouraged

to sign up to receive BEAT's free weekly e-newsletter to keep informed about environmental issues.

In April, we co-organized with Mass Audubon staff an educational workshop (indoor talk and outdoor walk) on Forest Resilience and Climate-Smart Stewardship at Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox. Our presenters were two Mass Audubon scientists and attendees included LGC members as well as members of local environmental organizations invited to participate. Our committee provided refreshments for both the morning and afternoon workshop sessions. This was the culminating educational event for the \$10,000 GCA Restoration Initiative Grant that was awarded to Pleasant Valley in 2022 to help rebuild the boardwalk destroyed during a severe microburst storm in July 2021. We will submit a final report for this GCA grant along with photographs to be posted on the GCA website.

In conjunction with the GCA effort to designate April as Native Plant Month in all 50 States, we wrote a Press Release highlighting four public native plant pollinator gardens that LGC created over the past several years. Also accomplished (via persistent phone calls to Lenox town officials) – the removal of litter along Lenox Mountain Road. We are so thankful.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention a memorable field trip organized by one of our committee members last September – a guided tour of the aquaponic greenhouse at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction in Pittsfield. We were all amazed at the beautiful heads of lettuce produced there using water enriched with the waste of tilapia fish living in tanks in the greenhouse! Prisoners work with jail staff to grow the lettuce which is distributed to food pantries throughout the county all year long and also used in meals at the jail. We all were impressed and inspired – food for thought for sure.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenore Sundberg

FLORAL DESIGN EDUCATION

KK Zutter and Suzanne Yale, backed by the committee, created a proposal to bring an outstanding floral designer to the Berkshires, sponsored by the Lenox Garden Club. They worked with The Mount and Berkshire Botanical Garden to secure places on September 13 for, respectively, a morning lecture and demonstration in The Stables and an

afternoon workshop in BBG's education center. Jane Godshalk, an internationally known designer and teacher, accepted their invitation.

Subsequently, a contract was approved by the membership and planning continues. The Mount's website lists the event, which will be free to LGC members and open for a fee to others.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Johnson

FLOWER SHOW

After three years of virtual club flower shows, we finally were back together in person at the Berkshire Botanical Garden for the Daffodil Derby! As construction stalled on the still-unfinished, as of this writing, new Campers Building, our show was moved to the Center House with 59 daffodils in the Hort Division elegantly displayed on burlap and brown paper covered tables while Floral Design graced the largest of the three galleries.

In Floral Design, new member Angela Cason Hickey won the trifecta with a first, the Novice Award and Best in Show. Suzanne Yale won a first and the Gertrude Burdsall Floral Design Award. I got a first.

In Hort, Deb Deres won the Gertrude Burdsall Horticulture Award and Best in Show, and Bobbianne Salinetti won the Novice Award.

Due to the small amount of entries, Photography was not judged but entries were nicely displayed in the library.

Now here comes the really amazing news! The Hort Division totally knocked it out of the park with three Judges' Commendations. Here they are:

- Class II: "This subdivision exemplifies daffodils at their peak." (This is even more impressive considering that a bad storm tore through the region Friday night harming many plants and no doubt limiting the number of hort entries.)
- Show: "A beautifully staged show. We loved the use of craft paper and burlap, cotton wedging, and yellow ribbon dividers."
- All Classes: "The exhibitors and passers are commended for their accuracy in nomenclature." Thanks go to division consultants Stephanie Bradford and Tjasa Sprague for their hard work and encyclopedic knowledge of all things daffodil!

Further thanks go to Margot Towl, Jeanne Davidson and Sally Set for organizing a continental breakfast and lunch for the judges. Stephanie is also responsible for the signage and for making my schedule look so nice!

Of course, every good show should start with a cocktail party at Ginger Schwartz's house! What fun we had!

Above all, thank you to everyone who participated in the show by entering, passing, running, clerking, consulting, baking, shopping, and generally showing up and pitching in! The bad weather and change of venue were stumbling blocks easily surmounted, thanks to you!

Respectfully submitted,
Diana French

FUNDRAISING

In the last year, we received \$8,500 from the May 2022 tour of the Cotswolds in England from tour organizer Classical Excursions. Each participant's travel bill included a \$500 donation to our Community Programs fund.

This May, Classical Excursions, in conjunction with local art and antiques consultant Mark Donnelly, organized a tour of the great houses and gardens of Northern Ireland. Every day, we received tours from and/or dined with the descendants of the founders of such notable estates as Mount Stewart, Seaforde and Ballywater Park (where we also stayed for the first three nights enjoying dinner and fabulous hospitality with Lord and Lady Dunleath). Other notable stops were Grey Abbey, Clondeboye (a personal favorite as the contents – which no one ever sees – amassed by Lord Dufferin, 2nd Governor General of Canada, who ended his diplomatic career in 1880 as Viceroy of India, a truly great late Victorian collector), Castle Ward, and so many more – everywhere there were special behind the scenes tours of places that the general public never sees.

We also toured two gardens more similar to our own in size and we all loved these visits and talks with their proud owners. Personal highlights were the visit to Hillsborough Castle (the King's home in Northern Ireland) on Coronation Day followed by a special dinner of roast suckling pig back "home" at Ballywater Park and our final lunch in the spectacular rotunda of Barrons Court where we dined on estate-raised lamb with the Duke of Abercorn.

There were 13 participants on the tour and we expect our donation proceeds to arrive in the summer.

We had some challenges filling this tour as several (ten) early reservations needed to be cancelled for health and personal challenges. Despite our best efforts, we weren't able to replace them all. We hope to organize a tour for next year and encourage you all to consider participating as the experiences were truly exceptional and unique.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendra MacLeod

GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN

In July, Pam Johnson and Helen Davies presented at the membership meeting the rigorous process for documenting gardens via the GCA for the Smithsonian, illustrated by examples from Shaker Ridge Woodlands, the Old House and Helen's mother's garden.

The committee decided to focus on documenting pollinator gardens, initially those created by LGC teams, for entry into the less formal process at the Smithsonian. A rubric was created and tested by Pamela Sandstrom to document Parson's Marsh. Mary Manning met with the pollinator committee to initiate collaboration on documenting. It is assumed that the results will be widely disseminated.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Manning and Pam Johnson

HORTICULTURE

Sixteen members joined the Horticulture Committee for 2022-23. On July 8, 2022 there was a plant propagation workshop at Megan's home.

Some plant material was propagated for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in September. We practiced our propagation skills and then enjoyed lunch in downtown Bennington.

Our first meeting was held at BBG to discuss THE FUTURE... It was a good meeting to start ideas. Many really liked promoting anything involving Natives. Also, we talked about supporting the BBG Grow

Show, if not by exhibiting, then in administrative ways, and certainly going to the show when it opened to the public. We did agree to schedule Chris Ferrero for the general meeting in October 2023. “Putting the Garden to Bed,” Chris will address fresh techniques for Fall Cleanup while preserving important habitat for over-wintering insects. Learn different approaches to promote garden health, sustaining plantings through the winter while maximizing the beauty of your home landscape year-round. We also shared seeds from Sally Set, Allium ‘Millennium’, which we hope can be a committee mini-challenge.

We did an excellent job representing the Lenox GC at the BBG Grow Show. Twelve members of the club exhibited countless entries earning top placements. Congratulations to:

Stephanie Bradford
Deb Deres
Vaunie Graulty
Carolyn King
Wendy Mackey
Barb May

Mary Jane Piazza
Bobbie Anne Salinetti
Megan Schwarzkopf
Lenore Sundberg
Margot Towl
Kathy Tremblay

And a special thank you to the event Horticulture Chair, Stephanie Bradford. Lucky Deb, Amy, Kathy and Megan served as Clerks for the horticulture judging.

Three of the top show awards were given to our club members:

President Deb Deres won The Susan Delphia Award given to a singularly worthy organically grown entry. Initiated by the Berkshire Garden Club and maintained by the BBG in honor of past member Susan Delphia.

Carolyn King won The Beinecke Bell Award given to the blue ribbon winner deemed to be Best in Show and judged to be the finest in the Horticulture Division. Donated by the LGC in honor of Carrie Beinecke.

Kathy Tremblay won The Sweepstakes Award given to the entrant who accumulates the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in the Horticulture Division.

We prepared seed packages to share at the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Boston in September in addition to the two PX plants, *Itea virginica*, which were the result of the propagation workshop in July. Our plants were small but mighty. Deb Deres was responsible for managing the distribution of the Seed Share. Megan’s LGC nomination

of *Lindera benzoin* won an honorable mention for the GCA Freeman Medal awarded at the SMHC.

In October the Committee met at BBG to discuss more plans. We shared seeds that Lenore Sundberg, our SMHC delegate, and Megan collected at the SMHC, as well as members' assorted seeds. Stephanie Bradford and Anna Smith talked about resubmitting Joe Pye for the GCA Freeman Medal. Megan also has a submission. Those are due at the end of May 2023.

In January, I shared instructions for "Snow Sowing."

The GCA launched a nationwide, multidisciplinary, cross-committee collaboration to promote native plants by formally establishing a Native Plant Month in almost all fifty states. Using a proclamation, GCA club members across the country worked to formally establish a Native Plant Month within their state for April 2023. Massachusetts' proclamation was successfully passed, and several of the club's conservation projects align with the same native focus. At our club Annual Meeting 2023, native seeds and plants will be shared, in addition to other garden favorites.

In March, members were given directions on forcing winter branches to welcome Spring a little early.

For the LGC Annual Meeting in June 2023, we are bringing back the Plant Exchange with a Seed Share as well.

Always encouraging members to enter other clubs' shows. This has been difficult given distances.

Submitted by Megan Schwarzkopf, Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Six new members were officially introduced at the June Annual Meeting by Membership chair Mary Copeland: Angela Cason Hickey, Beth Levin, Amy Raidman, Cindy Taylor, Ardith Truhan and Judy Zahn. They were presented with Yearbooks and given a brief orientation after lunch.

Kathy Tremblay, having taken over the chair from Mary in September, held a committee meeting to plan a coffee-and-conversation gathering for new members at Nancy Hickey's home. Due to a combination of health

and out-of-town circumstances, that didn't take place, nor did one scheduled in April, for similar reasons. The committee met in person in May and, having heard enthusiastic reports about a past new-member lunch at BBG and the series of small outdoor gatherings organized by Lynn Edelstein when Covid prevented indoors events, decided to organize several smaller get-togethers for the coming year. It should be noted that members of the Class of 2022 participated generously when able. In addition to attending committee meetings, one person clerked at the Grow Show two months after joining; two attended a propagation workshop given by Megan Schwarzkopf, followed by lunch with several members in Bennington; one organized a well-received tour for the Conservation Committee of the aquaponic greenhouse at the Berkshire County Jail & House of Correction; and one took on a key role for the Communications Committee, co-organized last fall's Accessorize sale and, as a novice exhibitor, took Best in Show for her floral arrangement at this Spring's "Daffodil Derby."

In March, six new first-year members were approved by the Membership Committee and voted in by the Executive Committee: Mary Lou Bradley of Tyringham, proposed by Nancy Hickey; Jeanie Knigin Knisely of Lenox, proposed by Barb Goldberg; Gale Page of Spencertown, proposed by Kendra MacLeod, Liz Stell of Lanesboro, proposed by Kathy Tremblay; Cynthia Tindale of Hillsdale, proposed by Mary Jane Piazza, and Marilyn Wyatt of Lee, proposed by Janet Egelhofer.

Barb May '01, Patty Levy '19, Judy Zahn '22 and Cindy Taylor '22 have resigned from the club. Wendy Philbrick has transferred to the North Shore GC as her primary club while LGC becomes her secondary club. Longtime GCA floral judge Margaret Poutasse '71 and Skippy Nixon '06 have transitioned to Associate Member. With sadness, we marked the passing of the wonderful Helga Kaiser '93, in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Tremblay

PHOTOGRAPHY

On January 26, the Garden Club of America sponsored a day-long Zoom photography conference. The speakers were excellent and quite informative in terms of visual storytelling through photography.

On April 11, members were invited to a Zoom presentation by floral photographer Alan Shapiro. His talk was really excellent, and he

shared so many wonderful photographs. For a real treat, look at the flower page of his website:
<https://www.alanshapirophotography.com/Portfolio/Trippin-in-the-garden-on/>

Unfortunately, after months of planning by Diana French and Kathy Tremblay, the Daffodil Derby photography show on April 29 and 30 was cancelled because there were so few entries.

In the May edition, the Garden Club of America enews featured one of Janet Pumphrey's photographs.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Pumphrey

POLICY

The Policy Committee continues to review and update policies and bylaws as needed. This past year the policy for photos and videos to be used by LGC for both internal and external use was updated as reflected in the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings.

As we emerge from the isolation of the past few years, we will continue to review, amend and discuss as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilary Deely

PROJECTS REVIEW

The Projects Review Committee is happy to report that we will fund two projects that went through the application process and were presented, discussed and voted on at an Executive Committee and membership meeting this winter.

Our projects for the Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Projects Review cycle are as follows:

An award to the George B. Crane Memorial Center. A Community Grant for \$1,000 for the planting of a tree at their Linden Street location. The GCMC was "established in 2010 to provide a welcoming, comfortable, substance-free place for peer-to-peer recovery groups to meet and help one another." The tree project, slated to begin this fall,

will beautify the building in the West side of Pittsfield.

An award to Trinity Church. A Community Grant for \$2,500 for the planting of 3-4 trees as part of a much larger landscape/hardscape plan. This project is supported by the congregation and integrates into the town of Lenox walking plan. Our support is in line with previous collaboration efforts of an *Acer* tree planting by the LGC.

Continued effort to get the word out and increase application numbers is an ongoing effort. Application numbers increased from the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn King

SCHOLARSHIP

For the second year, the LGC Scholarship Committee awarded \$500 to a Berkshire County graduating senior who has demonstrated interest and achievement in the botanical and horticultural sciences. The scholarship, which began in 2022, reflects the club's mission to develop and stimulate interest and participation in horticulture, floral design, civic beautification and environmental concerns. Many thanks to last year's Chair, Pamela Sandstrom who stepped in during Mary Jane's family emergency, organizing the outreach to guidance counselors and science teachers of 14 Berkshire County high schools, public and private.

Just after the March 1 application deadline, the Committee met and was pleased to have received essay responses from six students, representing four area schools. The recipient of the award was Miss Tia Kareh of Adams, MA, who attended Hoosac Valley High School and plans to attend MCLA in the Fall.

The Committee's goal of generating wider awareness and participation was achieved. The committee will meet this fall to organize the outreach again, as another \$500 has been secured for a 2024 award.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Piazza

Lenox Garden Club
Operating Account Financial Results
June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023

	<u>12 mos. ended 5/31/23</u>		<u>FY 2024</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Membership dues	13,735	14,055	13,725
Plant Sale proceeds	58		
Misc. Income	155		
Total Income	<u>13,948</u>	<u>14,055</u>	<u>13,725</u>
<u>Expense</u>			
GCA Expenses			
Annual GCA dues	5,394	5,704	5,456
Annual GCA meeting	2,928	3,100	2,408
Zone I Meeting		100	50
Shirley Meneice Meeting	962	1,242	
NAL Meeting		1,750	
Other GCA Expenses			
Total GCA Expenses	<u>9,284</u>	<u>11,896</u>	<u>7,914</u>
Program Expenses			
July - November	1,070	1,550	1,825
Jan., Feb., March, May	650	1,000	1,000
Program Expenses - Other			100
Total Program Expenses	<u>1,720</u>	<u>2,550</u>	<u>2,925</u>
Member Social Events			
June, Dec., April	388	500	500
Total Member Social Events	388	500	500
Committee Expenses			
Flower Show	272	500	500
Garden History & Design		100	100
Horticulture	24	100	100
Conservation		100	100
Membership		200	200
Awards	101	250	250
Floral Design Education		250	500
Other Committee Expenses		100	100
Total Committee Expenses	<u>397</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,850</u>
Administrative Expenses	1,199	2,265	1,850
Executive Committee Fund			200
Othe Misc. Expenses	235	200	800
Total Expense	<u>13,223</u>	<u>19,011</u>	<u>16,039</u>
Net Income	<u>725</u>	<u>(4,956)</u>	<u>(2,314)</u>

**Lenox Garden Club
Community Account Financial Results
June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023**

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	12 mos. ended 5/31/23		FY 2024
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Unrestricted funds raised in prior years	\$ 9,377	\$ 9,377	\$ 14,815
Donations & gifts received			
Fundraising Income	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,000
Total Community Funds	\$ 17,877	\$ 16,877	\$ 21,815
<u>Expenses</u>			
Community Grants & Donations			
Community Grants	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Grants deferred from prior year			\$ 1,000
Community Donations		\$ 500	\$ 500
Pollinator Pathway Project	\$ 562	\$ 1,000	
Poll. Path. Project funds from prior year			\$ 438
LGC Scholarship			\$ 400
BBG Campership			\$ 175
Total Grants & Donations	\$ 3,062	\$ 6,500	\$ 12,513
Balance for future donations	\$ 14,815	\$ 10,377	\$ 9,302

Through Accessorize at the Harvest Festival, LGC donated \$6,600 to BBG.

During the fiscal year 2022-2023 Lenox Garden Club donated to:
Trinity Church, Lenox (\$2,500)

During the fiscal year 2022-2023 LGC Members donated to:
The Elizabeth Freeman Center (\$700 plus 20 packages of personal hygiene items)
Lee Food Pantry (\$2,345 plus 2 carloads of pantry items)

RESTRICTED FUNDS	12 mos. ended 5/31/23		FY 2024
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Projected</u>
<u>Income</u>			
LGC Scholarship Fund	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Partners for Plants	\$ 3,000		
Pollinator Pathway - Stock. Church	\$ 500		
Total Restricted Income	\$ 4,000	\$ 500	
<u>Expenses</u>			
LGC Scholarship	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 600
Greendale Campership Fund	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 325
Pollinator Pathway Project	\$ 500		
Partners for Plants	\$ 3,000		
Restoration Initiative Grant	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Total Restricted Expenses	\$ 14,500	\$ 11,000	\$ 925

Restricted Fund Account Balances as of 5/31/23

LGC Scholarship Fund	\$ 600
Greendale Campership Fund	\$ 325
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 925

\$1,296 was received from the Lilac Park Fund at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. These funds were sent to The Town of Lenox for the annual maintenance of Lilac Park.