

NEWSLETTER
Petals and Persiflage

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Proudly Celebrating 90 Years

*G*reetings

As we enter the season of giving, we have a lot to be thankful for and proud of this year, that beautiful Indian summer, our Zoom and media connections, eye-catching, nearby outdoor strolls and creativity in adapting our programs to keep us growing together.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday is Garden Club day!

November 24th – Board Meeting Zoom

December 1st – Wreathmaking Workshop

January 26th – Board Meeting Zoom

On top of all this, our club was honored by Federated Garden Clubs of CT with a first place award for our newsletter, "Petals and Persiflage", which Federated then submitted to the National Garden Clubs' newsletter competition! In addition, we were recognized for our support of the Green Corridor and Pollinator Pathway Initiatives, for our 90th Anniversary Tree and Bush Planting projects and individually for Wynn Herrmann and Donnie Naber's efforts to restore and improve the Atrium Garden at Earthplace. My congratulations and thanks to our Awards and 90th Anniversary Committees, our talented and dedicated Committee Chairs and our members who made these awards possible.

We can now finish this year on a high note with our favorite wreath-making workshop in Wynn Herrmann's garages at 1:00pm on December 1st. All are invited to attend this outdoor, social distanced event. Thank you Wynn, who jumped at Phyllis' idea to hold this event in a garage. Our Exhibits Chairs, Gael Ficken and Ginny Murphy, are coordinating with our members to have wreaths, bows, greens and decorations at hand and with our website gurus to make signing up for a special wreath easy. Check out our website for all the details of this wonderful holiday tradition. All of you, our members, will be invited to join our Zoom Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 24th at 10:00am when we will go over all the final details for the workshop. I'll keep it short!

Wishing you all a safe and joyous holiday season!!

Greens Farms Garden Club

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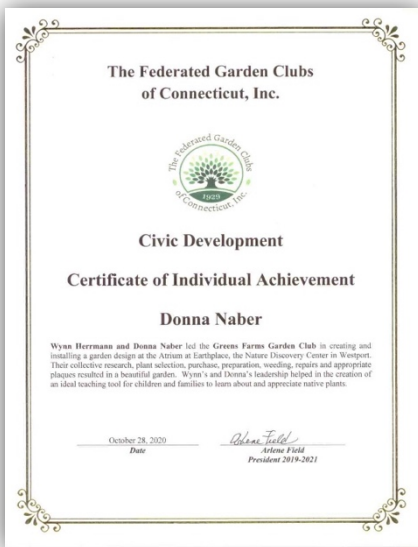
**Ann Watkins,
GFGC President**



Awards

And the award goes to...

On Wednesday, October 28th Ann Watkins, Kathy Mitchell, Dina Schmidt, Maren Hood and Chris Supernaw attended the 91st Annual Awards virtual meeting. Congratulations to the Greens Farms Garden Club and all its amazing members who helped to garner these significant achievements and the Awards Committee, lead by Maren Hood, for gaining us the esteemed recognition from both National Garden Clubs and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. Bravo!



Conservation & Horticulture



Dig in garden friends! GFGC has been awarded *Club Certificate of Appreciation in Conservation*, from Federated Garden Clubs of CT, for our efforts related to pollinator pathway which encourage planting native, pollinator friendly plants, and the practice of organic gardening.

Did you know it's beneficial to leave dead plants standing? The stems provide shelter and hiding places for birds, small mammals and insects. Some insects attach their chrysalis to dead plant stems. If you need to trim your perennials best to wait until spring after birds have eaten the seeds and insects over the winter months.

We are excited to join hands with you as we learn together about all the ways we can support our pollinators and environment. This is just the beginning!

**Mary Lou McGuire, Conservation
and Carol Shear, Horticulture**

Great Stocking Stuffers for Sale!

Nitrile TOUCH Gloves have an ultra-thin nylon knit to fit like a second skin, letting you feel what you're doing: weeding, pruning, even picking up seeds. Tougher than rubber, nitrile palm and finger coating protects you from the hazards of gardening. Machine washable. At \$7 per pair, they make a great gift or stocking stuffer. Call or email Jane Guenther at 203-374-6529 or pbjwg@aol.com to reserve today! Proceeds go toward GFGC efforts and initiatives.



Earthplace

On Tuesday, November 3rd, a group of GFGC members met, shortly after the November Membership Meeting zoom call, for an informative program at Earthplace. Veronica Swain, the Assistant Director of Nature Programs, guided us on a walk through a portion of the 62-acre wildlife sanctuary.

It was a glorious sunny day. Beautiful colors surrounded us. We got to see the outdoor amphitheater where meetings can be held safely outside. Our members enjoyed the guided trail tour. The pictures tell a thousand words and display the grand feelings of Fall and the colorful 🍁 beauty of nature.

Maybette Waldron
on behalf of Programs



Above photos courtesy of Gael Ficken and Jacque O'Brien



A big thanks to Jane Steiger, Jacque O'Brien and Pam Waesche [pictured at left with Wynn Herrmann behind the lens] for helping me with the Fall clean-up in the Atrium garden at Earthplace on Thursday, November 5th. The usual weeding, trimming, removing stakes, raking and blowing leaves were accomplished to prepare the garden for the winter months."

Wynn Herrmann,
Civil Development



HERITAGE MINUTE

Greens Farms Garden Club's roots run deep...

Executive Board Meeting Minutes November 29, 1960

"The Corresponding Secretary said that she has received a note of appreciation from Mr. Crauford. She then read a letter from the Federated Garden Club of Conn. to the President saying that a recommendation had been made that the Greens Farms Garden Club receive a blue ribbon award for the June "Wedding March House Tour". The Board was most gratified."

"Mrs. Dawson showed the members a very fine album of pictures taken at the Cerebral Palsy Center, also films of the cutting garden which proved such a success this summer. She said that Mrs. Fallon had taken down to the Center at Thanksgiving small Priscilla and John Alden figures filled with candy for the children."

Regular Meeting Minutes November 1, 1960

"Mrs. Byrne said that the dam at the Burr Farms School is almost finished and has, in her words, "already made a delightful area out of a tiny bit of ground and money and lots of elbow grease".

Mrs. Ingram gave a report on the developments at the Nike Center which included gifts of dogwood from the Hoyt Nurseries, yews from Mrs. Jewett and oaks from Mrs. Finneran."

"Mrs. Byrne gave a most attractive report of the condition of the new dam, pond and sluice gate at the Burr Farms School. It was agreed that plans should be made for the members to see it."

Gratitude can transform common days into Thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings!

**90th Anniversary Blessings,
Maybette Waldron and the Notable Ninety Committee**



Patpourri

Have something special to share? Don't Keep it to yourself!

Send it to dbottoneschmidt@gmail.com to be included in our next newsletter



Left: *Southport Village Trough*
– *Judy Reynolds*

Did you know that the fountain commemorates the Swamp Fight, a battle between the Pequot tribe and English settlers over land and trade on July 13, 1637? And, that it was dedicated in 1903 by the Daughters of the American Revolution?



Roses still in bloom at the Greens Farms Post Office as of Nov. 16th.
– *Wynn Herrmann*



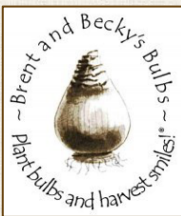
Above: *Wynn gave my grandsons a ride on her tractor. She took them around her beautiful backyard after removing all the leaves. She explained how important it is to mulch leaves, if you can. Wynn has a huge pile of leaves she is mulching. The boys were very impressed and want to do it in our yard! Wynn also took the boys into her garage to visit "BUGSY". Again, my grandsons were VERY IMPRESSED! BUGSY will have to move out for a day on December 1st, when we convene at Wynn's garage, to safely make our Christmas wreaths. Thank you Wynn for this special invitation!!*

– *Chris Supernaw*

Look who's on a short walk at H. Smith Richardson Preserve! [Besty Hulme]
– *Jacque O'Brien*



REMEMBER BRENT & BECKY'S BULBS! A family owned and operated company since 1900 and are a great source for high quality bulbs and more! Items are shipped when they are ready for planting in your USDA zone. Any time you plan to order bulbs please consider using them as GFGC gets 25% back on every purchase. Go to www.bloominbucks.com or call 877-661-2852 and select The Greens Farms Garden Club (it's under "T"). They also have great bulbs for winter forcing (amaryllis, paper whites, etc.), gift cards, garden accessories and tools. Check out their website at brentandbeckysbulbs.com.



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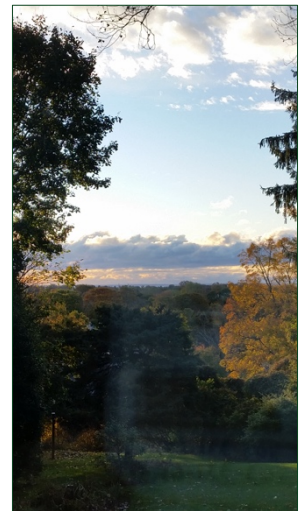
Above, a screenshot of the top six "Pumpkins on Parade" submissions showcased during the 91st Federated Garden Clubs of CT Annual Awards. How would you rate first, second and third place? Find the winners list at bottom of this page.



Scarecrow by our mailbox
~ just brought him in to
scare another year!
- Judy Reynolds



My 7 year old grandson
created this from all our
garden dahlias!!
These kids are **TECHY!**
- Chris Supernaw



There have been some
beautiful sunrises seen
from our window.
- Judy Reynolds

Upcoming Dates & Details

Tuesday is Garden Club Day!

Gov. Ned Lamont's mask order issued April 17 remains in force. It requires a mask or face covering for "any person in a public place in Connecticut who is unable to or does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person." Thank you for observing this order at all our in-person events and helping to keep our membership safe.

November

BOARD MEETING (CALL)

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Time: 10 AM meeting

Place: Zoom Call

Detail: Call will be hosted by Diane Parrish via Zoom. An invitation has been emailed by Ann Watkins.

Happy Thanksgiving

wishing you an

abundance of blessings
and good health



December

WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Wynn Herrmann's Garage
53 Morningside Drive South, Westport

Detail: Bring trimmings from your yard and old holiday décor from your attic to help make the season bright. We'll use the donated items to decorate wreaths that will be displayed around Fairfield and Westport. Feel free to bring along your own coffee or tea and dress appropriately for the weather.

HOLIDAY BREAK - NO DEC BOARD MTG

January

HOLIDAY BREAK - NO JAN MEMBERSHIP MTG

BOARD MEETING (CALL)

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2020

Time: 10 AM meeting

Place: Zoom Call

Detail: Call will be hosted by either Diane Parrish or Pam Toner via Zoom. An invitation will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Happy Birthday!

November	2	Kathy Mitchell
	12	Barbara Wendt
	16	Kate Carroll
	17	Betsy Hulme
	27	Ginny Murphy
December	15	Wynn Herrmann
	16	Audrey Webb

Please visit greensfarmsgardenclub.org for up-to-date info on meetings, member directory, plus minutes, newsletters, by-laws, fun pictures and more!