

Springfield Garden Club March News letter- 2017



Message from Deanna:

As I watch the snow melt and the sun shine out the window I am reminded daily of how, even though it's still winter, there are several of us scurrying around doing our "Spring garden club work"! Sandy says that Civic Beautification orders have been placed, Anne's Awards Committee has a few awards done and a couple more in the works. This takes much time on the computer gathering info and pictures etc. Upcoming programs have been publicized and Jean is spending lots of time writing up articles for the state newsletter, the police station light up board, and local papers as well as getting our website back up and updated. Barbara Lacey sent me a reminder that dues season is here and in fact past due and she has called folks who need to pay their dues before we send our yearbook to print. This membership chair job is a tough one that we all need to help out with. I know it's a long day when you have to spend it on the phone. I am in contact with our caterer for the spring meeting, installation of officers and luncheon. I have to meet with Mandy Traineanu to choose a menu. Everything she makes looks delicious. She specializes in European dishes so it should be different and wonderful. Could a couple of you go with me because I am not feeling confident choosing your luncheon buffet. (Rosann? Carolyn? Or anyone else that can help with this?)

Nominations for officers for next year, (starting in May 2017) has taken a bit of organizing. Thankfully we have many of our committee chairs staying in their positions for another year. I can tell you from personal experience these ladies (all ladies right now...) do a great job! As I move on to past president and Carolyn Lane is

installed as president in May we are in need of a vice president. At this time I have offered to fill in as vice president as well as past president. Sue MacCausland is our nominating committee and will be sending you the ballot soon. Please let me know if there is someone who can jump right into vice president with us! Call me at 802-885-5812 if you would like to know the description of this office as outlined in our bylaws. Also we need someone to be on the program committee for the 2017-2018 year. Glenna Richardson has done such a nice job procuring speakers and planning our activities and she will be glad to show you the ropes. Carolyn (yearbook set up) will be busy being president so you may want to grab a couple friends and run as a committee who does both the program and makes the yearbook. I hope you can please help us with this.

Yearbook notes: Next week is our March meeting. The following is a note written by Jean Swanson:

Garden Club to Host Henry Homeyer Talk on Perennials

Springfield- The public is invited to hear garden writer Henry Homeyer deliver a PowerPoint presentation on Wednesday, March 8th. The topic will be "Great Flowers for Vermont and New Hampshire"... including old favorites and lesser-known beauties. Henry will share his knowledge about these plants, including tricks to make them perform better. The 2:00 pm talk is free and open to the public, Wednesday, March 8th at the First Congregational Church 77 Main Street in Springfield, VT.

Henry is a UNH Master Gardener who has lived in Cornish Flat, NH since 1970. He is strictly organic, even in the flower beds and is the author of 4 gardening books. He writes a weekly gardening column that appears in 12 newspapers around New England, and has written for the New York Times, The Boston Globe and other newspapers. Henry was the Vermont/New Hampshire associate editor for People, Places and Plants magazine for 10 years.

He teaches organic gardening workshops throughout New England at garden shows, clubs, nurseries, public gardens and other venues. Henry is a regular monthly commentator on Vermont Public Radio and has taught Sustainable Gardening at Granite State College and Lebanon College. Hope you can join us in giving Henry a warm welcome in Springfield. Come and bring your questions, too. Light refreshments will be served.



Henry with Grandkids George & Casey

(Repeated from last month) The Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont Annual meeting this year is at The Quechee Inn on June 7th, 2017. The host club is Springfield. I hope that many of you can attend. Therese and I will go up to Quechee before the date and arrange for tables to be set up for registration, etc. On June 7th, Carolyn and I will register the attendees and Therese will be doing her District Director duties but we would love to have lunch with you and the program is always interesting. Then we can go to the antique shop or walk the bridge over the gorge!

Sue Hinkel, our state garden club president sent us notice that the NER, (New England Regional), has been renamed NEGC, (New England Garden Club). This will impact Anne and I as we apply for New England awards etc. but shouldn't impact the rest of us much...(famous last words)

<http://vermontfgcv.com/> our SGC website is springfieldgardenclub.org .

I received a letter from "All the Elves of the Santa Claus Club" thanking us for our yearly support of this program. This year they served 122 families, 283 children and 64 elders. I will put the letter in the historian's scrap book.

I was amazed how you all took tickets and bought such nice gifts and got them back to me in a timely manner etc. It has surely been a pleasure working with all of you this year no matter what the project was!

Thanks, Jocelyn for getting this letter out early with me as you head to help a friend who broke her foot. Oh dear. I know all about it!

Thanks to all of you for all you do for Springfield Garden Club!

