

Springfield Garden Club August 2019 President's Newsletter

August is "summer's last stand". An appropriate description, don't you think? Enjoy the colors and harvests of the season. And as your gardens continue to bloom, don't forget to capture the beauty with photos for our "Guess Whose Garden" photo displays planned for exhibit at our Christmas luncheon. Our gardens should be in full bloom. I had butterflies of all shapes and sizes on my echinacea this week.

Our watering schedule continues and the plantings look spectacular. I'm sure many of you continue to receive grateful



comments as I have, as you water our various beds. We are dedicated to civic beautification because it's the right thing to do and because we love flowers, but it sure is nice to know that Springfield residents also recognize the value. Their kind comments are always appreciated!

Another fascinating trip is planned with our August 14 tour of Pleasant View Gardens, 7316 Pleasant St., Loudon, NH. This is a research and growing center for Proven Winners and is sure to be educational. Russ Knowles will be our host. Russ was the featured speaker at our Christmas luncheon last December and offered an enticing look at new plants and colors for the 2019 season. **Timing and lunch details stated in the program book have changed.**



- ❖ There is no area easily available to us for a picnic lunch, therefore we leave Peebles at 10:00 a.m. for an 11:30 lunch at the Common Man in Concord, located at 25 Water St.
- ❖ Weathersfield members can arrange to meet at the Ascutney Park and Ride at 10:15 a.m.
- ❖ Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- ❖ **RSVP by Tuesday, August 6 to Rosann at rosann@vermontel.net.**

Enjoy exploring the Pleasant View Gardens website:
www.ProvenWinners.com/Pleasant-View-Gardens.

News from our Executive Committee. As part of a larger membership recruitment discussion, the Committee recently decided to raise SGC's online profile with a new Facebook page. We know that people are increasingly getting their news from and communicating through social media. Facebook will give us a free and popular way to post photos, share our program calendar and attract new members. Happily, **Karen** has volunteered to spearhead this project. She will be consulting with **Deanna**, another frequent Facebook user. This new publicity will be coordinated with **Jean**, our publicity chair. Stay tuned for further exciting news about this venture.

2019 SGC CALENDAR

June 12 – "Plants for Birds & Restoring our Community, One Garden at a Time" & Membership Drive. 6:00 pm, First Congregational Church.

July 10 – Garden Tour with Suzanne Dvorsky, Landscape Architect, Tunbridge VT. 11:15 a.m. meet at Peebles.

August 14 – Tour Pleasant View Gardens, Loudon NH, "Proven Winners". 10:00 a.m. meet at Peebles.

Sept. 11 – Rockefeller Natl Hist Park, Woodstock, VT. Tour of mansion & gardens. 8:45 a.m. meet at Peebles

Sept. 18 – Fall Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Claremont Savings Bank

Oct. 2 – Fall Gardens Clean-Up, 9:00 a.m. at Springfield Plaza (Peebles)

Oct. 9 – Festival of Trees Planning Meeting & Potluck. Bring a dish. 11:00 a.m. at Barbara Riotte's home.

Nov. 13 – FOT Wreath Workshop, 9:00 a.m. at Barbara Riotte's home.

Nov. 16 – FOT Moving Day, 9:00 a.m. at Lane's storage.

Nov. 18 – FOT Decorating Day, 9:00 a.m. at The Great Hall.

Nov. 20 & 21 – FOT Creative Workshop, 9:00 a.m. at Jean Swanson's home.

Nov. 22 – Festival of Trees! 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Be at Great Hall at 5:30 for group photo.)

Dec. 11 – Annual Holiday Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. MacLaomainn's Scottish Pub, Chester, VT

More news regarding member recruitment. **Sue McCausland** has begun a re-write of our club brochure. We intend to have the new brochure completed later this fall. It will be made available at several locations around town and will be a nice member invitation piece that we can all personally distribute.

New members will ensure the future of our club and our programs. Here are two easy things you can do to promote SGC membership.

- ✓ If you know someone who may be interested to join us, now is a great time to invite them to one of the exciting tours we have scheduled in August or September. Autumn is also a busy time as we clean up our planting areas and begin ramping up for Festival of Trees. There are many ways for people to get involved quickly.
- ✓ Give the candidate's name and email address to **Carol** (summer secretary) or **Jocelyn** (winter secretary), who will send them our newsletter for a few months. Or simply forward our newsletter email to your candidate yourself. The newsletter is an effective way to show people the breadth and excitement of SGC.

Two important notes:

- ✓ It's important that new potential members not feel overwhelmed by our many activities. We are a busy group! Members can choose whatever level of involvement they're comfortable with.
- ✓ Also important for people to understand - they don't have to be expert gardeners to join or to fit in. We need all types of talents and enthusiasm!

The Blue Star Memorial is back! You may remember we weren't able to clean up or plant this bed in May



due to the Town's roadway and sidewalk project. The Blue Star Crew has done a great job sprucing up the area by thinning out the perennials and weeds, trimming the tree, rebuilding the stone walkway, adding a boulder and planting petunias. Thanks to **Wes** for his truck and his rock path building skills. There is also a fancy new faucet near the garden but the water to it is not turned on yet. This means we are presently carrying gallon containers to water the transplants on a daily basis as the warm weather moves in. Anyone wanting to bring down water to this garden is welcome. **Therese** and **Deanna** have the next few days covered so just **email them if you can help.**

A reminder to consider attending the New England Garden Club annual meeting, held this year at the Woodstock Inn on October 28 and 29. It's a chance to meet fellow Gardeners from all over New England. Thanks to SGC member and indispensable webmaster **David King**, the registration form is now available on our SGC website under the Events tab. Or contact **Therese** or **Cheryl** for the forms.

The Scholarship Committee completed this year's selection process and recently issued \$1,500 scholarships to Anne Lamson and Adam Stokarski. Anne and Adam will each receive another \$1,500 later this year when they have successfully completed their fall semesters. Congratulations to Anne and Adam!

Enjoy!
Cheryl





Scholarship winners Adam Stokarski and Anne Lamson.



Blue Star work day with Wes, Sandy and Cheryl. Also Deanna who is behind the camera.



Lovely garden stroll and stimulating discussion with Suzanne Dvorsky in Tunbridge, VT

