

**Newsletter** 

## **Greetings from Therese**

May 21 – Garden Day. A joint venture with the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont and other garden clubs around the state.

Morning Star Nurseries is rather isolated up this unending road way high on a hilltop, but the area was filled with lots of trees giving off a natural light beaming through the leaves. Set off behind an old barn, lots of old broken tools, fences, buckets, were a lovely house wherein Scott, the owner and his wife reside. Typical Vermont charm. Around the bend lay a myriad of perennials, evergreens, red maple trees, a tulip tree, amazing stone walls, all kinds a sedum, homemade honey and berry ice tea, the honey from Scott's own bees.

Business was slow in the morning. Alicia, Barb Riotte, myself and our illustrious photographer. Karen Vatne entertained Scott. Scott was amazing, very warm and inviting assisted us by providing a table and tablecloth after Alicia buttoned up and went on her way. Customers began to trickle in and we made sure they knew who we were. . We passed out FGCV flyers and SGC brochures. Karen brought one of our books filled with garden club activities and made sure they

all looked at it. If they didn't know who we all were before, they sure left knowing who we are now. We bought lots of plants and Scott gave us a 10% discount. He welcomes us back next year.

It was fun! Therese





# Wednesday, May 21, 2022 – Spring Clean Up – All Gardens

Thank you Garden Club members for coming out on another beautiful day showing strength in numbers and strength in muscle. Hoyt's Landing was visited with weary garden club members, brown bags in hand and I dare say an enjoyable relaxing event to wind up a very busy day.





Wednesday May 25 - Civic Beautification Day

A day of reckoning!!!! A big shout out to Lynn Likus for hosting Civic Beatification Day in her barn. It's been a long time coming



It goes without saying that Bonny Andrews is our hero.

Armed with a mission to replace Sunshine Acres in obtaining our flowers for all the areas in which we plant for Civic Beautification Day, she successfully obtain Allan **Bros. In Westminster to** contract out the purchasing of the beautiful array of colors that you see streaming our sidewalks downtown, in the plaza, **Blue Star Memorial, Rte** 10/106, Plant it Pink. We cannot thank you enough for picking up the mantel for Sandy MacGillivrary.





### **FEATURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2022**

Tuesday June 7, 2022 – FGCV 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AT THE CASTLE INN AND RESORT

Tuesday June 8, 2022

Program: Helen O'Donnell, farm co-owner

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(See Program Book for details)

TOUR - BUNKER FARM, DUMMERSTON, VT.

9:00 a.m. Carpool from Ollie's

Saturday June 16, 2022

SIDE TRIP TO "ART IN BLOOM"

(See Program Book for details)

Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Rd., Londonderry, Vt.

Wednesday July 13, 2022 - TOUR OF TWO GARDENS

Owen Moon Mansion Gardens, South Woodstock

Patsy Highberg Gardens in Woodstock

(See Program Book for Details)

### **REPORTS**

# June, 2022 A day (or should I say in the month) of the Johnson's

My iris plants are doing nicely and the buds are forming. From the buds I have, I can tell I will have over 80 different colors that will be appearing this year. Please come and visit, plus the other gardens are doing nicely, plus walk my iris maze in the moss.

As of May 25, the irises are just starting to bloom. This next week there will be perhaps a dozen in bloom. But, Prime viewing time should be from June 4 - 14. Continuing on until June 20 there should still be enough worth a visit too. .... All depending on the weather, as long as heat doesn't wilt them fast or thunderstorms knock their heads off.

Hope to see you in our iris garden.

Marita and Bruce

## **Scholarships**

I am pleased to announce that although we have cut back our expenses due to COVID the Springfield Garden Club will be awarding two scholarships this year. Over the years it has been our mission to provide support to those graduating high school students who have chosen to study horticulture, forestry or environmental studies. In recent years Jocelyn Zezza has done a wonderful job of leading our committee in choosing just the right recipient. Special thanks to Jocelyn for all her energetic work on the scholarship committee for several years! Joc had done all the ground work for these scholarships when I took over the chairmanship in May. Deanna Dexter

## **Media by Karen Vatney**

Facebook followers are up to 249 and likes are up to 222.

I posted a link on our page on 5/1 to the Journal article about the first Garden Club Day. It received 6 likes. I posted the same link to Growing Up in Springfield, and that got 7 likes. I also posted a link to Happenings in and around Springfield which got 2 likes.

I posted a link on our page on 5/1 about the Westminster Garden Tour in June and it received 3 likes. I posted a link in Grow/Spfld which got 7 likes, and also Happen/Spfld that got 2 likes.

THANK YOU CHERYL FOR ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE IN PREPARING OUR 2022 – 2023 YEARBOOK.

## **WELCOME HOME**

### **CHERYL AND SYD!!!!**



