



REMINDERS

1. Next General Meeting –

February 14
Senior Center.
Anyone who wishes can come any time from 5:30 on. Those who are bringing exhibits should be there no later than 5:45. The general meeting will start at 6:00.

Hostesses-

Judy Beers
Barbara O'Connor
Jennifer Morsey
Nancy Scallon

*Mark your calendar:
Jan. 16
Will be our fundraiser where you can enjoy lunch, takeout or dinner at Sugo Gastrobar, 10 5 Church Hill Rd, Sandy Hook.*



Town & Country Garden Club

Newtown Connecticut

Member of The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.

New England Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc

November/December 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays, Fellow members

Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years - - my favorite and sometimes "least favorite" time of year. A time to celebrate being with our families and enjoying our favorite traditional foods (YUM!), searching for the perfect gifts for those we love, wine and parties, and welcoming in a whole new, fresh year.

Also, though, a busy and stressful time (sometimes TOO busy and TOO stressful) and certainly a time that's hard on the pocketbook and credit card. But all said and all that aside, the Holiday memories made, shared and held should always be treasured.

Then, so quickly, it's over, often a little bit of a let-down and sometimes a little bit of a relief.

My wish for all of us this holiday season is that we enjoy it as it is and embrace our loved ones as they are and continue to make more special memories.

Happy Holidays! See you in February.

Chris

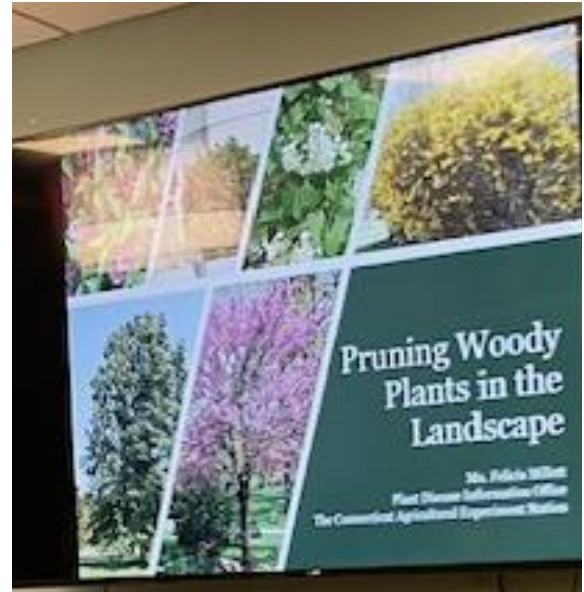
EVER WONDER WHY THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE IS ALWAYS PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE SIDE?



Jane Sharpe has this beautiful fern. She said she might just have over done the fertilizer.



Felicia Millet, a plant diagnostician, presented a power point talk on pruning woody plants. She discussed objectives of pruning, tools, and how to trim trees and shrubs.



Prune After Flowering

“blooms on old wood”

- Azalea
- Rhododendron
- Mountain laurel
- Lilacs
- Forsythia
- Viburnums
- Eastern ninebark
- Virginia sweet spire
- Chokeberry
- Big leaf & climbing hydrangea
- Spring-blooming spirea

Prune Late Winter/Early

Spring

“blooms on new wood”

- Butterfly bush
- Smooth & panicle hydrangea
- Rose of Sharon
- Smokebush
- Summer blooming lilacs
- St, John’s wort
- Cinquefoil
- Summer-blooming spire
- Summersweet
- Beautyberry

EXHIBITS: ORCHARD

Artistic – Exhibitors Choice using flowers, fruits, and/or vegetables designed in a cornucopia, basket, or other container.

Teri Doern



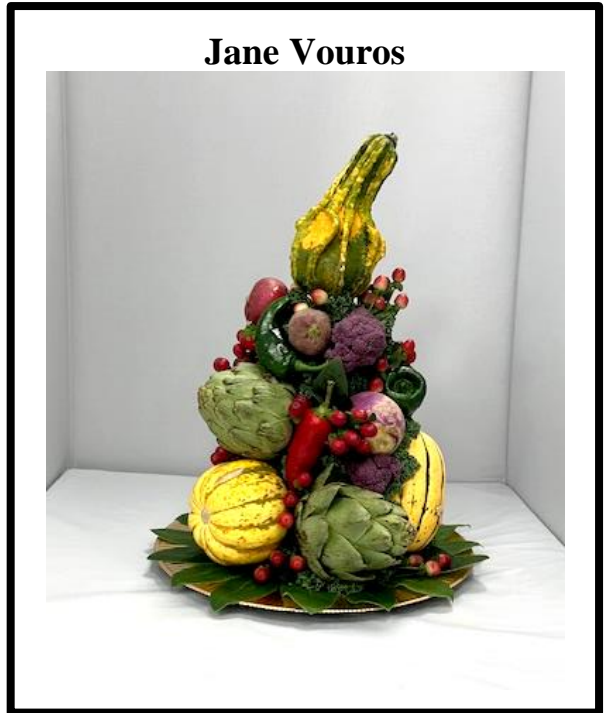
Arline Shanley

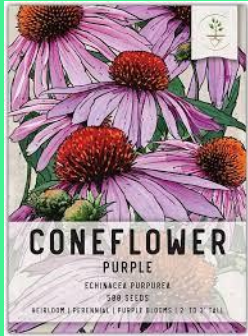


Barbara McCann



Jane Vouros





Medicinal Herbs and Plants Echinacea (purple coneflower)



Echinacea species are perennial herbs, in the daisy family, native to midwestern North America. They are used in gardens throughout the Northeast as well. The genus derives its name from the Greek “echinos” from the word sea urchin. This refers to the prickly scales of the dried seed head portion of the flower. They have large, showy heads which bloom from summer into fall, depending on the climate. They are drought tolerant as well. Their cone shaped flowering heads are usually but not always, purple in the wild. They are versatile plants and can be used in a variety of garden styles, including pollinator gardens.

Echinacea is used in traditional medicine. The portions of the plant used for medicinal purposes include the aerial portion and the whole plant, including the root. Native American Indians used echinacea for many medicinal purposes. They used it more than any other plant in the treatment of illness and injury. The root was used externally for healing of wounds, burns, and insect bites. Internally, it was used for infections, toothaches and joint pains as well as for rattlesnake bites. Some tribes used it to treat colds and sore throats. Early European settlers noticed the ways Native Americans used echinacea and began to develop their own uses.

There have been over 350 scientific studies on the effectiveness of echinacea. Many studies have confirmed echinacea’s immune-enhancing benefits. It is often used as a treatment for the common cold. The root possesses the greatest immune enhancing properties.

Echinacea products are available in many different forms. It is not toxic when used at the recommended doses.

Nancy Azzaro

Chairman
Alexis
Capaldo



Team
Members:

- Jane Vouros
- Peggy Fillon
- Joan Alexander
- Barbara McCann
- Jan Gardner
- Hillary Goldstein
- Barbara O'Connor
- Denise Rod and
- Teri Doern

CHRISTMAS ELVES AT WORK

Barbara arranged for the team to first met at Planters Choice to begin working on the decorations.



Then Hillary invited the team to do most of the rest of the work at her house.



TRIMMING THE TREE

Jane



Joan & Jan



Hillary



Peggy and Jan



Teri and Denise



Barbara



HOLIDAY PARTY at THE COUNTRY CLUB

On Wednesday December 6, forty-one of us got together to celebrate the start of the holiday season with a lovely cocktail party at Newtown Country Club.



DENDRANTHEMA SHEFFIELD

Behind every husband who thinks he wears the pants... Is a wife who told him which pants to wear.

Dendranthema 'Sheffield Pink' is a beautiful, long-blooming chrysanthemum that is easy to grow. It prefers full sun, but it can tolerate partial shade. It does best in well-drained soil that is rich in organic matter. It is useful in mass plantings, rock gardens, mixed beds and containers. It can be used for cut flowers and will attract butterflies. The mature height is 18"-24" with a spread of 30"-36".

It is a herbaceous perennial that blooms in late fall. It has masses of pink daisy like flowers atop green leaves which creates a magnificent last hurrah in any garden.

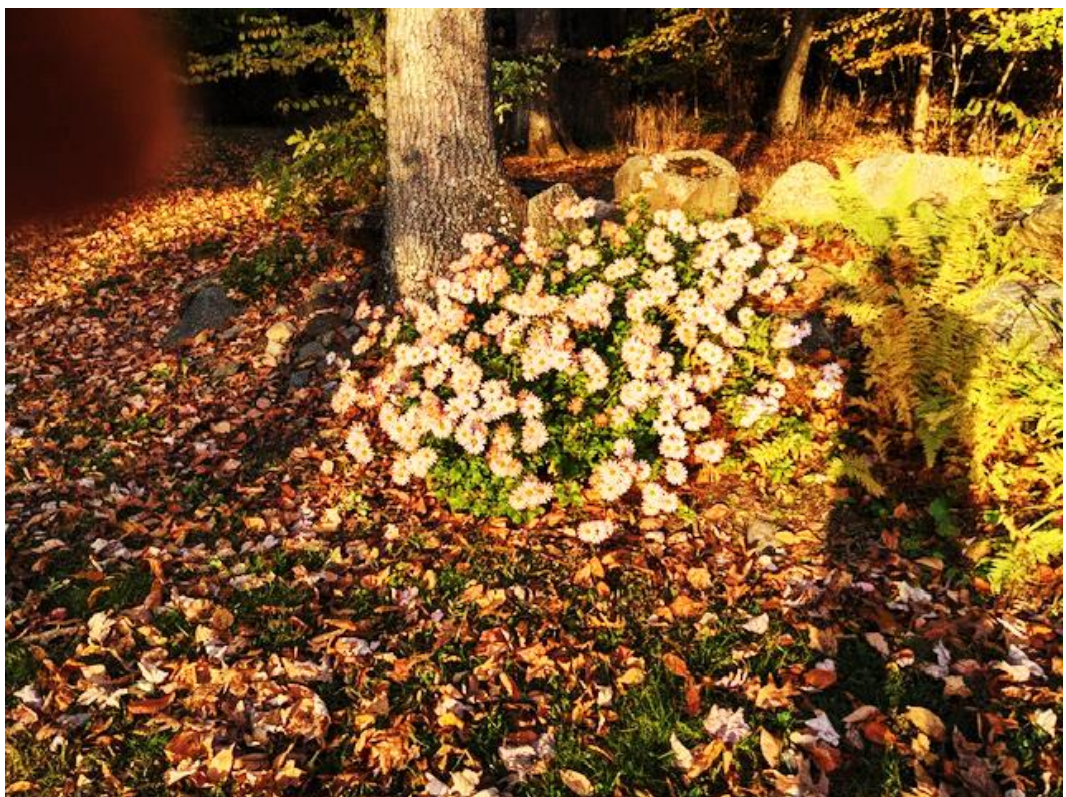
How come you never say you love me anymore?



This is Barbara O'Connor's Dendranthema Sheffield that she said continued to bloom through several heavy frosts late into November.



I told you once. If anything changes I'll let you know.



OUR SPONSORS



*Wander on over
to --*

Whether you're looking for the perfect wreath for your door, unique Christmas decoration for your home, or something for the lucky friend or loved one who "already has everything," you should head on over to our first-choice, favorite GO-TO place, Shakespeare Gardens. Steve, Mark and staff have been working hard to satisfy all of our desires for this Holiday season.



**(203) 755-2214
25 Obtuse
Road, South
Brookfield, CT
06804**

I have found it to be the one place that I can count on to surprise me each year - - with their gift shop filled with extraordinary and unusual items, not found in other stores and carefully selected for US - - the not-so-easy-to-please customer.

If you visit on a weekend, you'll be enticed by the delectable scent of hot apple cider to warm your spirits (as well as your belly), as you wander around.

Chris Lincoln



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"Come on in and see what's new"



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97 South Main
Street
Newtown, CT

Angelo Marini, (above) has been stepping up his game to make our favorite go-to restaurant (Sal e Pepe's Italian Bistro) even more inviting - - with its warm & relaxing atmosphere and tried & perfected recipes that are off-the-chart delicious.

Take a look at his newly-revamped website ([www.salepeperestaurant.com](http://www.salepepererestaurant.com)) which is informative and easier to place a quick order or make a reservation, as well as their Facebook Page.

A few differences that you may find appealing is the inclusion of their new pasta menu, featuring PASTAPALOOZA, where you choose your pasta, your sauce and any add-on's and includes a cup of soup or a salad - - "there are thousands of possible combinations" according to Angelo.

It's also exciting when they add new things to their already-perfect dessert menu !!



This brand-new Pistachio Cream Pie doesn't just LOOK good, it quickly become a must-have addiction.

Angelo was recently a guest chef on Live at Darryl's House and the video is live on You Tube and Facebook featuring guest artist Lisa Loeb.

GIVE YOURSELF A CHRISTMAS PRESENT - ENJOY THE BEST AT

97 S. Main Street, Newtown

Chris Lincoln



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The
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Upcoming State Events

1. [Tour: Galapagos, Quito and the Ecuadorian Amazon](#)
January 13, 2024 - January 23, 2024

2. [Connecticut Flower and Garden Show](#)
February 22, 2024 - February 25, 2024
Connecticut Convention Center, [+ Google Map](#)

Events Around Us

1. [Holiday Wreath Decorating Workshop – Greenwich Botanical Center](#)
December 4 • 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Greenwich Botanical Center, [+ Google Map](#)

2. [‘Succulents and Their Care’ : Wallingford Garden Club](#)
January 9, 2024 • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Yalesville United Methodist Church, [+ Google Map](#)

LOOKING FOR A HAND?

Here Are Some Club Member Recommendations:

1. Helen, Seamstress. She used to work for David's Bridal
She charges \$12.00 to hem a pair of pants. 203-258-0750, 5 Hemlock Rd . You can call and leave a message if she's not home. She will call you back.
Recommended by Barbara O'Connor
2. George Papajani-contractor, home projects-painting & repairs. licensed & insured
203-996-6643 Recommended by Arline Shanley
3. IT person for computer, TV, Home phone problems & set-up-Brian Mullins 203-300-4060
Recommended by Arline Shanley.
4. Mason work- sidewalks, patios, stone walls-George Pani- 203-482-5589
Recommended by Arline Shanley.
5. TEED AND BROWN "Lawn Doctor"- [\(203\) 847-1241](tel:2038471241)
Recommended by Peg Fillion
6. Danny Casarella DMC Painting Inc. 914-623-2798 (it has a 914 exchange, but has moved to Monroe) Recommended by Barbara McCann
7. Mike Bigelow 203-417-2922. Carpenter and miscellaneous small jobs. Great guy and great price. Recommended by Holly Walczak.
8. Dean DeLucia, Carpenter/Contractor (203) 258-1513
info@deluciaconstruction.com or ddelucia61@yahoo.com
Recommended by Chris (He built her deck and 4 season sunroom)
9. Joe Butkus (203) 525-3253) plumber.
Recommended by Chris who says he's the best
10. Pilarshouseclean@gmail.com 203-733-3594 house cleaning
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11. UBREAKIFIX in the Shoprite shopping center in Brookfield on Federal road. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 am to 7:00 PM. Recommended by Barbara O'Connor
Barbara O'Connor dropped her cell phone while working on the traffic while working on the traffic island and thought she had killed her cell phone. They fixed it and she left doing a happy dance. 😊
12. M.G. Masonry new installations & repairs – email mgmasonry76@yahoo.com .
Recommended by Josie Schmidt