



## **REMINDERS**

### **1. Next General Meeting –**

**October 9 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-**

Alexis Capaldo, Denise Rod, Teri Doern, Lynne Farah

### **Upcoming Events**

1. October 16 -  
Federated Awards  
Lunch - Aqua Turf Club
2. October 24 –  
Board Meeting, Booth  
Library 5:00
3. Next general meeting  
November 13, Senior  
Center



## ***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*

***September 2024***



### **Presidents Message:**

Hello, fellow members! I hope you've all enjoyed every day of the first -BER of 2024, SeptemBER - - the beginning of the last THIRD of the year. It's the month where the evenings get longer, the days cooler, the scents of pumpkins & spice, crisp fresh air and cozy nights and last but certainly NOT least, the new little splash of color amidst all the greenery – surprising us again.

(Next month it'll be just a little green amidst all the color!) The world seems to calm down as the days get shorter, our enjoyable book clubs start back up, there are cheaper off-peak, week-end-get-aways - - and, the start of a new year for our GARDEN CLUB. How can we EVER get tired of September?

In case you missed the first meeting, we have some events coming up. We're taking part in supporting the Regional Hospice Breakfast on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the Federated Garden Club's Awards Luncheon is on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Let one of the Board members know if you're interested in the Hospice breakfast and follow the instructions in the Newsletter to sign up for the Awards Luncheon, which must be done on-line individually.

We're looking forward to our next meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> where we'll learn all about "Native vs Invasive plants". Come early (5:30) to socialize and nibble and, of course, you're welcome to bring your friends.

Chris

## Resources

Bellahummingbird.com  
hummingbirds.net/map.html  
worldofhummingbirds.com

## SEPTEMBER 11 PROGRAM

At our first meeting, Jan introduced our speaker, Sally Brockett. Sally spoke about the varieties of hummingbirds. She shared tips on how to attract hummingbirds to our gardens. She told us that the ruby-throated hummingbird spends the winter in Central America, Mexico, and Florida, and migrates to Canada and other parts of Eastern North America for the summer.



## OCTOBER PROGRAM



*scarlet bergamot*



*phlox*



Allison Middlemass, a naturalist and environmental educator will present a program titled, "Native vs Invasive Plants".

We will learn how invasive plant species damage our ecosystem and how we can lessen their impact. Join us as we learn about the benefits of planting native plants and where to find them, how to plant them, and when to do so.

# September 11 EXHIBITS- Europe –“Old World

## HORTICULTURE

Jade plant challenge

Josie



Alexis



Artistic Traditional Mass Design using all fresh flowers from your garden, or the supermarket.

Josie Schmidt



Barbara McCann



Arline Shanley



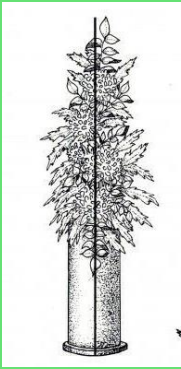
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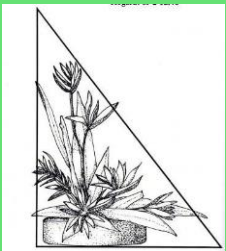
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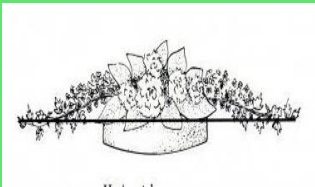
**OCTOBER 9 EXHIBITS: ASIA – ‘LAND OF MYSTERY’**



vertical



triangle



horizontal



crescent



s-curve

**ARTISTIC-** Line Design in the Oriental Manner -dried and or fresh material. Oriental floral design is truly an art form, based on a linear style. It bears no resemblance to the Western design style of combining flowers in masses.



line



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**HORTICULTURE** – Colorful branch with berries or leaves, not to exceed 24”.

Barbara McCann and Arline Shanley worked on the wedding flower decorations with Hillary



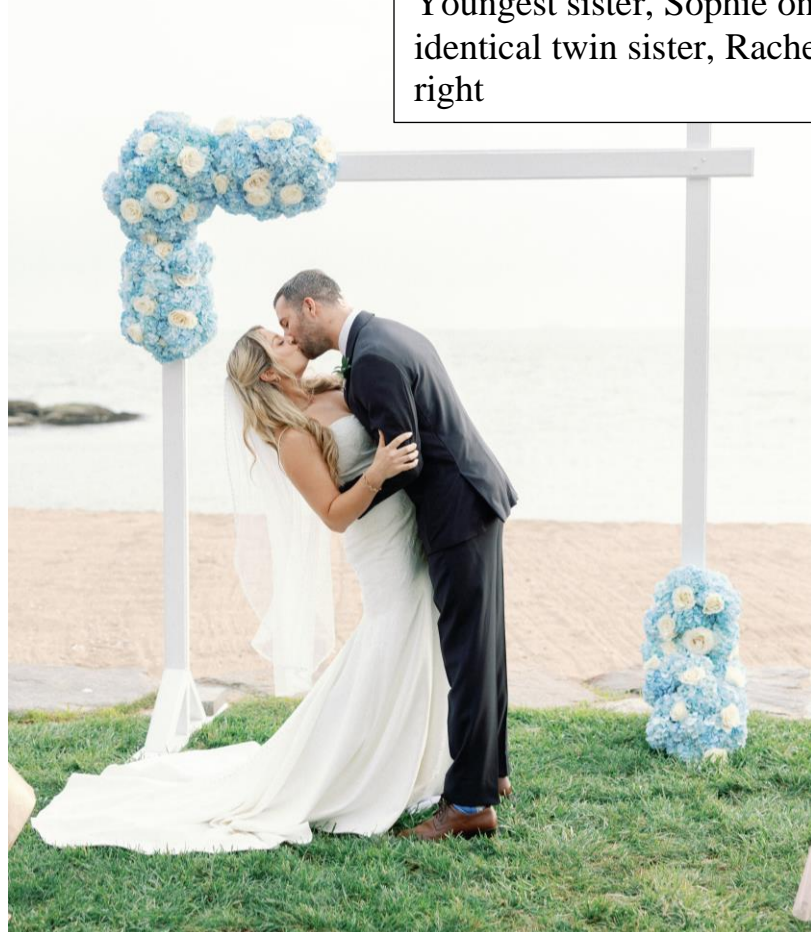
## HILLARY GOLDSTEIN'S DAUGHTER AMANDA-GETS MARRIED



Amanda and her Dad and Mom



Youngest sister, Sophie on left, identical twin sister, Rachel on right



Amanda and Eric Bourassa

**Nancy Azzaro's  
Black-eyed Susans**



**Arline Shanley's  
dahlias and black  
& blue salvias**



## October Gardening Tips

### Annuals & Perennials

- Dig and store tender bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers in a cool, dark, place.
- Add a touch of fall to your home and landscape with sedum, hardy mums, asters, and fall pansies.
- Keep collecting matured seeds. Dry them out and place them in labeled brown coin envelopes within an airtight container, and store in a cool place.
- Mulch perennial beds using a loose organic material such as bark chips or leaves to keep down weeds, preserve moisture and give roots a longer time to grow before the soil freezes.
- Remove plant debris from the flower beds. Bag any diseased plant parts and put them in the trash or take them to a landfill but do not compost.

### Houseplants

- Inspect houseplants for insects before bringing them inside
- Bring houseplants in when night temperatures drop below 50 degrees Fahrenheit
- When finding an indoor location, keep plants away from drafts, vents and sources of heat
- To begin pre-bloom dormancy for amaryllis, stop watering it and place in a cool, dark place
- Pot up hyacinths, tulips, and other pre-cooled bulbs and store in a cool, dark place until ready to force
- Rosemary is not hardy in most areas of CT. Bring plants in before temperatures drop too low but check plants thoroughly for insects such as mealybugs. Rinse foliage, remove the top layer of the soil surface, and wipe down containers

<https://homegarden.cahnr.uconn.edu/monthly-gardening-tips-for-connecticut/gardening-tips-october/>



**I'd like to thank Shakespeare's Garden for renewing their sponsorship for another year.**

If you're looking for a VERY pleasant place to go during this marvelous Autumn weather, visit Shakespeare's Garden and thank them by patronizing this extraordinary and unique place

The Autumn containers are stunning (an understatement) created by experts Mums, Peppers, Ornamentals, Cabbages  
All very hearty plants that will keep you smiling through the entire season



(203) 755-2214

25 Obtuse Road,  
South Brookfield,  
CT 06804



Your pretty bright summer flowers did their job!!  
Now let a gorgeous Fall container - -  
whether you do it yourself (they have everything you need)  
or buy as they are - - make your day with settling, muted Fall colors.

Trust me! These planters will impress anyone !!

Chris





97 S. Main Street,  
Newtown, CT  
(203) 426-0805



Let's all thank Angelo at Sal e Pepe's for renewing his sponsorship for another year –

**In any way we can!**

Patronize, Recommend, Review, Refer, Endorse  
Sing Praises !!!

**VOTE, VOTE, VOTE for Connecticut's BEST RESTAURANT**

Go to: [salepeperestaurant.com](http://salepeperestaurant.com), scroll down

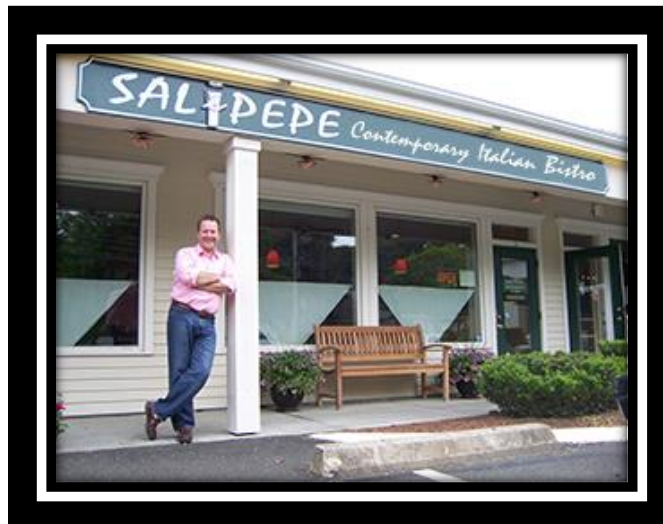
IF YOU LOVE US PLEASE  
**VOTE FOR US!**  
We are on the ballot for  
**CT BEST RESTAURANTS 2025**  
BEST ITALIAN | MOST ROMANTIC

Vote daily until October 30<sup>th</sup>  
[ctinsider.com/best/bestrestaurants-vote](http://ctinsider.com/best/bestrestaurants-vote)

Vote by "Type" or "Cuisine"

If by type: Select & vote for anything they're on the ballot for

If Cuisine: Select Italian



Angelo (waiting for you)

Chris





**FGCCT President  
Karin Pyskaty (2023-  
2025)**

**Mission**



**First Vice President  
Nan Merolla (Wilton  
Garden Club)**

**Second V. P.  
Kelle Ruden (Westport  
Garden Club)**

**Recording Secretary  
Kathy Harris  
(Evergreen Country  
Gardeners Garden  
Club)**

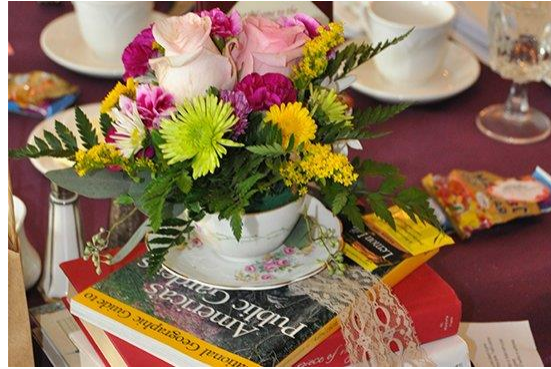
**Treasurer  
John Davis  
(Quiet Corner Garden  
Club)**

**Corresponding  
Secretary  
Lynda Brown  
(Manchester Garden  
Club)**

**Finance Officer  
Terry Lubman  
(Riverside Garden  
Club)**



The  
**Federated Garden Clubs  
of Connecticut, Inc.**



**[FGCCT Annual Awards Meeting and Luncheon](#)**

**October 16**

*Aqua Turf Club, [+ Google Map](#)*

**To register for the Federated Garden Club Awards Meeting**

**Go to [www.ctgardenclubs.org](http://www.ctgardenclubs.org)**

**At Member Log in: Username: fgcct**

**Password: Charteroak\*2022**

**Go to: Events. Choose Awards Meeting**

**Scroll down to “Register Here”**

**Select meal choice:**

**Chicken**

**Pork Loin**

**Salmon**

**Eggplant Parmesan**

**Choose Garden club from list – We’re listed as “Newtown –  
Town & Country Garden Club.**

**Notify by text, Chris Lincoln (203) 240-8481 or Barb McCann  
(203) 895-2805 so we’ll know how many are at our table.**

**We usually drive down together.**

**LOOKING FOR A HAND? HERE ARE SOME CLUB MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Simply Organized - club member Ellen Kutner's service to declutter and organize spaces  
www. simplyorg.com - [simplyorg521@gmail.com](mailto:simplyorg521@gmail.com) Garden Club Member
2. Helen, Seamstress. She used to work for David's Bridal  
203-258-0750, 5 Hemlock Rd Recommended by Barbara O'Connor
3.
  - a. George Papajani-contractor, home projects-painting & repairs. licensed & insured 203-996-6643-
  - b. IT person for computer, TV, Home phone problems & set-up-Brian Mullins 203-300-4060
  - c. Mason work- sidewalks, patios, stone walls-George Pani- 203-482-5589  
**Recommended by Arline Shanley.**
4.
  - a. TEED AND BROWN "Lawn Doctor"- <https://teedandbrown.com>
  - b. [gmcarpentryremodeling@gmail.com](mailto:gmcarpentryremodeling@gmail.com) – Marcelo Guzman
  - c. [Makeahomect.org](http://Makeahomect.org) will pick up furniture for \$100 donation  
**Recommended by Peggy Fillion**
5. Danny Casarella DMC Painting Inc. 914-623-2798 **Recommended by Barbara McCann**
6. Mike Bigelow 203-417-2922. Carpenter and miscellaneous small jobs. Great guy and great price **Recommended by Holly Walczak.**
7.
  - a. Dean DeLucia, Carpenter/Contractor (203) 258-1513 [info@deluciaconstruction.com](mailto:info@deluciaconstruction.com)  
or [ddelucia61@yahoo.com](mailto:ddelucia61@yahoo.com)
  - b. Joe Butkus (203) 525-3253) plumber.
  - c. [Pilarshouseclean@gmail.com](mailto:Pilarshouseclean@gmail.com) 203-733-3594  
**Recommended by Chris Lincoln**
8. 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**
9. M.G. Masonry new installations & repairs – email [mgmasonry76@yahoo.com](mailto:mgmasonry76@yahoo.com)  
**Recommended by Josie Schmidt.**

**CAN YOU HELP WITH A RECOMMENDATION?**

You can email me with any helpful suggestions. [josieschmidtct@gmail.com](mailto:josieschmidtct@gmail.com)