



## REMINDERS

### 1. Next General Meeting –

November 8-  
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-

Teri Doern  
Gail Friedman  
Joy Kopesky  
**(It would be helpful to have a small notecard on the table to identify your appetizer or dessert)**

### 2. Thursday Nov.

16  
Board meeting  
5:00 – 7:00  
Genealogy Room



## *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*

*October 2023*



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello, fellow gardeners,

In my opinion, October is one of the best months of the year. First, it's the weather. The summer heat fades, and the air gets crisp and fresh with spot-on temperatures to work outdoors or just chill indoors. Second, it's stunning. Even though the excessive rain (just MY guess) has kept the usual brilliant reds and oranges of our trees at bay, you have to admit that it's still the prettiest time of the year in the Northeast.

And did you know that there are some special days in October, in addition to the fun day/night of Halloween, when, of course, we can turn into our "Wilder" selves. October is adopt a dog month (do it if you can) - - they will warm your heart every day - - and it is National Pizza month (when you can order as often as you want, - - YES! you can). That will warm your heart, as well.

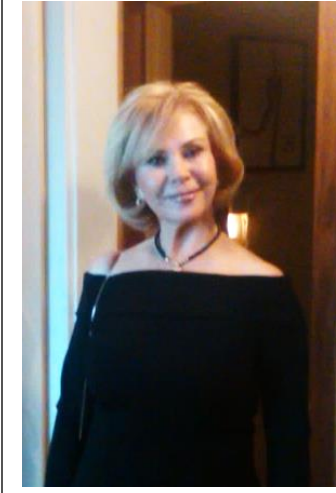
We, the Board, are always looking for your ideas on what will make this garden club a better fit for YOU. Fresh ideas and suggestions are always welcome, so don't hesitate, as it's still early enough in the year to add new plans.

We hope you all visited (and voted for) our pretty scarecrow at Fairfield Hills, created for the 4th scarecrow contest and, of course, we're looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Lincoln

**Joan Alexander**

**One of our newest members.**



Joan with Julian, her grandson.



I was raised in Southern California, moved to South Florida in 1983, where I was blessed to work for a Michigan developer to bring to fruition Design Center of the America's (DCOTA)...A furniture mart that would gain international recognition..

I spent the next twenty + years in North Carolina where Black Mountain Home for Children became the focus of my time...Along with the care of my Grandchildren; Julian now 21, Welch 7, and Essie 6....

I enjoy taking art classes and spend as much time as possible outside...When it comes to the garden I love it all...this last week, after attending the Garlic Festival, I have started to plant my bulbs, can't wait until next July!!

Since moving to Newtown this last May, house renovation has been endless...We are almost finished....Can't wait until there is no longer a workman behind my door as I enjoy my morning tea....

I look forward to working with all of Garden Club new friends.....

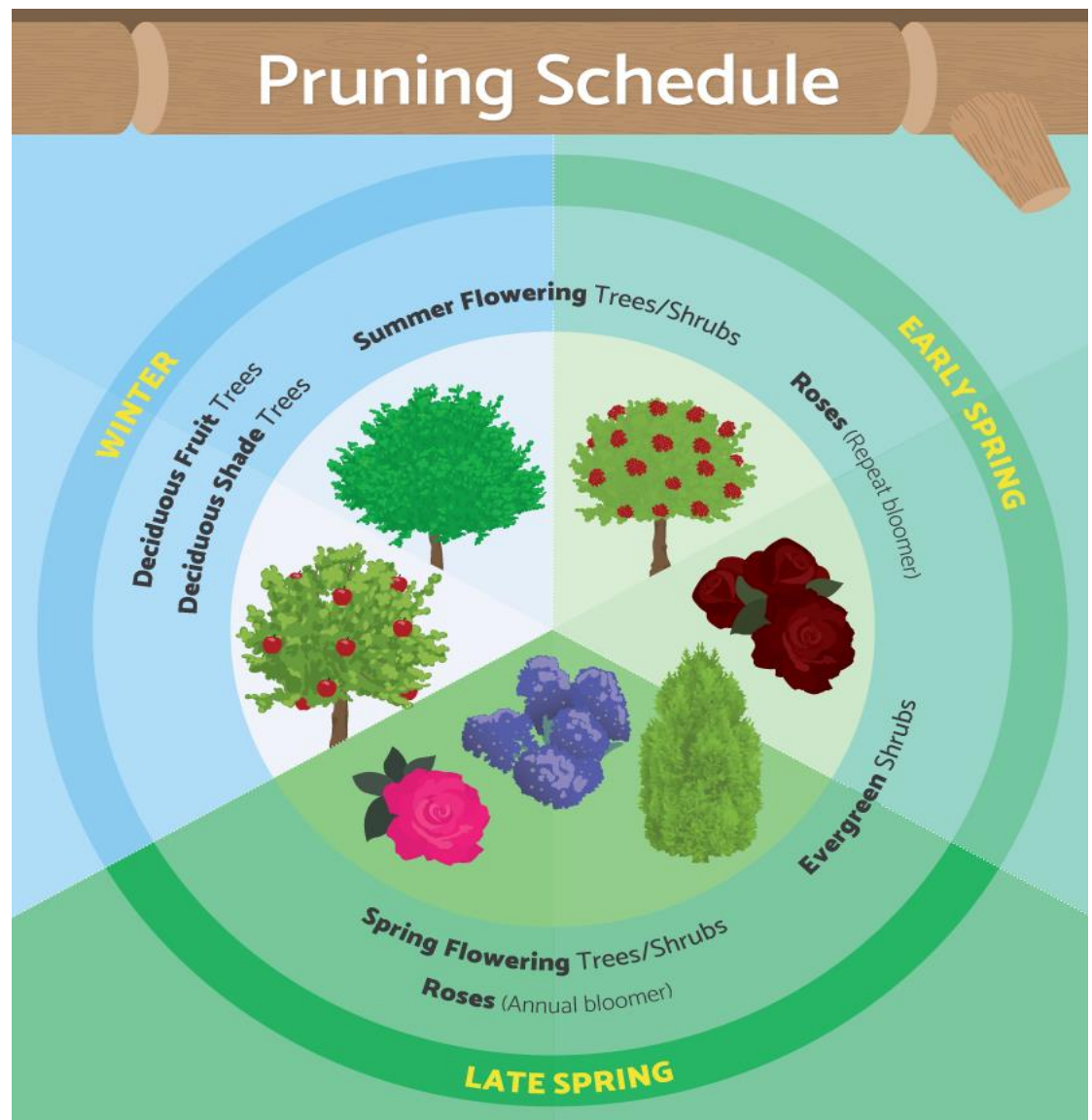
## PROGRAM October 11

Lorraine Ballato presented a program on “Shrubs, the New Perennial.” She discussed the 7F’s of shrub selection- function, flowers, foliage, form, fragrance, fruit, and follow-up. She then went through the list of shrubs and described them.



## November 8 Program “Pruning Woody Plants in the Landscape”

Felicia Millet is a plant diagnostician at the Connecticut Agriculture Experimental Station’s Plant Disease information Office in New Haven. Felicia will discuss why pruning is an important component of maintaining the health and appearance of ornamental trees and shrubs.



**Horticulture**

Any perennial,  
1 stem if large,  
3 stems if small.



**EXHIBITS: FOREST**

**Artistic** – Parallel design, using a minimum of flowers and/or leaves, and three or more branches or sticks.

Barbara McCann



Peggy Townsend



Jane Vouros



**NOVEMBER**  
**HORTICULTURE**

**Houseplant**



**NOVEMBER 8 MEETING EXHIBITS**

**EXHIBITS - ORCHARD**

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

At the October meeting, Peggy Townsend showed us a model of what our exhibit might look like.



# ENTRY FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCARECROW CONEST

Mary Ellen and Josie worked on the skirt.



The team members for this project were: Chairman Teri Doern, Jane Vouros, Mary Ellen Weiner, Denise Rod, Chris Lincoln, Mae Grant, Gail Diminico and Josie Schmidt. We had our first planning meeting on September 25. Then we began construction at Teri's house. On October 14, the committee members got together at FFH to put the display together.



Teri and Denise working on bodice.



Jane worked on the bouquet and hat with Chris in charge of the arms.





**This is the beautiful plant that Donna purchased at Shakespeare's Garden from our club and sent to Holly to remember her mother.**

## Traffic Islands Get Some Fall TLC

### Island 1



### November Gardening Tips

[homegarden.cahn.uconn.edu/monthly-gardening-tips-for-connecticut/gardening-tips-november/](http://homegarden.cahn.uconn.edu/monthly-gardening-tips-for-connecticut/gardening-tips-november/)

1. Last chance to plant bulbs in the first week of November.
2. Dig dahlia tubers and gladiola bulbs after a hard frost and store them indoors.
3. Cut peonies (not the tree variety) down to 3" above the ground, clear away any summer mulch and debris but do not mulch for the winter.
4. Cut back perennials that were covered in powdery mildew during the summer. Cut stalks to the ground and dispose of them.
5. Wait to spread winter mulch until after the ground has frozen.
6. Use small stakes or markers where you've planted bulbs or late starting spring plants in the perennial garden
7. Cut back most perennials to 3-4 inches, but ornamental grasses can be left to provide winter interest.
8. Pull annuals and add them to the compost pile.
9. Once the ground has frozen (but before it snows), mulch fall planted perennials by placing 3 to 5 inches of pine needles, straw, chopped leaves around them.

Island 2



"The weather just went from 90 to 55 like it saw a state trooper."



Peggy trimming the smoke bush.

Barbara and Jane on cleanup.



"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year."

*Chad Sugg*



"Autumn leaves are falling, filling up the streets, golden colors on the lawn nature's trick or treat!"

*Rusty Fischer*





**Island 3**



Elaine, Barbara, Arline, Hillary  
Jan and Emi

## SPECIAL OCTOBER FOR THE SCHMIDTS

### FONS SECOND ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

Friends of Newtown Seniors (FONS) held their Second Annual Oktoberfest at NewSylum Brewing, 36 Keating Farms Avenue, on Wednesday, October 4, from 5 to 9 pm. The weather was exceptionally warm and the people who attended enjoyed a catered dinner of chicken schnitzel, red cabbage, spaetzle, and dessert outdoors under the brewery's gazebo. Josie and Bob, Solid Gold Times Two..



entertained the audience.

"It was so much fun have Garden Club members Denise, Chris, Joy, Barbara and Holly with husband Bruce there to cheer us on and ask for song requests."



My jobs were to make the cookies and the wedding dress for the dog. Bob and I also sang "Can't Help Falling in Love With You" for the Bride and groom's first dance.



Then on Saturday October 28, the most gorgeous 80-degree day in several months, and the only dry day of the weekend our grandson, Trevor Kuzara married Waverly Shannon at a beautiful outdoor affair.



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What does Shakespeare's have in common with the month of October?

They BOTH make us happy !!  
They both COLOR our world !!  
They are both as UNIQUE as a month  
or a garden center can be.



You'll find expert advice, every tree, shrub, or perennial you could ever want, all the ornamental statues, fountains and accessories you could ever wish for, every tool or device you could ever need - - as well as the perfect gift for that ever-special, hard-to-buy-for BFF. You'll see everything you need to turn your own yard into a "Fall Showplace," or you may want to just wander around and choose a new perennial to plant for spring.

A visit always gives you ideas, raises your spirits and offers a sight for your sore eyes - - just like the month of October always does.

Chris Lincoln



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## What does Sal e Pepe have in common with the month of OCTOBER ?

*Hmmm...many things. for example.....*

### October offers:

*Beautiful fresh air  
Palatable sights  
Perfect hiking  
Incomparable scents  
Space to think  
A sight for sore eyes*



### Sal e Pepe offers:

*Beautiful fresh food  
Palatable bites  
Perfect rest (from hiking)  
Incomparable! scents  
Space to drink  
A sight for sore eyes*



October, indeed, is a lovely month, offering spot-on temps. to keep us gardeners outside, planning, planting, and cleaning up for Spring. After the satisfying labors of Autumn, - - when tired and hungry - - we need a respite, a “reward” for our efforts, by heading over to our first choice... Sal e Pepe’s ... with their warm (and satisfying) atmosphere, friendly efficient staff, and exceptional chef. Say “hello” and “thanks” to owners, Angelo, and Renia, while you’re there.



**Monday | CLOSED**

**Tuesday - Thursday | Dinner 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Friday | Dinner 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Saturday | Lunch & Dinner 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Sunday | Dinner 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Chris Lincoln**



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

**Wallingford Garden Club**

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**Karin Pyskaty**

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**Jean Stetz-Puchalski**



Ten club members attended the Ninety-fourth Annual Federated Garden Clubs Awards meeting on October 25. Jane Vouros received A Club Certificate of Appreciation from our club for being the person behind the scenes for so many years as hospitality chairman making sure we have refreshments at every meeting, beautifully displayed. Her enthusiasm and expertise are evident in all club activities.



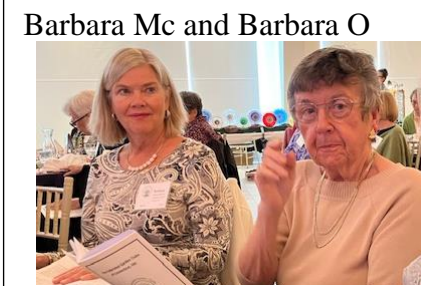
Jane receiving her award



Teri and Chris



Holly and Arline



Barbara Mc and Barbara O



Jan, Josie and Joy

## **LOOKING FOR A HAND?**

### **Here Are Some Club Member Recommendations:**

1. Helen, Seamstress. She used to work for David's Bridal
  - a. She charges \$12.00 to hem a pair of pants. 203-258-0750, 5 Hemlock Rd
  - b. 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"- 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 Recommended by Chris
  - a. [info@deluciaconstruction.com](mailto:info@deluciaconstruction.com) or [ddelucia61@yahoo.com](mailto:ddelucia61@yahoo.com)
  - b. He built her deck and 4 season sunroom.
9. Joe Butkus (203) 525-3253) Recommended by Chris who says he's the best plumber.
10. [Pilarshouseclean@gmail.com](mailto:Pilarshouseclean@gmail.com) 203-733-3594 Recommended by Chris who says best house cleaning I've ever had.
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 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](mailto:mgmasonry76@yahoo.com) . Recommended by Josie Schmidt.