



**Next General Meeting –**

February 12 - Senior Center.

Anyone who wishes can come any time from 5:30 on. There are no exhibits for this month. The general meeting will start at 6:00.

**Hostesses-**

Joy Kopesky  
Margareta Kotch  
Nancy Scallon  
Barbara McCann

**REMINDERS**

1. Next Board Meeting- January 23, 5:00 Gathering Room, CH Booth Library

2. Next general meeting -February 12, 6:00 WORKSHOP



***Town & Country Garden Club***

***Newtown Connecticut***

*Member of The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. New England Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Club* November/December **2024**



Dear fellow members:

As the holiday season surrounds us, I sincerely hope everyone had a happy, peaceful Thanksgiving, with all the trimmings and traditions, old and new. As I age, I value the old traditions more each year, trying to keep them alive while making room for the “new”, which blend in naturally and unnoticed as families change and grow. I’ve been especially grateful

this year to be with my family and loved ones, as my recent hip surgery is behind me - - and an expected smooth and easier road to recovery ahead of me.

I hope that all of us have a most memorable and pleasant Christmas or Hanukkah and New Year, with the special friends and family that we choose to be with.

In addition to wishing all my fellow members happy holidays, I wish you all the coziness and safety of a blanket and a cup of tea or coffee on a cold day, music and a glass of wine, (white, of course), a fireplace and a good book- - the things that carry with them warm thoughts and a positive outlook on life.

We’ll see you all on February 12. (If you’re uncomfortable driving due to darkness or weather, please let any Board member know so we can secure a ride for you).

Happy Holidays !

Chris

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This is my poinsettia from last Christmas. I kept it alive through the winter and then put it on the back porch in the spring. I took it back in in October, and it still looks healthy. I asked Jeff if it would be possible to get it to bloom again this year. The answer was yes. Just put it in the sun for 8 hours a day and then under a box for the other sixteen hours. It takes 8 to 11 weeks for it to flower. Once the buds have set, stop the dark treatment.



I decided to buy a new one instead.  
Josie



**NOVEMBER 13 PROGRAM**  
**“Holiday Trifecta, Cactus, Amaryllis, and Poinsettia”**

Presented by Jeff Eleveld  
Jeff gave lots of the history of the poinsettia and then brief information on the other two houseplants.



There were no floral designs brought in this month. Joan brought this succulent for horticulture.

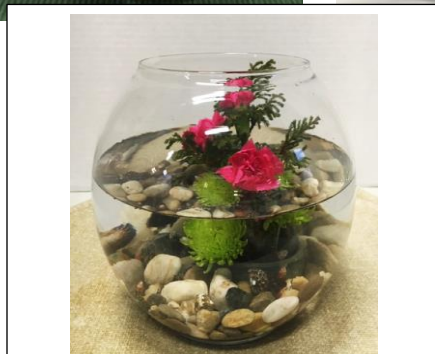


Barbara brought this Swedish ivy.



**FEBRUARY 12 20245 PROGRAM – WORKSHOP**  
**UNDERWATER ARRANGEMENT**

After a demonstration by Arline, Margareta and Barbara O. , members will make their own arrangement. It will be an underwater arrangement in a glass container. The club will provide the container. The team will be asking for a headcount sometime in January... These examples are from a design challenge at our club meeting in 2019.



**CONSERVATION**

At our last meeting Nancy Azzaro talked about Connecticut state parks and forests which are a big part of the incredible quality of life in Connecticut. Every year 17 million visitors, (four times the population of Connecticut), visit our state parks and forests for recreation. A \$30 million allocation of government funds will be used to make repairs and refurbishments needed across the Connecticut State Parks system. Connecticut has 110 state parks and 32 state forests.

These photos are of Hillary's last blooms of summer picked in November.



This is Joy's Butterfly milkweed in November.



FALL - ISLAND ONE CLEANUP

**ISLAND 3**

Jan, Chris, Arline and Ed Shanley worked to rake and cleanup Island 3.



Teri



Mae



Joy



Jane



Josie



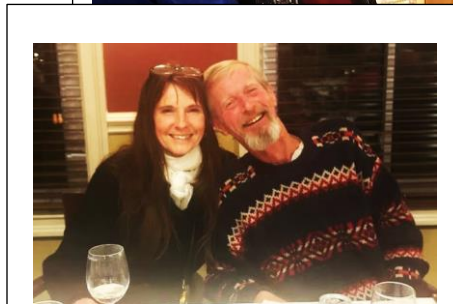
Jane & Mary Ellen



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We gathered at The Newtown Country Club on December 4, to begin the holiday season. They prepared an excellent party for us. We were treated to delicious nonstop appetizers. We ended with an ice cream bar. We all had a wonderful time together.

**HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 4**



## HOLIDAY TREE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

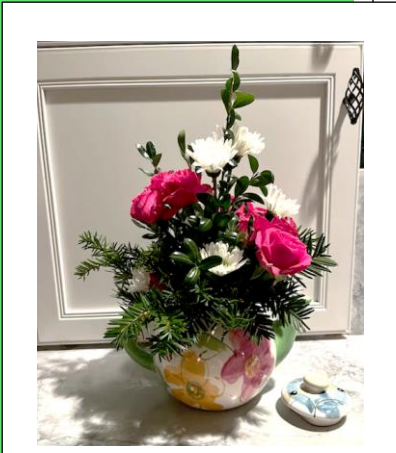
Alexis Capaldo led her team - Teri Doern, Barbara O'Connor, Barbara McCann, Jane Vouros, Lina Williams, Joan Alexander, Hillary Goldstein, Denise Rod and Nancy Scallon in creating the tree decorations, which this year reflects our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club. Then on December 8<sup>th</sup> they decorated the tree at the Community Center.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Chris Lincoln, Arline Shanley, Joan Alexander, Barbara O'Connor, Barbara McCann, Denise Rod. Donna Miklaszewski, Peggy Fillion and Josie Schmidt all volunteered to make teapot arrangements to be sold at the Youth and Family Services breakfast on Sunday, December 8th held at the Alexandria Room at Edmond Town Hall.

**Chris**



**Arline**



**Barbara O'Connor**



**Barbara McCann**



**Donna**



**Josie**



This year we also had 15 decorative yule logs and decorated bottle candlesticks that Joan made as table decorations for an AARP Andrus Award reception for Beverly Schaedler. Joan then donated them to Newtown Family Services in our club name to also be auctioned off on December 8.





# *Shakespeare's*

## **GARDEN**

(203) 755-2214

25 Obtuse Road, South

Brookfield, CT 06804

The Holidays are here - - and the Holidays at Shakespeare's Garden Center  
and Barn Shop - -

Is always a stunning sight !!



A Gift Card from this (all-you-can-need-or-want for your home or garden)  
business

is always a cherished and welcomed gift - - and can be purchased on-line



Take a drive up to Shakespeare's Garden for the most unique and unusual  
gifts, the most spectacular and colorful floral arrangements, the most  
uncommon Christmas ornaments - -

and the very best advice.

Chris





Let me put it SIMPLY:

FOOD that never disappoints  
QUIET – when you want or need it  
REASONABLE PRICES  
Out-of-this-world DRINKS !  
Knock-your-socks-off DESSERTS!  
A round table – to chat with everyone, rather than just the person by you



Hello, Fellow Gardeners:

As we all know, the upcoming Holidays, instead of being relaxing and slow-paced, can be busy, tiring, hectic and sometimes, even overwhelming. There's something we can do to alleviate that - - and its name is SAL E PEPE CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN BISTRO.

I have a group of "foodie" friends who, for a number of years, have searched-out and tried, assessed and analyzed, experimented and trialed, and travelled far are wide for the best restaurants - - even (chuckle, chuckle) keeping a spreadsheet of scores (1 – 5) on:

<i>Food Quality</i>	<i>Noise Level</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Price</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

We just love good food, good wine, good service and (YES!) we love to talk -- rather than yell.

Aren't WE, (here in Newtown), lucky to have what WE (my foodies) have elected to be the best all-around restaurant in our local, drivable-on-a-Friday-night area - - which includes Danbury, Ridgefield, Brookfield, Bethel, Southbury, Woodbury, Waterbury, New Milford and Newtown.



**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)
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 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  
[info@deluciaconstruction.com](mailto:info@deluciaconstruction.com) or [ddelucia61@yahoo.com](mailto:ddelucia61@yahoo.com)
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
12. M.G. Masonry new installations & repairs – email [mgmasonry76@yahoo.com](mailto:mgmasonry76@yahoo.com) . Recommended by Josie Schmidt.