



FEBRUARY 2017

GARDEN THYMES

MIDDLEBURY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Shorten Your To-Do List

Membership Dues are not payable until April 15, but if you miss the deadline your information will not be included in our yearbook so why not pull out your check book now and do yourself and the acting Vice President for Membership a favor?



Mail your check for \$25 with a copy of the last page of this newsletter noting any change in your information, to

Pat Durfee,

188 Fields Road, Middlebury, VT 05753.



LIBRARY FLOWERS I



January - **Pat Chase**
Thank you!

CAPSULE CALENDAR

- February 7 - Potluck Luncheon
- February 21 - Program meeting
- March 14 - Talk on flowers in paintings
- April 11 - Growing Trees & Shrubs in VT
- April 15 - DEADLINE for DUES PAYMENT

NEXT MEETING

Take a scenic drive to Pantton with club companions * for our **POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

455 Ruffed Grouse Lane, Pantton*, Noon, Tuesday, February 7

Please bring an **herb-themed** casserole, salad, or dessert to serve eight, and hear **Shari Johnson** speak about culinary herbs.



This event is facilitated by **Anne Collins** and **Ashley Dewey**
Want to know what foods we are missing?
Call or email **Anne Collins**
(XXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

Clean up: **Louise Crawford, Pat Durfee** and **Nancy Ewen**



*Take 17 to Jersey St. then north (right) to Goodrich Corners; (west) left to Lake Street; north (right) on Lake Street to Ruffed Grouse on left.

Carpooling strongly encouraged

PLEASE ADD THIS NEW MEMBER'S INFORMATION TO YOUR YEARBOOK

Kaelin "Liz" Mackey (Erkki "Wil")
1273 Rte. 125
Cornwall, VT 05753
XXXXXXXXX@gmail.com;
802-XXX-XXXX



Liz and her son, Lang

LIBRARY FLOWERS!



December - **Jane Burton**
Thank you!



Helmut Hietzker



Lorrie Muller,
Fran Putnam



Anne Collins,
Shari Johnson,
Ann LaFiandra,
Bobbie Landers

Pat Durfee, Anne Taylor



Marilyn Needham, Carol Calhoun, Peggy Cox,
Gail Hietzker, Jane Burton

Quite a few members turned out to help dismantle the holiday decorations at the Ilsley Library. (Not everyone who attended is pictured.) Thank you to everyone for the help; the job was completed in record time!

Program Meeting February 21, 1PM, Vermont Room,
The Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Road, Middlebury
If you would like to have input into the program for 2017 - 2018, or to be the facilitator of one of the programs, this meeting is for you! If you have ideas for activities, but are unable to attend, please send them in advance, with as much information as you have, to **Anne Collins** and **Ashley Dewey**



Sue (Williams) Saul 1927-2017

Sue Saul was a long time member of our club and was the president of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont from 1983 - 1985. She served as our club's president in 1987; from 2002 - 2004; and later in 2004; and was recently recognized as an Honorary Life Member.

Sue also served as a board member of the State, Regional and National Garden Clubs. She was a FGCV State Life Member and a National Life Member. For many years she and her late husband, George, were chairs of the FGCV Scholarship Fund. **Sue** also served as FGCV Awards Chair for

many years which made it difficult to nominate her for a surprise award. The FGCV Golden Trowel Award, the state's highest service award, was finally presented to Sue in 2012 at our annual meeting after she had stepped down as the State chair. In Middlebury, until age and illness made it too difficult, **Sue** was a dedicated volunteer in the Sheldon Gardens. Many of you will remember her for her leadership skills and her love of flowers, especially daffodils, Dahlias and roses.

A funeral service will be held on February 11 at 11:00AM at the Middlebury Congregational Church. The service will be immediately followed by a reception and light luncheon at the church. **Pat Chase**, who served with **Sue** as co-president of MGC in 2004, has coordinated the church arrangements and **Sue's** obituary.

In lieu of flowers, donations in **Sue's** memory, may be made to Homeward Bound of Middlebury, 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury; or The Middlebury Congregational Church, 27 North Pleasant Street, Middlebury.

High Mowing Seeds to Benefit Cornwall School's Farm to School program

Purchase directly through the website below between January 20 and February 3 and help the school to reach its \$1000 fundraising goal! Seeds will be delivered to school around February 17. <https://www.farmraiser.com/campaigns/cornwall-school-farm-to-school-seed-fundraiser/market>

Questions? Contact Emily Hoyler
(ehoyler@acsu.org).

The club has offered its two scholarships to our new member, **Liz Mackey**, who teaches in the middle school and wants to involve her students in gardening; and to Chad Donovan who has been a CSA manager and moved here from Seattle. He plans to develop a cut flower commercial garden in Addison.



Links for your winter reading:

New cold hardy perennials: <http://www.greenhousegrower.com/varieties/20-new-cold-hardy-perennials-for-a-rock-solid-line-up-in-2017/#Tinsel/133420/8>

Recommended by **Shari Johnson**: National Gardening website: <https://garden.org> and a gardening blog: <http://awaytogarden.com>

The editor's favorite: agardenforthehouse.com



Members and guests who attended the Holiday Party at Lincoln Peak Winery were surprised and thrilled by the new venue. Thanks go to **Ann Crumb** and **Bobbie Landers** for coordinating the evening with the help of co-vice presidents **Anne Collins** and **Ashley Dewey**. Among the comments: "Easy parking"; "plenty of room"; "festive ambiance"; "lovely wine".

Dues Renewal Form 2017-2018

Name _____

Please renew my membership for 2017-2018:

___ My contact information in the yearbook is unchanged **OR** please update my contact information as follows:

Please attach your check for \$25 payable to the Middlebury Garden Club to this form and mail to acting Membership Chair, Pat Durfee, 188 Fields Rd., Middlebury, VT 05753.

Members are expected to attend business meetings and also participate in the activities and projects of the Club.

Please pay your dues by April 15 so that your name and contact information will appear in the next yearbook. Thank you.

Please indicate your areas of interest:

- May Plant sale
- Event Hospitality
- Gardening at sheldon Museum Gardens
- Ilsley library Holiday Decorating
- event/lecture/Tour Facilitator
- Judge for Junior Flower show
- Creations and Donations Committee
- Planting for Habitat for Humanity
- Floral arrangements at Ilsley library
- Historical Decorations at sheldon Museum
- Hosting Pot luck February luncheon
- Mentoring new Members
- Roadside Garden awards
- Publicity
- Garden Thymes editor

Do you have an interest in taking on a administrative or leadership role in the Club? If so, please tell us of your interest and any special skills or talents that you may have.

Tell us your favorite program events and give us any suggestions you have for future programming.

Give us feedback on a question you wished we had asked.

Throughout the years, members have always cooperatively shared the responsibility to present a good yearly program and undertaken numerous projects in community service and education. The Middlebury Garden Club welcomes your support and appreciates your participation.