



MAY/JUNE 2017

# GARDEN THYMES

MIDDLEBURY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## CAPSULE CALENDAR

- May 9 - Not Your Grandmother's Hostas
- May 18 - Junior Flower Show
- May 20 - Annual Plant Sale - Town Green
- June 13 - Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- June 27 - Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery

## PLEASE ADD THESE NEW MEMBERS' INFORMATION TO YOUR YEARBOOK

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## LIBRARY FLOWERS I



April - Jean Winter  
Thank you!

Enlarge so you don't miss the bird and eggs!

## NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S HOSTAS ANYMORE

All things Hosta is the topic for our next meeting.

The owner of Mason Hollow Nursery, New



Hampshire, and Master Gardener Sue Anderson will speak on this topic.

The nursery's website showcases varieties not often found in the usual catalogs. Sue will bring specific plants to sell at 10% discount if requested.

Check out the website at <http://www.masonhollow.com/>.

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1PM**  
**at The Residence at Otter Creek, 350 Lodge Road, Middlebury**

Please note that owing to kitchen renovations The Residence will NOT be offering a complimentary light lunch. Club members will provide hospitality.

# 2017 PLANT SALE - MAY 20, 9 - NOON

Most needed from members:  
plants to sell and word of mouth publicity!

- In 2016 we had over 600 plants for sale. We believe this was a record and we would love to break it this year. With the help of all members we can.
  - Divide your perennials.
  - Start seedlings of flowers, vegetables and herbs.
  - Take and root cuttings.
  - Label all your donations with plant type and color, if any - Some people shop by color.
  - Consider bringing water for any plants you load up dryer than they might like (they are lighter that way) and for any others that will begin to wilt under a strong spring sun (we hope!).
  - Bring a chair for any downtime on sale day.
  - Bring a sunhat or rain gear, or both.
  - Wear waterproof footwear if beginning work at 7AM. Dew can be heavy.
  - Need Pots? **Jane Burton** has a surfeit of pots behind her garage ready for you to collect: XXXXXXXX., Weybridge - help yourself (don't drive on the grass).
  - Use dairy containers - punch holes in the bottom.
- PLEASE LABEL ALL PLANTS WITH AT LEAST NAME AND COLOR (IF ANY)**
- Make labels by cutting their shapes from plastic milk bottles and staple plant photos and descriptions to labels
  - Dress for the weather and in layers - it can feel colder than the given temperature, especially in the shade.
  - Take home all you bring (except the plants you donate of course).
  - Download this poster to send to your friends to help with our publicity:  
[https://www.dropbox.com/pri/get/Public/Email%202017.pdf?\\_subject\\_uid=557623698&w=AAAHBomM-WTuF4b6BwudsDCt2PtQKFQkKRVA59WgltvuLQ](https://www.dropbox.com/pri/get/Public/Email%202017.pdf?_subject_uid=557623698&w=AAAHBomM-WTuF4b6BwudsDCt2PtQKFQkKRVA59WgltvuLQ)
  - Bring a mug for members' free coffee or tea.
- Stuck? Confused? Call **Anne Taylor**, xxx-xxx-xxxx for encouragement/ideas.



Tuesday, June 27, 7:45AM at Hannaford (south side of parking lot) for carpools for a 10AM start in Windsor.

## Cider Hill Gardens & Gallery Tour

1747 Hunt Road, Windsor 05089  
*"Where gardening and fine art interact."*

Located in Windsor, VT, Cider Hill is about a two hour drive from Middlebury through the Green Mountains.

Cider Hill Gardens are closed on Tuesdays, so this tour will afford the garden club the full availability of the gardens and gallery. Sarah, the owner, will be able to give us her full attention.

Sarah will talk on  
"Gardens for Butterflies & Pollinators."

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, insect repellent, and a travel snack.

Lunch suggestions will be made closer to the date.

Facilitators: **Pat Durfee**, xxx-xxxx  
**Peg Lawrence**, xxx-xxxx

## DANDELIONS

Honorary Life Member **Gwen Graham**, who now lives in XXXXX, New York, sent the editor an article by Peter Bowden from which the following information is extracted.

**Gwen writes**, " *The Club might find interest in an article I found in the local PENNYSAVER.*

*I enjoy reading the Club's GARDEN THYMES... You do a great job! (Thanks Gwen) I still manage 30 raised gardens for the residents...ages range from the 70's through the 90's. We grow flowers and vegetables. I love gardening and think I'll "go" with a trowel in my hand.  
Your friend in gardening, **Gwen Graham.**"*

Dandelions were once among the favorite plants on the planet. Believe it or not, many years ago there were *no* dandelions growing in North America. They were brought intentionally by European colonists. The leaves, now a greens delicacy, are a great source of vitamin A, iron, calcium, and phosphorus. According to historical sources, various parts of the plant may be used to treat UTIs, abscesses, eczema, gout, boils, stomach aches, and snakebites, high blood pressure, and to purify the liver. No wonder they were not left behind! Named by the French, the plant is mentioned as early as the 7th century in China, whilst it appears in 12th century writing in Wales. Perhaps we can forgive these early spring blasts of yellow.



## MINUTES - APRIL MEETING

**Please read - you will be asked to vote on accepting these minutes.**

A brief business meeting followed an excellent presentation by Bartlett Tree Experts' V.J.Comai and Jeromy Gardner entitled "Growing Trees & Shrubs in the Vermont Landscape."

**Pat Morrow** chaired the meeting.

A motion was made by **Jane Burton** and seconded by **Pat Durfee** to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer **Lorrie Muller** presented her financial report for March. She reimbursed **Lesley Bienvenue** for the Master Gardener course, and she deposited checks totaling \$XXX for dues.

Membership Chair Marilyn Needham introduced two new members, **Marion Bauer** and **Esther Johansson**. She also encouraged those members who have not done so to complete the membership renewal forms.

**Pat Morrow** announced that UVM has approved four of our upcoming lectures for Master Gardener education hours.

Upcoming programs include:

- Sheldon Museum spring decoration, April 13
- Lecture on Growing Hostas, May 9
- Junior Flower Show, May 18
- Plant Sale, May 20

The Annual Luncheon will be held at the Middlebury Inn at 11 a.m. on June 13. Members should send their RSVP along with a \$25 check and their menu selection to **Lorrie Muller**, by June 6.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara Greenwood**, Recording Secretary



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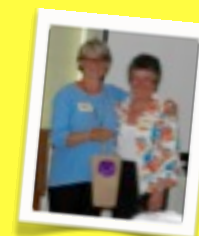


March - **Ann LaFiandra**  
*Thank you!*



## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

when we gather to celebrate another  
year of activities, elect officers  
& disclose upcoming events



Please make your reservation for our

## ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

### Tuesday, June 13, 11AM

The Middlebury Inn, followed by a slideshow of our year's activities

RSVP by check for \$25 payable to the Middlebury Garden Club  
*with entree selection* and **received** by June 6  
to **Lorrie Muller**, Treasurer  
XXXXXXXX, Middlebury, VT 05753

## ROADSIDE GARDEN AWARDS

As you travel the roads of Addison County this summer, keep an eye open for private, public and commercial gardens possibly worthy of an award.



Send suggested locations to  
**Christine Fraioli**, XXX-

## APPETIZER/SALAD

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SEARED CHICKEN WITH  
PROSCIUTTO, ROAST TOMATO AND MOZZARELLA  
OR  
PAN SEARED SEA BASS WITH LEMON CAPER BEURRE BLANC  
OR  
SEASONAL RAVIOLI, TOMATOES, ASPARAGUS  
AND MUSHROOMS IN BROTH

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## DESSERT

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## CASH BAR



**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CHOICE OF MEAT/FISH/VEGGIE**

Event Co-facilitators are **Charlotte Furey & Patti Marrinan**



DECORATION OF THE HENRY SHELDON  
MUSEUM OF VERMONT HISTORY & THE  
PLANTING & MAINTENANCE OF ITS HISTORIC  
GARDEN ARE PROJECTS OF THE CLUB

In April, a few of our members worked together at the Sheldon to go from these:



to these:



Don't forget to volunteer

We need a rota of people to weed and water weekly in the Sheldon Museum's garden. Please contact **Shari Johnson**, XXX-XXXX, or **Pat Morrow** XXX-XXXX to sign up.



Thank you **Barbara Blodgett** for arranging a most interesting talk on the purchase, planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs by Bartlett Tree Experts.

Important points:

- cut into any small tangled roots when planting & remove any burlap
- dig a hole the same depth as root ball, not necessarily as deep as the soil mark on the trunk. Leave root flare showing.
- water for the number of years equal to the diameter of the tree.
- make fresh cuts in the root ball.
- use 2 to 3 inches of mulch & leave it free of the trunk; the tree needs to breathe.

Varieties recommended for our area as pollinator trees and shrubs are *Viburnum x juddii*, *Cornus kousa*, and *Heptacodium miconioides*.