

MIDDLEBURY GARDEN CLUB
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2025 FIRST QUARTER



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VERMONT WINTERS are wonderful.
And kinda new to me.

Last winter I put up a 800' snow fence. It did not seem to do very much. This year I decided not to. Hope I don't regret that decision.

I bought expensive snow chains for my tractor and ATV and have not once put them on.

Gardening here has had a similar learning curve. Anybody know how to grow brussel sprouts that are not teensy?

Craig, GT Editor





Ilsley Arrangements



October arrangement by Ryan Nevius



November arrangement done by Marion Bauer

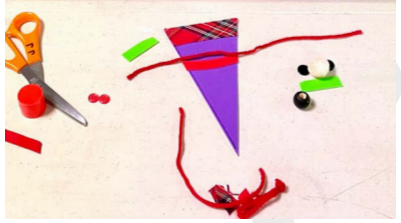
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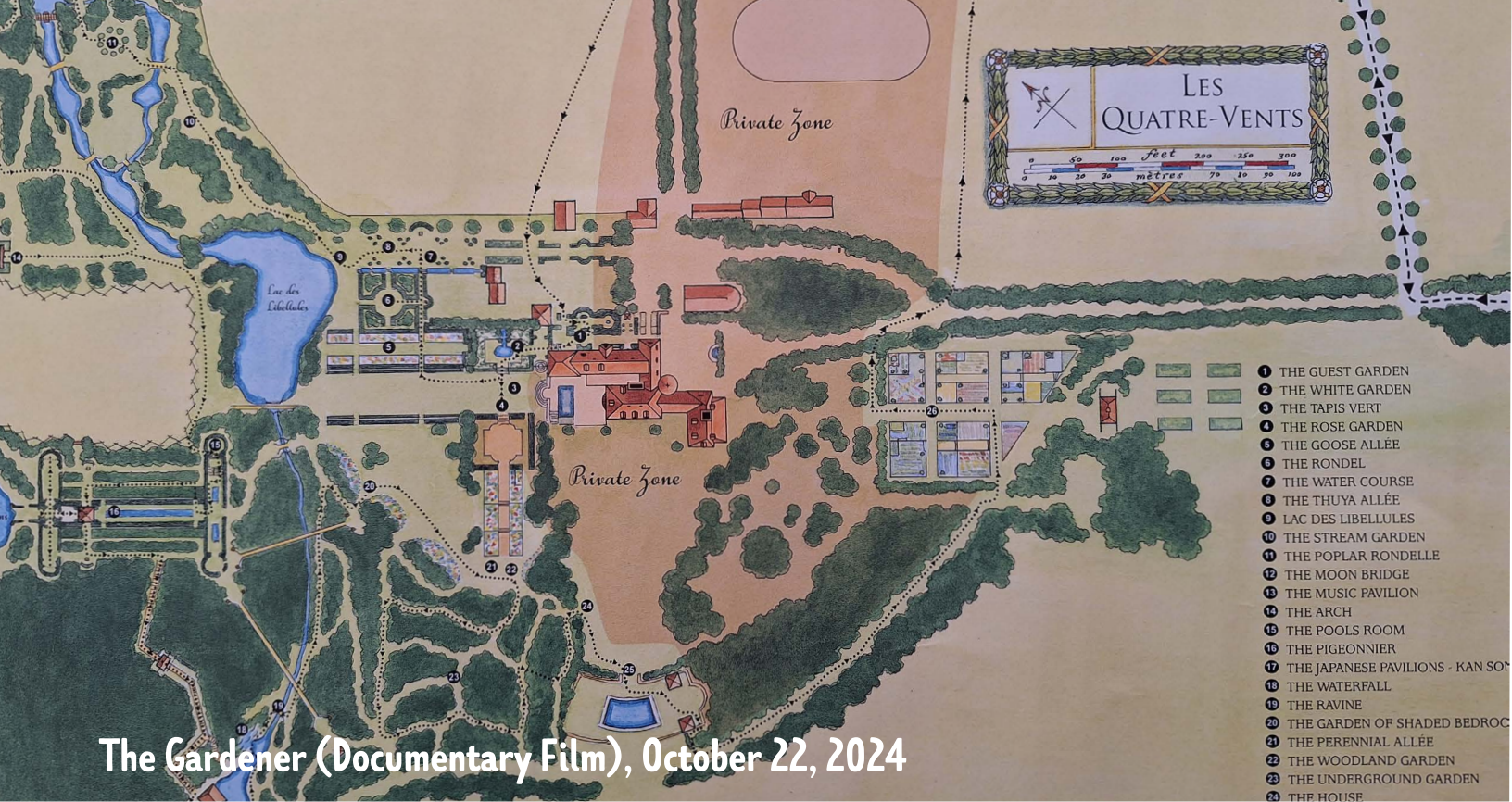
Creations and Donations
October 1, 2024





November 19, 2024
Holiday Decorations Workshop





The Gardener (Documentary Film), October 22, 2024



Sheldon Gardening October 29, 2024





Isley Holiday Decorations, December 3, 2024







Parting Thoughts

A WINTER NEWSLETTER is kinda like a winter garden, much less going on than the other seasons. I'm not complaining!

By fall, we had lost control of the tomatillos. They were all over the ground and tasted awful. There was a bushel or four of apples in the top of our biggest tree that we had no energy to pick, cider or preserve (and we did a lot of that). Foey, the birds can have them!

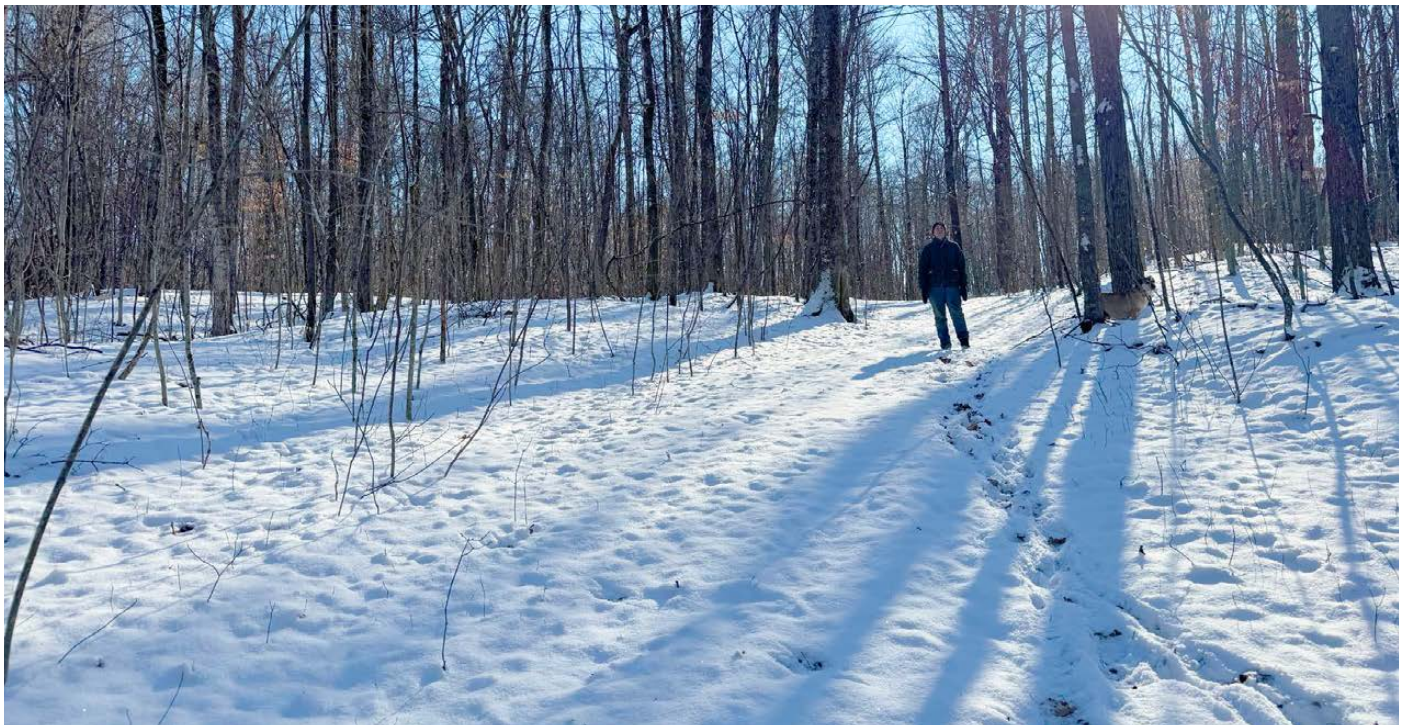
As usual, nature carries on without us. Winter has it's own to do list. The leaf litter under the snow is breaking down. The leaf buds are slowly forming. The soil food web slows but continues to break down biomass.

No lawn to mow. No weeds to pull. Relax.

No doubt in a month or two, the seed catalogues will start calling to us, "Pssst! Salad bar. Mmmm. Have you ever grown this flower? Red? Yellow? Blue? Yes!" Blank parts of the yard will start to chatter about how lovely they could be with new plantings.



But for now I'll just enjoy the brightness of the winter forest, the crunch of snow underfoot and listen to the quiet.





Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1PM

Silvia Jope's 'Close to Nature' Landscape Design Talk

“Keep your indoor cleanliness inside. Outside is a different environment,” declares Silvia. Just one of the take-home messages that environmentally minded gardeners are relieved and inspired to hear. In this talk, award winning landscape designer Silvia Jope will teach the basic steps behind landscape planning while approaching it through the lens of ecology and sustainability. Silvia aims to inspire gardeners to create landscapes that are havens for people and wildlife alike and that are energy wise, multifunctional and beautiful.

Topics include: the pillars behind “Close to Nature” landscapes, overview of landscape design, analysis and site plans, and a step by step landscape planning sample.

Location: The Residence at Otter Creek

Food Note: buffet lunch for members only at 12:30 and the talk at 1pm.

Facilitator: Elaine Coon

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1PM

Sarah Salatino of Full Circle Gardens in Essex

As our climate changes, summers will be hotter and drier. Quickly falling rain can cause damaging runoff rather than gently sinking into the soil. Join Sarah and explore ways to rethink how we garden to prepare for droughts. You will learn water-wise ideas, practices, and perennial varieties to keep your gardens gorgeous.

Location: The Residence at Otter Creek

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1PM

Charlie Nardozzi talk on Vegetable Gardening

Charlie, a fabulous and well known garden speaker, will talk to us about his success in vegetable gardening. He will tell us about new to the market special vegetables as well as the old tried and true. There will be time at the end for questions.

Location: The Residence at Otter Creek

Facilitator: Cilla Leng

JUNE 18, TUESDAY, 9AM

Sheldon Museum Garden Party

Our monthly party to plant, weed, prune, and water the garden during the growing season.

Location: Sheldon Museum

