

MIDDLEBURY GARDEN CLUB  
NEWSLETTER

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2025 SECOND QUARTER



**C**AN I plant now? Check the 10 day forecast. Again. Maybe warm enough but... this morning there was a light frost on the grass and there was melt-drip from the eaves. Again. It's going to be a sunny day in the low seventies but...

Not yet. Keep the seedlings going in the hallway. Fertilize again. Start some more. Harden off the bigger ones. Keep preparing the planting beds and fences. Pot things for our plant sale.

Spring is such a waiting game.

Craig, GT Editor

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# Arrangements at The Residence



March arrangement done by Beth Keefe



February arrangement by Andrea Landsberg



April arrangement done by Janet Mosurick





# MGC in Action!

Sylvia Jope  
Close to Nature Landscape Design  
February 17, 2025



## BOOKS:

The Living Landscape by Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy - Planting in a Post Wild World by Rainier and West  
Garden Revolution by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher - Bringing Nature Home by Doug Tallamy  
Energy Wise Landscape Design by Sue Reed (also follow up book "Climate Wise")

## ONLINE RESOURCES FOR NATIVE PLANTINGS, MEADOWS AND NO MOW GRASSES:

[www.prairiemoon.com](http://www.prairiemoon.com)

[www.prairienursery.com/](http://www.prairienursery.com/)

[www.newmoonnursery.com](http://www.newmoonnursery.com)

## ONLINE RESOURCE FOR BARE ROOT TREES AND SHRUBS:

<https://www.coldstreamfarm.net>

## ONLINE RESOURCES FOR IN DEPTH PERENNIAL PLANT INFORMATION

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>

[www.northcreeknurseries.com](http://www.northcreeknurseries.com)

## YOUTUBE WEBINARS

Ecological Landscape Alliance:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ecolandscaping1>

(Especially "Landscaping for Plant Diversity" and "The Liberated Landscape")

## PODCASTS

Growing Greener with Tom Christopher

A way to Garden with Margaret Roach

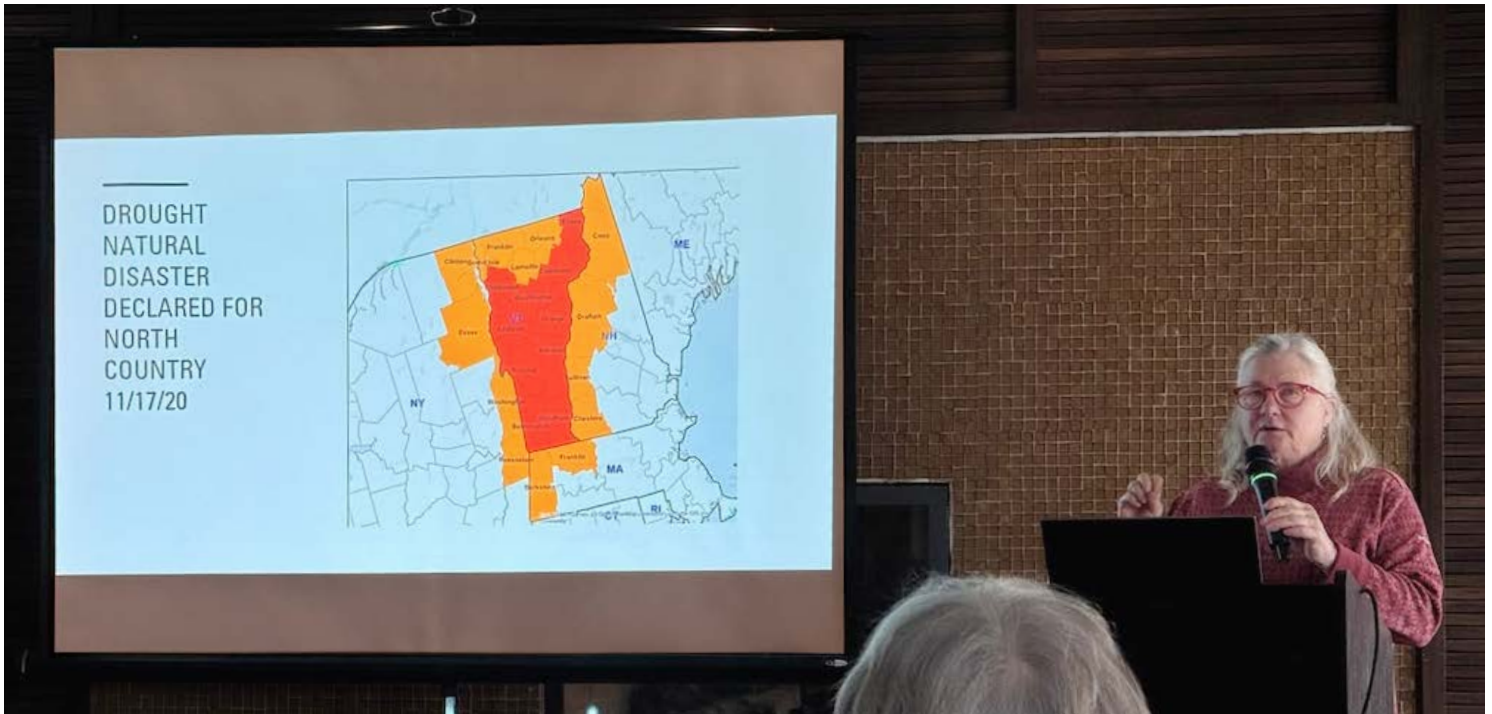
## NATIVE PLANT TRIALS ON HORTICULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUE

[www.mtcubacenter.org/research](http://www.mtcubacenter.org/research)

## Resources



## Sarah Salatino, Climate Change Gardening, March 31, 2025







**Tastes Better**  
**Healthier For You**  
**Reduce Carbon Footprint**  
**Grow More Diversity of Veggies**  
**Grow More Efficiently**

**April 8, 2025, Charlie Nardozzi**  
**Small Space Vegetable Gardening**





Sheldon Spring Clean Up  
April 15, 2025







# Annual Plant Sale



## Annual Plant Sale, May 31: Plants and People Needed!

Location is next to St. Stephens and across from the post office. Once you have unloaded your car, please move it somewhere around the Congregational church or up by the Town Hall Theater so other members can unload and so the public will have a place to park.

This is the fundraiser that provides the money for all of our activities, grants, and scholarships. Each member is expected to donate a minimum of 8 plants. Larger plants in big pots bring more money. We sell nothing in a pot smaller than 4".

You can bring the following: vegetable starts, annual plant starts, herbs, perennials from your garden or a friend's garden such as daylilies, peonies, daisies, echinacea (coneflower), ground covers, grasses, chrysanthemums, small shrubs such as hydrangeas, nine bark, smoke tree, fruit (raspberries, strawberries).

All plants must be tagged with name and color of the flower. If you know, indicate sun or shade and approximate height. A cut-up milk jug is a good source for a label.

Please pot early, like now, so that the plant is settled in and looks good. If you need pots, please call Marilyn. If you do not have plants to divide, please consider starting some from seed or contact another garden club member to see if you can help them divide their perennials.

You may also bring items for the Garden Accessories Table: nice pots, tools in good shape, gardening books, and other garden items.

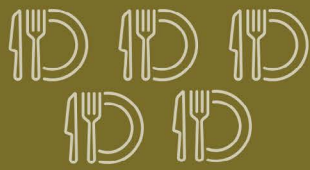
All hands on deck are needed in order to accomplish this event. Plants must be there by 7:30am. At 7am, we need a strong member to pound in Plant Identification signs and another two strong members to set up tables.

On the Thursday before the sale, two members are needed to get the signs from Barbara Pelton and to put them up around town.

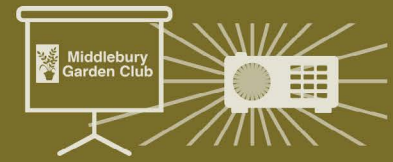
This is a great event for everyone. There are some fabulous plants for you to buy once the sale is open to the public.







# Annual Meeting & Luncheon



**You Are Cordially Invited To Attend  
The Middlebury Garden Club Annual Meeting and Luncheon**  
On Tuesday June 10, 2025, at 11:00 am  
at The Waybury Inn, Reservation Required, \$25.00

## **Menu:**

Tomato Bisque Soup, Lemon Sabayon Almond Tart

### **Entrée choices:**

Caesar Salad with choice of grilled chicken or salmon

Maple Glazed Atlantic Salmon, baked and served over coconut rice

Chicken Piccata, pan seared and served with fingerling potatoes

## **RSVP Deadline: May 24, 2025**

Please send your entrée choice and \$25 check (made out to Middlebury Garden Club)  
to Marilyn Needham, 79 Halpin Road, Middlebury, VT 05753



**The beautiful Waybury Inn, 457 E Main St, Middlebury, VT 05753**





## Parting Thoughts

**S**PRING is comeback time.

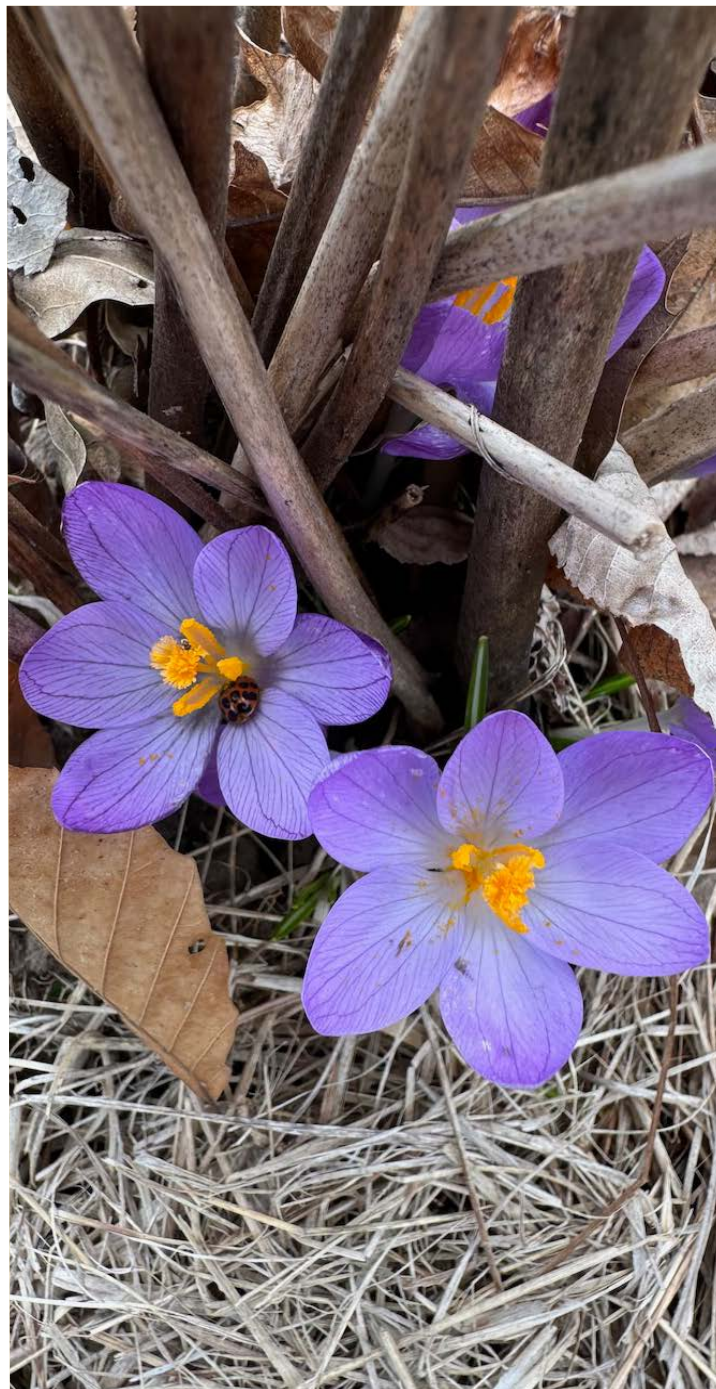
I just finished a biography about Louie Zamperini. He was a young track star in the 1936 Berlin Olympics and then a bombardier in the Pacific theater in WWII. Here's a short version of what happened to him.

He was on a B-24 bomber on a search and rescue mission. They lost an engine, then two and crashed in the ocean. He was one of only three crew that survived the crash. They drifted in a life raft for 47 days barely surviving on fish and rainwater and floated to Japan. They became prisoners of war and many starved to death. All were mistreated. One of the guards took notice of the famous athlete and made it his mission to break him. He almost did. By the end of the war Louie was very near death. For years after the war he suffered terrible PTSD and alcoholism.

But he recovered and enjoyed a good life of 97 years. The book and movie is called *Unbroken*. Worth your time.

This incredible comeback story puts many things in context. Things that look dead are just waiting for the end of winter or war. Because it's also in our nature to come back. Overcome wrongs. Get on with life. And garden.

Craig, GT Editor







# Upcoming Events

## APRIL 29, TUESDAY, 1 PM

### *Flower Arranging Demonstration*

Jaga Amiechowski is the floral designer for “My Flowers for All Events” in the Rutland area as well as for Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden. She will create five arrangements. At the end of the demonstration, the arrangements will be auctioned among the attendees.

**Location:** Middlebury Recreation Center  
154 Creek Road, Middlebury

**Facilitator:** Barbara Blodgett

## MAY 13, TUESDAY, 9 AM

### *Bird Walk*

Wally Elton along with Gary and Kathy Starr will talk about the birds and wildlife we might see at Otter View Park on the trail and boardwalk to and along the Otter Creek in Middlebury. If you have a smart phone, bring it so you can use Merlin ID. Wally will talk about the many ways that Merlin ID can be used while looking for and identifying birds. After the birding walk, Gary Starr will give us a tour of his bird carving studio, which is located nearby.

**What to bring:** Binoculars, water, comfortable and waterproof walking shoes, insect repellent and bird identification books, if you have them.

**Facilitator:** Wally Elton

## MAY 20, TUESDAY, 10 AM

### *Sheldon Museum Garden Party*

Planting of annuals and garden clean-up.

**What to bring:** Gardening gloves, tools, bucket for debris and water to drink.

**Location:** 1 Park Street, Middlebury



## MAY 31, SATURDAY. 7AM UNTIL NOON

### *Annual Plant Sale*

This is the fundraiser that provides money for our activities, grants, and scholarships. Each member is expected to donate a minimum of 8 plants in containers that are at least 4 inches in diameter. The larger the plant the better as size determines price. Please label your plants with light requirements, bloom color and height when mature.

**Location:** Middlebury Town Green on Main Street in Middlebury

**Facilitators:** Barbara Pelton and Lyn DuMoulin

## TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 10AM

*Mary O'Shea*, well known artist who uses her own designed tapestries to create clothing, purses and even upholstered pieces and sell them at juried high end craft shows throughout the country, has invited us to tour her gardens and hear how flowers have influenced her life long's work. Mary, one of our new members, has invited us to see her new home, previously her studio, and to enjoy our bag lunch.

**Location:** 140 Hamilton Road in Weybridge

**RSVP:** barbarablodgett@comcast.net by Friday, May 30

## JUNE 10, TUESDAY, 11 AM

### *Annual Meeting and Luncheon*

Join us for our annual meeting and luncheon and watch “A year in Review”, our annual slideshow.

**Location:** The Waybury Inn,  
457 E. Main Street East Middlebury

**Host/Hostess:** Marilyn Needham and Sandy Bemis

