

# SGC

January & February 2016



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## The Stamford Garden Club

256th Edition

January 2016

### Calendar

**Tuesday, January 5**

#### Board Meeting

Home of Beazie Larned

9:30AM Social

10AM Meeting

#### Foodies Group

*Foodies is a vegetable - growing group made up of SGC members and a few outside friends who are enthusiastic vegetable growers.*

*All are welcome to participate.*

Home of Beazie Larned

12:30PM

Soup / bread will be served for lunch.

The group will meet to discuss and share the order of vegetable seeds.

Topic: Cold crops and tomatoes

**Tuesday, January 12**

#### Monthly Meeting

Bartlett Arboretum Silver Education Center

Hostesses: Pat Langley & Elizabeth Libner

Speaker: Jenny Rose Carey

Program: Shade Gardening

### Bench Show

#### Floral Design: "A Fresh Start"

A Pot et Fleur using a house plant and some fresh flowers. Dust off a house plant and freshen it up! No size restrictions.

*Pot et Fleur: a combination of growing plants (in or out of pots) and fresh cut flowers and/or foliage (in water or conditioned so as to last for the duration for the show) assembled in a container. Top dressing to be of exhibitor's choice. (The Yellow book p.176.)*

#### Horticulture: "Our Steadfast Companions"

**Par:** An exhibit of exceptional horticultural merit that does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the horticulture schedule. Entries will be judged individually against perfection. Cut specimens or hanging baskets are not permitted. Containers may not exceed 12" diagonally. Provide saucer if necessary.

**Class 1:** Houseplants Grown for flowers

**Class 2:** Houseplants grown for foliage

### Photography



**Take a photo with your SLR or Phone. We have a judge for this meeting and would like to have a great turnout.**

**Theme:** A photograph featuring the bark, branches, stumps, trunk or root system of a tree. This is something you can have fun with, and there may even be some snow - covered branches by the time of our meeting. If the plant material can be identified, common and botanical names are required.

The photograph should be 8X10 with an 11X14 mat that can be purchased at Michaels.

I hope to have some members participate for the first time.

Please contact me if you need help with the matting and we will work something out.

Libby Fatum, Photography Chair

**Tuesday, January 19**

**Winter Sowing Workshop**

10AM

Beazie's garage

Winter sowing is a fun and easy way to start seeds outside during the winter. Seeds are sown in miniature greenhouses made from recycled plastic containers, and then put outside in the snow and freezing cold. The rest of the work is left to Mother Nature. Once the weather starts to warm in the spring, the seeds will germinate at their own pace, just as in nature. Sounds cool, right? It gets better, no growing indoors, no sterilizing pots, no special lights and the seedlings are robust when they emerge as well as harden off.

This year once again use Titan Parsley which is a shorter, Italian flat leaf variety, 12" - 18", plant in a container or in the herb bed. This year's flower will be a soft yellow foxglove, *Digitalis grandiflora* (aka *D. ambigua*) 2-3 feet tall. It tolerates some drought when planted in a shady border. If you keep it deadheaded, it will rebloom many times.

Containers will be provided, but if you have the one from last year, please bring it, (wash it clean first).

**BRING:** plastic shopping bags to take your container home. Garden gloves if you like to wear them when working with soil-less mix.

Cost is \$3.00 for both kits - parsley and foxglove

**February 2016**

**Tuesday, February 9**

**Floral Design Workshop**

**Bartlett Silver Center**

**10AM**

Learn how to condition flowers to make them last. Learn about color combinations, proportion, scale and balance. Learn about alternative mechanics - how not to use oasis. Bring your own favorite container - medium size, not too big. Flowers will be provided. Please RSVP to Wendy or Susanne.

There will be a follow - up workshop, "Flowers for a Show," date too be announced in March.

**Tuesday, February 16**

**Horticulture Workshop**

**Beazie's garage apartment**

**178 Farms Road**

**10AM**

**Houseplant Renewal 101**

**by**

**Marianne Pollak**

Do you have a

"sad - looking" houseplant? Bring it along to this workshop where we will discuss the care, grooming, and repotting necessary to refresh your plant. If you wish to propagate it, the method will be covered.

**Tuesday, February 23**

**Photography Workshop**

More details to follow

**Deadline for the March Newsletter will be February 18.**

**Over the Garden Fence**

hello to all-

This has been a wonderful and joyous holiday season. Thanks again to Myra and everyone in the entire club who twisted wire- gave greens and helped on the big day to make the holiday arrangements for the seniors a special day. Next we had our holiday luncheon. Thank you to Miriam for arranging a beautiful location. Not only was the room beautiful but the food, decorations and wonderful holiday spirit were enjoyed by all. Our Club has a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to.

In January we'll be off and running with Board meetings and Club meetings. Then Finance meeting and much more!

We'll have a fun February with no meetings. But lots of super fun workshops! Be sure to check your emails for all of them.

Have a safe and happy new year!  
Renée

**Photo taken on December 28, 2015**

