



# May 2015 Newsletter



## President's Message:

Dear Beautification League Members and Friends:

Daffodils and forsythia are blooming brightly – the sunny yellow wake-up call of spring! The mailbox slope area is pure daffodil delight, and elsewhere woodland marsh marigolds abound. Now is the time to get busy in the garden with spring clean-up chores and enjoy being outdoors. It's certainly a busy time for Beautification League activities and projects, too.

**Tablescapes "Très Chic"** is just around the corner; tickets still available for both luncheon and tea. Thirty-five enthusiastic participants will show off their creative tabletop magic and gorgeous fashions. Check out the best ever window display downtown at the movie theater. Kudos to **Gale Stafford, Peggy Danneman, Kathy Lapolla and Faith Kerchoff** for their artistic talents! **Penny Mardoian** and **Karen Mactas** promise the heirloom table will have wonderful family stories to share. Special thanks to the Tablescapes Committee and all our members for your fantastic participation. (See following)

**Town Hall** construction is nearing completion, and Beautification League will have a significant impact on the landscape design and plantings. NCBL is well positioned financially to take on this project. The Board voted to allocate funds up to \$50,000 for design and implementation. **Keith Simpson** lends his invaluable expertise to coordinating our vision with the contractor and town officials.

Noted writer **Jane Garmey** will present "**Private Gardens of the Hudson Valley**" at our next meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Center. A knowledgeable and engaging speaker, Jane will share John Hall's magnificent photographic images. The Hudson Valley is a distinctive area rich in history and unique garden designs. Book sale and signing. (See following) In addition, **Tonya Gwynn** will share information about the New Canaan tree census and how you can take part.

Time to tend triangles, prepare for hanging flower baskets, and lend a hand at Lee Garden as we prepare for our annual Mother's Day Azalea Festival. Yellow flowers are now complimented by pink blossoms of giant saucer magnolias, early blooming 'Cornell's pink' azaleas and cherry blossoms are on the way.

Think Spring and see you at Tablescapes!

*Carol Seldin*    [cwseldin@optonline.net](mailto:cwseldin@optonline.net)

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30AM – 2PM: Tablescapes "Tres Chic" Luncheon, Showcase, Silent Auction

*Luncheon tickets by advance reservation only; Tea advance preferred or at door*

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, 10AM – 1:30PM: Tablescapes "Très Chic" Tea, Showcase, Petite Boutique

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 – 11:30 AM at Nature Center: Jane Garmey "Private Gardens of the Hudson Valley"

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, 1 -4PM: "Mother's Day Azalea Festival" Lee Garden, 89 Chichester Road

# Tickets still available

# Call 203.966.7575 \*NOW\* to reserve your spot!

Tablescapes 2015 **"Très Chic"** April 29th and 30th at Waveny House, New Canaan

*Join us!*

**Wednesday, April 29th**

10:30 am - 2:00 pm

For our Tablescapes showcase, gala luncheon and silent auction

Tickets: \$65

**Thursday, April 30th**

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Tablescapes showcase, casual tea and petite boutique

Tickets: \$25



Julie Stauffer Photography

- A Little Bit of White
- Axel Interiors
- Baldanza Natural Market Cafe
- Beach Corner
- Bon Fleur
- The Candy Scoop
- Copia Home & Garden
- Couleur Provence
- Designer's Workroom of Greenwich
- Dorothy Mann
- Earth Garden
- Folly
- Glass House Design Store
- Goldenberry
- Helen Anson
- Irresistibles
- J. McLaughlin
- Jolley Frank Interiors
- Kids Home Furnishings
- L'Armoire
- The Linen Shop
- New Canaan Florist, Garden & Gifts
- Nielsen's Florist & Garden Shop
- Potpourri
- Root Cellar Designs
- Sara Campbell
- Severed Ties
- The Silk Touch
- The Summer House
- Swick Pix
- Vineyard Vines
- Wallin & Wolff



NCBL's mission is to encourage and promote community improvement and beautification through horticultural and educational programs, environmental awareness and responsible conservation practices. NCBL is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Print the form below to make your reservation.

For further info:

[www.NewCanaanBeautification.org](http://www.NewCanaanBeautification.org)

or call: 203.966.7575

Event sponsor: Brotherhood & Higley Real Estate

Over 30 designers will show their inspiration for **"Très Chic"!**

Tablescapes 2015 **"Très Chic"** Reservation Form

Gala Luncheon - Wednesday, April 29th  
Casual Tea - Thursday, April 30th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

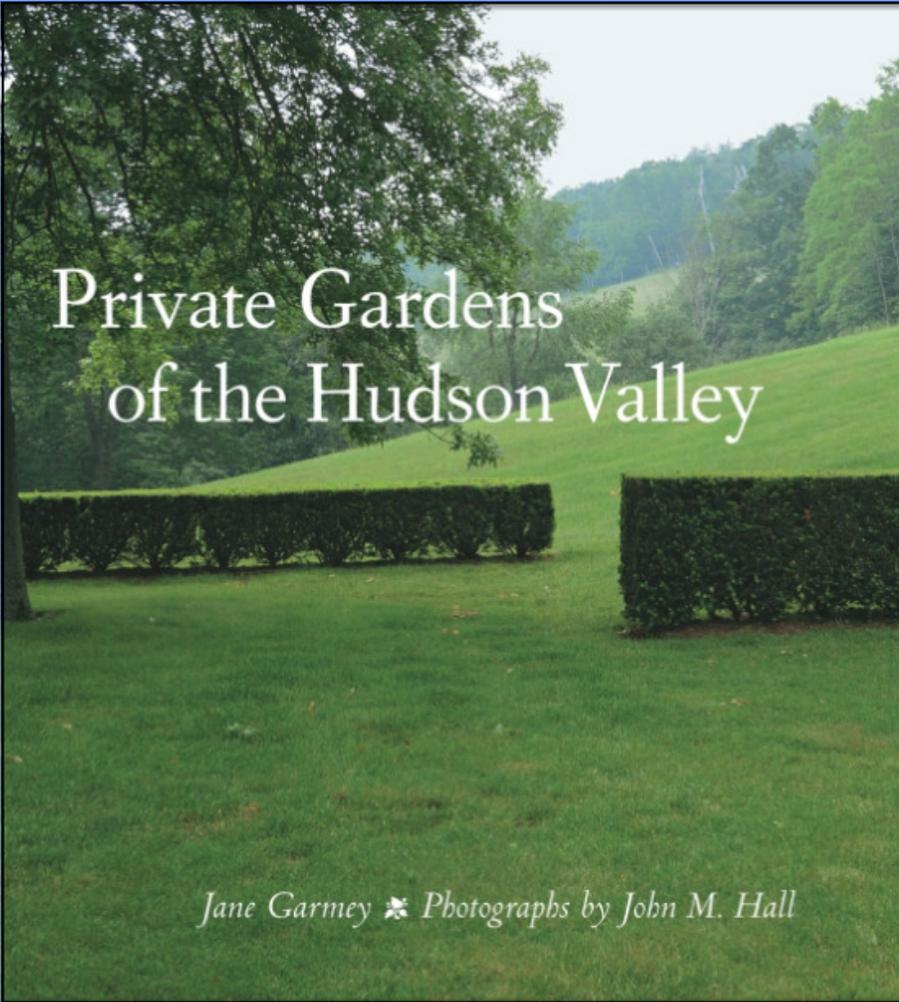
\_\_\_ No. reservations for Gala Luncheon @ \$65 each     \$ \_\_\_

\_\_\_ No. reservations for Casual Tea @ \$25 each     \$ \_\_\_

I am unable to attend but wish to donate     \$ \_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed:**     \$ \_\_\_

Send check payable to: **New Canaan Beautification League**  
Mail to: **NCBL Tablescapes, P.O. Box 4, New Canaan, CT 06840**



# Private Gardens of the Hudson Valley

*Jane Garmey ✿ Photographs by John M. Hall*



Guest speaker  
**Jane Garmey**

Jane Garmey, author of Private Gardens of the Hudson Valley, will be our next speaker. This 2013 book is a follow up to her 2010 book Private Gardens of Connecticut. Private Gardens surveys the majestic landscape that borders the Hudson River, an area rich in history. The scenery which encompasses river front meadows, craggy hills, and long open valleys, is inherently dramatic. The author has chosen to highlight 26 private gardens. The book is a sumptuously photographed survey of gardens, representing the full range of garden types from cutting edge modern to more traditional and natural landscapes. The finally honed writing beautifully illuminates the design approach to each garden with remarkably crisp and evocative descriptions. There will be a book sale and signing at the end of the program.

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Coffee / 10 a.m. Talk

New Canaan Nature Center

Sturgess Room

***Bring a friend!***



*Volunteers making  
New Canaan Beautiful!*



**This year give Mom  
azaleas in every color,  
and a walk with her  
to see them  
@ Lee Garden on  
Mother's Day  
May 10, 1-4pm**

**George & Olive Lee  
Memorial Garden  
89 Chichester Road  
New Canaan, CT**

**owned and cared for by  
THE NEW CANAAN  
BEAUTIFICATION LEAGUE**

**Lee Garden is open every day from dawn to dusk. In bloom now through June.**



**Help make New Canaan Beautiful!!**

**Hanging Baskets Workshop**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 9 a.m.**  
**453 Carter Street**

We will assemble the hanging baskets that help make New Canaan so beautiful. No experience required. Bring scissors, pliers and clippers if possible. You can park on Carter Street or at the east end of Long Lots Road (part of "Hoyt Farms"). Let us know if you can help.

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*Sara Hunt* - (203) 966-3313 [skhminky@optonline.net](mailto:skhminky@optonline.net)



Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" ~Robin Williams

# Plant the Planters

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

Pine Street, in front of Mrs. Greens  
All Hands on Deck!

This is a chance to get your hands dirty.  
If you don't want to get your hands dirty, wear gloves!  
NCBL will provide the flowers and plans to plant the planters,  
you bring gloves and trowels.

We will change this ..... to **this!**



Please contact Liz Orteig - [lorteig@gmail.com](mailto:lorteig@gmail.com) or **203.966.2359** to let her know you are coming.  
She will be delighted to hear from you.



## Membership

Our membership continues to grow . . . . .

Please welcome the following new members:

Margo Sisson, 676 Ponus Ridge Road, New Canaan (203) 966-8030, [primasister@aol.com](mailto:primasister@aol.com)

Norma von Jena, 312 Elm Street, Pride's Crossing #43, New Canaan (203) 594-7798, [normavj@optonline.net](mailto:normavj@optonline.net).

N. Dody Whitehurst, 4 Elm Street, New Canaan (203) 858-6366, [Dody.whitehurst@raveis.com](mailto:Dody.whitehurst@raveis.com)

*Tracy Phillips and Jane Campbell*

## Waveng Care Center

The NCBL volunteers to arrange flowers for the Waveng Care Center dining room **every** Monday for the month of June.

I am looking for individual members or teams to sign up for the dates listed below. Volunteers are asked to buy flowers and make 9 small similar arrangements to be placed on the dining room tables on their allotted Monday morning. (WCC has an assortment of vases for our use and NCBL has funds to reimburse you for the cost of the flowers).

Please email me if you would like to help on any of these dates:

June 1 \_\_\_\_\_

June 8 \_\_\_\_\_

June 15 - Susan Bergen

June 22 \_\_\_\_\_

June 29 \_\_\_\_\_

Pretty flowers on the table bring smiles to all. Many thanks.

*Susan Bergen* snbergen@msn.com



## April Program

Doug Pippet (right), owner of New Canaan Florist, along with floral designer, Gregg Fisk showing off arrangements created during the April program at the New Canaan Nature Center.



# THE TOP TEN FOR SPRING at LEE GARDEN

As a member of NCBL . . . a walk along the paths at LEE GARDEN should be a **MUST DO!**  
One walk - the day/time of your choosing . . .  
You will find the benefits are **PRICELESS!**



Narcissus



Primrose



Trillium



Pink Lily of the Valley



Jack in the Pulpit



Phlox Divaricata



Trout Lily



Above: Forget Me Nots, Kerria Bush



Blood Root

**Now ... You want to learn more?** Bring a sample of a plant home for your garden? We are there on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons ... or email and we'll meet you there if we can. ~Kathy Lapolla, Yvonne Hunkeler, Faith Kerchoff.