

# The Bridge

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We would love to have you participate in any of these committees! If you wish to help, please email us or contact Marsha Phillips at 326-3111 or Sue Wilson at 326-4189.

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or call 848-7567.

Covered Bridges Garden Club Newsletter



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## ***Next Meeting***

# **Creating Low Maintenance Gardens**

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Public Safety Building, Montgomery Center

Presented by Bob Gilmore

Bob has published books on the subject and has wonderful gardens in New Hampshire that he has developed using the methods he will discuss with us on Saturday.

Bob is a member of our club and lives on Hazen's Notch Road in Montgomery Center.

*Hosts: Joy Anderson & Carol Godin*

## From our club president:

Dear Members

I hope everyone is enjoying this amazing spring weather that we have been blessed with. If my gardens weren't in such a wet spot I think I would already have seeds in the ground and take my chances! My garlic is up about 6 inches and looking very healthy.

Spring is such a wonderful time of renewal and this carries over to your Garden Club. Several of the members of the Board of Directors will be stepping down this year. Each has enjoyed their time but feel it is important that other members take on an active role in the club. My tenure as Co-President ends this year, and our Treasurer Sharon Perry will be stepping down. Sharon has been on the board since the club's inception and I salute her for all of her efforts. There are other positions on the board that are either vacant or the current board members would be happy to vacate. Change is important to keeping a club full of vitality. It is very much like amending the soils in your garden.

Please contact me at 326-3111 if you are interested in helping. The future of the club really depends on the willingness of our members to participate. None of the positions would require much of your time and the member currently in that position would be your mentor and always available to answer questions until you are comfortable.

Marsha



## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Narcissi at Hazen's Notch

The public is welcome to come and see the thousands of narcissi at the Bear Paw Pond area and the High Ponds Farm which are now in bloom. Early varieties are open. Mid and late-blooming, double blossom varieties will be coming along throughout the latter part of April and the first two weeks of May.

The Bear Paw Pond Area is one mile east of Montgomery Center on the right. Turn into the private driveway and park in the lower parking area on the right. Walk around and enjoy the 1,500 blooms here. A short walk up the driveway takes you to Bear Paw Pond. There are 500 more blooms here in plantings on both ends of the pond.

The High Ponds Farm is an additional mile up the Hazen's Notch Road on the right (2 miles from Montgomery Center). Look for Rossier Road on the right. Bear right at the fork by the Babcock's house and drive through the gate to the parking lot. There are 500 or so blooms here. The public is welcome to walk around the little pasture and orchard looking at the flowers. Trout Lily are in abundance here and are blooming now.

You may also walk 1/2 mile up the gated road to the High Meadow. At the back of the meadow is a planting of 300 narcissi in a memorial garden. There is a bench and a picnic table. There are beautiful views of the mountains and bluebird boxes set out here and there. Along the way you will pass active beaver ponds and may see our resident, broad wing hawk.

Sunday, May 9th — 1 pm

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk at the High Ponds Farm

Discover the many native spring wild flowers and other woodland plants at the High Ponds Farm on the Rossier Road in Montgomery. Led by Debbie Benjamin, President of the Vermont Botanical and Bird Club. Free, no pets. Sponsored by the Hazen's Notch Association.



## CHRISTA'S CORNER



I was just thinking about Mary Carol when the phone rings and there she is, telling she will be doing The Bridge in April and could I get Christa's Corner to her. I ask what I usually ask, "You need it, like yesterday, right?" And Mary Carol says what she usually says, "Oh no, ... tomorrow will do."

The Bridge is back and I am glad. I missed sharing words and funny drawings which hopefully bring smiles in our sometimes not so funny world.

So, "Hello!" once again to all of you wonderful people who can hardly wait to feel earth under your fingernails again, or like me, have already done so.

And don't worry if you feel like you're doing Alzheimer Rehab at the start. All gardeners do. Let's face it, who can remember where we put, or left, all that gardening stuff last fall? Gardening gloves find hiding places nobody has ever thought of. I found mine in the basement once, ... under the potatoes. Of course by that time I had purchased another pair of gloves, but never mind, that will give me a chance to lose two pairs of gloves this autumn. So, let's get to work and let's not forget the fun part of gardening. And let's remember to help our bee population to survive by including some native plant species in our gardens and yards.

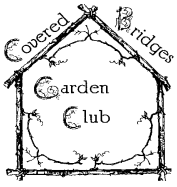
Until next time ... **stay well ... and think GREEN.**

— Christa Chevalier



*But each spring...a gardening instinct, sure as the sap rising in the trees, stirs within us. We look about and decide to tame another little bit of ground.*

*Lewis Gantt*



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Have any interesting news you would like to share with  
the rest of the club?

Please get your submissions for the May newsletter to  
the editor by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

(Contact info is on page 1 of the newsletter.)

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at April's  
meeting!