

The Bridge

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Covered Bridges Garden Club Newsletter

June 2010

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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.

Please send items for the newsletter to the editor: mcmankin@comcast.net or call 848-7567.



Next Meeting

Annual Meeting & Picnic in the Field

Saturday, June 12th at 12:00 p.m.

At the home of Lauri and Ed Ellis

4650 Enosburg Mountain Road

Enosburg Falls, Vermont

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(turn right off West Hill Road)

Please see page two for details.





Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

12:00 p.m. Business meeting & recap of year's activities
Election of officers

12:30 p.m. Picnic lunch
Please bring finger foods to share.
Cold beverages will be provided by the club.
If you can bring a folding chair, that would be much appreciated.

1:15 p.m. Lauri will show us her mountain enterprise, the bulk herbs she prepares, her soaps, oils, etc., and give us a brief explanation of their preparation.

 * A note from our club president: *
 * It is really important that as many members as possible attend our annual meeting this year because one of the major items to be discussed will be the future of the garden club. Thanks. *
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Marsha Phillips

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."

Janet Kilburn Phillips



CHRISTA'S CORNER



Spent another entertaining afternoon with the Sunny Mountain Garden Sprouts at the Montgomery School. There, after discussing what we can use to create compost, we added one gallon of cold coffee to a mixture of coffee grounds, flour, and salt. Stirred it up good and proper, and patted it flat on five large cookie sheets (like playing in the mud, except with a purpose). Then each Garden Sprout selected a cookie cutter and created his/her very own disk, ... which, after they have dried can be painted and worn as a necklace. It took me back to when I was five years old, rolled myself in the mud, laid in the sun until it dried, and surprised my grandmother.

The tiny seeds poked into potting soil by the Garden Sprouts a couple of weeks ago are now four inch tomato and sweet pepper plants. They stand on classroom windowsills, and any other available sunny spot, like little green soldiers anticipating their deployment to the school's garden.

Some gardening thoughts. Never take young plants straight from the greenhouse to the garden. Let them acclimatize for a few days by setting them in the shade (or partial sun) next to the house.

Feel like making a new flower bed? Consider its shape. Anything with flowing lines, round or roundish, is more pleasing to the eyes than squares or rectangles.



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

— Christa Chevalier

Growing Tips for The Herb Garden

A list many of the more popular herbs that appear in American gardens. each herb is identified as an annual or biennial, and pointers are included on where, when and how to plant each one.

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The following are many of the more popular herbs that appear in American gardens. We've identified each herb as an annual or biennial, and included pointers on where, when and how to plant each one.

Anise Annual. Sow seeds in early summer to have a fully ripened plant by late September.

Balm Perennial. Grows slowly from seed. Start indoors eight weeks before last frost. Transplant seeds into sandy soil.

Basil Annual. Grows easily from seed. Sow in early spring after danger of frost is passed and place in well-drained soil and full sunlight.

Bay Perennial. Propagate by seed, cuttings or layering in any kind of soil. Sunny locations are best.

Chervil Annual. Sow seeds in spring for a fall crop. Thrives in moist, well-drained soil and partial shade.

Chives Perennial. Grows easily from seed. Needs moderately rich soil and full sun. Cut back leaves regularly to prevent flowering and preserve flavor of herb.

Dill Annual. Sow after danger of frost is over. Water frequently. Pinch to keep flowers from developing in order to preserve herb's flavor.

Fennel Perennial. Grows easily from seed in alkaline soil and full sun.

Garlic Annual. Plant cloves six inches deep and two inches apart in rich soil during either early spring or early fall.

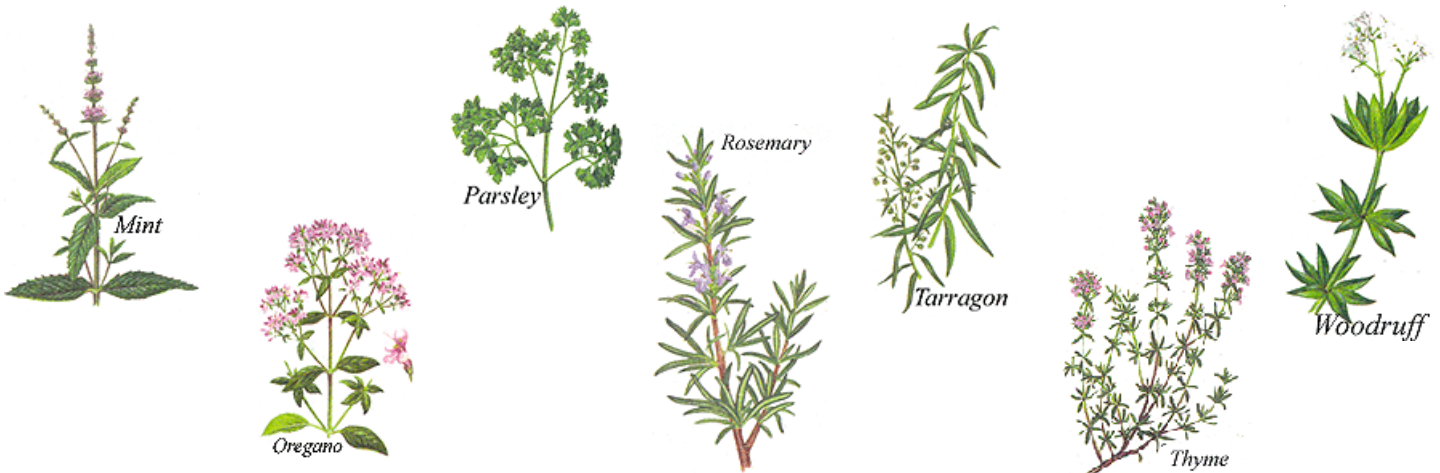
Horehound Perennial. Sow seeds in early spring. Can also be propagated from cuttings or root division. Prefers full sun and sandy soil.

Lavender Perennial. Propagate by root division. Prefers full sun and alkaline soil.

Marjoram Perennial. Start seeds indoors. Transplant to a rich light soil in full sun.

Mints Perennial. Peppermint and spearmint are most common. Grows best in sun with partial shade in enriched soil with regular watering.





Oregano Perennial. Prefers well-drained slightly alkaline soil with full sunlight. Propagate by seed, root division or cuttings.

Oswego Tea Perennial. Likes a moist, rich soil and will thrive in full sun or partial shade. Propagation is best achieved by root division in spring or fall.

Parsley Biennial. Needs rich, well-drained soil and either full sun or partial shade. Tends to germinate slowly.

Roman Chamomile Perennial. Sow seeds in late spring in semi-rich soil. Propagate by separating runners in spring or summer.

Rosemary Perennial. Needs full sun and a sandy alkaline soil. Propagation is best done by layering or cuttings.

Sage Perennial. Does best in sandy, alkaline soil. Propagate flowering varieties by seed, others by cuttings or layering.

Savory Perennial if winter variety, annual if summer variety. Summer needs rich light and moist soil. Winter thrives in poorer soil with less water. Summer propagated by seeds, winter by seeds, division or cuttings.

Scented Geraniums Perennial. Species include rose, apple, peppermint and lemon. They can be propagated from cuttings and need sun and moist, well-drained soil.

Sorrel Perennial. Grows from seeds in moist rich soil and either full sun or partial shade.

Southern Wood Perennial. Comes in camphor-, lemon- and tangerine-scented. Can be propagated in fall or spring by root division or cuttings. Does well in full sun and well-drained soil.

Sweet Woodruff Perennial. Can be started from seeds, root division or cuttings. Prefers well-drained soil and partial shade.

Tansy Perennial. Can be started from seed or by division. Plant in full or partial sun in average soil.

Tarragon Perennial. French variety is best for cooking; Russian variety has little taste. Propagate by cuttings or division. Needs well-drained rich soil and full sun.

Thyme Perennial. Varieties include lemon, English, golden and garden. Propagate by cuttings or division. Gets woody and makes great ground cover for dry, sloping areas.

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF OUR CLUB 2009-2010



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Preserving Our Natural Pharmacy

Wednesday, June 16th, 6:30 pm at the Montgomery Library

Co-sponsored by the Montgomery Library & CBGC

Debbie Landauer, a Certified Herbalist and member of the United Plant Savers group, will discuss:

- ◆ Why are many of our native medicinal plants threatened?
- ◆ What can we do to help preserve this natural heritage?
- ◆ What might be growing on your land?

Come and see a beautiful slideshow that has been produced by the United Plant Savers group on medicinal plants native to the USA and to Canada. Handouts will be given to attendees.

We hope that members of both the CBGC and Library, and our neighbors, will enjoy this excellent presentation.

Free and open to the public with complimentary dessert, coffee, and tea.



SAVE THIS DATE TOO!!!

July Meeting

Visit to Berry Hill Perennials

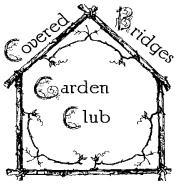
Richford, VT

Saturday, July 10th or 17th, Time: TBD

This is the home of some of the most beautiful Day Lilies and other superb perennials that are grown from the outset in the open, ensuring a hardy plant totally suited to our northern gardens.

We still need two hosts for this event.





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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 July newsletter to the
editor by June 25th.

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

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