



# VIEW FROM THE GARDEN

News from the Wolfeboro Garden Club

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## 1PM TOUR and JOURNAL WORKSHOP

**MARCH 14 at MAKERS MILL**

**Arrive at 12:30 for REFRESHMENTS**

There will be a board meeting at 11am at **MAKERS MILL**, conference room 2nd floor

### Presidents Message March 2023

Dear Gardeners,

The March 2023 Women's History Month theme is Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories<<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/#:~:text=The%20National%20Women's%20History%20Alliance%2C%20which%20spearheaded%20the%20movement%20for,Women%20Who%20Tell%20Our%20Stories.%E2%80%9D>>. This year, the National Women's History Alliance "will encourage the recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media." First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt held the first press conference for women<<https://www.womenshistory.org/articles/eleanor-roosevelts-white-house-press-conferences>> reporters on March 6, 1933. Over the next 12 years she held 348 press conferences for women reporters.

We recognize and celebrate our February presenters, **Susan Poirier** and **Shelly McGee**, who did a fabulous job! They have wealth of information on the many different aspects of pollinator gardens and are enthusiastic about sharing it. They are both actively involved in the local Food Pantry Garden. Our Club donated to the Pantry Garden in their honor. Thank you, Susan and Shelly.

Our March 14 meeting is off campus. The Board meeting and the general meeting will be held at **Makers Mill** at 23 Bay Street in Wolfeboro. This event will include an introductory tour of the facility and an opportunity to make a spiral bound garden book. Should be fun!

In **April** we are hosting **John Forti** as our speaker, and he comes highly recommended! He is a gardener, a garden designer, an author and in demand lecturer. Thousands on Facebook follow his posts where he blogs as the Heirloom Gardener.

He is the Executive Director of Bedrock Gardens<<http://www.bedrockgardens.org/>> in Lee, NH. Before taking on this position, he was the Director of Horticulture for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society<<http://www.masshort.org/history>>, the oldest horticultural society in the nation. He previously served as the Curator/Director of Historic Landscapes at Strawberry Banke Museum<<http://www.strawberrybanke.org/>> and as the Director of Horticulture at Plimoth Plantation Museum<<http://www.plimoth.org/>> where the gardens and seed program he created brought international attention to the preservation of Pilgrim and Wampanoag heirloom. **Deborah**

### MARCH AGENDA

11– 12:30—**Board** Meeting 2nd Floor, Makers Mill

12:30- 1pm —**Refreshments** at Mill, Downstairs

1:00 –1:15— **Remarks** from Deborah Long-Smith

1:15– 1:30 —**Tour** of the Facility with Carol Holyoake, Director

1:30– 2:30—**Workshop** for those signed up. All Invited to watch the Presentation by Cindy Durkee, Mill Circle Member



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## MESSAGE FROM MARTIE

I Heads up! I will be scheduling a meeting with all the Wolfeboro Garden Chairpersons later in March. This meeting will include budgets, garden needs and desires! And, any problems will be addressed and determined with the input of Lillian Shepard, Treasurer. I believe we have some wonderful new members who will be able to infuse us with some great new ideas for our gardens. I strongly encourage more interaction from our Garden Chairpersons with their volunteers. Let's start talking!! And if any Chairperson feels a need for a co-chair, I will address this and try to help insure help is there. I am truly excited for the new garden season to get started and would like any input from ALL our members.

Martie Lincoln, Beautification Chair

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## FROM SHELLY MCGEE

A few garden club members asked for specific instructions for the Bee Nesting boxes. Here is the link from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. [Bulletin 7153: Understanding Native Bees, the Great Pollinators Enhancing Their Habitat in Maine.](#)

I also mentioned Dr. Douglas Tallamy, entomology, and wildlife ecology department at the University of Delaware. He's written many articles about ecological landscaping which allows pollinators among other creatures to thrive. His books include *Bringing Nature Home*, *Nature's Best Hope*, and *The Nature of Oaks*. Here is an interview from Fine Gardening magazine's podcast "Let's Argue About Plants": [Douglas Tallamy Interview.](#)

Susan mentioned a butterfly puddling station as part of the certification. Here are some instructions I located from *Birds and Bloom* magazine. [Butterfly Puddling Station](#) Some people will add manure to the 'mud' mix.

Finally, I attempted to do some winter wildflower seed sowing with seeds I gathered last fall. These included goldenrods and asters, very important flower species to help our pollinators get through the winter. The Wild Seed Project nonprofit out of Portland is also a very good resource for native seeds.

If you or any of the other garden club members have any questions, Susan and I will be glad to help answer them. Alternatively, the [answers@unh.edu](mailto:answers@unh.edu) email will help answer any garden questions within 2 days.

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**Send me pictures of OUR ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND GARDENS, FOR OUR WEBPAGE!!**

**SEND PICTURES TO BOBBIE STAVE    [bastave@metrocast.net](mailto:bastave@metrocast.net)**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE— We have LOTS of good pictures on the pages**

**<https://wolfeborogardenclub.org/>**



FROM MARTIE LINCOLN

On December 5th,2022, I was watching BBC News and it was reported that Monarchs' numbers were up 1/3 from last year in Mexico. Good news considering they struggle from habitat loss and pesticide use and are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

I noticed in many of our Member Gardens which I visited last summer, there were Monarchs and bees and many flowers wich supported these species needs. Our Ledges Garden which is charied by Lillian Shepard and her group is an example of many flowers and shrubs where the bees and butterflies can rest and feed. They need milkweed and I have seen more in our gardens and fields. These pictures are our Clark Historical Garden and our Planters down at the Wolfeboro Dock area.

