



## *View from the Garden*

### **News from the Wolfeboro Garden Club**

Board meeting at 11am at All Saints.  
Our Speaker will be Alan  
Frederickson  
from Top of the Hill Farm at 1:15pm



**WOLFEBORO GARDEN CLUB**  
March 2024 NEWSLETTER

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

**Think Spring!**

March in New Hampshire is winter in labor trying to give birth to the Spring. It is time to enjoy the gift of native maple syrup, mud season and yard clean up. Let's also celebrate Woman's History Month with a few quotes from famous women gardeners.

Lady Bird Johnson "Where flowers bloom, so does hope

Oprah Winfrey Sometimes, I stand under the arbor, close my eyes, and allow myself to take in as much as I can: I hear birds splashing in the fountain and literally smell the roses. This garden makes me present."

Michelle Obama It is my hope that our garden's story-and the stories of gardens across America-will inspire families ,schools, and communities to try their own hand at gardening and enjoy all the gifts of health, discovery, and connection a garden can bring."

It is time for our Club to develop a strategic plan to address some of our goals and opportunities. We need your ideas. What are our priorities? How can we collaborate with Scout troops and 4H clubs? Should we consider developing a program to care for the gardens with a combination of volunteers and stipends? How do we recruit and retain new members?

The Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 11 at All Saints Library. All members are encouraged to attend. Deborah

**The Goose Story** By Harry Clarke Noyes  
ARCS NEWS, Vol.7, No. 1, January 1992

Next fall, when you see Geese heading south for the winter, flying along in V formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way: as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in V formation the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another. When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are. When the Head Goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs with people or with geese flying south.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we say when we honk from behind?

Finally, and this is important, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gunshots and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until it dies. Only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

**If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.**

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### **A Note from Martie**

Hello WGC Members. Once again another wonderful garden season is coming our way! Last year the rainy weather stopped all of our efforts to have our gardens enjoyed by our members "Open Gardens". Late in the season, we were able to contact the Matlocks in Tuftonboro and they very graciously opened their beautiful gardens. We saw that the weather was to be clear for a few days and I called, Paul and Sarah said, "Come!" Their gardens are some of the most varied including sun, shade and lightly wooded; the plant material is amazing.

I would like to know if members still want to visit other members' gardens.

IF so, who might wish to open their gardens for a few hours so that the members can come by and enjoy seeing some of the varied gardens of our members.

Personally, I love seeing our members' gardens, Everyone is different and it doesn't matter if it is small, huge, vegetable or flowers; trees, shrubs, grasses or fruits. Let me know. Any suggestions??? (Betsy Booth??)

I would open my gardens, they start with beautiful Peonies and then change over the summer and fall months, Each year I add more (and probably shouldn't).

E-mail me at [Mlinc@metrocast.net](mailto:Mlinc@metrocast.net) or leave a message on my home phone, 603-569-2652 ( I will be away from March 12-19. FYI)

### **Calling all members!**

Once again, we are in need of members to step forward and fill the Chair positions that are opening up. Specifically, we need a **President, Vice President, Program Co-Chair, Scholarship Chair** and a team of two to begin **training for Ways and Means**. Our club can't proceed unless we fill these positions.

Remember that there are past-Chairs that are willing to help you, and we have "job descriptions" to give you assistance.

Please consider helping our club. You know how important it has become for our socialization, and the fun programs we have each month, not to mention the fabulous goodies. We can't do it without your help. And don't forget the special role we play in our community – scholarships for local students, lovely gardens, holiday wreaths. These events can't happen without your help.

We are asking for you to consider giving back to the club. Become a Chair! If you want to do one of these jobs with a friend, that works, too.

Please contact **Katherine Minor, Nominations Chair**, if you want to discuss any of these positions. **603-871-8423** or **minorkath222@gmail.com**

### **Our Programs for this Winter and Spring**

**Note:** If the schools are closed due to weather, WGC will not meet that day.

**March**.....Top of the Hill Farm.....Small farm agriculture

**April**.....Wentworth Gardens.....Terrarium Making Workshop

**May**.....Bonnie Power.....Good Bugs, Bad Bugs

**June**.....Annual Members Luncheon

### **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE!!**

Our committee members do a FABULOUS job of providing goodies.

Please check your calendar to see if you are part of this committee for March.

**"Welcome" to new member!**

**Please add Julie to your yearbook.**

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