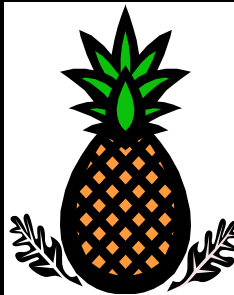


Newcomer News



Granby Newcomers
and Neighbors Club
Granby, Connecticut

From The President

Contact: Regina Jahrstorfer (558-4367)
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The February Fondue Fundraiser was a great success due to the Herculean efforts of Stacie Truntz and Aimee Menapace in putting this event together. Not to mention such a huge turnout and support from all the members. This event was a great break in the winter doldrums, and it was wonderful to see everyone there. Thank-you to everyone that helped. Your efforts led to a great night.

I am ready for spring! But first, a fabulous March wine tasting by Michelle Niedermeier of Lost Acres Vineyard, to be held at Holcomb Farms. Hope to see you at this fun and tasty off-site event. We will be voting on the GNNC fundraiser recipient at this meeting, so bring your taste buds and your nominations. Hopefully this will be the last event before the flowers start budding and the peepers singing! I think it's about time to start checking out that Garden Club, too!

Regina

Join us for this month's meeting

Thursday, March 11th
7:00 pm

To be held off-site at

Holcomb Farm

This meeting will feature Michelle Niedermeier who will present her new venture, Lost Acres Vineyard. This is a sustainable Farm Winery located on 65 acres in Granby. Note that this meeting is off-site and will be held at Holcomb Farm (113 Simsbury Road, West Granby). Here we will partake in a tasting of wines which Michelle will discuss in her presentation.

We very much look forward to hearing all about the plans for the future vineyard and hope that you can join us for the evening.



Bunko! Bunko! Bunko!

Contact: Debbie Cramer (653-6617)
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Keep those dice rolling! Come join a fun bunch of ladies play the easiest dice game ever. Never played the game before but have heard how much fun we have? There are no special skills required - truly! Come roll the dice and have fun.

The next bunko will be March 19 at 7:30 p.m., hosted by Tami Brown. Tami lives at 11 Stone-wall Drive, West Granby. Please RSVP to Tami by March 16 at jennasmom8902@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in hosting any month, please contact Debbie. Come join us for a night of great fun!

Sign Up Now for the Mystery Bus Tour!



Contact: Mary Lou Dlugolenski (413-9069)
Julie Dehner (844-8834)

Registration for the Mystery Bus Tour is open (tour date: May 8)! We have already filled the smaller bus, but if we have a large enough wait list, we'll upgrade to a bigger bus. So if you're interested, sign up now and send in your deposit! Registration is now open to guests, so ask your friends as well. If we don't get enough people for the bigger bus, I'll return deposits to those we cannot accommodate.

A reminder that the second payment is due at the March meeting. Checks should be made out to Mary Lou Dlugolenski and sent to my address: 41 Pheasant Run, North Granby, CT 06060.

Here are the first two clues:

1. The first stop on the tour could be bittersweet.
2. Simon says, "We're going to have a great time!"

The third clue will be given at the March meeting!

Scrapbooking

Contact: Cheryl Bliss (653-7705)
blister123@cox.net



Join the Scrapbooking Club meeting on Thursday, March 18th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home studio of Cheryl Bliss at 103 Petersen Road, Granby. Since it will be school vacation week, we will have a sign-up sheet and may possibly change the date to accommodate everyone's schedule.

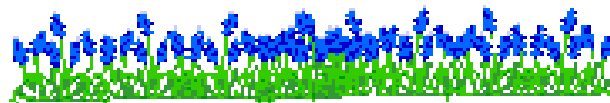
Beginner through Advanced scrappers welcome. Please RSVP to Cheryl by that Thursday morning if you are interested in attending, and please don't hesitate to contact Cheryl if you have any questions.

TLC - for our members

Contact: Debbie Cramer (653-6617)
deborah_cramer@sbcglobal.net



Debbie will be coordinating meals, transportation, babysitting, etc. for members in need of such services. If she can add you to her list of volunteers to lend a helping hand, or if you or a member you know is in need of these services, please contact Debbie.



Gardening Club

Contact: Jen Meier (413-9217)
smoyermeier@yahoo.com

Garden Club local events:

2010 Garden Conference

March 12, 2010
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT
www.hort.uconn.edu/2010garden

Greenscapes: Variations on the Theme
CT Master Gardener Association
Co-Sponsor w/ UConn
March 27, 2010 at Manchester Community Technical College; addressing the impact gardening & lawn care has on our environment
www.ctmga.org

Western MA Master Gardeners Assoc
Spring Garden Symposium / Victory Gardens
March 27, 2010
8:00am to 1:45pm
William Dean Technical High School
1045 Main St., Holyoke, MA 01040
www.wmassmastergardeners.org

Chemical Free Lawns 3/17/10 7PM
Basics of Vegetable Gardening 4/7/10 7PM
both held at the Simsbury Farms Apple Barn
call 651-8773 to register or see
<http://www.simsburylandtrust.org/calendar.htm>

Membership

Contact: Cori Griswold (653-7993) soapdiva@aol.com

WELCOME!



Welcome to our newest members, Anita Levy and Lynn Peterson!

We encourage new members at any time of the year and Granby Newcomers and Neighbors welcomes all. Please contact Cori with any membership-related questions.

Chix 4 Flix

Contact: Regina Jahrstorfer (558-4367)
rjahrstorfer@ech.n.org



Special thanks to Ida Gilmore for hosting the most entertaining movie night to date!

The plan for an early spring movie is to go to the Gilson theater, friends and couples welcome.

Hospitality

Contact: Aimee Menapace (844-8018)
amenapace@gmail.com

Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer any appetizers/snacks/desserts or plates/utensils for this month's meeting. For those of you who kindly brought drinks to the fondue night that were not consumed, brought them back home, and expressed an interest in bringing them this month, please let me know so that I can plan accordingly. Otherwise, we should be set for beverages.

Thank you!
Aimee

Fundraising

Contact: Stacie Truntz (653-5424)
struntz@cox.net

A special THANK YOU to the local businesses who supported our Fondue Fundraiser by contributing some awesome prizes! Turnabout's fair play - let's show our local businesses some support, ladies!

ABC Pizza	Granby Pub & Grill
April's Hair Design	Indigo Images
Beman Hardware	International Skating Center
Center Spirits	Marji's Yarncraft
Creative Memories	Necker's Toyland
Emmon's	Neo Day Spa
Freedom Candle	New England Scrapbook Co.
Geissler's Supermarket	Pampered Paws
Granby Auto Wash	Rock and Bowl
Granby Pharmacy	

THANK YOU!!!!

More Thanks!

The Kids Valentine party on February 6th was a great success! Thank you to Jen Bolton for organizing and running it. See pictures at our website (follow the link off the home page or the kids page or go to <http://www.granbynewcomers.com/SlideShowFeb2010.html>)

Look ahead to the GNCC Spring Kids party on Saturday, May 1st!

Community Announcements

Winter Fun

Have a BIG Y card? Check out a HUGE list of fun things to do in CT, MA, VT and RI and see the discounts you can get there with the Big Y card. There's a great list of places to go, things to do and discounts at several down-hill and XC ski areas too! See:

<http://www.bigy.com/esc/save/wnderflwnter.php>

Valley Pre-School is Now Enrolling

First Congregational Church

219 North Granby Rd. (Rt. 189)

Valley Pre-School is a non-profit, cooperative school established in 1949.

For information please call: Yvonne at 844-8773.

Valley Pre-School's Spaghetti Dinner & "Four Seasons" Basket Auction

Friday, March 12, 2010

5:30-7:30pm

Pilgrim Covenant Church

605 Salmon Brook St, Granby

Tickets available at the door (\$5 kids, \$10 adults)

All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Fund and Special Programs.

Swedish Pancake Breakfast & Scandinavian Bake Sale

Saturday, March 20, 2010

8:30-10:00am

Pilgrim Covenant Church

605 Salmon Brook St, Granby

Donations accepted. All proceeds benefit the youth's upcoming mission trip in 2011.

Our Donation for S.A.F.E.

The GNCC collection of new and gently used stuffed animals held at the Valentine's Day party and the February meeting was a big success. **About 120 stuffed animals were donated!** S.A.F.E. (Stuffed Animals for Emergencies) donates them to emergency organizations to be given directly to children in emotional, traumatic or stressful situations. Our collection will be going directly to the children of Haiti. Please take a minute to check out S.A.F.E.'s website at <http://www.stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org>

Publicity help needed!

Our GNCC brochure has been updated and now we want to get it out there. I am looking for a volunteer to get some brochures to real estate agents that sell in Granby. This would involve contacting offices in Granby and some of the surrounding towns. If you can volunteer some time to GNCC for this, please contact Regina at rjahrstorfer@echm.org

The Gran-Bee is April 9, 2010!

The sixth annual [Gran-Bee](http://www.granbyeducationfoundation.org), a fundraiser for the GEF and an extremely entertaining night out on the town, will be held on **April 9, 2010** at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Bee there!

<http://www.granbyeducationfoundation.org>



March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Monthly GNNC Meeting 7:00 pm	12 2010 Garden Conference VPS Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm	13
14	15	16 RSVP Bunko	17	18 RSVP Scrapbooking Scrapbooking 7:00-10:00 pm	19 Bunko!!! 7:30 pm	20 Swedish Pancake Breakfast 8:30-10:00 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Greenscapes & Spring Garden Symposium
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Member Yellow Pages

(for a more detailed listing, see our website)

Creative Memories

Cheryl Bliss, Consultant
(860) 653-7705
www.mycmsite.com/cbliss

John Michael Hair Design

Jack Cashman
(860) 653-2600

NYR Organic Skin Care

Fiona Shackleton RN, Founding Consultant
www.NYROrganic.com
Organic Skincare, Powered by Nature
email: FShack@cox.net

Lynn Simpson, OTR/L, CST-D

Making the Sole-to-Soul^(TM) Connection
(860) 653-7771
www.iahp.com/lynnsimpson

Newcomer News

Julie Dehner — Editor

All items to be published in the Newcomer News must be submitted to Julie by the second Saturday of the month via email to: julie.dehner@gmail.com. Please write "GNNC" in the subject line. Please contact Julie at 844-8834 with any questions or requests.

Have something to buy, sell or announce? We run a "Bulletin Board" section when space permits. Entries must be submitted or renewed each month. Please e-mail or call Julie with your ad.

"Yellow Pages" listings for current members are posted for free on our website. It will be run in the News if space permits.

Look for us on the web at www.granbynewcomers.com