

2016-2017 LMGC Horticulture Committee Annual Report

Mary Morrison, Horticulture Chair
Betsy Massie, Horticulture Vice Chair

The Horticulture Committee sponsored a tree and shrub trimming session for members with Paul Buck, Forester for the City of Plymouth, on September 15, 2016 at the Woodhill Barn. The meeting was well attended and very informative. Mr. Buck provided handouts and internet resources for trimming projects in our yards.

Betsy Massie wrote Hort Hints for our monthly meeting announcement on a variety of topics, including seed propagation, plant cuttings, and invasive species.

The Horticulture and Conservation Chairs, together with new and existing LMGC members and under the able supervision of Kathy Jones, conducted our annual garlic mustard pull on May 24, 2017 in Wolsfeld Woods as part of our GCA Partners for Plants project. Approximately 20 members participated and filled more than 30 bags for the DNR to remove. The change in our cleared areas is heartening, with many native wildflowers and ferns returning to the area.

Mary Morrison attended the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," held at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Brooklyn, New York in September 2016. Highlights included lectures on public and private garden design, workshops on organic gardening, and tours of public and private gardens. Mary reported on the conference at the October member meeting.

No requests were received from visiting GCA members for local visits to LMGC members' gardens. An updated list of public gardens in the area was prepared for the GCA website. Because the Visiting Gardens and Gardens History and Design Committees responsibilities and missions are closely aligned, it was decided at the November 2016 meeting to combine these two committees, leaving Horticulture as a stand-alone committee.