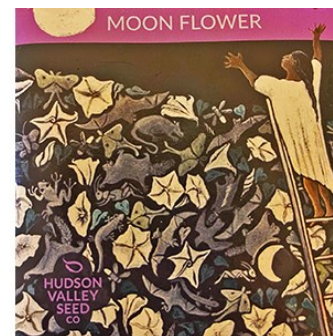
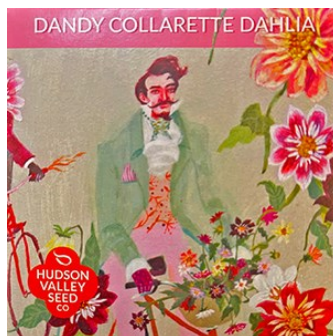




Seed Propagation

Felicia Millett, Plant Diagnostician, CAES

“Growing Annuals from Seeds”



Growing annuals from seed can be a great way to produce a large number of plants for the garden while reducing the cost of purchasing seedlings. It can also introduce a wider selection of plants than what is available in garden centers in spring. This talk will discuss plant selection, materials needed and scheduling - including which annuals are good to start indoors.

Join us for this free program at
Union Congregational Church, 161 Buckingham Street,
May 9, 2024 1:30—2:30



The WATERTOWN GARDEN CLUB

2016 EVENTS and PRESENTATIONS

March 10, 2016

Adam Wheeler

"Cutting Propagation for the Home Gardener"

April 14, 2016

Meteorologist Art Horn

"Weather Myths and Mysteries"

May 12, 2016

John Himmelman

"Singing Leaves – The Songs and Stories of the Night Singing Insects"

May 28, 2016

Annual Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

at Main Street's Flagpole Park (next to Library)

October 13, 2016

Brid Craddock

"Connecticut's Best Crop. Stone in the Garden"

November 10, 2016

Elizabeth Rinaldi

"Invasive Plants in Watertown"

Held at Union Congregational Church. 161 Buckingham Street; Oakville, CT
(unless otherwise noted)

Presentations begin at 1:30 p.m.

Contact: shelleyhedberg@gmail.com (860) 417-3198

Detailed Information at: www.watertowngardenclub.org

The Watertown Garden Club

Proposed 2017 Programs and Activities

February 12, 2017, Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Business Meeting (Budget, Programs), Soup and Dessert

March 9, 2017, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. \$10/person¹

“Unlocking Seed Secrets: From Politics to the Practical” by Margaret Roach

Want to grow your best vegetable garden ever in 2014? It all starts with a seed—and choosing the right varieties, from sources that match your garden conditions, which is much harder than you might think. Margaret will demystify the politics and the practical “aha’s”—many of which will be quite surprising—to get you growing with confidence.

We’ll cover topics like these, and more:

- Where does the seed in catalogs come from, anyhow?
- Does buying organic seed matter? Is it worth the extra money?
- Are hybrids OK? Are heirlooms better in some way? (And how do I avoid GMOs?)
- How do I make a calendar for what to sow when? (Go home with one that will be among the helpful handouts.)
- My seedlings were spindly (or germinated fine, but then pooped out). Why?
- How come my harvest didn’t look like the photo in the catalog?
- What annual flowers can I rely on, that also help my garden?
- How can I solve my tomato troubles, or other pest issues?
- What easy tactics can I use for putting up the harvest for year-round use?

April 13, 2017, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

“Summer and Fall Wildflowers of Connecticut” by Peter & Barbara Rzasa, Wallingford Garden Club

Many colorful summer and fall wildflowers can be found growing in Connecticut’s fields, forests and wetlands.

Compared to the light pastel colors of our spring flowers, summer flowers are bold and vibrant. Asters, goldenrods and milkweed are easily observed, but many others are elusive and require a bit of searching.

Area naturalists Peter and Barbara Rzasa will provide a PowerPoint presentation highlighting not only our common native wildflowers but also the not so common ones such as pipsissewa, turtlehead, bottle gentian, butterfly weed, rattlesnake plantain, Virgin’s bower, and arrowhead. The presentation will also cover the parasitic plants dodder and Indian pipe as well as the carnivorous Northern pitcher-plant and sundew.

Stories and flower folklore of our native summer and fall wildflowers will be shared.

May 11, 2017, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

(topic to be determined) by Leslie Wharton and Sally Kuslis,

May 27, 2017, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.²

Annual Plant Sale

June 8, 2017, Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Business Meeting (Ways & Means, Events), Salad and Dessert

June, 2017 (TBD)

Field trip to Sessions Woods

July 13, 2017, Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Garden Luncheon , hostess: Roberta Jacovino

August

No Meeting

September 14, 2017, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.³

Business Meeting (Fall Fundraising)

October 12, 2017, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

“Native Wildlife Plantings” by Peter Picone,

Wildlife biologist and lifetime Connecticut native, has been working for over 25 years and will share his insights on creating seasonal habitat for wildlife using native plants.

- Have you ever wondered where the Northern Cardinal or the Downy Woodpecker rests at night?
- What does the American Goldfinch really eat in the wild: does it only eat thistle from a feeder?
- What do songbirds like the Scarlet Tanager or wood Thrush feed on in the fall when the frost hits and there are no more insects to eat?
- What variety of foods does the Wild Turkey feed on in your neighborhood?
- Is the wild Turkey dependent on food from your feeder?
- In the dead of the winter, what do our resident songbirds feed on?
- What plants provide winter food sources at a time of food scarcity?
- What kind of trees do Mourning Doves select for nesting in early spring?
- When you choose a plant for your property are you considering its “ecological function” and how it enhances wildlife habitat?
- Mr. Picone will share his insights on enhancing habitat using PowerPoint slides and short video out-takes of wildlife interactions with habitat.

November 9, 2017, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

(topic to be determined) by Dan Furman, Cricket Hill Garden

December 14, Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Holiday Luncheon (Venue TBD)

Notations:

¹ Fund raising activity, sign-in and payment procedure, lecture-style chair setup, begin her presentation earlier, provide enough refreshments for guests, regular meeting after presentation?)

² Vote on date

³ featuring “Invasives” by Liz Rinaldi?

The Romance of Flowers

The Watertown Garden Club Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Water-

Tony Roma



Is gift-giving part of your love language? Showering your sweetheart with affection is easy with blooms from our Love and Romance flower collection. Roses, orchids, tulips, and lilies—no matter their favorite flower, you can show your unconditional love with a surprise flower delivery. If you want to wow them on your anniversary, Valentine's Day, or a special occasion, send your partner a romantic flower arrangement to celebrate and spark some romance!

A huge Thank you for Roma Florist and Greenhouse's generosity and Tony's superb Presentation!



Roma Florist and Greenhouses
26 Center Street, Thomaston, CT (860) 283-4964

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Contributors from Local Community

625 Beauty Bar/Cassandra	Elite Barber	Joey's Army and Navy	Nutmeg Handcrafted	Simply Bowls
7-Angels Theatre	EVE Nails Spa	Kool Kids Boutique	Oakville Restaurant	Starbucks
Ace Hardware	Fred's Car Wash	Labonnes	Oakville Wine and Liquor	Sunset Grille
Agnew Florist	G's Burgers	Lebnani Lebanese Grill	Onyx Fine Jewelers	Super Wine and Liquor
AK Nails & Spa	Gayle's Farm Shoppe	Lina Nail & Spa	Ordinary Joe's	Super Wine and Liquor
Barbers and Company	Golden Nails & Spa	Liquor Super Store	Palace Theatre	Tanning Plus
Beguiling Beauty Salon	Happy Garden Restaurant	Litchfield Hills Nursery	Paparazzi	ThaiBowl
Boy Scouts of America	Hardcore Sweet Bakery	Luna Nails	Paradise Pizza	The Itty-Bitty Cookie Co.
Brass City Trophy	Hawkridge Winery	Mancini, Lynn BSA	Quin Brew Coffee Co	Tropical Heat Tanning
Cara Bean	Hollywood Nails	Martino's	Raymond's Jewelers	Uncommon Grill
Cavallo's Italian Shoppe	Horatio'sBar	Meina's Nail & Spa	Rena's Hair Solon	Underground Bakery
Classic Wine	Highgate Liquor	MKL Salon	Rizvanis	Vintage 471
David Jewelers	Imperial China Buffet	Mr G's Carvel	Ro's Pizza	Watertown Golf Club
Davis St. Package Store	Island Roots	Nature's Healing Inc.	Roma Florist & Greenhouse	Watertown Park & Rec
Dietrich Gardens	Jersey Mike's Subs	Ne'jame's Wine	Sakura	Watertown Land Trust
Dimitrie's Pizza	Jimmy's of Watertown	Nona Lucia's	Salvatore's Barbershop	Watertown Salon





The Watertown Garden Club

Mushroom Identification for Beginners”

Presented by

Karen Monger & Robert Gergulics



March 9, 2023

1:30 p.m.

**Union Congregational Church
161 Buckingham Street, Oakville**



Join The 3 Foragers as they share some of the secrets of the fungal world and teach you how to safely identify wild mushrooms using various available tools and techniques. You'll learn how to use your senses to examine mushrooms for their sights, smells, and tastes, and consider the relationships between fungi and the natural world around us. We will dispel common myths, and discuss *mycophagy*, the cooking and eating of wild mushrooms.

The 3 Foragers are a family from southeastern Connecticut who have been identifying, photographing, and cooking with the edible plants and fungi of New England for more than 17 years. Their blog, Facebook page, and book all focus on family-friendly, environmentally sustainable harvest of both our native and invasive species of plants, and ways to incorporate these foods into your diet with original recipes





April 13, 2023 - 1:30 p.m.
Union Congregational Church
161 Buckingham St., Oakville, CT

Christian Heiden is the Founder and Director of Innovation at Levo International, a social enterprise aimed at creating and leveraging innovative food security solutions to strengthen communities. Christian founded Levo as a teenager and has led Levo over the last six years to develop affordable, simplified hydroponics for households, both domestic and international.

Find out how YOU can assist in providing a sustainable source of vital produce for local food-insecure residents?



“Underutilized Native Perennials— New in 2024”

Video Presentation by: Elaine Mills

Provided by Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia

Are you looking to add some new species of native plants to your garden?

In this video, Extension Master Gardener Elaine Mills introduces less familiar native perennials, including many species which have not been covered in earlier presentations, such as diminutive Spring Beauty, shrub-like American Spikenard, showy Turk’s-cap Lily, exotic Rattlesnake Master, and dramatic Culver’s-root.

She shares photos to illustrate their unique characteristics and usage in landscapes as well as care tips and details on their support of pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

A handout will be available with links to discussed plants, some of which may be available at the Watertown Garden Club’s Spring Plant Sale in May, 2025.



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November 14, 2024 1:30—2:30 p.m.
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161 Buckingham Street,
Oakville, CT



The Watertown Garden Club Presents:



Owner, Catherine Wolko

Protecting our Pollinators Bees and Butterflies

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Union Congregational Church, 161 Buckingham Street, Oakville, CT

Catherine Wolko is a second-generation Beekeeper and owner of The Humble Bee Honey company and The Hive @ The Pin, a Farm Store and Honey House located in Oakville, CT. She is a listed speaker for the Federated Garden Clubs in CT, a Member of the Back Yard Beekeepers Association, The American Beekeeping Federation and a proud member of The Connecticut Farm Bureau. She is an advocate for the farming community and beekeepers, volunteers at a community food bank and is also a Watertown Lions Club member. She has spoken at libraries, churches, schools, symposiums and land trusts throughout the State of Connecticut. Her father was an avid gardener and became a beekeeper by chance, by answering an advertisement for free bees. Her gift for gab and love for the outdoors and honey bees was her Dad's gift to her and to everyone she has met.



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meeting presentations at no
charge.





“Restoration of the American Chestnut”

An overview of the history, value, blight impact and revival of this iconic tree.

Presented by: Jack Swatt

President, The American Chestnut Foundation, CT Chapter

More than a century ago, nearly 4 billion American chestnut trees were growing in the eastern U.S. They were among the largest, tallest, and fastest-growing trees. The wood was rot-resistant, straight-grained, and suitable for furniture, fencing, and building. The nuts fed billions of birds and animals.

It was almost a perfect tree, that is, until a blight fungus killed it more than a century ago. The chestnut blight has been called the greatest ecological disaster to strike the world's forests in all of history. The American chestnut tree survived all adversaries for 40 million years, then disappeared within 40.



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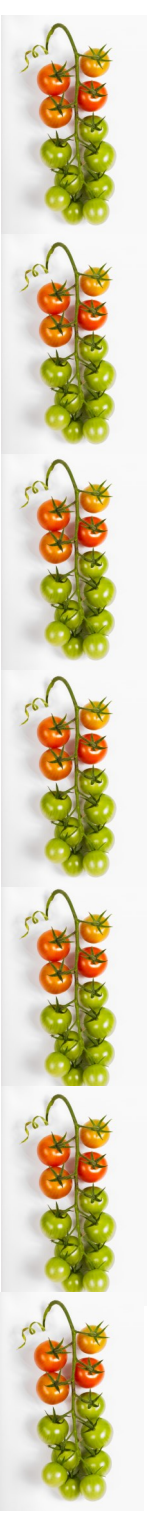
Speaker: Kim Milikowski,
Foster Hill Farms



GROWING TOMATOES!

Kim Milikowski and her husband Karl have owned Foster Hill Farm in Stafford, CT since 2009, building it from the ground up. Kim curates the heirloom tomato and specialty pepper plant program. Foster Hill Farm grows 150 varieties of heirloom and specialty tomatoes every year including some varieties dating back to the 1800s.

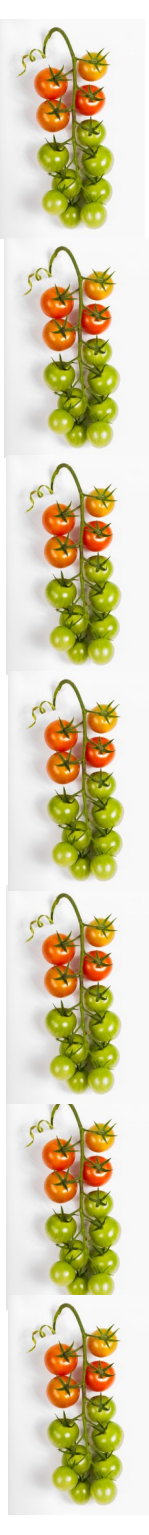
See Full Bio Below



Kim and her husband Karl have owned Foster Hill Farm in Stafford, CT since 2009 building it from the ground up. They operate a seasonal garden shop growing annuals, vegetables, perennials and herbs in their greenhouses.

Kim left her corporate career in 2016 to join Karl in the daily operations of the farm. Kim has always been a gardener, initially introduced to it as a little girl by her great grandfather, Ben. Ben had a passion for tomatoes growing enormous Big Boy and Winsall tomatoes in his garden every year. Ben's tomato obsession stuck with Kim throughout her life, always growing them in her vegetable garden. When Kim became a full-time farmer the timing seemed right to take this tomato passion and develop an heirloom tomato program at Foster Hill Farm.

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“Edible Landscaping for New England”



Dan Furman

**Cricket Hill
Garden**

**670 Walnut Hill Rd.
Thomaston, CT**



This talk will explore the lesser known fruits and edible plants which Dan has proven successful in Cricket Hill’s test orchard and garden over the last decade. Some are native, others not, all are delicious, nutritious and make valuable additions to the landscape.



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Union Congregational Church

**161 Buckingham Street,
Oakville, CT**



Paul Colburn

Master Wildlife Conservationist

**“Black Bears in CT”
September 12, 2024**

The “Black Bears in Connecticut” presentation focuses on the history of black bears in Connecticut, their current state, an overview of black bear habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction and current research efforts. It also provides practical recommendations for optimum coexistence with our black bear population. Black bear artifacts are shared with the audience.

Paul Colburn, a 2015 graduate of the Connecticut Master Wildlife Conservationist Program (MWCP) and a certified Master Wildlife Conservationist (MWC), is a dedicated advocate for wildlife and is passionate about sharing his knowledge with others. He is particularly focused on teaching the basics of living responsibly with wildlife. Paul has provided hundreds of wildlife presentations for a wide variety of public and private organizations in all corners of the state.



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Union Congregational Church
161 Buckingham Street



The Healing Garden

A Presentation by Deborah Pope,
Member of The Watertown Garden

Thursday, October 12, 2023— 1:30 p.m.

Union Congregational Church,

Buckingham Street, Oakville

There is a lot of confusing, misleading and contradictory information about diet and nutrition. The diet and food industry make a lot of money selling you their products. Deborah will clarify a few things about nutrition, the importance of eating “whole / real food” and home grown and/ or locally grown food and provide some useful tools to make it easier to eat healthy.

She will also share her personal story about how food has healed significant medical issues and discuss how those who love nature and enjoy gardening have a “leg up” to good health.

There is no charge.

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meetings and presentations.

“JUMPING WORMS - THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY”



In the last three years, jumping worms have become a menace in natural ecosystems, yards and gardens. The talk will describe their history, introduction and management.

**Presented by: Dr. Gale E. Ridge
Department of Entomology
The Connecticut Agricultural
Experiment Station.**



Dr. Ridge directs the insect information office at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. She is an expert on human feeding bed bugs and Delusional Infestation. She is a member of the EPA scientific advisory panel that worked on the revision of pesticide research in the USA, Canada, and Europe. She is an associate professor at the Medical School at Quinnipiac University.



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Lights Out! CT

**Craig Repasz,
Co-Chair Lights Out CT
Menunkatuck Audubon Society**

Presentation will discuss bird migration, with a focus on the impact of light pollution on migrating birds and the recently passed Lights Out! Connecticut legislation.



Craig Repasz, co-chair Lights Out CT, is President of the Friends of Stewart B. McKinney NWR, an organization devoted to supporting this important refuge. He was president of the New Haven Bird Club and the conservation chair of the Connecticut Ornithological Association. He has been the volunteer coordinator for the Connecticut Bird Atlas for six years. He enjoys backpacking and conducts Mountain Bird-watch surveys for the Vermont Center of Ecostudies, focusing on the Bicknell's Thrush and other high elevation species.



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