

# Academy Garden Club Thymes

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX

**MAY 2025**

## Hello Ladies!

Our gardens are bursting into bloom and it's so lovely to be outside. Even the bears are out enjoying the sunshine!

**May 13 at 6 pm**

### Lenox Community Center

#### Hostesses:

Theresa Fasano and Jan Chague

#### Program:

Gardening in Shades of Shade – How to brighten all kinds of Shady Gardens

#### Presenter:

Chris Ferrero

#### Agenda

- Approval of Emailed Minutes and Treasurer's Report (April)
- Proposed Budget 2025-2026 – Theresa Fasano
- Financial Audit Results
- Summer Garden Tours – confirm interest in June tour
- AOB

Thank-you to Kathy DeVlyder, Mary Tierney and Bobbie Anne Salinetti who stepped in to provide a very interesting Q and A session with our members in April, and to our hostesses Barbara Glicksman and Ginny Akabane for our delicious refreshments.

Carr Hardware in Lenox is holding its "Ladies Night" on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm.

To secure your VIP spot, RSVP at <https://carrhardware.com/ladies-night>.



Thinking of the summer (and better weather) we are hoping to firm up interest in some garden trips this summer.

On June 11 or 12<sup>th</sup> we are planning a trip to see the roses at Elizabeth Park Conservancy in west Hartford - home to America's oldest public rose garden. The garden is free and we can have lunch afterwards – we are thinking of leaving Lenox around 9:30am. You can see the Park details here: <https://elizabethparkct.org>



In early July we suggest a walk around the Mount gardens followed by lunch on their outside porch.

We will try to plan one more over the summer – suggestions are welcome.

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We are starting to prepare for our next AGC year (starting 1 July), so if anyone wishes to join a committee (see page 4 of our Yearbook), please let me or Linda Goff know.

At our June meeting we will vote on our proposed Budget for 2025 -2026. Also at our June meeting we will have sign-up sheets for our Civic projects (the Post Office window and the Monument planting/weeding schedule) and meeting Hostess duties. Please look out for these sign-up sheets in June.



Plant sale at Berkshire Botanical Garden, May 9 and 10.

Early buying for BBG Members on May 9 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

General Public on May 9, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and May 10 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Parking is free



**I have noticed that the date of our June meeting is incorrect in our Yearbook. Our June meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Gardening in Shades of Shade: How to Brighten All Kinds of Shady Home Landscapes

Presented to the  
Academy Garden Club of Lenox  
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 6 PM

*As shade grows in your yard,  
so can your list of  
gardening challenges*

- *Dry shade* may be the toughest challenge of home gardening. If you have trees, you have roots! But many plants don't mind sharing.
- The *dense shade* of a home's northern foundation can host beautiful plantings
- *Woodland paths* don't have to lack visual nuance and excitement
- *Streamside* and moisture loving plants can be both beautiful and hard-working

*Learn how you can trade in  
your struggles with shade  
for the many rewards of  
beautiful, restful garden spaces!*



Photo: Ken Druse, The New Shade Garden



**Your Presenter:**  
**Chris Ferrero**  
Cornell Master Gardener  
Speaker, Writer, Consultant



Happy Mother's Day

and

Best Wishes to you all,

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