

THE LARK

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Meet Judith Woodward



Continuing last month's Lark on residents arts and crafts - Meadow Hill has another resident artist in their midst!

Meet Judith Woodward, who moved to Meadow Hill in 2016, and is an artist who has achieved, in many ways, what she wanted to become ever since she was in the 6th grade. It was not until she was older that she began to pursue her interest in painting and fine arts. Judith attended Manchester schools and after graduating from high school became a secretary at Pratt and Whitney, where she met her husband, Jim. They were married, and at that time she became a homemaker, taking care of their children.

When in her thirties, Judith started out at Manchester Community College and then transferred to St Joseph's College (now University) in West Hartford, where she took up art history and loved it. She flew through it, receiving a Bachelor's Degree, and then went on to receive a Master's Degree in Art Education from Central Connecticut State University. Alan Tompkins was the founder of the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford and Judith also studied with him for 5 years at the West Hartford Art League and felt he had the greatest influence on her work. All her education in art was with her husband Jim's support, approval and financing, for which she cannot thank him enough!

Using her art history background, Judith taught art at a private school in Connecticut for 17 years and also was a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum of Art in Hartford for 10 years.



She is a member of the Lyme Art Assoc. and The Glastonbury Art League, and a former member of the Watercolor Society. Her work is in private collections in the US, Canada, and Taiwan. Some of her favorite artists are Rembrandt, Edgar Payne, Arthur Dove and Van Gogh.

Along with her painting, Judith also enjoys doing fabric art, quilting, and writing books and memoirs!

In Judith's words, one final thing – "I give all the glory to God for any artistic talent I may have. Sol Deo Gloria!"



KEY DATES

June 6 – D-Day Anniversary

June 9 – Board Election Ballot Counting Meeting

June 9 – Executive Board organizational meeting

June 10 – Greenhouse cleanout deadline

June 14 – Flag Day

June 16 – Board Meeting

June 19 – Juneteenth

June 20 – Father's Day

June 20 – Summer Solstice (Summer starts)

SPRING AT MEADOW HILL



Work Orders: What are they; How do I create one?



Suppose you notice that the streetlamp in your parking area isn't working. Or a piece of siding on your unit is damaged. Or there is a dead shrub near your unit that ought to be removed. Or there is some other maintenance or safety issue that you think needs attention. What should you do? Call Darien? NO!! The correct answer is to submit a Work Order.

Simply put, a Work Order – also called a Service Request - is a request to perform a maintenance or repair task on the exterior of your unit or in a common area. A Work Order serves to notify

the property manager (Imagineers) and the Maintenance staff that something needs to be done. It also establishes a tracking mechanism to ensure the item is referred to the correct person, committee or external organization (ex: Maintenance staff, Grounds Committee, Highlight, Eversource, etc.) for review and appropriate action. Once in the system, a Work Order is added to a Service Request Log, which is reviewed regularly at Board Meetings and it is tracked until it is complete or otherwise closed out.

A Work Order can be created in several ways. If you are comfortable using the internet, you can use an online system called Pitera to create, submit, and track the status of your requests. The advantages to using this system are that you can describe your request in exactly the words you choose, it gets into the system right away, and you can submit or check on it any time, any day. Pitera is available from the MeadowHill.net Contacts page or at: <https://app.pitera.com>. If you are uncomfortable with using electronic tools you can always submit work orders by emailing or calling the Assistant Property Manager. Email is available at the MeadowHill.net Contacts page; phone numbers are available there and in the Lark.

Other situations that should trigger a service request might be a shrub that is blocking a walkway, a stopped-up rain gutter, a pothole in a walkway, problems with a garage door, and so on.

Of course, if there is a true emergency – a sudden water leak, loss of electrical power – that threatens personal safety or significant damage to property, you should call Imagineers immediately using the numbers on the Meadow Hill website and published in the Lark. Office Hours are Monday – Thursday, 8AM - 5PM. Friday, 8AM – 3PM. Any afterhours emergency please call 860-768-3419 – Select Option 4 which will connect you with the answering service.

Properly reporting problems ensures the appropriate type of response and follow-up; all owners are encouraged to follow this process to report something that needs attention.

Where to find Meadow Hill Information

In the Lark:

- Imagineers phone numbers and emails
- Board member contact information
- List of standing committees and members

Online at meadowhill.net home page:

- Current and past issues of the Lark
- Board meeting dates and times
- Current and past Board meeting minutes
- Link to Board Meeting Agenda
- Meadow Hill by-laws, declarations and rules
- Links to useful resources for condo owners and Glastonbury residents

Online at meadowhill.net Contacts page:

- Imagineers phone numbers and email addresses
- Board members phone numbers
- Email instructions for Imagineers and Board officers (to avoid “phishing” scams, the full email addresses are not listed; instead there is a chart that shows how to create the email address. For example, to contact the Board president, the address is President@MeadowHill.net)
- Link to Pitera (work order tracking system)



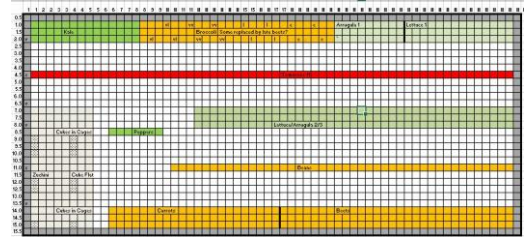
GREENHOUSE REMINDER

A reminder to remove all your plants from the greenhouse by June 10 so the greenhouse can be cleaned. Any plants remaining after that date will be discarded. Thanks.

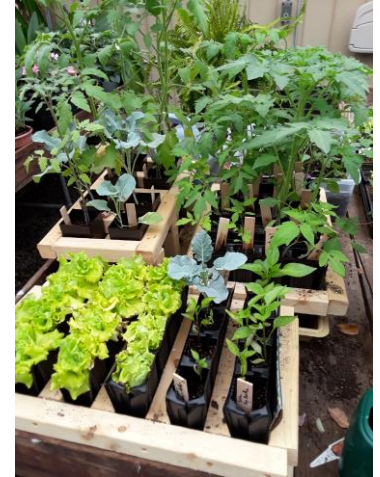
Starting your Garden Indoors: Tips from a Gardening Engineer

To some gardeners, growing vegetables is an art; to others, a science. To Meadow Hill's own Luther Weeks, it's more like an engineering project, one that starts indoors long before anything gets put into the ground outside.

Like any good project manager, Luther begins with a detailed plan of what the garden will eventually look like; he creates his on the computer using an Excel workbook (see photo). With that vision in mind, he creates a detailed planting schedule, spelling out exactly when each type of seed will be started, as well as the type and size of the planting pots or trays.



For many plants, Luther uses deeper vessels than the usual 2 inch trays, maintaining that the increased depth allows for deeper, more robust root development. Plants started indoors from seeds include lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, arugula and kale. The first seeds go into the dirt (potting soil topped with about an inch of starter soil) on March 1. Many of the trays are kept on warming pads to stimulate growth. To maximize the amount of light available, he employs a grow light operating on a timer, and lines up the trays in front of a large window, with a foil reflector behind the plants so light from the window will be



bounced back at the seedlings. As different plants get to a certain size, they are moved to the MH greenhouse, where Luther has constructed wooden racks to hold the individual tray cells.

As the plants mature and the weather becomes milder, seedlings are moved outside for brief periods, starting with two hours and increasing the duration gradually; this helps acclimate them to outdoor conditions and reduces the shock of being planted in the ground.

Around May 15, outdoor planting begins. In addition to the plants that have been growing indoors, several more vegetables are planted as seeds outdoors, including cucumbers, yellow beans, green squash, beets and carrots. In Luther's experience, these varieties grow about as large and fast when planted directly as seeds, so there is little value in starting them in pots earlier. Of course, as a true gardening engineer, Luther has devised his own set of tools to help ensure proper spacing and depth when putting his seeds into the ground.

According to his wife Denise, Luther's approach to vegetable gardening is a bit "over the top." But I have to admit, as a retired project manager who is now a novice gardener, I'm more than a little impressed, and looking forward to seeing the results of Luther's efforts unfold down in our riverfront garden.

RECYCLING REMINDER

Please do not put plastic bags in the recycling totes. Bags can cause significant slowdowns and damage to the sorting machines. If you collect your other recyclables in a plastic bag, please empty the bag into the tote, then return the bag to the grocery store for recycling. Thank you!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

After several years service, Larry Abbott has stepped down from the Executive Board. Larry has done an exemplary job as treasurer. We applaud and appreciate his service. Committee assignments will be adjusted after the upcoming election.

COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS



Exciting news! Some in-person programs are beginning to return to the Glastonbury Senior Center. Call 860-652-7638 to register:

- Senior Golf League: 10 week league beginning June 14, Mondays at 9 am, \$175 w/cart
- Pizza on the Patio, June 10 and 24, Noon to 1pm, \$5 per person
- Movies on the Patio: "The War With Grandpa" June 14, 1 pm

Other in-person activities include summer pickleball, knitting group, book discussions, bingo and more. For details on all the programs, see [The Sharing Tree](#) (All require registration):

- Watercolor Classes: June 1 and 15, 9:30-11:30, \$10 per kit, register at least one week in advance
- In the Kitchen with Chef Nicole, June 16, 10 am
- Healthy Cooking with Lindsey or Sarabeth, June 9, 1 pm
- Lifelong Learning: The Great Courses: Customs of the World, Fridays, Noon - 1:30 pm
- Lifelong Learning: The Great Courses: National Geographic Polar Explorations, Tuesdays 6:00 pm beginning June 8

Note: The Glastonbury Senior Services Division has starting using a new program registration software called MyRec.com. For details on creating an account and using this system to register and pay for programs, see [The Sharing Tree](#). For those who want to register by phone or mail you can still do so. For assistance call 860-652-7638.

WELLES TURNER MEMORIAL LIBRARY VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAMMING

- Genealogy Basics: Using the US Census, June 3, 6-7 pm
- Understanding Dementia, June 8, 6-6:45 pm
- How to Be an Informed Investor, June 16, 6-7 pm
- Books on Tap ~ Virtual Gathering for Adults 21+, June 24, 6-7 pm
- Cookbook Club ~ Virtual Gathering for Adults 21+, June 30, 6:30-7:30 pm



For details and registration information:

<https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/W/WTML/EKP.cfm?zeeOrg=WTML>

MEADOW HILL RESIDENT NOTES

Condolences to family and friends of Jack Verravas who died on April 26, 2021. He lived at unit # 66.

Condolences to the family and friends of Jay Rosenblatt unit # 262, who passed away in early May.

Clubhouse and Hollister House – Closed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

Clubhouse and Hollister House Rentals - Rentals discontinued until further notice due to the coronavirus.

Lark Submissions Please contact Gene Flynn at 860-212-7347 for more information on submitting articles and notices.

For Rent: Adirondack family camp on lake. Sleeps six adults, four kids. 4 ½ hours from Glastonbury. Call Betsy and Jack Raycroft, 860-306-4976.

Wanted - Garage Rental - Please contact Tom and Charlotte Remiszewski at 860-657-8656.

Game Day - Cancelled. Usually held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm at Hollister House is cancelled until further notice due to coronavirus.

Book Club - Cancelled. Usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 at the Clubhouse is cancelled until further notice due to Covid19.

We will be recommending one or two books a month for folks to read based on recommendations from book club members.

This month's suggestions are:

- Mill Town (non-fiction) by Kerri Arsenault, 2020, c. 300 pages
- When the Stars Go Dark (fiction) by Paula McLain, 2021, c 350 pages

Bingo - Cancelled.

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To Email Management staff or Board Member click on <https://tinyurl.com/MHillContacts>

BOARD MEETINGS

Monthly Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm.

Meetings will be electronic.

Information on how to connect will be forthcoming from Imagineers.

THE NEXT MEETING
June 16th

1:30 PM

Meeting Will be Electronic

Current and previous meeting minutes can be found at www.meadowhill.net

Hard copy minutes are no longer available at the clubhouse due to the coronavirus.

MEADOW HILL COMMITTEES

Advisory committees play an important role in Meadow Hill. They provide information and work that improves Meadow Hill beyond what the Board and Manager can do without assistance. Below are the committee chairs, liaisons from the Board and Committee members. Let's all thank these community members for their work to make Meadow Hill a great place to call home.

Budget: TBD

Communications:

Gene Flynn, (Chair), Luther Weeks, (Liaison), Mike Proulx, Denise Weeks, Norma Flynn, Elaine Lembo, Linda Fillion

Friends of the River:

Roger Bouchard, (Chair), TBD (Liaison), Donna Goselin, Bob Kolwicz, Lynn Willsey, Beverly Willsey, Jane Marcin, Daren Hill, Marge DeMay

Greenhouse:

Sandy MacGregor, (Chair), Luther Weeks, (Liaison)

Grounds:

Mike Proulx, (Chair), Connie Liscomb, (Liaison), Jack Raycroft, Todd Blais, Norm Gordon, Kim Trela, Vicky Germani, Sandra Marshall

Maintenance and Amenities:

Luther Weeks, (Chair), Vin Liscomb, Bob Kolwicz

Amenities Opening Committee: Toni Dolan (Chair), Connie Liscomb, Norma Flynn, Kathy McCarthy-Proulx

Nominating:

TBD, (Chair), Connie Liscomb

Rental:

Marge Demay (Chair); Luther Weeks (liaison)

Rules:

Luther Weeks, (Chair) ; Tony Dolan

Social:

Sandy O'Leary, (Chair), Hazel Brimley, Dick Brimley, Denise Weeks

Stables:

Elaine Lembo, (Chair), TBD (Liaison), Nancy Roberts

Trees:

Gene Flynn, (Chair), Toni Dolan, (Liaison), Roger Bouchard, Bob Kolwicz,

Vegetable Garden

Dave Fillion, (Chair), Luther Weeks, (Liaison)



June Lark Editor: Mike Proulx; Lark Designer: Denise Weeks