



"Your Home, Like A Precious Jewel, Needs The Proper Setting."



The Glenwild Gardener

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This is my new favorite gardening quote. I can see more than a few of you readers recognizing yourselves in this spot as well!

"Gardening is a kind of disease. It infects you, you cannot escape it. When you go visiting, your eyes rove about the garden; you interrupt the serious cocktail drinking because of an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed."

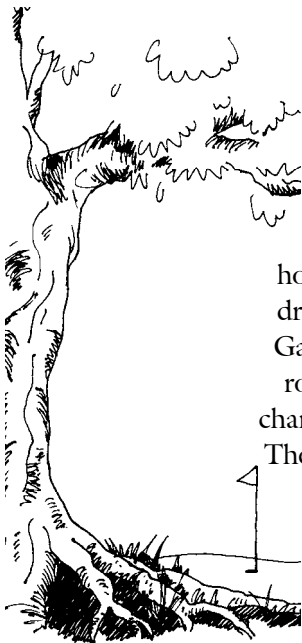
~Lewis Gannit

Gathering with friends and family while in a garden...not much is better than that. We'd like to gather with all of you this April 21st & 22nd in *our* garden. On April 21st, the Saturday of our annual Open House Weekend, we will have a "Celebration of Natural Living". What we want to do is introduce you to some new

organic products, some new concepts in gardening & living, but also to gather with our community & build stronger relationships with all of you. We all have a lot to offer, and maybe you'll meet some neighbors who are doing things a bit differently. We have a great time, connect, and eat hotdogs, (organic, of course). Also, if you look through our offered classes, you'll recognize people from our own community who are sharing their time & talents. Sign up for something!

Recently, we implemented an e-mail program where I occasionally send out messages that may be of interest to our customers. If you would like to be on this list, please sign up in our guest book next time you're in the store.

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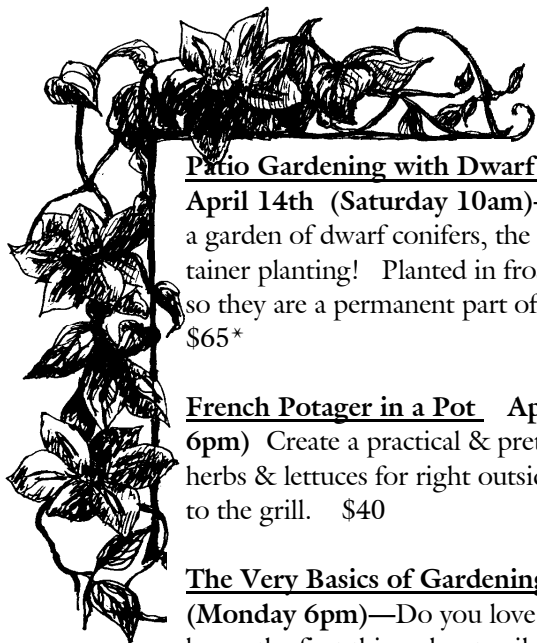
Glenwild Greens is a challenging 9 hole par three golf course gracefully draped over the hill above Glenwild Garden Center. Each fairway is surrounded by a wooded rough and a charming gazebo sits next to the pond. The golf course, even though small, is not a small challenge to accomplished golfers. Gift certificates are available. 973-283-0888

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Class Schedule 2007

Patio Gardening with Dwarf Conifers

April 14th (Saturday 10am)—Plant & bring home a garden of dwarf conifers, the hottest thing in container planting! Planted in frost-resistant containers, so they are a permanent part of your patio garden. \$65*

French Potager in a Pot April 30th (Monday 6pm) Create a practical & pretty kitchen garden of herbs & lettuces for right outside your door or next to the grill. \$40

The Very Basics of Gardening May 7th (Monday 6pm)—Do you love flowers but don't know the first thing about soil, plants or that whole sun/shade thing? Come to this introduction to gardening & walk away feeling confident & excited about your green thumb! \$10

Tree Whispering May 21st (Monday 6pm) Jim Conroy, PhD. & Ms. Basia Alexander of Plant Health Alternatives, LLC. Love trees? Put yourself "in its roots" during multi-sensory exercise. Come from the plant's point of view. Declining Trees? They can be saved. Learn 12 tree stressors, real reasons why trees decline, & holistic, practical solutions. Understand how "New Sciences" & ancient wisdom apply. \$10

Making a Flowering Living Wreath June 2nd (Saturday 10am)—Create a stunning living wreath of flowers to enjoy all season with this hanging garden. \$60 * —\$37 if you have your own form from previous years.

Painting in the Garden June 23rd (Saturday 10am)—Come watercolor with local artist Dan Barlow, a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, for a morning of painting outside. Bring your own supplies, or, if a beginner, let us know when you sign up & we'll tell you what to bring. An opportunity for every artist to relax & have a few scheduled hours to concentrate! \$10

Herbal Medicine—July 7th (Sat. 1PM) With Robin Rose Bennett. Craft your own herbal medicine from wild plants we pick together. Treat bug bites, sooth sunburns, & more. This class will last about 2 hours. \$25*

Curb Appeal July 21st (Saturday 10am)—Learn what the experts know about doing the most for your money when sprucing up your home for resale or because you're hosting the family reunion this year! Jennifer Ellis, owner of Realcraft, LLC, a local "home staging" company, shows us the most important elements to focus on, in the yard & in the house. \$10

Dinner with Andre de Waal August 27th (Monday 6pm) —Emphasizing locally grown, organic ingredients, Andre's (of Andre's Restaurant, Newton), beautiful three course dinner will be a treat for gardeners & gourmets alike. Enjoy eating under the stars while learning the recipes & Andre's cooking techniques. \$60*

Mushroom Picking September—Come pick wild mushrooms with Allison Hosford at 2 Pond Farm in West Milford. Sign up if you're interested & we'll call you with about a week's notice when the mushrooms are ready—usually around the last Sat. of the month. \$20

Pumpkin Painting October 20th (Saturday 10am) Bring the kids! Paint a silly face on a pumpkin for Halloween. This class is appropriate for children ages 3-7 with adult supervision. (approx. 1/2 hour class) \$5

Cookie House November 3rd (Saturday 10am) No-bake holiday fantasy houses made from cookies, candy, cardboard & hot glue! Though not edible, they are imaginative, sturdy & last for years. Barbara Biondo, local cookie-construction artist, will bring samples & show photos. Exacto knife, hot glue gun & plenty of glue sticks required. This class will last about 2 hours & is not for young children. \$30*

Creating Birdseed Ornaments November 10th (Saturday 10am) —Decorate an outdoor evergreen in your yard with these fantastic ornaments for the birds! Several ornaments will be made. This class is great for kids over 4 years with adults. (Or just adults)! \$10

Making a Holiday Wreath November 17th & 19th Due to popular demand, we now are offering two classes. Sign up for **Saturday the 17th at 10 am or Monday the 19th at 6pm**. Create a gorgeous wreath made from balsam, boxwood, fragrant cedar, & other mixed evergreens. Bring pruners if you have them. \$25*

Class sizes are limited, so call as early as possible to sign up. **973-838-0174**
*classes require a **50% deposit**. Each session usually lasts about an hour and a half.
Get a 10% discount on any purchases the night of the class.

Container Gardening Tips



For visual harmony, it's important to choose the right pot for your plants. It should be the right size, shape & proportion for the plant it's holding. Here are some aesthetic guidelines: Tropicals, (cannas, elephant ears, etc.) really look eye-catching in glazed pots. Terracotta pots complement drought resistant plants such as succulents & cacti. If you have a pot with a busy design on the side, put in plants with broad leaves, simple textures and have only one or two colors. Group pots by color or material, and mix sizes. That being said, it's what looks good to you that matters.

Make sure you use potting soil, not top soil, as that can get compacted in a pot & make your plants miserable. We carry a fantastic potting soil by Coast of Maine that plants love.

Group your plants according to their need of sunlight and moisture. Ferns, generally damp shade lovers, will not be happy in the same spot as Marigolds, which prefer conditions hot & drier.

Lastly, container gardens should be checked for water once a day at least!

Come check out our new selection of pottery. If you want help choosing the right piece, our staff is full of opinions—thank goodness they have great taste!

We have new growers this year who specialize in out-of-the-ordinary plants. Every few weeks we'll get new and exciting perennials, annual, shrubs & trees, so visit often!

Garden Saints

Why is St. Francis always in the garden? In case you aren't catholic, here is a quick reference to garden appropriate saints. Just in case you wanted to know ...

St. Francis is the most common statue of a saint seen in the garden because he is the protector of animals.

St. Fiacre is another patron saint of the garden, (& for some reason, also of taxicabs & relief from hemorrhoids). He became a hermit in France, healing the sick. He was visited by so many people that he asked the Bishop for more land; he was given as much land as he could clear with his spade in one day. A host of angels came down from heaven & helped him, & in commemoration of the miracle, he became the patron saint of gardeners.

St. Isadore is the saint of farmers.

St. Dorothy is associated with flowers.



Perennial of the Year 2007—Catmint

The perennial Plant Association has awarded the title of Perennial of the Year to *Nepeta 'Walker's Low'*. Better known as catmint, this flowering plant has 2 qualities you need to know about.

Low-maintenance and long-bloom time.

Loving full sun, it wants normal, well-drained soil and will reach a size of 30-36" tall and wide. Besides looking great in a perennial border, it also is fabulous in containers.

It will bloom longest if dead-headed, but even when not blooming, it's gray-green foliage looks healthy throughout the season. Bonus: It's fragrant leaves and stems make it **deer-resistant!**



These flowers are all in gorgeous purple



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Abraham Cowley,
The Garden, 1666

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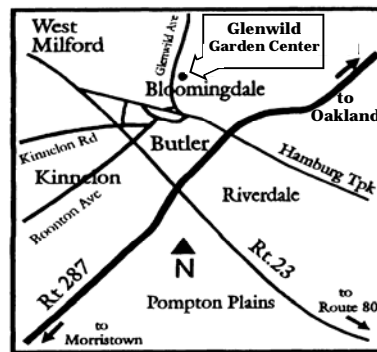
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