



Lenox Garden Club
Membership Committee
Presents

In Their Own Words

Our New Members
The First-Year Class of 2026



Anne Covell



Ever since I was raised in Darien, CT and spent my summers in Cabot VT, my love of nature has continued to grow. I am outdoors whenever I can be, whether hiking the mountains and New England hills or planting my gardens. As adults my husband and I live in Manhattan, where we raised our son and I worked in real estate analytics for Cushman & Wakefield. We have owned a home in Lenox since 1985 and have spent many weekends here when we worked fulltime. We travel extensively and particularly enjoy visiting gardens and taking long hikes – Great Britain and New Zealand are favorites.

Now retired, we are delighted to spend more time here. Berkshire Botanical Garden, Naumkeag, and The Mount are my favorite outdoor gardens, although there are many more in our area.

In the City, I recently served as president of the City Gardens Club, a 501c3 whose mission is supporting public education. The club annually provides scholarships to public school science teachers and grants to local community gardens.

In Lenox, I serve on the landscape/gardening group of Winden Hill (where we live) working with fellow LGC member Janet Egelhofer. I serve on the Vestry of St Paul's Church, Stockbridge, and on the Board of the Lenox Club.

Sarah Horowitz



I am a newcomer to the world of gardening having planted my first seed in 2020. But since then I have devoted an inordinate amount of time to learning about plants and garden design. My husband, David, and I bought our 1879 home in Lenox in 2017 and have been adding to its gardens ever since.

My career has had a few chapters. I started off in the entertainment business as a talent agent and then pivoted to working in historic preservation in NYC, including the restoration of Grand Central

Terminal. After raising our two kids, I have been advising non-profits ranging from a museum in rural Georgia to an educational non profit in NYC that builds hydroponic farms in schools to teach the science of sustainability and climate change. I also helped produce a documentary film that showed at the Berkshire International Film Festival last year.

But these days I like nothing better than getting dirt under my fingers nails in the garden. I look forward to learning and growing with the LGC for years to come.

Susanne King



I grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania, where I spent time in vegetable gardens and the woods, but my interest in landscape gardening began with building our re-creation of an eighteenth century house in Richmond, in the middle of a field. This field was a wide palette for trees and various plants. I worked with a landscape designer for five years, poring through gardening books, and visiting the Berkshire Botanical Garden and nurseries. Together we created our current landscape and gardens. We live five minutes from Tanglewood, where we spend a lot of time in the summer.

I retired from a practice of child psychiatry in Lenox several years ago, and am finding a renewed interest in our landscape and its inhabitants, from trees to dahlias, from bluebirds to bears.

I'm interested in learning more about gardens, flower arranging, and conservation, as well as getting to know others who share these interests.

My husband and I have one daughter, who lives in Boston with her husband and our two granddaughters, who also love to be in our gardens, picking raspberries and flowers.

Nancy Fernandez Mills



Living in the Berkshires has allowed me to be closer to nature than I've been since I was a child. My first garden memories are from early childhood when I lived next door to my Grandpa Pete on his farm. I regularly raided his rows of ripe strawberries for a summer treat and adored the colorful iris that grew next to his stone wall.

Gardens have always attracted me for their beauty and having gardens of my own taught me a lot about change and the cycle of life. I had both flower and vegetable gardens in Newton where we

raised our three children and then in Stockbridge when we bought our home in 2002 as a second home.

Today as a full time resident I have let go of my veggie patch but still work on my herbs and perennials. I still have a lot to learn about horticulture and the challenges of our changing climate. I think the Lenox Garden Club offers a wonderful chance to explore and learn alongside garden friends.

I Chair the Council at Chesterwood, teach yoga and volunteer for the Stockbridge Library golf and tennis fundraiser. My career was in journalism and television production in Boston, working as a National Correspondent for NBC News, running a healthcare education production company and working in other communications roles.

Ellen Weitzler



Although a native New Yorker, I was raised in Vienna, Austria and spent most of my adult years in the Boston area; in Belmont, Middleton and Peabody where we raised our two daughters. My husband, Steve, and I moved to Pittsfield in 2022 where we enjoy hiking and skiing in the mountains, many cultural diversions and hosting our extended family which now includes sons-in-laws and 4 grandchildren.

Despite being raised in apartments, I've been an enthusiastic gardener since my first vegetable garden during my off-campus college years.

I completed the Berkshire Botanical Garden horticulture certificate program in 2025. Since retiring in June 2025, I've been upgrading the ornamental and vegetable gardens at our home in Pittsfield.

I'm a retired environmental engineer, having worked in several consulting firms and, for the last 19 years of my career, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. My expertise is in wastewater treatment and water quality.