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## THE FAIRFIELD GARDEN CLUB



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### VIRTUAL SEEDS OF WISDOM: TIPS AND QUIPS

Hello to all,

In this crazy time when we find that we must do things entirely differently than we ever have before, and then change plans yet again an hour or day or week later, we thought we might be able to support each other with ideas, strategies, techniques, and personal experience in the practicalities of life as we now experience it. Send your secrets on how you are managing to keep your refrigerators full, your family safe and sane, your kids entertained and any binge-watching shows that have a lot of episodes. Send to: [Thefairfieldgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:Thefairfieldgardenclub@gmail.com).

Here are some that we have received already:

**Claire Van de Berghe:** “I’m listening to The Fine Gardening podcast, episode 57: Visit to Logee’s Greenhouses.”

**Pat Hastings:** “From Florida, the recent movie recommendation has been to watch Dr. Thorne on Amazon Prime. It's done by Julian Fellowes (Downton Abbey). It's a wonderful escape based on a Anthony Trollope novel and only 4 episodes long.”

**Celia Hegyi:** “For anyone who likes opera, the Paris Opera has a different opera every few days. Yesterday and today it's “Don Giovanni” (in Italian of course with French subtitles). The sound and visual are tops! Plus it's free!! Also, Christie's “Online Magazine No. 214” “The Most Beautiful Gardens in Art” is wonderful.”

[https://www.christies.com/features/The-most-beautiful-gardens-in-art-10362-3.aspx?sc\\_lang=en&cid=EM\\_EMLcontent04144B14Section\\_A\\_Story\\_1\\_1&cid=D\\_M383361&bid=211763684](https://www.christies.com/features/The-most-beautiful-gardens-in-art-10362-3.aspx?sc_lang=en&cid=EM_EMLcontent04144B14Section_A_Story_1_1&cid=D_M383361&bid=211763684)

Nancy Conroy: “Tonight I received my DEPARTURES online newsletter and they had some wonderful suggestions:

**Five National Parks Offer Virtual Tours:** The article referenced the link to Google Arts and Culture, below:

<https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/parks>

**An additional online article about Twelve Famous Museums,** virtual tours you can take on your couch: The story originally appeared in [Travelandleisure.com](http://Travelandleisure.com)

And my favorite is: **Museums Spread Joy by Sending Each Other Virtual Bouquets from Famous Artworks:**

<https://www.departures.com/art-culture/museums-send-virtual-bouquets-on-twitter>

Stop to scroll through the virtual roses. Museums and galleries are brightening your timeline one #MuseumBouquet at a time.



And, a limited / current showing of **Washington D.C.’s Cherry Blossoms Bloom in Real Time Right Now:**

<https://www.departures.com/travel/washington-dc-cherry-blossoms-livestream-bloom-cam>

For my family personally, we have tried two facetime cooking sessions. I have learned you can add three people to facetime (always something new). We choose a recipe in advance and prepare / discuss together.”



**Barbara Wooten:** “Carriage Art Barn in Waveny in New Canaan has an online challenge class for all media:

“Home is Where the Heart Is”

<https://carriagebarn.org/home-is-where-the-heart-is/>

Just when we think everything has been postponed, look what I found in my garage. The daffodils I said I would grow for the Greenwich Daffodil Society entry. It was the Horticulture Committee’s Fall Challenge. I forgot they were there. But one thing we know – Mother Nature cannot be postponed.



**Whitney Vose:** “This time of year, and especially this spring, staying home doing so much needle working, instead of throwing my woolen scraps in the wastebasket, I leave a bunch out for the birds who are making their nests. It is nice to know that your wool is keeping little fledglings warm while their parents hunt for worms and bugs. I discovered this years ago when I found a fallen nest in September with some of my sheeps’ wool encircled among the twigs. Wool scraps that were discarded when the sheep were being sheared in early May.”



**Jeanne Reed:** “I recommend an infusion pitcher, a kind of water pitcher that has a basket fitted inside, which, when filled with sliced strawberries or sliced cucumber and kept in the refrigerator, turns a glass of water into a fragrant and flavorful drink.”

## AND LIFE GOES ON ...

**Paint, Pen and Petal** is re-scheduled for 2021. “Artists in the Garden” Opening Reception is Friday, April 2, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The show will run through the end of April at Pequot Library Auditorium.

### Bell Ringing

Fairfield Parks & Recreation

# TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

WEEKLY BELL RINGING 7:00 PM - 7:02 PM  
EVERY WEDNESDAY!!

*In an effort to bring residents together, during this emergency.*

*We are asking all residents of the Town of Fairfield between 7:00 PM - 7:02 PM, to go out on your front steps or open a window and to joyously sound a bell, chime, banging of pans, etc. as a symbol of the community of our citizens and as a reminder to all that although the community may be physically separated, our citizens remain united in their support for one another and dedicated to overcoming the present situation.*

#FairfieldFlattensTheCurve

FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION



**Greetings from Ogden!** Whitney and I are grappling with how best to proceed with work team sign-ups in this age of covid-19. As you all know, with the news changing daily, it is nearly impossible to plan anything. Yet, we would like to have something of a plan— even if it is not acted upon ultimately. Please consider signing up for a work date that you feel might be possible for you. Know that if there is any shred of doubt on our part when the date nears that we will cancel. Whitney and I don't want to take chances either. No one will be expected to appear if they feel the least bit unsure. Thanks for considering. Nan Nelson and Whitney Vose

**Quote of the Week** - contributed by Barbara Geddes Wooten:

“The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

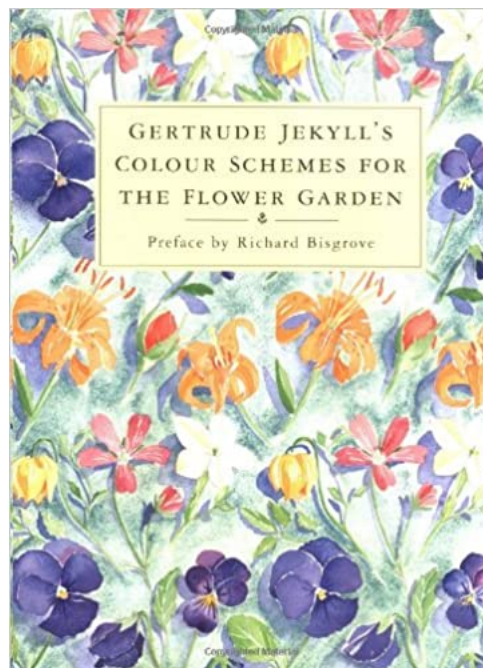
A garden is a grand teacher.

It teaches patience and careful watchfulness;

it teaches industry and thrift;

above all it teaches entire trust.”

Gertrude Jekyll



Gertrude Jekyll was a British horticulturist, garden designer, craftswoman, photographer, writer and artist. She created over 400 gardens in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States, and wrote over 1,000 magazine articles. She lived and worked from 1843 - 1932.