



# Proposed Bylaw Changes for May 4th Meeting

We have a number of proposals to amend the bylaws, as well as some changes to the Executive Board. Please review the notes below in preparation for our May meeting.

Article II: Add a section (8) as follows: **Silver Key members, unlimited, shall be those with 25 years or more active membership in the club. They shall be exempt from paying annual dues, but otherwise meet the same requirements as Active Members.** (This is currently a practice, but is not spelled out anywhere in the bylaws.)

Article II, Section 5: Add a sentence: **"Honorary members are exempt from paying annual dues."** (This is also currently a practice, but not spelled out anywhere in the bylaws.)

Article III, Section 1: Change fiscal year

end to "...**August 31.**"

Article IV, Section 1: Change the annual dues for Associate Members to: **"Associate members shall pay a 25% uplift on the annual dues,..."**

Article V, Section 1d): Change "Secretary" to **"Secretaries"**

And lastly, after many years of outstanding service, **Maguy Thomson** has decided to retire from the Board, and so we are seeking a member interested in becoming a Director to replace her. The only requirements are a desire to help guide the club and an ability to attend an evening meeting on the second Thursday of the month from September to July. This is a 2 year term. Please call Marsha Cope if you are interested, would like to nominate a person, or want more information!

## May 4 Annual Meeting at Audrey's 6:00 pm

Our fabulous Annual Meeting will once again be held at Audrey Dimitry's lovely home overlooking the river. Plan to eat, drink, and make merry, sign up for next year's groups, and vote on the bylaw changes.

Please bring a salad, a main dish or a dessert to share to Audrey's home at 9 Old Wharf Road

Hospitality committee is Liz Scheld, Dona Georgitis, with Joan Colby, Cyndy Bourquard, Audrey, and Joan Tranfaglia



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### On a sad note:

Our condolences and prayers go out to Deb Zoltai on the loss of her Mother, and to Sandi Preble at the passing of her Husband. Our thoughts and remembrances are with you.

# Gardening Plant Sale To Do List

Hopefully, everyone is well into their digging for the Sale.

Remember to:

🌱 **Pick up** any pots or labels you need at Dot Cavanaugh's yard; look for the big trash can by the garage

🌱 **Dig** your plants no later than the first Saturday in May, to give them time to settle into their pots so they look good on the day of the sale

🌱 **Label** the pots with the plant information, but don't price them. This year, the committees will do the pricing for you!

🌱 **Bring** your plants to one of these drop-off points a few days before the sale:

🌱 **Sun Plants** to Jan Vynorius at 84 Stewart St. or Kathy Krajeski at 4 Woodcrest Dr

🌱 **Shade Plants** to Donne Greene at 17 Barberry Lane

🌱 **Donated Plants** to Carole Ward at 2 Bartlett Drive, off Turkey Hill Road in Newburyport, or Gloria Kuran at 359 Main St, on the river in Amesbury

🌱 **Bake** something yummy for the Food table

If you need help with digging call Maguy: 363-2610

If you have a card table call Carole at 462 1023

If you need to get in touch with any of the chairs:

**Sale Chairs (Grand Pooh-Bahs)** Carole Ward 462-1023 & Gloria Kuran 388-4830

**Sun:** Jane Jeffers 372-6549 & Kathy Krajeski 363-5216

**Shade:** Deb Zoltai 255-1743 & Donna Greene 363-1329

**Digging:** Maguy Thomson 363-2610

**Donated:** Nancy Perkins 346-9540

**Knapp's:** Liz Scheld 363-1837

**Herbs:** Diane Dobson 463-3716

**Banners:** Lisa Arnold 363-2258

**Cashiers:** Dot Cavanaugh 363-1295

**Food** Ellie Bragg 363-2392

**Choice:** Laurel Mackay 363-5369

**Set-up:** Jennifer Germain 465-1715

**Breakdown:** Gloria Kuran & Carole Ward (see above)

**Publicity:** Jane Jeffers, Gloria Kuran, Deb Zoltai (above)



*Liz Scheld and Audrey Dimitry getting it all right on the big day*

## Horticulture Dig, Divide, Donate, Again!

Don't forget we are looking for these especially desirable plants for the Choice Plants Table, headed up by Laurel Mackay:

**Jack in the Pulpit** (Arisaema) **Dutchman's Pipe**  
**Asarum** (Wild Ginger) **Lily of the Valley** **Brunnera**  
**Campsis** (Trumpet Vine) **Cimicifuga** **Clematis**  
**Lady Slippers** (garden-grown) **Epimedium** **Ferns**  
**Erythronium** (Dog-toothed Violets or Trout Lilies)  
**Gentians** **Hellebores** **Peonies** **Trillium**  
**Many Hostas:** Please see the complete list from Laurel  
**May Apples** **Solomon's Seal** **Rodgersia**

**Don't have any of these?** Buy a couple and donate them!

**No money?** Dig from your own wonderful selection, potting up at least 2 weeks prior to the sale (that would be no later than the first Saturday in May.)

**Can't dig?** Call Maguy and schedule the light-footed and always humorous Digging Committee.

**No garden?** Buy something luscious at your local nursery (don't forget your discount card) and donate it! What a hero you will be!

## Members in the News **New Member Coffee**

The New Members' Coffee was a warm and wonderfully animated affair attended by three of our new members, most of the board, and a number of long-standing members. Carole Ward hosted the affair, and handled all the arrangements, and we all ate like royalty. Priscilla Styer hand-tied lovely spring bouquets for each of the new members, and as always, Carole set a beautiful and elegant table, making us all feel welcome. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success!



*Heidi Tucker, Janice Zimmerman, and Joan Tranfaglia  
at the New Members' Coffee at Carole Ward's*



## Club & Federation News **Sales & Tours Galore**

This is the season for garden tours and plant sales, and as always, there is bounty to choose from. Put down your digging fork, call your best girlfriend, and give that back a rest!

**May 13 Holliston GC Plant Sale** @ Town Hall 9-12

**May 18 Beacon Hill GC Hidden Gardens Tour.** 9-5 rain or shine. \$25 & \$30 Contact: 617-227-4392.

**June 3 Andover GC plant sale** 9:00-1:00, 12 Burton Farm Drive, (member's garden) Andover

**June 6 Salem GC** hosts **Putting On the Ritz** @ Old Town Hall, Front Street. Formal Tea & Flower Show with presentation by Bill Graham. 12:30 - 3:30 \$35. Contact: 978-741-4060

**June 6 GC of the Back Bay Through Back Bay Gates & Doors; A Walking Tour.** 5 Commonwealth

Ave, Boston. Gardens, patios, interiors, galleries. \$25 advance; \$20 ea. for groups of 5 or more, \$30 day of tour. 10 am - 4pm

**June 10 New England Wild Flower Society Plant Sale** at Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham 10 am-3 pm. 11,000 plants for sale. Contact: 508-877-7630

**June 10-11 Mass Gardens on Tour** Wellesley, Westwood, Dover, Needham, Sherborn \$25 and \$30 978 486-0217

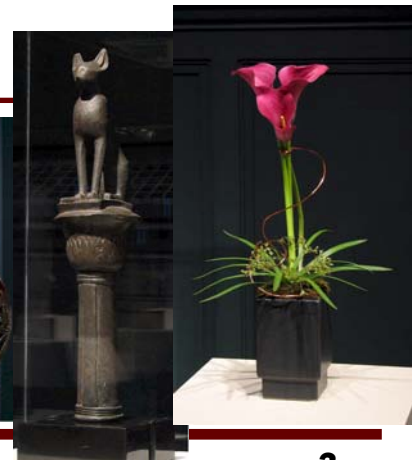
**June 10-11 Newbury Historical Society's Garden Tour The Constant Gardener.** Sat 9-5 and Sun 10-4. \$15 and \$20 Contact: 978 462-2681

**June 17 West Newbury Members Only Garden Tour**

**July 21-29 Southeastern District's Standard Flower Show Touring Old Cape Cod** @ Barnstable County Fair, **East Falmouth.** Contact: 781-237-2642 or 617-244-3501

## Floral Design **Art In Bloom**

The West Newbury GC has made a showing at the MFA's principle fund-raiser for the second year. Priscilla and Marsha once again overcame their 3-a.m.-staring-at-the-ceiling jitters and interpreted a 2000 year old bronze cat goddess sitting on a pedestal. The museum rewarded all the arrangers and assistants with tickets to the opening night gala, a private party with lots of champagne and fabulous food. Next year, we swear, two **other** lucky WNGC members will be swanking around the MFA!





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**Next Board Meeting**  
**May 11, 2006 7:00pm**

*The West Newbury Garden Club was founded in 1936 to encourage and cultivate an interest in gardening, to aid in protecting and conserving our natural resources, to further the study of horticulture and flower arranging, and to promote civic beauty. For more information, please contact Marsha Cope at 978 388 2076, at [bpgroup@verizon.net](mailto:bpgroup@verizon.net), or at 30 Merrimac St, Amesbury MA, 01913.*

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## In the Garden this Month **May**

### Garden Highlights this Month

**Bulbs:** Fritillaria, lily of the valley, tulip, wood hyacinth.  
**Perennials:** Bleeding heart, camassia, spring-bloomers. **Groundcovers:** Sweet woodruff, vinca, .  
**Shrubs:** Lilac, barberry. **Trees:** Dogwood, redbud, saucer magnolia.

### Planting

Plant bare-root plants, evergreens, container-grown trees and shrubs, ground covers, perennials, annuals, summer-flowering bulbs, tropical water lilies, and containers when danger of frost is past. Divide crowded early bulbs and perennials. Sow and transplant warm-season vegetables (with protection)

### Pruning

Finish pruning winter-damaged trees and shrubs. As needed, prune needle evergreens which are putting out new growth. Continue to deadhead early spring-flowering bulbs, early annuals and perennials to promote re-bloom.

### Fertilizing

Fertilize needle evergreens. Feed annuals and container plants, and bulbs as they finish blooming. Feed roses.



### Garden Maintenance

Photograph your bulb display to help you plan your fall bulb planting. Continue spring cleanup. Mulch and edge newly planted beds. Set stakes, poles, trellises. Begin weeding. Thin vegetables. Begin moving cool-temperature house plants outdoors for the summer.

**Lawn Care:** Finish major work. Fertilize cool-weather grasses for second time.