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Nominees for Next Year

Part of our May meeting is the election of new officers and directors, and this year is quite active, with three new officers and 2 new directors. Many, many thanks to **Gail DiNaro** and **Liz Scheld**, for our excellent nominees:

President: **Linda Schaeffer**

1st Vice President: **Kathy Krajewski**

2nd Vice President: **Joan Tranfaglia**

Director: **Gloria Kuran**

Director: To Be Announced

Linda is the manager of 100 clinicians involved in the Early Intervention program for children at risk developmentally due to disabilities, and birth or environmental issues. She is an avid gardener interested in conservation, green-scaping, and "bird-scaping" and is enthusiastic about exploring opportunities to pursue some of these practices in

West Newbury and in the Club.

Kathy has been our 2nd vice president for the past 2 years, and has recently returned to working with those little bugs in the microbiology lab. In her spare time she is pinch-hitting in her husband's business in Vermont.

Joan (tran-FAH-lee-a) is the owner and manager of a totally organic farm here in West Newbury, and is currently chairing the 1910 Building Committee.

Gloria is familiar as one of last year's Plant Sale co-chairs, and locally famous for introducing the Plant Sale Aprons which caused minor skirmishing at last year's sale. She is working on her third retirement from careers in boat brokerage, store ownership, and retail. She says it is for real this time, and is keeping busy as a member of the Coast Guard's Power Squadron.

May 3 Annual Meeting at Audrey's

Our annual meeting is a time to conduct the business of the Club, elect our new officers, and enjoy each others' company. We will return to **Audrey's** lovely home on the River for the spring festivities. Please bring a salad, main dish or dessert to share. We have lots of activity news to share, and arrangements to make for the upcoming year, so be sure to come at 6:00 on the dot so we can get our business done and still have plenty of time left to spend with our friends. And eat. And, ok, gossip.

Hospitality will be provided by chairs

Pat Finley and **Anne Jarzowski** with **Ellie Bragg**, **Anne Burrill**, **Audrey** (of course!) and **Evelyn Thompson**.



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Celebrating our 70 years of service: This poetry snippet is one of several published in yearbooks from the late 1970's.

**On a dark hill with pines around me
Spicy and still,
And a heaven full of stars.**

— Sara Teasdale

“World Famous” Plant Sale

Our big fund-raising event of the year, and the source of all our scholarship funds, our annual Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 19th from 8:30 to 12:00.

What Should I Do?

Dig! Dig! Dig! Pot up your precious little gems in the smallest pot they are comfortable in, to help conserve soil, wipe down the outside of the pot with a damp rag, and give them a good drink. Label them, using a permanent marker, please, to show the plant's name, color, and height. If you can add more information like spacing, bloom time, and cultivation needs, that would be wonderful, but leave room for the price. No need to price them yourself, as each committee will be pricing their own stock.

Please try to get everything potted up at least a week before the sale so the plants will not still be in shock, as they will not sell well at all, in spite of their health.

Need Help Digging?

Call **Donna Greene 363-1329**

Where Should I Bring My Plants?

Sun Plants go to either:

Linda Schaeffer at 77 Coffin Street 363-5251 or
Gail DiNaro at 230 Middle Street 363-5434

Shade Plants go to:

Joan Tranfaglia at 3 Colby Lane 510-1228

Donated Plants go to:

Dot Cavanaugh at 6 Training Field Road 363-1295

Where Can I Get Labels and Pots?

Behind Dot's house on Training Field Road

Please plan to be at the Training Field on Sale Day at 7:30 a.m. to lend a hand, and join the fun! If you have any questions, call your committee chair.

Late breaking news: [Please bring a \\$2-\\$3 gardening item to the May meeting to stuff 2 of our fabulous tote bags \(see p. 3\) to be raffled at the plant sale.](#)

Members in the News **Garden Tour in June**

Yes, back for a command performance, the Members Only (Plus a Few Close Friends) Garden Tour will happen again this year, on **Saturday, June 16th**. We will have about 5 gardens, and we will again start with a continental breakfast, probably in Marie and Alison Scher's lovely garden in

Kingston, NH, and ending up who-knows-where in West Newbury for final great garden and perhaps a little something to eat...

Mark the date on your calendar, and call that special friend. More details to follow in the June newsletter.

Flower Arranging **Mini Art in Bloom**



As you can see from the article on page 3, we are gearing up in May for our early June Art In Bloom, held at the West Newbury Library. This event features nine artworks from the hands and homes of West Newbury artists and gardeners, interpreted in floral arrangements designed and created by members of the West Newbury Garden Club. The show will be installed at the library on the afternoon of Monday, June 4, and will be open during library hours from Tuesday June 5th through late in the day on Friday of that week.

(The library will be on summer

hours as of June 1st, and will be closed on weekends for the

rest of the summer.) The art will all be in one room, and it will be a very exciting show for the townspeople, especially those in the Garden Club.

Artworks will come from our dear friend **Gloria Arthur**, and from **Sandi Preble, Sharon Dahn, Linda DeCoste, Marsha Cope, Ellie Bragg, Dianne Faulkner, Sue Dougherty, and Peg Dunlap**.

Arrangers are **Priscilla Styer, Pat Finley, Dianne Faulkner, Linda DeCoste, Ellie Bragg, and Marsha Cope**.

We would like to have **two more arrangers**, so if you are interested, please call **Priscilla Styer**, at 978 852-1686 or simply sign up for the free Arranger's Workshop at the May meeting (see article on p.3) and give yourself a chance to try something new. This **really** is a kick, and lots of help and advice are guaranteed!

Members in the News **Tote Bags, Dirt Cheap**

Gloria Kuran has struck again. Remember last year's Plant Sale Aprons? Now she brings us the West Newbury Garden Club's 70th Anniversary **Commemorative Tote Bag**, an elegant, functional, and capacious addition to your year-round wardrobe.

The bag is a beautiful **rich graphite in a smooth, fine-grained canvas** with a scarlet color block. The fabric is back-bonded in pliable latex, giving the bag a lot of durability without being ungainly or stiff. The carry handles are **generously sized** and comfortable, with **shoulder straps** that tuck in out of sight for those moments when the paparazzi suddenly appear. The design will be similar to the one in the photo, but will feature **our peony emblem** in a clean, slightly Asian motif, done in white. The bag is 12 x 15 and 5" deep. What would you pay for such an elegant and useful bag? \$15? \$25? These bags are available to members for **\$8**, (yes, eight!) so get one for yourself and one for a friend at the May meeting! Any not purchased then will be sold at the Plant Sale (for quite a bit more.)



Members in the News **Memorial Day Parade**

Yes, this year it will finally happen! We WILL have a float in the West Newbury Memorial Day Parade, to commemorate our 70 years of service to the town, and to honor our past presidents. We have not yet nailed down all the details, but our nine past presidents still living in town are: **Carol Hurn** 1978-1981, **Diana Fini** 1983-1985, **Linda Day** 1987-1989, **Jeanne Pucci** 1989-1991, **Alison Scher** 1995-1997 and again in 2003-2004, **Sue Berkenbush**, 1997-1999, **Ginger**

Selman 2000-2003, **Maguy Thomson** 2003-2005 and **Marsha Cope** 2005-2007. So get out your flags and folding chairs, and plan to view the spectacle, uh, spectacular event, as you and your family thrill to the sight of our majestic progress as these wonderful, caring women are towed through the center of town on a wagon! The fun begins at 10:30 a.m. on May 28th.

Club & Federation News **Arranger's Workshop**

As a way to help the wonderful people who have volunteered to be interpretive arrangers for our mini Art in Bloom, there will be a FREE Arranger's Workshop on May 9th at 6:30 pm. It is open to all mini Art in Bloom arrangers and **anyone else who is interested** in becoming an arranger for the big Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts, the New England Spring Flower Show, similar events, or simply for your own enjoyment. **We are still looking for 2 more arrangers.** The workshop will be presented by Priscilla Styer and Marsha Cope, fresh from the MFA, and includes:

- A **tour** of the room at the library where the art and arrangements will be on display
- A few cautionary words about **safety** and protecting the artworks from out-of-control stems
- A discussion of the **mechanics** of arranging & displaying, specifically: plant materials, containers, selecting the right cultivars, conditioning flowers, and using non-plant material

- The elements of **style**: what makes an arrangement work visually, balance, motion, etc.
- Discussion of how to approach the **aesthetics of interpretation**: Scale, form, expression, motion

Clear simple guidelines will be handed out at the workshop to help arrangers design and realize their arrangements, and ensure that they look good and stand up for the duration of the show.

Depending on the needs of the AIB arrangers, we may schedule an optional hands-on session, later in May.

The workshop is free, and Priscilla and Marsha will be available in May to work one-on-one with any arranger who wants another's opinion or assistance. It would also be very helpful to bring the artwork you will be interpreting, or another artwork which represents a challenge to you. If we do a Hands-on Workshop, you will need to bring your tools and material to practice with. Call Marsha with any questions: 978 388-2076.



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*Gardens for beauty,
learning, and sharing*

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, or at 30 Merrimac St, Amesbury MA, 01913.

Next Board Meeting
May 10, 2007 7:00pm



Ask Peony June

Dear Peony.

I have moss that I wish to kill. Can I apply lime this spring, or must I wait until fall?

— In a State of Moss

Dear Mossy,

First, take an aspirin with a cool drink of lemonade. On the subject of unwanted moss on surfaces, however, I understand that there is an alternative to scrubbing. Try Bayer's Advanced 2 in 1 Moss and Algae Killer. This is a fast-acting moss- algae- and lichen-killer that can be applied to lawns as well as steps and walkways, patios, shingles, stucco, wood decks and fences, roofs, and even the exteriors of cars and boats. You can learn more by visiting www.bayeradvanced.com or by calling 1-877-BAYERAG.

Now, as to your question: after extensive research, I have stolen the following advice which may be of use

to you- or not. And remember my words: a rolling stone gathers no moss. Keep rollin', dahlin'.

Peony

You may apply lime along with fertilizer during the cool weather of fall and very early spring, if desired. Lime applications, however, DO NOT control moss. The lime can help grasses grow better, which will help to resist moss infestations. If a soil test reveals the pH of the soil to be below 5.5, lime applications every three years may help. These applications won't get rid of moss, but they will help the lawn grow more strongly so it can fight moss.

