



Summer Safari and More

This year's summer safari will be a **Summer Soiree** at the home of Doug Morris in Salisbury. It will be later in the day than most, so we hope more members will be able to attend! It is on Thursday **July 10th, from 4 to 7pm.** Explore the many gardens and eat grilled pizza made by Doug. Those of you who went to the Pettengill Farm Open House last year will remember the long line of folks going back for seconds... Admission is **\$10 per person.** Wine provided by the Garden Club. Please RSVP by July 5th to Linda Schaeffer at 978-363-5553 or linda-schaeffer@verizon.net. More info at the June Meeting.

Garden Tours Coming Up

Danvers House & Garden Tour

June 14 10-4 "Quilts, Art, and Bloom"
Tix: \$20, \$18 Advance Call Christine Morse at 978 774-4802

Newburyport House & Garden Tour

Local Living Museums: Antique homes and gardens Saturday **June 14 and 15** (rain or shine) 10 to 5 Tickets:\$20 through June 10th, \$25 after June 10th, \$20 for seniors, at the Historical Society, 98 High St., Newburyport (978-462-2681); email: hson@newburyhist.org

Stevens-Coolidge Place in Andover

Garden Club Open House Monday, **June 9** 10-Noon Free 139 Andover St, N. Andover 978 682-3580 Light refreshments, Bring a picnic lunch.

Groveland Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday **May 31** 9 to 1 Little Red School house at the corner of Main St and Broad St. Rain or shine.

Methuen Home and Garden Tour

June 21, 10 to 4 \$25 or \$20 in Adv. Call 978 686-4080 Rain or shine.

June 5 Plant Swap á la Yankees

No room left in your borders after the Plant Sale? No problem! Dig one up and bring it to the Yankee Swap and you'll have the perfect spot for that new treasure. Jot down the name of the plant and what it likes for light and water, and tell us how big it gets. All the plants will be on display, and we will have time to talk about them. Then draw a number and take your chances. You can bring any unwanted garden ornament or good tool as well.

Hospitality will be provided by chairs

Alison and Marie Scher with Janice Zimmerman, Nora O'Neil, Norma Graf and Elise Henrichs.



Inside this issue:

Very little, as your editor and chief copywriter has been goofing off in the garden, going to see movies like Indiana Jones and Sex and the City (first time **that** word has appeared in these pages!) and sleeping late. How about buried in work? Please pardon the reduced page count: I am sure to be in better form come September! Happy Summer to everyone!

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

— Marcel Proust



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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 President Linda Schaeffer at 978 363-5251 or at linda-schaeffer@verizon.net

Next Board Meeting
June 12, 2008 at 7:00pm



Ask Peony June

Dear Peony,

*I am looking for some unusual, hardy summer-blooming shrubs for my landscape. Do you have some suggestions?
Summer Bloomer*

Dear Summer,

You can extend your season of blooming shrubs by adding any of the following to your landscape:

Clethra alnifolia (summersweet) blooms in July;
Cotinus coggygria (smoke tree) blooms in mid-summer;

Hydrangea quercifolia (oakleaf hydrangea) blooms in early summer but holds its flower heads until the fall;

Itea virginica (sweetspire) blooms in midsummer.

The summer-flowering dieback shrubs such as Buddleja (butterfly bush), Caryopteris (bluebeard) or Vitex are also great choices. And, of course,



there are the constantly flowering shrub roses that can provide non-stop blossoms until frost.

I hope that these choices provide some ideas for your summer landscape. Check with your local nurseries about varieties that thrive best in West Newbury.

Yours Until It Freezes Over,

Peony