



West Newbury Garden Club Newsletter • September, 2014

JUNE GARDEN TOUR

Four spectacular gardens a huge success!

Despite a threat of rain, many attended the club's garden tour on Saturday, June 14, 2014. To publicize the tour, garden club members distributed colorful posters throughout the greater Newburyport area, and the Newburyport Daily News ran a wonderful two page article with photos of the four featured gardens.



The gardens included the Fazio Garden and the Hale-Boncher Garden – both on River Road; the Pullman Garden on Moulton Street, and the Jeffers Garden on East Broadway in Haverhill. Many visitors commented on the leisure of visiting just four gardens, and the quality of the gardens.

Many thanks to event Co-Coordinators, Susan Dougherty and Ginger Selman, as well as those who shared their gardens.

NEXT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Sept. 4th, 2014, 6:00 pm
Town Offices Annex
381 Main Street, W. N.

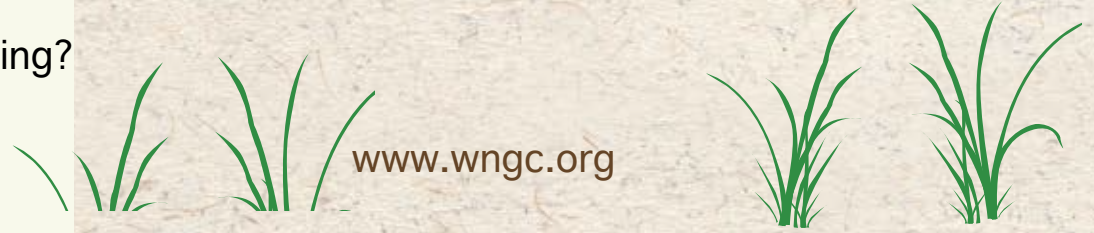
Hosting the meeting will be:
Chair: Gail Dinaro
Karen Doliber
Claire Flaherty
Sandi Preble
Deb Whitaker

Need a ride to the meeting?
Call Linda Schaeffer at
978-363-5251

Pot Luck Dinner and Opening Meeting

Mark your calendars for this year's September meeting, another beginning to West Newbury Garden Club's 78th year of activities. Bring tales of your summer's gardening adventures (or misadventures). Chat with old friends and enjoy the company of new garden club members.

Plan to bring your annual dues (\$25), as well as an appetizer, main dish, or dessert to share and enjoy with others. The club's 2014-15 yearbook will be distributed.



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Planning A Spring Bulb Lasagne

Think Spring this Fall! Now is the time to order from all those bulb catalogs! You can plant a Bulb Lasagne in the ground or in a container for the deck. Choose a planter wide and deep enough with good drainage. A 10" pot will hold two layers, a 14" pot can hold three layers. Choose bulbs with less foliage, but vary in height.

For the most detailed discussion and tips for a successful Lasagne visit this recipe on-line by Carolyn Neumann <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=8339>

A few ideas for bulbs

Top layer:

Muscari, Crocus, Scilla, Chionodoxa, Puschkinia, Tritelia, Ixia, Freesia

Middle layer:

Tulips, Hyacinth, Galanthus

Bottom layer:

Daffodils, Allium, Fritillaria, Camassia, Lilies, Ipheon



LAST MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS

Good Garden Form

Karen Holmes, DPT of Holmes Physical Therapy in Salisbury spoke at June's meeting about protecting your most valuable tool in the garden - your body!

Her recommendations for avoiding injury:

- Warm up before you begin.
- Don't overdo it. Be mindful of how the body feels. If you experience an aching back or neck, slow down and stretch or stop and switch to a different task.
- Use a garden cart or wheelbarrow to move tools and heavy planting materials.
- Don't kneel on both knees.
- Change positions frequently to avoid stiffness or cramping.
- Practice proper body mechanics. Don't over-reach for the claw!
- End your gardening session with a short walk or light stretching.

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors met on June 12th and August 14th.

The May Plant sale netted just over \$3600, despite rain

The June Garden Tour netted \$1,294.00

The Board will host a small gathering to welcome this year's new members

Welcome to the Club! Jane Lancy, John Terry, Becky Benson, Mary Lou Huard, Eileen Burlingame, and Christine Robicheau. Welcome back Jeanne Pucci!

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MA

Classes

The Garden Club Federation Of Massachusetts offers a variety of courses. Environmental Studies Schools cover all aspects of environmental issues. Flower Show School is a complete program for growing, showing and judging horticulture and design. Gardening Study School presents basic garden information by specialists in the field. Landscape Design School is a comprehensive overview of landscape design and its history. All courses are accredited and taught by National Garden Club approved instructors.

Flower Show School Course I

October 8,9,10, 2014
Double Tree by Hilton
11 Beaver Street
Milford, MA 01757

Landscape Design School Course I, Series 15

October 30, Nov 1, 2014
Mass Horticultural Society
at Elm Bank
900 Washington St.
Wellesley, MA 02482

Environmental Studies School Series IV - Course III

November 8-9, 2014
Parkman Room
Mass Horticultural Society at
Elm Bank
Wellesley, MA

Designing Workshops

Tuesday October 14, 2014
Tuesday Jan 13, 2015
Tuesday April 14, 2015
Mass Horticultural Society
at Elm Bank, Washington St.
Wellesley, MA (space is limited
to 90 people!)
\$135 for all three sessions
Registration to Fluffy Winner
PO Box 457 West Falmouth, MA
02574

Back to Basics Designing Principles in Floral Design

Monday October 6, 2014
Monday November 3, 2014
Monday, March 23, 2015
10 am - 12 noon
Espousal Center
Lexington St., Waltham, MA
\$30 for all three sessions
Registration DEADLINE
September 26, 2014
Register with Diane Bullock 456
Shore Rd. Cape Neddick ME
03902

Massachusetts Master Gardener Association

10 week evening class
Sept. 9- Nov. 18, 2014
Tuesday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Elm Bank, Wellesley, MA
\$250 more information go to
massmastergardeners.org

Gardening Study School, Course 2

April 9 & 10, 2015 at Tower
Hill Botanic Gardens. Mary B.
Nokes, Registrar, 35 Woodpark
Circle, Lexington, MA 02421,
cost \$110 if taking test, \$100
if refreshing, lunch is separate
& usually \$15 per day.



"Monarch In May" by Kenneth
Dwain Harrelson

Monarch Butterflies in Decline

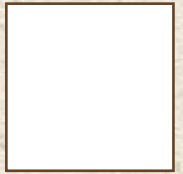
Have you noticed how few butterflies we've seen this summer? There is national concern over this decline, especially the reduction in Monarch butterflies. As many of us know, Monarchs that we see in the Northeast are the fourth generation of butterflies that have traveled from Mexico, and their young then fly back to Mexico to continue the cycle. Recent declines are thought to be due to drought and cold weather in 2012, and a reduction in their food source - milkweed - through farm expansion and pesticide use. Read what WE can do as gardeners, and learn much more about this fascinating insect. Go to:
<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/>

Our Club's Purpose

To encourage and cultivate an interest in gardening, to aide in the protections and conservation of natural resources to encourage the study of horticulture and flower arranging, and to promote civic beauty.




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Visit our website TODAY!
www.wngc.org

You will find links to upcoming events and gardening resources as well as copies of newsletters, the club's history, and much more.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ?



We owe much thanks to Virginia Hallman! Editing a monthly club newsletter involves many committed hours spent in seeking news stories, following gardening events, creative writing, and mastering computer skills and timelines. A member of the West Newbury Garden Club since 1998, Virginia has edited the newsletter since the September, 2009 issue (following in the steps of Marsha Cope). Virginia brought her talented photography to the newsletter, and much helpful information. The Board and members thank her for her

contribution. It is going to take two people to fill her shoes. Kathy Mandeville and Alison Scher have a few ideas, and welcome your input. What would you like to see included in the newsletter?

News about club members and events? Highlights of interesting gardens to visit? Local environmental concerns? Clever tips? Do you have items to contribute?

Please let us know!
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