



West Newbury Garden Club Newsletter • June, 2016

SUMMER GARDENING SAFARI!

Where Should We Go This Summer? Visiting a special garden or spectacular garden center is always a joy, but even more so in the company of friends who are also gardeners. Please think about the following options, or recommend other destinations, to discuss at our June 2nd meeting.

- **Tower Hill Botanic Garden** Boylston, MA <http://www.towerhillbg.org/> Run by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, this botanic garden has sixteen (16) distinct gardens on over 130 acres, much of it preserved as woodland and open space, Tower Hill is dedicated to the cultivation and display of some of the most exquisite plants in the world. Café on site. Admission \$12 adults \$9 seniors
- **Bedrock Gardens** Lee, NH <http://www.bedrockgardens.org/> Thirty (30) acres with a variety of gardens. (look at the video on the website!) Donation of \$10-\$15/person.
- **Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** Boothbay, Maine <http://www.maine gardens.org/> This site comprises 270 acres of tidal shoreland and in 2014 welcomed more than 100,000 guests throughout the year. Watch this video: <https://vimeo.com/98769302> We would need to do an overnight in order to spend a full time in this awesome place. \$16 adults \$14 seniors
- **Arnold Arboretum** Boston, MA <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/> The Arnold Arboretum is a research and educational institution on 281 acres of land. It cultivates around 15,000 living plants which represent some 4,000 kinds of trees, shrubs, and vines. Donations appreciated.
- **The Crane Estate**, Ipswich, MA <http://www.thetrustees.org/crane-estate/>

NEXT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 2, 2016, 6:45 pm

Town Offices Annex
381 Main Street, W. N.

Hosting the meeting


Chair: Dot Cavanaugh
Pat Caparella,
Karen Doliber
Virginia Hallman
Chris Robicheau
Priscilla Styer

Annual Plant Swap and Sister City Presentation

Remember to bring a plant to swap! It can be a house plant, perennial or annual – but sharing among friends is always a special exchange. Sign up sheets for next year's hospitality and committees will be available.

West Newbury resident, John Hutchinson, will share information about our sister city in West Africa - Dalaba, Guinea. John has a PhD in linguistics (African Studies) from Indiana University, and has taught at the Boston University African Studies Center.

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LAST MEETING'S HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner

Although we all enjoy gardening, it appears we might enjoy gabbing about it while sharing delicious food together even more. Our Annual Meeting was a relaxing time to catch up with each other while getting our final assignments for the plant sale. We also elected the Officers and Board as noted below. Thank you for all the delicious food and the Cinco de Mayo atmosphere. A good time was had by all!

Scholarship Recipients

Three students applied for the West Newbury Garden Club scholarship this year. The scholarship committee met May 11 and decided to award the Garden Club scholarship to all three students. All recipients are residents of West Newbury. All recipients will receive \$500 each.

- Aaron Arsenault is a senior at Pentucket Regional High School and will be pursuing Environmental Science in college.
- William Duggan is a senior at Boston College High School, and will be pursuing Sustainable Engineering at Lehigh University.
- Lloyd Hayes, III is a freshman at Endicott College, majoring in Environmental Science. He is a graduate of Central Catholic High School.

This year's Scholarship Committee was chaired by Nancy Pau, assisted by members Cyndy Bourquard, Karen Doliber, Virginia Hallman, Pollyann Statom and John Terry.

Board Meeting Highlights

The WNGC Board of Directors met on May 12th. Club members Carrie Hometh and Anne Burrill met with the board to discuss options for our club's 80th birthday celebration. (Also on that committee are Anne Jarzowski, Evelyn Thornton and Carrie Crowley.) Final plans for the May 21st Plant Sale were reviewed, with praise for the two new large banners located at the Training Field and Ferry Lane Park.

Officers and Directors for 2016-17

President	Kathy Mandeville
First Vice-President	Joan Tranfaglia
Second Vice-President	Linda Schaeffer
Treasurer	Donna Greene
Recording Secretary	Deb Whitaker
Corresponding Secretary	Kathy Krajeski
Director	Marie Scher
Director	Lynn Boyd (new)
Director	Dot Cavanaugh
Director	Peg Duchemin (new)



ITEMS OF INTEREST

(Green titles below are hot web links)



(Art in Bloom photos courtesy of Joann Megna-Wallace)

For the seventh year in a row, West Newbury Garden Club was invited as one of fifty-one clubs to submit a flower arrangement for the Boston of Fine Art's annual Art in Bloom. The challenge was to interpret this ornate chair using plant material. Club member Priscilla Styer, with assistance by Kathy Krajeski, met the challenge with grace and beauty. Ladies, you do us proud!

Essex County Trail Association (ECTA) Tree and Plant Walk at Riverbend, West Newbury June 26th 10:00 AM

Join Board Members Joe Sandulli, Dan Mayer and Deb Hamilton on a botanical tour of the Riverbend Conservation Area along the Merrimack River in West Newbury, MA on Sunday, June 26th from 10-11:30AM. Explore the wild rice marsh along the river, the mixed hardwoods of Pipestave Hill and trace the route of the Indian River from the banks of the Merrimack up a tidal estuary to the ruins of Pike's Dam. Along the way we'll see one the largest tupelo trees in the State, cross many old stone walls, pass an ancient cellar hole (and rum-runners' hideout), a possible ancient Indian campsite, and cross a number of ECTA-built and designed bridges and boardwalks. During the walk, Joe, Dan and Deb will point out significant riparian and upland trees and their notable characteristics for identification. Plan on walking for about 1 1/2 hours. Leashed dogs are welcome. Wear bug spray, hats, and boots suitable for the occasional muddy spot.

Directions: Take Rte I-95 to exit 58, Rte. 113, toward West Newbury. Turn right onto Coffin Street to the end, then right on River Road, park at the end.

The Walk is FREE for active ECTA members, \$20 for non-members. For more information and online registration: [Tree and Plant Walk at Riverbend, West Newbury](#)

Norma Cogswell

WNGC recently received memorial gifts from the passing of former Club President Norma Cogswell (1985-87).

Norma Cogswell, longtime West Newbury resident, passed April 17, 2016. She often indicated that her teaching years were some of her happiest times, knowing that she impacted the lives of many of her students in a positive way. During her retirement years living in West Newbury at Maple Crest Farm, she maintained the family homestead and was an active gardener having served as president of the West Newbury Garden Club.

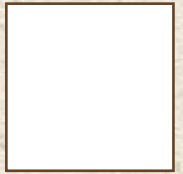
Discount at Area Nurseries

As members of the West Newbury Garden Club, we are eligible for discounts at many area nurseries. Check out the last page of the year book (pink) and support these local businesses.

As members of the WNGC, we are also members of the GCFM. Their quarterly publication, *The Mayflower* has articles and information of interest which can be accessed at: <http://gcfm.org/Mayflower.aspx>



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2016 PLANT SALE

Thank you to all who helped this year to make the Plant Sale the largest success in recent years. Gail Dinero, Barbara Butler and Donna Greene were fabulous chairs! Digging, potting, plant sitting, getting donations, lugging plants, baking pies, making birdhouses, lugging plants, setting up, taking down and counting money... many, many hands made this huge effort happen. Did we mention a lot of people lugged a lot of plants here and there? We heard from many repeat patrons they come from afar every year to our sale!

