

# West Newbury Garden Club Newsletter • December, 2016



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## WINTER PURSUITS

What's a gardener to do all winter? The hoses are in, the pots stacked, leaves are raked (except for those pesky oaks that keep dropping until Spring). Well - reading about gardens, skimming catalogs, and dusting off those old garden magazines and books, of course. Here's a listing of resources to inspire as we wait for Spring!

**Books** G.A.R. Memorial Library – Merrimack Valley Library Consortium  
692 books on gardening-related topics!

<b>Websites</b>	National Gardening Association	<a href="http://garden.org/">http://garden.org/</a>
	American Horticultural Society	<a href="http://www.ahs.org/">http://www.ahs.org/</a>
	NH Cooperative Extension	<a href="https://extension.unh.edu/">https://extension.unh.edu/</a>
	<b>Supplies:</b> Gardeners' Supply Company	<a href="http://www.gardeners.com/">http://www.gardeners.com/</a>
	Seed Savers Exchange	<a href="http://www.seedsavers.org/">http://www.seedsavers.org/</a>
	Grow Organic	<a href="https://www.groworganic.com/">https://www.groworganic.com/</a>
	Burpee	<a href="http://www.burpee.com/">http://www.burpee.com/</a>
	Catalogues	<a href="http://www.finegardening.com/garden-catalog-collector">http://www.finegardening.com/ garden-catalog-collector</a>
<b>Destinations</b>	The Garden Conservancy	<a href="http://www.gardenconservancy.org/">www.gardenconservancy.org/</a>
	Coastal Maine Botanical Garden	<a href="http://www.mainegardens.org/">http://www.mainegardens.org/</a>
<b>Design</b>	Hayward Gardens	<a href="http://www.haywardgardens.com">http://www.haywardgardens.com</a>
<b>Houseplants</b>	Gardening Know-How	<a href="http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/">http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/</a>

## NEXT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Dec. 1, 2016, 6:45 pm**

Town Offices Annex  
381 Main Street, W. N.

### **Hosting the meeting**

Chair: Peg Duchemin  
Karen Doliber  
Karen Diambala  
Susan Dougherty  
Ginger Selman  
Barbara Warne

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

### **Holiday Wreath Workshop**

Gather the greens! It's wreath building time again. We need all hands on deck for this fun annual project. Club members are expected to come laden with quantities of a variety of evergreen boughs and branches. The bounty is distributed on a floor tarp, and after a brief review of the process, we will commence to building lovely wreaths and swags. The club provides the wire frames, bows and holiday music. The wreaths will then be hung at the West Newbury Town Hall, the 1910 Building, the Police Safety Complex, Hills House and the G.A.R. Library.

**Besides branches and boughs, members should also plan to bring clippers, gloves, wires and newspapers.**

Please take note, no January meeting or newsletter.

[www.wngc.org](http://www.wngc.org)

**Annual Holiday Pot Luck Party  
Thursday, Dec. 8th at 6:00 pm  
1910 Building Annex**

What will you bring to this year's pot luck holiday party? The variety of appetizers, entrees and desserts is always beautiful and bountiful!

The Annex will be transformed into a twinkling, holiday delight by the Hospitality Committee. Party Chair is Linda Schaeffer assisted by Committee members Barbara Haack, Carrie Hometh, Mary Kemper, Kathy Mandeville and Jeanne Pucci.

**Please bring:**

- \* an appetizer, main dish or dessert
- \* canned goods for our annual donation to the Pettengill House Pantry. (Please assure that donated goods have not exceeded their expiration dates!) A listing of preferred foods and supplies can be found at: [http://www.pettengillhouse.org/most\\_needed\\_pantry\\_items.aspx](http://www.pettengillhouse.org/most_needed_pantry_items.aspx)
- \*\$15 or less garden related gift for the Yankee Swap, if you plan to participate.

**Kathy Krajeski** has moved!

Same cell phone and email.

We are delighted that **Lynne Johnson** has rejoined the club!

We are deeply saddened to note that **Janet Gilchrist**, longtime WNGC member, passed away Nov. 9, 2016, just shy of her 90th birthday. Our condolences to her family. She will be greatly missed.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

### Pressed Flower Workshop

Our pressed flower workshop was jolly good fun as we listened to Cheryl Monroe's humorous presentation as well as created our own individual pressed flower arrangement cards. Informing us as well as entertaining us with funny remarks such as, "Raise your hand when you're ready to glue, (and) leave those glue blobs alone as I will fix your mistakes before scanning," Ms. Monroe took us thru a step by step process of designing our own cards. She also provided us with a wide array of pressed flowers, ferns and leaves for us to choose from as well as showed us many of the cards created by previous workshop attendees and commented on their designs for better or worse for our entertainment.

If you missed this fun and interactive workshop, go to her wonderful website for step by step directions on how to make your own cards. She also advised us to use any paper except paper towels for blotting flowers. In addition, her website includes many other interesting topics to gardeners such as winter moths. So go to [www.gardenintheburrow.com](http://www.gardenintheburrow.com) and click on pressed flowers in the top menu. Refreshments chaired by Dianne Faulkner and her crew were scrumptious.

## Local News of Particular Interest

### **Museum of Old Newbury (Cushing House) Open House**

December 3 - 5, 2016 10am - 4pm 98 High Street, Newburyport  
Free and Public Invited

For the last few years, The Newburyport Garden Club, the Newbury Garden Club, and our own Club have been invited to decorate downstairs rooms of the historic Cushing House with holiday cheer. Our club is proud to do so once again this year. Club members joining in the fun will be Lynn Boyd, Jane Jeffers, Sharon Dahn, Gail Dinaro, Elise Henrichs, Kathy Krajeski, Barbara Merrill and Jeanne Pucci.

**Beach Plum Flower Shop** is offering holiday "make and take" design classes in December at their Tannery shop. Classes include Holiday Wreaths, Boxwood Trees, Air Plant Gardens, Holiday Centerpieces and Mantle Gardens. Call for more information and registration: 978-465-1739

**G.A.R. Library Holiday Greens Workshops** by Judy Marshall (Knapp's Flower Shop) Make your own boxwood tree; \$25 (\$20 for Friends of the Library) December 6th and 8th 10-11:30am and 6-7:30pm. Register at the library or contact Kate Gove 978-363-1105, [kgove@westnewburylibrary.org](mailto:kgove@westnewburylibrary.org)

## Board Meeting Highlights

The Board met on November 10th. Kathy Mandeville's request that Board meetings be held at her house rather than the 1910 Building was accepted. The next scheduled Board meeting will be February 9, 2017. October Minutes and the Treasurer's report were accepted, as were approved budgets for flowers/materials for decorating at the Museum of Old Newbury (Cushing House) and Art in Bloom (April at the Museum of Fine Arts/Boston.) Discussion resulted in affirming that the December holiday party would continue to be held at the Annex, and that we would not seek a costly GFCM insurance alcohol rider.

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

(Green titles below are hot web links)

## **Music in Bloom** - Floral arrangements set to Christmas music

When: Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 PM

Where: Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland, MA

Cost: \$10.00 pp - tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the church office. Floral Designer: **Priscilla Styer**

Description: A presentation that will lift your spirits as the art of floral design is combined with a piano concert. Refreshments to follow.

## **Holiday Decorating Seminar at Pettingill's Farm**

When: Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: Pettingill Farm, Salisbury, MA

Cost: \$150.00 includes materials for arrangement, lunch, and snacks.

Designers: **Margo Pullman, Brenda Bradley, and Jan Richenburg**

Description: Presenters will demonstrate how to decorate mantles, tables, arrangements, etc. Attendees will make an arrangement. Please bring your clippers. Registration: [www.pettingillfarm.com](http://www.pettingillfarm.com)

## **Decorating with Fruits and Vegetables**

When: Saturday, December 10 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Where: Pettingill Farm, Salisbury, MA Cost: \$40.00

Designers: **Margo Pullman, Brenda Bradley, and Jan Richenburg**

Description: Presenters will demonstrate how to decorate with fresh fruits and vegetables. Registration: [www.pettingillfarm.com](http://www.pettingillfarm.com)

## **Landscape Lighting**

When: Tuesday, December 6 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Where: The Gardens at Elm Bank, Parkman Room, 900 Washington St, Wellesley, MA Cost: \$12.00 MassHort Members; \$20.00 non-members

Description: **Joe Biagioni** of Arbor Alliance will review the equipment available to stage your own landscape lighting.

Registration: [www.masshort.org](http://www.masshort.org)

## **Winter Solstice Walk**

When: Wednesday, December 21 from 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Where: The Gardens at Elm Bank, Parkman Room, 900 Washington St, Wellesley, MA Cost: \$12.00 MassHort Members; \$20.00 non-members

Description: Mass Hort educator, **Katie Folts**, will lead a walk on the trails at Elm Bank, identify plants, and discuss how these plants have adapted to survive cold winters. Registration: [www.masshort.org](http://www.masshort.org)

## **Winter Reimagined**

When: November 25 to January 8, 2017

Hours: Day - 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Evening 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

Cost: Day - \$12 Adult, \$9 Seniors; Evening - \$17 Adult, \$12 Seniors - timed admission in the evening

Description: Marvel at glittering light displays indoors and out, uniquely decorated trees and nature-inspired ornaments, lush conservatories, and more. [www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org)

## *Updates and Details*

**Barbara Haack** will be hosting her annual fall studio show at Barberry Hill Pottery on December 3rd and 4th. Also on exhibit and for sale will be works of art by Lisa Victoria and Claire Spellman. The studio is located at 102 Main Street (Route 113) West Newbury.

Best wishes to **Joan Colby** as she recovers from leg surgery.

**Elisa Colstad and Lori Boudrow** have volunteered to represent WNGC in the 2017 Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Their application is in and they are awaiting confirmation.

The Art of Three Generations is on display at the G.A.R. Library through December. Featured among the artists is WNGC member **Jean Berkenbush**.

*If you know of any members who have special events going on in their lives, please tell one of the Board members.*

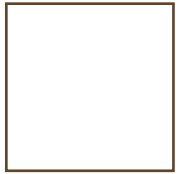
**Looking for Photos: Marie Scher** is willing to digitize and preserve WNGC photos for a more permanent club archive. If you have photos you are willing to share, please bring them to a future monthly meeting. Make sure that your name is on the envelope, and it would be helpful to identify the event and members pictured. The photos will be returned.

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## MOUNT DESERT ISLAND GARDENS

Earlier this month I visited Maine's Mount Desert Island to relax and get reacquainted with its beauty after many years' absence. While there I explored and learned about two wonderful gardens located south of Acadia National Park on a 140-acre preserve in Northeast Harbor at the intersection of Rt. 3 and Rt. 198. Completed in 1956 by island resident and landscape designer Charles Savage, the serene Asticou Azalea Garden incorporates Japanese garden design elements and specimen plants from Beatrix Farrand's former Reef Point estate.

In 1958 Mr. Savage completed the nearby Thuya Garden and Asticou Terrace trail leading uphill to the garden with scenic views of the harbor. This English-style garden also features some of Ms. Farrand's plants and is known for lilies and over 65 varieties of dahlias. Both gardens result from the generosity of island residents Joseph Henry Curtis (died 1928) and members of the Rockefeller family.

*Virginia Hallman*

For further exploration: The Land and Garden Preserve of Mount Desert Island, Maine. The land, trails and historic gardens are open to the public throughout the seasons. Enjoy the quiet and contemplative settings of these carefully maintained natural landscapes that have been treasured by residents and visitors to the island over the past century.

[The Asticou Azalea Garden](#)  
[The Thuya Garden](#)  
[Little Long Pond Land](#)

