

# West Newbury Garden Club Newsletter • June, 2017



## ART IN THE GARDEN JUNE 17, 2017

Members of WNGC and the West Newbury Cultural Council have been working hard since last Fall on this collaborative event whose profits will benefit scholarships in environmental sciences as well as funding for the local arts through cultural council grants. This event will also provide wonderful exposure for the club, and for the talents of the many West Newbury artists and musicians – a true win-win.

Tickets will be available for purchase (\$20 cash/check) at the June meeting, and at the following West Newbury locations: Knapps Greenhouse, West Newbury Food Mart, Excentrique, G.A.R. Memorial Library, Haverhill Bank, 279 Main Street. Day of the tour at Old Town Hall, 381 Main Street and at the gardens.

To assure success, we need help from all WNGC members! You can be helpful by:

- Publicizing the event by emailing friends, family and businesses. The following weblink has all the details you need (artist profiles and garden descriptions.)  
[www.wngc.org/tour17/event.html](http://www.wngc.org/tour17/event.html)
- Staffing a shift(s) at one of the gardens or at the Town Hall.
- Committing to donate a plant or arrangement to be sold/drawn at the tour (contact [kmandeville2@comcast.net](mailto:kmandeville2@comcast.net))
- Offering to help with last minute garden preparation
- Further details and sign-up at the June meeting

## NEXT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**June 1, 2017, 6:45 pm**

Town Offices Annex  
381 Main Street, W. N.

Hosting the meeting:  
Chair: Dot Cavanaugh  
Sandi Preble  
Joan Quackenbush  
Priscilla Styer  
Helen Thumser

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

### **Plant Swap and “English Gardens Tour”**

Many of us have dreamed of visiting some of those glorious gardens in England – lush green lawns, impeccable landscaping, boxwood mazes, follies, and urns brimming with abundant greenery. Last June, WNGC members Jane Jeffers, Donna Greene, Kathy Krajeski and Linda Schaeffer “seized the day” and traveled to England. They will share their photos and fun memories as we join them in reliving their adventure.

If you are sharing plants, please remember to label and include a picture of your plant.

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

## Plant Sale a Success - Transporting of the Green

Members dug and potted. Publicity went out. Banners were planted at the Training Field and Ferry Lane Park. Plants were dropped off, and labels and prices added. The "Great Transport of the Green" was enacted. Tables and canopy were assembled, and signage went up. Sweet confections were delivered and arranged. Balloons hung. Caution tape wrapped around the periphery. Cash and calculators distributed. And the weather was perfect.... Once again, the annual West Newbury Garden Club's Plant and Bake Sale brought together the many talents of its members. Leadership, organization, gardening expertise, collaboration, generosity, creativity, responsibility, humor and hard work....and let's not forget the contributions of students, spouses, Knapp's Greenhouses, Cottage Gardens and other local nurseries.

Big applause for Chairs Donna Green, Jane Jeffers and Barbara Butler for coordinating this year's Plant Sale. Terrific banners, Barbara Butler. Great Job, Committee Chairs Deb Whitaker, Helena Dion. Lynn Boyd, Peg Duchemin, Linda Schaeffer, Kathy Krajewski, Carrie Crowley, Anne Jarzowski, Elise Henrichs, Kathy Mandeville and cashiers Alison Scher, Virginia Hallman, Diane Faulkner and Barbara Haack.

Our Treasurer, Donna Greene, will give us specifics at our June meeting, but it looks like we may have netted about \$5,000. Customers seemed quite pleased, and the Committee welcomes recommendations on how we can do even better next year.

# LAST MONTH'S MEETING

## Annual Meeting

Last month we changed it up a bit and Instead of the usual pot luck dinner for our May meeting, the Hospitality Committee decided to promote healthy eating by asking members to bring an item for an extensive and delicious SALAD BAR. Thank you for the festive and delicious evening Chair, Jane Jeffers with Barbara Butler, Gail Dinero, Marilyn Kent, Virginia Hallman and Deb Whitaker! We discussed the plant sale and elected 1st Vice President, Jane Jeffers and Corresponding Secretary, Carrie Hometh for next year.

## WNGC AT MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**Come March with Us! Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 29th**

Please join us this year! It's lots of fun, and reminds townspeople of our long history and service to West Newbury. Contact Dot Cavanaugh for more information at 978-363-1295.

## WNGC AT ART IN BLOOM

Thanks and congratulations to Lori Boudrow and Elisha Colstad for their beautiful floral interpretation of Dennis Miller Bunker's painting, *The Pool*. Dina Peinert, one of the Garden Club Coordinator's for this year's Museum of Fine Arts Boston Art in Bloom said that 23,000 visitors had viewed the sixty-two floral arrangements this year – fifty arrangements of which were created by area garden clubs. She recalled that Lori and Elisha's was particularly beautiful. Visit our [Facebook](#) page for larger pictures and information about the artist and painting.



## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board met on May 11th. Discussion focused on the Plant and Bake Sale and the June 17th Art in the Garden tour.

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

*(Green titles below are hot web links)*

## Local Garden Tours

June 10 and 11th, Historical Society of Old Newbury, \$25 -\$30.  
Gardens of the Newbury's. Tour begins at the Cushing House.

June 23 5:00 PM to June 24 3:00 PM, Private and public gardens of  
Portsmouth, NH. To support the South Church.

## Plant Sales

Groveland Garden Club Plant Sale - June 3, 2017 on Rt 113  
Little Red Schoolhouse

## Garden Conservancy Open Days

The Garden Conservancy saves and shares outstanding American gardens for education and inspiration to the public. Annual Open Days showcase regional gardens throughout the United States. Although too numerous to list here, a sample of dates and locales in the New England area is listed below. For more information, please visit the [gardenconservancy.org](http://gardenconservancy.org) website.

Saturday, June 3 - Braveboat Harbor Farm, York, ME

Saturday, June 3 - Hartford and Litchfield Counties, CT

Sunday, June 11 - Greater Boston Area (Milton and West Roxbury)

Thursday, June 22 - Nantucket

Saturday, June 24 - Berkshire County

Saturday, June 24 - Greater Boston Area

## Summer Destination: Heritage Museums and Gardens

As part of her April presentation on hydrangeas, Jane Jeffers referred to a wonderful horticultural resource on Cape Cod. In fact, this place has a lot to offer serious gardeners and well worth the trip.

Heritage Museums and Gardens is located in Sandwich, Massachusetts. Started in 1969, its mission is "to celebrate American culture and inspire people of all ages to explore, discover and learn together... achieved through excellence in horticulture, garden design, outdoor discovery and the exhibition of great collections". The site includes 100 acres of trees and shrubs and designed gardens as well as gardening-related workshops and exhibits throughout the year. Rhododendron are the focus in early June and hydrangeas steal the scene in July. A current exhibit running through October 9th is entitled "Painted Landscapes: Contemporary View" and is described as featuring American landscape paintings executed in a variety of media from 49 of the country's best contemporary painters.

For more information, go to: [heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/](http://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/)

## Updates and Details

Our sympathies go out to Evelyn Thornton and her family. Her husband, Harry, died on May 12th. They had been married for 62 years.

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

## Reminder – WNGC Discounts at Area Greenhouses

Check out the last page of your club Yearbook for a listing of those nurseries that offer discounts for members. Remember to bring your Yearbook with you or ask Linda Schaeffer for a member card.

**Garden Club Federation of MA Quarterly Newsletter of the Mayflower Spring Edition is at [www.gcfm.org/Mayflower.aspx](http://www.gcfm.org/Mayflower.aspx)**

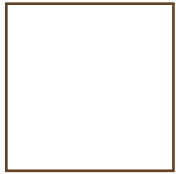
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## GARDEN WISDOM

From Gertrude Jekyll's *The Gardener's Essential* (1899)—  
A Selection of Old Wisdom for Today's Gardeners

"...[the] love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies, but always grows to an enduring and ever-increasing source of happiness."

"I hold that the best purpose of a garden is to give delight and to give refreshment of mind, to soothe, to refine, and to lift up the heart in a spirit of praise and thankfulness."

"...I have found one of the things most worth doing was to cultivate the habit of close observation."

"...there are all sorts of ways of learning [gardening], not only from people and books, but from sheer trying. The grand way to learn...is to wish to learn, and to be determined to find out."

"The size of a garden has very little to do with its merit."

"...the aim is always to use the plants to the best of one's means and intelligence so as to form pictures of living beauty."

"...good gardening means patience and dogged determination. There must be many failures and losses, but by always pushing on there will also be the reward of success. Those who do not know are apt to think that hardy flower gardening of the best kind is easy. It is not easy at all. It has taken me half a lifetime merely to find out what is best worth doing, and a good slice out of another half to puzzle out the ways of doing it."

*Virginia Hallman*