

West Newbury Garden Club Newsletter • May, 2017



PLANT SALE MAY 20, 2017

The May plant sale is the major fundraising activity of our garden club for community beautification projects, our speakers, donations to local charities, and scholarships.

- **Dropping Off Your Plants** – Final deadline for dropping off plants to the sun or shade committee locations is Thursday. The committees need time to price plants. Transport to the Training Field is Friday or early Saturday. Plants must be labeled with the plant name, height, color and sun requirements. Drop off locations are as follows:
 - Sun** – Peg Duchemin, 244 Main St, West Newbury
 - Shade** – Linda Schaeffer, 77 Coffin St. West Newbury
 - Donated** – Dot Cavanaugh, 6 Training Field Rd, West Newbury**Please do not drop off earlier than May 10th.**
- Hours - The Plant Sale opens to the public at 8:30. Members should check with their committee chairs to determine what time they should be at the sale. Holding committee, cashiers, and bake sale should be there by 8:00 AM.
- Members are requested not to set aside plants for themselves until 9:30.
- Buyers are not allowed to browse until 8:30.
- All members are expected to donate a baked item for the sale. Bring to the plant sale, unless you have made arrangements with another member.
- At this point in time, we do not anticipate marking down plants. We will be selling them at the Art in the Garden tour.
- Thanks to Barbara Butler, Donna Green and Jane Jeffers for coordinating the Sale!

Pots and Trays

The Plant Sale Digging and Potting Committee could use additional pots (quart size or bigger), and trays for the sale. Please contact Deb Whitaker dlwhit6767@yahoo.com or call 978-270-8590.

NEXT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 4, 2017, 6:00 pm

Town Offices Annex
381 Main Street, W. N.

Hosting the meeting:

Chair: Jane Jeffers
Barbara Butler
Gail Dinero
Marilyn Kent
Virginia Hallman
Deb Whitaker

Need a ride to the meeting?

Call Linda Schaeffer at
978-363-5251

Annual Meeting & Dinner Thursday, May 4th 6:00 pm (note time)

Instead of the usual pot luck dinner for our May meeting, the Hospitality Committee has decided to promote healthy eating by asking members to bring an item for an extensive and delicious SALAD BAR. If your last name starts with

A through C, please bring an appetizer;

D through N please bring an item that could go on a salad, and

M through Z, please bring a dessert.

Punch and coffee will be provided by the committee. Suggestions for a salad bar item include, but are not limited to the following: chopped vegetables; chopped meats such as ham, turkey, chicken; other salads such as cole slaw, carrot salad, bean salad; hard cheeses (cubed), etc. The hospitality committee will provide lettuce and dressings. We hope you enjoy this change!

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Memorial Day Parade

Come March with Us! Memorial Day Parade May 29th

For the last few years, members of the club have proudly carried the WNGC banner in our town's charming Memorial Day Parade. Carrie Crowley's truck - beautifully decorated with flowering plants has featured a garden bench with a waving Carrie Hometh, dressed in her flowery finery. The other participants have included veterans, town officials, town safety vehicles, local scouts, kid's sport leagues, the Pentucket Band, and of course - lots of red, white and blue covered bikes, cars and pooches. The parade route extends from Town Square, down Main Street, to the G.A.R. Memorial Library, where a short ceremony is held. We will meet at Elwell Square at 10, and the parade starts at 10:30. Carrie Crowley is once again driving her truck. 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 info at 363-1295.



Town Gardens

Town Garden Chairs are reminded to convene their committees to organize Spring cleanups and plantings by Memorial Day. The Board would like to purchase some flowers in bulk for best prices on annuals such as geraniums and petunias. Some gardens are in need of more extensive overhauls. Please contact the Board with funding requests. Kmandeville2@comcast.net

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Hydrangeas!

Jane Jeffers, WNGC member, past garden club president and self-described "hydrangea enthusiast", gave a tremendous overview of four major hydrangea varieties - Macrophyllas, Serratas, Aborencens and Paniculatas. Her presentation included a slide show featuring photos and well organized information on each variety - their strengths (and weaknesses), optimal growing conditions, winter protection and recommendations for pruning. Jane has grown more than 13 different varieties on her property, and her candid opinions on what has worked, what hasn't, and why was particularly helpful. Notes from Jane's presentation were emailed to members. To request a copy, contact Jane at: Jeffers460@comcast.net or 978-372-6549.

WNGC EXECUTIVE BOARD

WNGC Executive Board Election for 2017-18 Year

The West Newbury Garden Club's Board consists of a ten (10) members. The Officers include the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. There are four (4) Directors. Officers generally serve not more than 3 consecutive years in the same capacity, and Directors serve a minimum of 2 years. Typically, two (2) new officers are elected annually. Elections take place at the May Annual Meeting. (Please refer to the WNGC Yearbook, Bylaws.) More detailed descriptions of Duties and Responsibilities can be found on the WNGC website, Operational Manual. The Board meets monthly, with the exception of January, July and December.

This year's election for 2017 - 2018

1st Vice President	Jane Jeffers
Corresponding Secretary	Carrie Hometh

Continuing of the Board will be:

President:	Kathy Mandeville
2nd Vice President	Linda Schaeffer
Treasurer	Donna Green
Recording Secretary	Deb Whitaker
Director	Dot Cavanaugh
Director (past President)	Marie Scher
Director	Lynn Boyd
Director	Peg Duchemin

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board met on April 12th. Plans are progressing well for the May 20th Plant and Bake Sale and the June 17th Art in the Garden tour. Several guests attended the April member meeting, and we have a new club member, with others considering membership. Virginia Hallman has graciously offered to edit the Newsletter next year. Five applications have been received for the scholarship. Peg Duchemin will organize planting at the Carr Post (Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building) on Main Street, our newly added WNGC garden. Joan Tranfaglia will preside at the May meeting, as Kathy Mandeville will be on vacation.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

(Green titles below are hot web links)

Art in Bloom April 29 – May 1 Boston Museum of Fine Arts
Enjoy art from across the MFA's collection paired with floral interpretation. More information at www.mfa.org/artinbloom
(G.A.R. Library has 2 passes (each day) for the MFA, with a \$10 co-pay)

Saturday, May 6th Groveland Historical Society House & Historic Sites Tour

11am-5pm Tickets \$15 before event \$18 day of event
Purchase tickets at Groveland Library or Groveland Town Hall Clerk's Office Day of event, purchase tickets at the GHS Washington Hall Building at 101 Washington Street.

Pettengill Farm - Salisbury, MA

Plant Premere and Coming Attactions...It's Showcase Time!

Sat. April 29, 2017 9:30 to 12:30

Favorite Annuals: 9:30 to 10:30 AM

New Perennials: 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Not Just Pansies: 11:30 to 12:15 PM

Courses offered at Pettengill Farm

Thursday, May 11 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Window Box:

Instructions, window box, and soil \$35. Plants additional.

Saturday, May 13 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Succulent Container:

Instruction \$15. Plants, container, soil additional.

Thursday, May 18 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Container Planting:

Instruction \$15. Plants, container, soil additional.

Tuesday, May 23 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Fairy Garden Container:

Instruction \$15. Plants, container, soil additional.

Downeast Maine Garden Tour Seats are still available for the Maine Garden Tour from July 18 through July 21st. For more details see pettengillfarm.com or stop in.

Newburyport Horticultural Society, Senior Center, Newburyport May 9th, 6:30 PM Introduction to Mushroom Culture \$10 guests

In this presentation, Willie Crosby, of Fungi Ally, will speak about mushroom life cycles, their ecological roles, and how to grow them in the garden. Mushrooms are a nutritious food source that can be grown year round. Watch and learn as Willie inoculates logs to be raffled off to those in attendance!

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts
Quarterly Newsletter of the Mayflower Spring Edition
can be found at: www.gcfm.org/Mayflower.aspx

Updates and Details

Welcome to Our New Member!

Elisa Grammer

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

WNGC Newsletter and Yearbook Editors

Many thanks to Virginia Hallman who will be returning as Newsletter editor. Gratitude and lauds to Alison Scher who has been the editor for the last three years – in addition to managing our website www.wngc.org, editing the yearbook (with Marie Scher) and serving on this year's Publicity Committee. Thank you Alison and Virginia for your skilled writing talents and hours of dedication to this club.

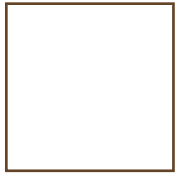
Alison Scher and Marie Scher currently prepare our annual club Yearbook. This is done with MS Publisher. Much of the content is carried from one year to the next, with the exception of updating membership and adding program information. Please let Alison know if you are interested in taking over this responsibility in 2018 or have recommendations for changes.

2016-17 Newsletter Team

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THE BIRDS AND BEES

And butterflies too, of course, along with countless other types of pollinators. Think about expanding the number and types of pollinator plants to your garden beds. Since a continuous bloom is needed from early spring through fall, anytime during the season is a great time to add such plants to your gardens.

An excellent and thoughtful short internet video documenting the decline of a now endangered bumblebee will inform and inspire you. Visit [A Ghost in the Making](http://www.rustypatched.com) at www.rustypatched.com and click the Film link to view.

A few years ago, our club enjoyed a field trip to the Rolling Green Nursery (NH). Following is their list of pollinator plants. Consider taking advantage of a "Pollinator Plant Walk" at their nursery on Saturday, June 10th at 11:00.

Also see the list of [Favorite Early Pollinator Plants At Rolling Green Nursery](#)

Virginia Hallman



Favorite Perennial Pollinators

- Agastache Giant Hyssop
- Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
- Bearberry Asclepias Milkweed
- Asters
- Baptisa False Indigo
- Chrysogonum Golden Star
- Echinacea Cone flower
- Eupatorium Joe Pye Weed
- Geranium maculatum Cranesbill
- Helenium Sneezeweed
- Helianthus Perennial Sun flower
- Liatris spicata Gayfeather
- Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal Flower
- Lysmachia Loosestrife
- Monarda Bee Balm
- Panicum Switch Grass
- Penstemon Beard Tongue
- Rudbeckia Black-eyed Susan
- Schizachrium Blue Stem Grass
- Sedum
- Tradescantia Spiderwort

[See all of RG's Pollinator Plant List](#)