

West Newbury Garden Club Newsletter

Editor's Notes

Happy Fall, everyone! Between hurricanes and heat waves, early Fall has given us quite a weather ride. I hope your gardens haven't had damage from them.

Contact Me

Many thanks to this month's storytellers (see Page 4) for sharing their inspirations with us. Will your story be in a future issue?

Have suggestions/input for the newsletter? Share them with me anytime—in person or in writing at a meeting, by phone at 508-361-1442, or via email at: vahallman@comcast.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!

NOTE: Photos are taken by Virginia Hallman unless noted.

REMINDERS

If you haven't yet paid your annual dues (\$30), please bring your check to the next meeting. If you cannot attend, please mail it to Linda Schaeffer.

If you missed the September meeting, remember to pick up your Yearbook at the October meeting.



Anders Zorn's painting of Isabella Stewart Gardner in Venice, 1894

(Google free use image)

**Thursday, October 5th,
6:45**

A Visit with Isabella Stewart Gardner

Best known for her philanthropy and extensive art collecting, Mrs. Gardner's interests in horticulture have been on daily display since 1903 in the elegant courtyard plantings of the museum that bears her name in Boston. She was also known for being "colorful" if not eccentric, and somewhat scandalous. Come and "meet" her through the dramatic talents of well-known character actress

Jessa Piaia, who will provide an artful glimpse into the life of this fascinating and accomplished woman.

Jessa Piaia's character portrayals celebrate women of the past whose lives span three centuries. In her poignant and inspiring dramatic vignettes, she reveals the accomplishments, struggles and contributions of these women to American history. She depicts each woman's life set against the historic events and issues of the day and bases her finding on continuing research and teaching at Harvard University. Her work is a successful model for solid research, compelling writing, and the artistry to bring off a one-woman show, perhaps the most difficult kind of acting challenge.

(Taken from the Nashoba Valley Voice)

September Board Meeting Highlights

The Club's budget is strong. The Art in the Garden Tour and Plant Sale generated funds. We have also had club members present programs and have built in two monthly programs that will share expenses with other garden clubs.

The Board voted to absorb the \$10 member fee for materials that was previously announced for the November "Thanksgiving Centerpiece." Also voted in was adoption of the traffic island at Garden Street and Route 113 as a WNGC Town Garden.

**October Meeting
Hospitality Members**

Chair Gail Dinaro

- Dorothy Fanaras
- Anne Fitzgerald
- Rosemarie McCobb
- Sandi Preble
- Ginger Selman

Updates for Your YearBook

Gail Dinaro Email:

Elise Henrichs Email

Jerusha Ryan Phone:
(cell; replaces land line)

*Fuller Rose Gardens
Rye, NJ*



Welcome New Members!

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to the WNGC! Be sure to add their names and detail to your Yearbook:

- Emily Bartlett**
- Rebecca French**
- Courtney.Spurr**
- Judith.Gregg**
- KC.Swallow**
- Stephen.Swallow**

Personal info removed from web version.

Think Ahead to the Plant Sale (5/19/18)

The financial success of our annual plant sale is dependent upon the number of plants that we donate as members. If you divide your plants this Fall, think about potting some of the divisions. You can overwinter these outdoors by “digging in” the pots into soil. (Jane Jeffers has offered to overwinter members’ pots with plant divisions jeffers460@comcast.net.) If you’re planning to divide plants in the Spring, place a marker by the plant now for easier identification come April. A great article on dividing plants can be found at: <http://pin.it/GLEaAfE> .

Think also about other items we might sell at the Plant Sale. Carrie Hometh’s pies and Kathy Krajieski’s bird houses have been big hits, as well as the planted hypertufas. What are your ideas?



September Meeting Pics



Cushing House Holiday Decorating

For the past 140 years, the Museum of Old Newbury—which operates from the Cushing House—has been collecting, preserving and presenting the history of Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury, Byfield and Plum Island. Once again our Club has been invited to help decorate this lovely historical home for the holidays. This year we’ve been assigned the Oriental Room. The installation date is November 30th at 9 a.m. If you’re interested in being a part of the decorating team, be sure to sign up at the October meeting.

Gardening Events and Resources

Click [here](#) to view the Merrimac Garden Club website. The Club’s members will join us for October’s program.

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM) Fall Conference is October 25th at the Boxborough Regency Hotel & Conference Center. Click [here](#) for information about the program and to register.

Click [here](#) to access the West Newbury Bicentennial Committee website.

September Meeting’s Highlights

As is traditional, the Club greeted the start of its 2017-2018 year with delectable appetizers, salads, main dishes and desserts brought by members and consumed in the festive atmosphere created by the hospitality committee. President Kathy Mandeville welcomed us to the new Club year and introduced this year’s Club officers and others with leadership roles for the year, some of whom spoke briefly.

Members also were updated on early ideas and plans for West Newbury’s upcoming bicentennial celebrations by two of the Bicentennial Commission’s members, Kathleen (KC) and Stephen Swallow. The Club looks forward to participating in this event.



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Inspirations...a space for members to share gardening experiences, successes, lessons learned, memories, favorite plants, field trips and more...



Photo and Story contributed by Jeanne Pucci

Jeanne and her husband were one of thousands who enjoyed the annual Colby Farm sunflower fest on Scotland Road in Newburyport. They rode their bikes there and were even interviewed by the local newspaper for a feature story on the flowers.

Story and Link contributed by Kate Beck

My kids and I recently started a garden. One of my motivations for starting our little garden was to help foster an increase in the bee population in our area. We found one website particularly helpful in establishing our bee-friendly garden and wanted to share it with you. Click [here](#) to view a list of suggested plants and tips for encouraging bees to visit. Now that it's starting to attract more bees, we're even considering starting backyard beekeeping.



Honeybee gathers nectar from garlic chive blossoms