



# North Shore Horticultural Society

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## Meeting Location

Sacred Heart Parish Hall  
62 School Street  
Manchester-by-the-Sea

## Meeting Preview

**Thursday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

*Potluck*

*Virtual Garden Tour  
Houseplant Auction*

**Thursday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

*Liz Barbour*

*Cooking and Gardening  
from an Edible Garden*

**Thursday, Mar 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM**

*Catherine Brown*

*Ticks and Tick-Borne  
Diseases in MA*

**Thursday, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:30 PM**

*Peter Grilli*

*Reflections on the  
Japanese Garden*

**Board Meeting**

February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM  
at the Manchester  
Community Center

## **Potluck Dinner, Virtual Garden Tour IX, and Houseplant Auction Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00 PM Potluck and Slideshow**

**7:00 PM Houseplant Auction**



Our Annual Potluck Dinner and Virtual Garden Tour IX starts off our 2020 calendar. Please bring something to share (appetizer, main course, salad, dessert) and appropriate serving utensils. Call Joan Johnson at 978-927-8829 by January 20th if you are planning to come and let her know generally what you are bringing; leave a message, if necessary.

During dinner, we will run the Virtual Garden Tour IX to showcase members' gardens as well as photos from members' travels.

Guests are always welcome. Guests are free of charge for the January meeting. If you join us for the potluck, please bring a food donation to share.

Bring a neighbor or a gardening friend or both! Remember to bring cash or check for your houseplant auction purchases.

## **Bring your Houseplant donations**



A reminder to bring labeled houseplants that you want to donate to our January meeting's Houseplant Auction fundraiser.

## **President's Message**

*Carol Batdorf*

Happy 2020! Best of luck in all your endeavors and especially in your gardening efforts, indoors and out. Our January meeting will include a potluck dinner starting at 6PM provided by all the members. We have some wonderful cooks out there. Please bring a yummy dish to share. Starting at 6PM the members' Virtual Garden Tour slideshow will also be on view.

After the meal we will have an auction of houseplants that you will bring in. I am hoping for a warm evening so the houseplants do not get too shocked with the cold. If it is cold please protect the plants with boxes or reused plastic bags to prevent the cold air from getting to the leaves. Let's see how many different types of plants we can offer for the auction. It really is wonderful to have growing plants in our homes especially during the winter months.

Please invite a friend to come to the meeting and enjoy a meal, virtual garden tour and houseplant auction. See you at the meeting. Carol

## **We want your photos!**

To make our Virtual Garden Tour a success, please look through your photos from the past year. By January 18<sup>th</sup>, please send any horticultural moments that you captured to Carol Batdorf: [nina\\_carol@verizon.net](mailto:nina_carol@verizon.net) Attach up to three photos per email to make sure that she can download them. Send as many emails as you like.



## Horticultural Points of Interest

This month for the Horticultural Points of Interest (HPOI), Mike Mack will describe some indoor flowering plants, provide information on how to deal with some common houseplant pests, and offer recommendations for ordering native plants by mail.

### A big THANK YOU!

To all of you who contributed to our November toy and gift collection to benefit the Children's Family and Friends Services of Salem. Your generous contributions were gratefully received and very much appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and caring.

### Chase away those winter blues with a day trip to a greenhouse



**Tower Hill Botanical Garden in West Bolyston, MA** is closed to the public for the month of January. It reopens February 1 with their Orchid Show. <https://www.towerhillbg.org/>

The **Lyman Estate Greenhouses** are among the oldest surviving greenhouses in the United States. The complex includes an 1804 grape house, 1820 camellia house, 1840s orchid house, and a 1930 sales greenhouse where you can buy plants to take home. Their expert horticultural staff offers advice and assistance with plant selection and culture.

185 Lyman Street Waltham, MA  
(45 minute drive in good traffic)  
<https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/lyman-estate-greenhouses/>

The **Roger Williams Park Botanical Center** is located on an island in historic Roger Williams Park in Providence, RI. The Botanical Center was built in 2007 and with 23,000 square feet of greenhouse space, it is the largest indoor garden display in New England that shows off plant life in its myriad forms, from delicate flowers to spiky cacti to pest-eating carnivorous species.

(90 minute drive in good traffic)  
[providenceri.gov/botanical-center](http://providenceri.gov/botanical-center)

## Compost

At our September 2018 NSHS meeting, **Art Scarpa** shared with us his passion for succulents. Fred Ehrhardt shared a recent article about him entitled *How a kid from East Boston became the cactus king*. You can read it online at:

<https://realestate.boston.com/gardening/2019/12/18/kid-east-boston-became-king-cactus/>

A book recommendation from Joan Johnson: *Trees, Leaves, Flowers, and Seeds: Visual Encyclopedia of the Plant Kingdom*. This is a terrific book with interesting facts such as: the heaviest carrot harvested was 22 1/2 pounds in Minnesota, the heaviest cabbage was 138 pounds in Alaska, and the world's largest flower is the corpse lily at 3.25 feet across!

### Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

#### Boston Flower & Garden Show

March 11 -15  
Seaport World Trade Center, Boston MA  
<https://bostonflowershow.com/>

#### Grow Native Massachusetts Evening with Experts

A Public Lecture Series in Cambridge MA  
First Wednesdays of each month, February through May, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

- Feb 5: *Nature's Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy
- Mar 4: *Climate Change, Conservation, and the Role of Native Plant Horticulture* by Jesse Bellemore
- Apr 1: *Designing with Plant Communities* by Dan Jaffe
- May 6: *Native Bees: Our Pollination Powerhouses* by Heather Holm

<https://grownativemass.org/Our-Programs/evenings-experts>

### A New Year's suggestion from the Garden Professors



Get a jar and as good, wonderful or memorable events happen in your life (for example, you see your first crocus or notice color on your favorite tree) make a note of it and put it in the jar. At Thanksgiving time or at the end of the year, reread the notes and reflect on all the great things that happened in your life. Feel free to upsize the jar as needed.

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