



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Meeting Location

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

For Zoom meetings, we will email the link to members on the Monday before and again the morning of the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, Feb 24th

7:30 PM

Kevin Cody

Growing Farmers

Thursday, Mar 24th

7:30 PM

Joann Vieira

A Historical Perspective of Trustees of Reservations Properties

Thursday, Apr 28th

7:30 PM

Pamela Hartford

Frederick Law Olmsted – His Legacy on the North Shore

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, March 10th

7:30 PM

Growing Farmers

Kevin Cody

Thursday, February 24th

7:30 PM



Before you can have a farm, you have to have a farmer. That's a basic premise of the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project. New Entry's mission is to strengthen local food systems by supporting new farmers. Their acreage at Moraine Farm in Beverly is an incubator for small-scale farmers who later start and steward community-engaged farms. Since the program began in 1998, these new farms have sprouted up locally, regionally and nationally, and produce nutritious food for their local communities.

Kevin Cody, Farmer Training Program Manager, will be our featured speaker. Kevin received a PhD in Sociology from the University of California. His knowledge of the agrarian political economy and the sociology of food and agriculture informs his understanding of agroecology development. Sustainable food system transformation is at the core of his applied and academic work.



President's Message

Carol Batdorf

Hi Everyone,

We are going to try a meeting in person for February. Please follow the meeting health guidelines so that attendees will be as safe as possible. Those that cannot be at the meeting will hopefully be able to watch via Zoom if we have the technology in order. I hope to be able to watch from Pennsylvania, where I will be that night.

Seed catalogs are coming to my house almost every day. I am looking through them and making a wish list. I won't buy many plants via mail but I can dream of gardens full of flowers and plants of many colors and textures. The January slide show provided us with a window into the future for the greening and blooming of our gardens. Thank you to all that helped make the virtual garden tour a real success. Thank you, Melissa, for assembling the slide show, thank you to the 13 members that sent in pictures, and thank you, Pete Johnson, for heading the Zoom meeting. Seeing people's gardens was a real balm to our gardener's heart and soul.

Our February speaker, Kevin Cody, will be talking about the growing of farmers, what goes into the schooling of the people who grow the food we eat, and the plants we want for our gardens. Please come and enjoy an in-person meeting.

Be well,

~ Carol

February Meeting Safety Protocols

We look forward to resuming in-person meetings and we want everyone to feel as safe and comfortable as possible. Safety protocols will include: **attendees must provide proof of vaccinations** (vaccination card or QR code), **wear masks** (N-95 or KN-95 most recommended), and **maintain social distancing**. We will have a limited supply of KN-95 masks to give to anyone who does not already have one. We will provide hand sanitizer. There will be no refreshments.

We hope to also provide a Zoom connection for people who cannot safely attend in-person. After we determine whether a Zoom connection is a viable option from the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, we will send an email to members with further instructions.

If you have any questions, you can send us an email: northshorehorticulture@gmail.com

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## Thank you to the following members who contributed to our January meeting's Virtual Garden Tour

Carol Batdorf  
Peter and Alice Bradford  
Anita Brewer  
Thad Closson and Judy Owens  
Melissa Flinn  
Kathleen Harney  
Joan Johnson  
Lenore Kepler  
Liz Loomis  
Sue McLaughlin  
Fred Rice  
Dotty Ryan  
Ruth and Norm Weeks

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More on Asian Jumping Worms

Jane Hardy was one of our members who attended the UMass Extension Service's January two-day Jumping Worm Conference. This species is not brand new to our region, but is receiving a lot of attention due to recent notable increases and its invasive nature. If you are interested in learning more on the subject, go to: <https://ag.umass.edu/landscape/factsheets/earthworms>

The Plant Box



I must have been in a sporty mood, ready to let my hair down when I chose to grow Wild Flax. The pretty blue flowers with wild in its name looked charming. I judged that flower by the cover on the seed packet and then decided to find out more.

This small, low-growing perennial is a very accommodating plant. It will grow in full sun to partial shade, can put up with cold temperatures and lack of water and prefers rich, well-drained soil but other types will do. And while it's flexible in what it likes, others like it too; the deer and the birds find it attractive. So there'll be company coming to the garden. But they're no competition. Wild Flax also does well in a container, and with this portability, the plant can find its way to protection in a fenced area or even on a porch. No matter where they're put, they'll bring loveliness throughout the summer and be a reminder that every now and then, it's worth it to take a walk on the wild side.

This edition of the Plant Box was submitted by Anne Morin. Thanks, Anne!
Is there a type of plant that is special to you?
Please submit your idea (photo and relevant informative text ~200 words) for a future edition of the Plant Box to northshorehorticulture@gmail.com