



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Upcoming Events

**Thursday, June 22nd
6:00 PM**
Annual Picnic
at Tuck's Point

Next Board Meeting
Thursday, September 7th
7:30 PM

**Mark your
calendar!**
The first meeting of the
2023-2024 season is
Thursday, September 21st

Next Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept 9th
7:30 PM

**Remember to take
photos of your garden**
or other places of interest
that you visit this summer
so that you can share
them in our annual
Virtual Garden Tour
during our January 2024
meeting.



Annual Picnic at the Chowder House Tuck's Point, Manchester Thursday, June 22nd, 6:00PM



It is picnic time for the North Shore Horticultural Society! And we are very pleased that this year we are returning to a potluck picnic with views from the Tuck's Point Chowder House.

Bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre, entrée, salad, or dessert with needed serving pieces. Drinks, paper goods, and flatware will be provided by the Society. (Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.)

There is no cost and you are welcome to bring a guest. Kindly RSVP and let us know what you plan to bring. RSVP by email to northshorehorticulture@gmail.com or by calling and leaving a message at (978) 238-8773.

Please also bring a container filled with horticultural material from your garden for us to display as a centerpiece on one of the Chowder House tables. It is fun to see what is growing in fellow members' gardens.

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## **Members' Open Garden Days**

If there is a weekend day this summer that you'd like to open your garden, let us know and we'll share the news with the other NSHS members. You can contact us at:

[northshorehorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:northshorehorticulture@gmail.com)

## **President's Message**

*Carol Batdorf*

Hi Everyone,

June is here and, thanks to the recent rain, our gardens are all greened up, off and growing. I have some new plants to put in my garden thanks to the generous offerings everyone brought to the May Auction and Plant Sale. Thank you to all that made the May fund raiser a success. We netted \$2243 towards the costs of running NSHS. Without your efforts, we would not be able to pay our speakers, insurance, rent for the hall and other venues, postage, purchase hospitality goods, give scholarship monies for horticultural studies, and garden supplies for community gardens. Your hard work and time given on behalf of NSHS are very much appreciated.

Many thanks to the people that helped with the tea in memory of Fred Rice that was held last Saturday at the Manchester Community Center. It was an apt tribute to him and the friendships that have grown from this group. The food, flowers, pictures, artwork, tea, and people made this gathering a warm remembrance of Fred's friendship. It may have been wet and cold outside but it was warm, caring and sharing inside.

I would like to continue this line of thanks. Mike Mack, will be stepping down from the board after many years of service to the NSHS. Thank you, Mike, for your time and efforts over the many years you have served on the Board.

Thank you to the Board members who continue to serve and for helping to keep the Society running. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated. Welcome also

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## President's Message, *continued*

to new Board members, Norma Brettell and Alice Bradford.

Hope to see everyone at the June picnic at Tuck's Point. We will be having a pot luck supper. Bring your favorite foods to share with the group. Please bring some offerings from your gardens as well to decorate our tables with a single flower or an arrangement. The flowers and plants are really what we are all about.

Happy gardening. See you at Tuck's Point.

~ Carol

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Plant Swap at the Manchester Library

Saturday, June 17 10:30AM - 12:30PM
Manchester-by-the-Sea Library - Front Lawn

Have some spider plants that are ready to propagate? Buy an eight pack of flowers and only needed six? Did you like me start 6 tomato plants hoping only one would make it and now you have five extra? Why not swap the plants with your neighbors? Trade some spider plants for some aloe. Some zucchini for some tomatoes.

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## Upcoming Nearby Garden Events

### Rockport Garden Club Tour

Saturday, June 24 10-4. Tickets \$35.  
'Artists in the Gardens' are returning this year with an artist reception at Whale's Jaw Café, immediately following the tour of gardens where their paintings are on display.  
<https://rockportgardenclub.org/garden-tour-2023>

### Gloucester Garden Tour

Saturday, July 8, 10-4, Rain or shine. Tickets \$30.  
Available online and on the day of the tour.  
<https://generousgardeners.org/2023-gloucester-garden-tour/>

### Long Hill Events Beverly, MA

Saturday July 15 - Celebrate Japan!  
Sunday, July 30 - Garden to Vase Summertime Floral Design Workshop  
Saturday, July 22 - Hypertufa Trough-Making  
Friday Nights in July and August - Summer Concert Series  
<https://thetrustees.org/place/long-hill/>

## The Plant Box



We know them by their golden hue and their rounded petals, we plant them as decoration, we use them as a standard outdoor plant and we find them for sale at every local nursery. Marigolds are everywhere!

Serving as an annual in our gardens, the marigold isn't always gold; it can be other colors such as yellow, orange, or white with burgundy edges. No matter the color scheme in your yard, the marigold is a stalwart player with many fine attributes:

- Long lasting – from Spring to early Autumn.
- Very flexible as to place, working well in any soil and drought tolerant.
- Versatile, fitting nicely into borders and containers as well as throughout your landscape.
- Needs little care and enjoys a sunny spot.
- Can deter pests and help bring out the best in vegetables, like tomatoes and eggplant.
- Attracts pollinators, especially open center marigolds, like Lemon Gems and Bambino varieties.

With so many praises, it is easy to see why this little flower symbolizes power and strength. It harnesses those attributes to serve as the backbone of any garden. So bring home the color and liveliness of the marigold and watch your garden grow!

*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](mailto:northshorehorticulture@gmail.com)