



North Shore Horticultural Society

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THERE WILL
BE

NO

UPCOMING

IN PERSON

MEETINGS

UNTIL
AT LEAST
JANUARY
2021

MEMBERS
WILL
BE RECEIVING

MORE
INFORMATION

REGARDING
PROGRAMS
and
MEMBERSHIP

LATER THIS
SUMMER



INTERESTING TIMES **2020-2021**

There are many things happening locally, nationally, and internationally that are impacting all of us. Rules and regulations which are new to us. It is interesting to see how things are and will turn out.

First of all, our terrific venue, **the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church is not going to be open at least until January, 2021.** This means the NSHS is going to be creative in various ways: webinars; zoom gatherings... the list goes on. The Board does not know how many members are able to connect electronically. Would you let us know via the Society's email: northshorehorticultural@gmail.com if this is a problem or if you have any other suggestions?

2. Membership: We are continuing all memberships to September 2021. Donations in lieu of dues would be greatly appreciated! Send to NSHS, PO Box 171, Manchester, MA 01944. In August you will be receiving a letter regarding this and our newly scheduled Annual Meeting in October.

3. The Annual Meeting was not held in April, 2020. If anyone is interested in joining the Board, please call Carol Batdorf at 978-525-3528. Members will be receiving a ballot, in the form of a stamped post card. All you need to do is vote for the suggested Board and mail the postcard in.

4. Open Gardens. It has been suggested that members might like to open their garden on a Saturday. One garden a Saturday, starting July 25th. Please call Joan Johnson at 978-927-8829 if you are interested. Physical distancing, masks, etc. required!

5. A Newsletter in August: The Board
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THOUGHTS FROM **THE PRESIDENT**

I've been contemplating why do we garden? It is a bit of what we experienced as a child and then we sprout off on our own. Growing up in New Jersey, it was man the gardens to produce vegetables and fruits to enjoy during the winter months. We had two apple trees, a grape arbor over the patio, a raspberry patch in the back and half an acre of hand planted sweet corn on the side next to a pine grove. We had one large rose bush out front but most of the gardens were dedicated to growing produce. The place we moved to in Pennsylvania was landscaped with 40 to 45 established bushes (azaleas, junipers and yews) around the house that had to be trimmed, a long row of arborvitae along the sidewalk that had to be trimmed and spring bulbs and iris that would come up in amongst all the shrubs and along the stone wall. Dad took out a portion of the side lawns on either side of the house to make vegetable gardens and then rented land to plant more vegetables. When I moved to my first long term apartment, there were bushes that hadn't been trimmed in years and a patch of Japanese knotweed (Ugh!). I took care of those so that I could dig an area that would get some light and I wanted flowers and fresh tomatoes. The next place had a back yard that needed work to be reclaimed from the weeds but there were well-established peonies waiting to come into their glory. A patch of grass was turned over for veggies and all around the fences I planted perennials and annuals. Then a house was bought. No gardens except for a few shrubs at the front of the house and more shade than sun.

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Thoughts from the President continued:

We also had a veggie plot at a community garden for a few years before the job moved out of town. In the gardens that have slowly grown around the property, I try to have color, vegetables, texture, flowers for arrangements, flowers for the bees and birds, a place of calm and a bit of whimsy. The garden is always changing and needing attention but it is evergrowing. The garden has been a balm during this pandemic. We garden for many reasons, why do you garden? Hoping you are all staying safe. Enjoy your gardens this summer.

Carol

Carol also sent along **several quotes regarding flowers.**

Here are just a few:

- “Love is the flower you’ve got to let grow” – John Lennon
- “Where flowers bloom, so does hope.” – Lady Bird Johnson
- “A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and man cannot live without love.” – Max Muller
- “Life is the flower for which love is the honey.” – Victor Hugo
- “If I had a single flower for every time I think about you, I could walk forever in my garden.” – Claudia Adrienne Grandi
- “Love is like a beautiful flower which I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a place of delight just the same.” – Helen Keller
- “If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly our whole life would change.” – Buddha
- “Minds are like flowers; they open only when the time is right.” – Stephen Richards
- “A rose can never be a sunflower, and a sunflower can never be a rose. All flowers are beautiful in their own way, and that’s like women too.” – Miranda Kerr
- “Flowers...are a proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities in the world.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Interesting Times 2020-2021 continued:

is wondering if you have any helpful hints/wisdom, a story, a poem...something that gives you joy or a laugh relating to horticulture that you would like to share. We had such positive comments about the contents of our June Newsletter that we thought we would try to do another one this summer if there is interest. Your response may be sent in via email to: northshorehorticultural@gmail.com or to: P.O. Box 171, Manchester, MA 01944.

From Needham arborists Hartney Greymont’s **The Leaflet:**

Withstanding wind -

Tree sway: dissipating the wind through movement (swaying)

-Trees actually don’t move back and forth but rotate clockwise and counterclockwise in response to loading.

-If a tree sways too far, it could break or up-root, so it dissipates the wind energy using various methods. This is called “damping”.

-In forests, 50% of “damping” comes from friction with other trees. In yards, trees need additional strategies such as pruning to maintain symmetry or reinforcement with cables.

Streamlining: avoiding the wind through change in shape

-Trees can curl up their leaves (called “reconfiguration”), shed branches, or grow over time into a completely different shape.

-Only some species do this, so it’s good to know if yours fall into this category.

Thigmomorphogenesis: developing wind-firm features over time

-Trees can reallocate resources to enhance stability (for example, spending more energy growing stronger versus taller).

-This is adaptive response: a tree that never feels the wind won’t learn to counteract it (a single tree left standing in a felled forest could be in trouble).

-This is why trees growing in open areas tend to grow shorter but wider, with thicker trunks and branches, and better root anchorage.
