



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Meeting Location

- starting in September -
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
52 School Street
Manchester-by-the-Sea

Meeting Preview

Thursday, Sept 26th

7:30 PM

Bill Cannon

The World of Holly

Thursday, Oct 24th

7:30 PM

Kim Smith

The Hummingbird Garden

Thursday, Nov 14th

7:30 PM

Suzanne Mahler

Native Plants vs.

Invasive Species

Thursday, Dec 12th

7:30 PM

Traci Sobocinski

Holiday Decoration

Workshop

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, October 10th

7:00 PM

at the home of

Kay Joseph

***** New Meeting Location and Day!! *****

Thursdays

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

The World of Holly
Thursday, September 26th

7:30PM

Get ready to deck the halls with boughs of holly as Bill Cannon educates us about this wonderful and versatile plant. With over 400 species across the globe there is a wide range of informational territory that Mr. Cannon will cover, including an introduction to several key varieties, propagation, pruning and all around care along with stories of holly farming on Cape Cod where he maintains his home and nursery. Gardeners who attend this evening's meeting will be able to take home holly sprigs that Mr. Cannon will bring direct from his farm. You will also have a chance to win a holly plant from the Cannon Nursery.



Membership Dues

Starting this year, we are implementing a rolling membership. When it is your renewal month, you'll receive a reminder letter in the mail.

President's Message

Carol Batdorf

Welcome back from the summer. I hope your gardens grew well this summer and that you took lots of pictures. You can share your photos with the group come January during the Virtual Garden Tour. There is still time to get some great picture taking in before the snow flies. Visit the Gloucester Harbor gardens. They are still beautiful even after the wind from Dorian.

Our new program year begins this month with the North Shore Horticultural Society returning to the **Sacred Heart Church** and we are meeting on the **fourth Thursday** of the month, unless otherwise noted on the program list. Maybe we will see some new people at the meetings that had conflicts with the Tuesday evening meeting time. Please spread the word about the change of venue and the meeting night. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and events throughout the year.

Check the program listing included with this newsletter for all that is planned for the year. Thank you to Mike Mack and his committee (Sue Ann Willis, Allison Cohen, Ann Morin, Sylvia Topp, and Melissa Flinn) for once again

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completing this task and producing a wonderful and varied program listing for the year. Field trips and workshops will be announced as they are planned.

Bill Cannon will start our season off with "The World of Holly". Little did I know that there are over 400 species of holly found around the world. The Cannon Nursery could be a future road trip for some of our members. Come and learn about this plant that can be prickly or not. Ask a friend to come with you to the meeting - the more, the merrier. See you soon, Carol

Horticultural Points of Interest

Mike Mack has been providing us with Horticultural Points of Interest (HPOI) for over ten years! He'd like to share this task - if you are interested in helping out, let us know! This month Mike will share information about propagating our house plants so that we can start preparations for our January fundraiser.

Thank You!

Many thanks to the members of the following volunteer committees for donating your time to plan for the coming year:

- Membership
- Hospitality
- Programs
- Field Trip
- Budget

If you are interested in volunteering, let us know!

Field Trip Ideas

Do you have an idea for a NSHS group field trip? Please share it with Norm Weeks at the meeting or call him at 978-232-0102.

Reminder to Take Photos!

Take photographs of your garden or other places of interest that you visit this fall - to share in our January Virtual Garden Tour.



*Fall has always been my favorite season.
The time when everything bursts with its last beauty,
as if nature had been saving up all year
for the grand finale.*

~ Lauren DeStefano

Compost

September Gardening Tip from the Master Gardeners: One of the great environmental concerns is the massive loss of soil around the world. To help prevent wind erosion, when you finish harvesting your vegetable garden, spread winter rye seed. Winter rye is a fast grower, sprouting quickly from seed to form a thick mat. It'll be a couple of inches high before winter. When turned under in the spring, it also adds beneficial organic matter. In beds around your house, use chipped leaves to protect plant roots and enrich the soil as they break down.

2019 Massachusetts Gardening Symposium

Inspiration for Next Year's Garden

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 8:30 AM - 3:45 PM

Westford Academy, Westford, MA

<http://massmastergardeners.org/2019-symposium>

For the 2019 Gardening Symposium they have assembled a group of horticulturists and garden designers whose innovative work is widely recognized. In addition to their presentations, speakers will be available to meet and greet you during breaks and for book signing. Who should attend? Gardeners of all levels of experience, novices to Master Gardeners.

Gardens and Grounds Seasonal Stroll

Saturday, September 28 10:30-11:30AM

\$12 for Trustee members, \$20 for non-members.

Castle Hill horticulturalist Beth Walsh leads visitors on a walking tour of the grounds, including the woodland path, Italian Garden, and Rose Garden. Learn about what's in bloom and what it takes to keep these restored gardens historically appropriate to the original landscape design and adaptable to modern usage. For more information, call the Trustees at 978-356-4351.

Upcoming events at Tower Hill Botanical Garden

11 French Drive, Boylston MA

Tower Hill is the home of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, the third oldest (founded in 1842) organization of its kind in the country. For more information, call 508-869-6111.

Begonia/Gesneriad Show Sept. 21 and 22, 10-4

Dahlia Show Sept. 29, 10-4

Ikebana Show Oct. 4 and 5, 10-4

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