



# North Shore Horticultural Society

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## Meeting Location

The Zoom meeting link will be emailed to members the week before and again the day before each meeting

## Upcoming Zoom Meetings

**Thursday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7 – 7:30 PM optional**  
“Get to know Zoom”  
session

**7:30 PM Meeting Begins**  
Kristin Beane Sullivan  
*25 Budget-Friendly  
Garden Ideas*

**Thursday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 PM**

James A. Baggett  
*Powerhouse Shade Plants*

**Thursday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 PM**

Jennifer Howell  
*How to Make Evergreen  
Wreaths and other Holiday  
Projects from your Garden*

## **Board Meeting**

Thursday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM



## **President's Message**

**Carol Batdorf**

*Mind fog creeps in as  
Lockdown goes on but my  
Garden sends green calm.*

Hi Everyone - I am sorry to say that we will not be meeting in person for a while but the NSHS board has been thinking up ways to keep gardening on everyone's minds. We will be doing online Zoom meetings by using content provided by *Garden Gate* magazine and other providers. We have listed in this newsletter different places that you can visit in person. We have also listed some web sites to check out.

Over the summer, two of our members, Liz Loomis and Sandra Stolle, opened their gardens to members and friends to visit. Thank you so much, Liz and Sandra, for opening up your gardens!

We hope that your gardens have been helping you through 2020 and keeping you calm, grounded, and busy. Gardens are a wonderful safe place to meet friends that are masked and at a safe distance. If you do not have a garden to invite people over to visit, I suggest that you meet in Gloucester along the waterfront gardens. Right now, the many different types of dahlias are colorful and so impressive and you don't have to weed that garden, just enjoy it.

Please stay in touch with other members and reach out to see how people and their gardens are doing. Read through this Newsletter and maybe some of the suggestions in it will help you to discover new garden ideas. Learning new things always makes my day seem better. Stay safe, keep gardening, and call a friend to visit in a garden. Take care, Carol

## **25 Budget-Friendly Garden Ideas**

**Thursday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM**

Our first Zoom webinar is presented by Kristin Beane Sullivan, the Editor of *Garden Gate* magazine. Kristin shares 25 clever ideas to help you save time and money in your garden.

In her 23 years at *Garden Gate* magazine, Kristin Beane Sullivan has been lucky enough to meet hundreds (if not thousands) of gardeners, tour and photograph countless gardens and learn something from every single gardener she's met. She comes from a long line of farmers and gardeners, and today tends an ever-expanding urban garden with her husband and three teenagers who are a lot more help in the garden than she was at their age.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will send an email with the link for our Zoom meeting, followed-up with a reminder email on October 21<sup>st</sup>. If we don't have your email and you want to join the Zoom meeting, please let us know: [northshorehorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:northshorehorticulture@gmail.com)

## **THANK YOU!!**

A big thank you goes out to **Mike Mack** for his successful efforts in researching and finding the *Garden Gate* seminars and then negotiating with the editors to allow NSHS to share their webinars during our meetings. We appreciate his persistence and hard work! Many thanks also to **Pete Johnson** for helping to host and administer the Zoom meetings.

## Votes are in! NSHS Board 2020-2021

Welcome to the Board, Anne Morin! ☺

Here is a list of our Board Members  
for the upcoming year:

Carol Batdorf – President  
Norm Weeks – Vice President  
Ruth Weeks – Secretary  
Kay L. Joseph – Treasurer  
Joan Johnson – Member-at-Large  
Mike Mack – Member-at-Large  
Dotty Ryan – Member-at-Large  
Anne Morin – Member-at-Large  
Melissa Flinn – Newsletter Editor

### Gardens that You Can Visit in Person

#### Long Hill

572 Essex Street, Beverly, MA  
Tel: 978.921.1944  
[www.thetrustees.org/place/long-hill](http://www.thetrustees.org/place/long-hill)  
Structured and naturalistic gardens, 114 acres,  
walking trails, buildings currently closed  
Free Admission

#### Gloucester Public Garden

Stacy Boulevard, Gloucester, MA  
Numerous garden beds, thousands of flowers,  
seaside walk, Fisherman's Wives Memorial Garden  
Free Admission

#### Tower Hill Botanic Garden

11 French Drive, Boylston, MA  
Tel: 508.869.6111  
[www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org)  
17 distinct gardens, 171 acres, walking trails,  
Garden Shop  
Adults: \$16 Seniors: \$11

#### The Fells

456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH  
Tel: 603.763.4789  
[www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org)  
Formal and informal gardens, walking trails over 83  
acres, self-guided house tours  
Adults: \$10 Seniors: \$8

## About our Zoom Meetings

For information about how to join a Zoom meeting,  
go to the Zoom web site: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>

**If you need help** setting up the Zoom app on your  
computer (or Tablet, Android, iPad), Pete Johnson  
has volunteered to provide over-the-phone  
assistance (978-927-8829). You can also attend the  
optional pre-meeting "Get to know Zoom" session  
from 7 to 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Do we have your email address?** The Zoom  
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**If you do not want to receive emails about our  
Zoom meetings**, let us know and we will remove  
your name from the Zoom distribution list.  
Otherwise, we'll assume that you want to join us –  
and we hope that you do!

*"Where flowers bloom,  
so does hope"*

- Lady Bird Johnson

### Other Online Learning for Free

#### Longwood Gardens

<https://longwoodgardens.org/events-performances/classes-lectures>

*The World of Plants: Exploring Horticulture*  
*Everything About Aquatics*  
*Everything About Orchids*  
(10 hours each, all self-paced)

#### Boston's Arnold Arboretum

Online webinars such as Virtual Forest Bathing and  
Tree Mobs.

<https://arboretum.harvard.edu/events/>

#### Ecological Landscape Alliance

A Walk in the Garden series– Recordings of 13  
webinars

<https://www.ecolandscaping.org/a-walk-in-the-garden-a-webinar-series/>

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## NSHS donates to Beverly Farms Gardens

Article and photos by Norm and Ruth Weeks

It seems like we're all hopeful to hear a cheerful story these days. One of our members recently emailed that an especially bright bit of news are the vegetable gardens in front of St. Margaret's Church in Beverly Farms.

These gardens are the work of John Fallon, who has nearly single-handedly worked this plot since 2016. All of the many types of vegetables grown there are donated to local agencies who serve people suffering from food insecurity. This year's harvest totaled over 6,000 pounds of organic produce, and is particularly welcome now by those in need.

What had been a barren traffic island is now a source of nourishment for many. In light of this meaningful mission, NSHS has made a financial donation to help continue this worthy effort. More information can be found at the "Beverly Farms Gardens" Facebook page or at [www.HastingsHouse.org](http://www.HastingsHouse.org)

### Recommended Online Horticultural News

Dotty Ryan, NSHS Board member, has for years looked forward to getting *Garden Clippings*, a newsletter from UMass Amherst Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment that came every month from March to October with tips and articles for gardeners. It's now online as *Hort News: Clippings from the Garden*. Although it is now geared more toward professionals, there is much of interest for the home gardeners as well. Best of all, it's free! <https://ag.umass.edu/landscape/newsletters-updates/hort-notes-clippings-from-garden>

There is also this home gardener site that provides access to many gardening resources:

<https://ag.umass.edu/landscape/publications-resources/garden-calendar/umass-extensions-home-gardener-email-list>

Finally, Dotty recommends this great *New York Times* article about what plants can be saved at the end of the growing season:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/16/realestate/fall-gardening-indoor-plants.html>



John Fallon in the gardens



A view from one end of the gardens

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*Thanks to NSHS member, Dot Anderson, for submitting these poems. This is an inscription in a book of poetry sent as a gift to Dot's father (who liked trees):*

You'll take these poems  
And like them, see,  
Cuz we're not going to  
send a tree.

### **Trees**

by Joyce Kilmer



I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

*Alfred Joyce Kilmer (1896-1918) was a journalist and poet. He was killed in WWI in France by a sniper's bullet. A section of the national forest in North Carolina was named after him.*

### **I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud**

by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

### **A Bird, came down the Walk**

by Emily Dickinson

A Bird, came down the Walk -  
He did not know I saw -  
He bit an Angle Worm in halves  
And ate the fellow, raw,

And then, he drank a Dew  
From a convenient Grass -  
And then hopped sidewise to the Wall  
To let a Beetle pass -

He glanced with rapid eyes,  
That hurried all abroad -  
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,  
He stirred his Velvet Head. -

Like one in danger, Cautious,  
I offered him a Crumb,  
And he unrolled his feathers,  
And rowed him softer Home -

Than Oars divide the Ocean,  
Too silver for a seam,  
Or Butterflies, off Banks of Noon,  
Leap, plashless as they swim.



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