



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Meeting Location

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

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, Oct 26th

7:00 PM Social Time
7:30 PM Meeting
Gardens in the Graveyard

Thursday, Nov 16th

7:00 PM Social Time
7:30 PM Meeting
*Local Trees
and What We Can Do
to Support
Their Resiliency*

Thursday, Dec 7th

7:00 PM Social Time
7:30 PM Meeting
Holiday Arrangements

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, Nov 9th
7:30 PM



**Remember
to take
photos**

of your garden or places of interest that you visit so that you can share them in our January Virtual Garden Tour.

Gardens in the Graveyard

Dennis Collins

Thursday, October 26th



They are places of final rest that are also places of serenity and beauty. Cemeteries began their standing in our society as burying grounds and came to include park-like features, such as ornamental plantings and pathways. The "cemetery as park" idea originated in a late 19th century rural cemetery movement and is highlighted by Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. Our travel through the history of this landscape will be led by Dennis Collins, the Horticultural Curator for Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Dennis Collins has worked at Mount Auburn Cemetery, for the past 33 years. He trained at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, holds a B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, and a Masters in Botany from the University of Edinburgh/Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Scotland. He has taught classes at the Arnold Arboretum and the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, and has given lectures both nationally and internationally. Dennis is a past president of the Ecological Landscapes Alliance and a founding member of the International Association for Cultivated Plant Taxonomy.

President's Message

Carol Batdorf

Hi Everyone,

Hopefully, you are enjoying all the delights of autumn as you go about getting your garden ready for winter. The late-blooming flowers are putting on a show and then there is the explosion of colors to come with the changing of the leaves.

I was hoping to mow my grass the other day in the morning but the fog had everything covered with moisture. I was thinking about all the things that I should be doing in the garden and getting a bit overwhelmed with the To Do list forming in my head. So, I thought I would sit a bit in the garden and actually enjoy it. To block out the work list, I closed my eyes and just listened to the garden. First, I heard man-made sounds, such as a leaf blower, traffic, a power washer, a radio, and the happy sounds of kids playing. Then I started to hear the garden. Chipmunks running through the leaves. Birds chirping. A tree frog trilling away. Acorns dropping on the ground and the roof. A red squirrel chipping an alarm or saying "this is mine." There wasn't much of a breeze but I could hear the leaves in the trees as the fog dripped off and plunked from leaf to leaf. It was a calming experience and one I plan to continue. I highly recommend taking in your garden with all your senses - touch, smell, sound, taste, and sight.

October's talk, Gardens in the Graveyard, may give us a chance to experience the garden in a new way.

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Mount Auburn Cemetery helps the community by providing a beautiful garden setting to experience open space for us to step away from it all. Please come, bring a friend and learn what this garden has to offer.

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### Refreshments

Thank you to the following members for volunteering to bring treats to the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting: Dot Sieradzki, Marguerite Schernig, Grace Moreno, Ruth Weeks, Kathy and Peter Burns, and Lee Bolten.

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Did you know?



Groundhogs (also known as woodchucks or whistlepigs) are excellent climbers.

Eggplant gets its name from early varieties which were white in color and oval in shape. It is actually the fruit of a tropical Old World plant, which we eat as a vegetable.



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### Halloween on the Hill



Long Hill in Beverly is excited to bring back their annual Halloween on the Hill event! Follow their seasonal-themed trail that features over 1,000 jack-o'-lanterns, hundreds of mums, Halloween decorations, light displays, music, and more. Wednesday to Sunday 5:30-8:30 PM. Tickets are NOT be sold on site; advance purchase of tickets is required.

[https://thetrustees.org/things-to-do/?search\\_events=Beverly](https://thetrustees.org/things-to-do/?search_events=Beverly)

## The Plant Box by Anne Morin



With a regal name, Queen Anne's Lace graces any garden or roadside where it has sprouted. But as pretty as this wildflower is, it is now considered by some to be an invasive weed; however, it has not made the list in Massachusetts so we can still admire it.

Growing as tall as four feet, the plant has hollow stems that hold up the light and airy flower which can reach four inches in diameter. Queen Anne's Lace comes to your garden naturally by wind and by animals, but you also can purchase it as seeds. And if you would rather have the flower without the work, you can order them in a bouquet.

Queen Anne's Lace or by its Latin name, *Daucus carota*, is an ancestor of the common carrot; its roots are reported to smell like carrots and can be eaten, although tough and stringy. This carrot connection gave rise to another common name for the plant: Wild Carrot.

Its laciness also has inspired other names such as bishop's lace and bird's nest. Many believe this summer blooming flower may be honoring Queen Anne of England for a lacy headdress she wore or for white lace that she had worked. Or it may have nothing to do with her, but for a delicate lace tatted by women long ago.

No matter the name, the flower reigns with its cup shape form as a symbol of refuge and sanctuary, leading us to feel good about Queen Anne's Lace and its comfort for ourselves.