



# North Shore Horticultural Society

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[www.NSHorticulture.org](http://www.NSHorticulture.org)

## Meeting Location

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

## Meeting Preview

**Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM**

Suzanne Mahler  
*Native Plants vs.  
Invasive Species*

**Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 PM**

Traci Sobocinski  
*Holiday Decoration  
Workshop*

**Thursday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

*Potluck  
Virtual Garden Tour  
Houseplant Sale*

**Thursday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

Liz Barbour  
*Cooking and Gardening  
from an Edible Garden*

No  
Board Meeting  
in  
December

## **Native Plants vs. Invasive Species Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30PM**

***Suzanne Mahler***

The Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group (MIPAG) defines invasive plants as “non-native species that have spread into native or minimally managed plant systems in Massachusetts. These plants cause economic or environmental harm by developing self-sustaining populations and becoming dominant and/or disruptive to those systems”. Suzanne Mahler’s presentation will provide images of hardy native plants and common local intrusive aliens along with suggestions for eradicating some of these problematic invasive species.

## **Reminder: Bring Unwrapped Gift**

Please bring to the November meeting an unwrapped gift, which we will deliver to the Children’s Friend and Family Services of Salem (CFFSS). Suggested items include toys, toiletries, new clothing, or gift cards (for example, from Market Basket or Target). This community service was suggested years ago by long time Board member, the late Alice Salter. Since 1837, CFFSS has committed itself to a sustainable, long term vision of creating and cultivating a community of loving, caring, capable families. Throughout the years, they have partnered with families in the face of difficulties, loss, trauma, and mental illness. For more information, go to <https://jri.org/community-services/childrens-friend-and-family-services>

## **President’s Message**

***Carol Batdorf***

November – it’s a busy time as I put my garden to bed for the winter. My “To Do” list might be similar to yours:

- \* Finish planting spring bulbs
- \* Ponder whether I should clean up the flower beds as much as possible in the fall or leave the cleanup for the spring.
- \* Put up winter protection for the plants that need more insulation for the cold months.
- \* Bring in tender perennials and garden art that cannot withstand hard frosts or freezes.

It seems like I never have enough time because other things pull me away from the garden. One trick that works for me if a job seems too daunting: I dedicate 30 minutes to focused gardening so that I continue to whittle away at my “To Do” list. And I always try to remember the most important “To Do”- take a moment to enjoy the late blooming plants!

At our meeting this month, Suzanne Mahler is returning to our group with a talk on Native Plants vs. Invasive Species. I have been fighting with gout weed, garlic mustard, cat brier, and another vine. I have had some success but I know that there is more work ahead. Come and find out what we can do to help the native species win out over the invasive ones.

The November meeting is also the time when we can reach out as a group and help others. Please bring unwrapped gifts or gift certificates for children and adults that can provide some cheer for

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## President's Message, *continued*

this holiday season. We will distribute your donated gifts to the Children's Friend and Family Services of Salem. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Please come and join us for the November meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you there! Carol

## Horticultural Points of Interest

This month for the Horticultural Points of Interest (HPOI), Mike Mack will cover seed saving and fall garden "shutdown" tips.

## Refreshments

A sincere thank you to those who volunteered to bring refreshments to our November meeting: Melanie Afrikan, Anita Brewel-Siljeholm, Anne Fucillo, Grace Marino, Dotty Ryan, Sandra Stolle, Joan Towne, Ruth Weeks, and Sue Anne Willis.

## Prepare Houseplants

A reminder to prepare any house plants that you want to donate to our January meeting's Houseplant Sale fundraiser.

## Your Garden Photos!

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

## Looking for a Gardening Gift?

Consider the UMass Extension garden calendar. For many years, UMass Extension has helped the citizens of Massachusetts to make sound choices about growing, planting and maintaining plants in their landscapes. Their 2020 calendar continues UMass Extension's tradition of providing gardeners with useful information. This year's calendar features the diversity of azaleas and rhododendrons available to gardeners, as well as their cultural requirements and care. As always, each month features:

- An inspiring garden image
- Daily gardening tips for Northeast growing conditions
- Daily sunrise and sunset times
- Phases of the moon
- Plenty of room for notes

Cost: \$14 For images of the calendar and ordering information, go to [umassgardencalendar.org](http://umassgardencalendar.org).

## Compost

**Lecture and floral demonstration at the Museum of Fine Arts** *Laura Dowling: Inspiring Holiday Decor*  
Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Harry and Mildred Remis Auditorium, MFA, Boston  
Ticket Required: Member \$48, Nonmember \$60

As chief floral designer at the White House for six years under President Obama, Laura Dowling was a creative mastermind behind the lavish White House holiday season, working with First Lady Michelle Obama and an extraordinary group of volunteers to create holiday magic. In this lecture and floral demonstration, Dowling shares her tips, techniques, and inspiration for creating her favorite White House holiday designs—from Thanksgiving table settings to festive wreaths, trees, and garlands. Book signing to follow in the MFA Bookstore.

[www.mfa.org/event/lecture/laura-dowling-inspiring-holiday-decor](http://www.mfa.org/event/lecture/laura-dowling-inspiring-holiday-decor)

## Thanksgiving Centerpieces Workshop

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30PM  
Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover, MA  
Space is limited. Reservations required.  
Trustees Member \$60, Nonmember \$75

Decorate your Thanksgiving table with the bounty of the season! Make a beautiful, long-lasting centerpiece in the Williamsburg tradition in this small, hands-on workshop. Use fresh fall flowers, fruits, vegetables, fragrant herbs and seasonal berries combined with preserved leaves to celebrate our National Day of Thanks. Create an arrangement that says abundance! Place it on your own Thanksgiving table or give as a thoughtful hostess gift. All materials provided.

[www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/northeast/event-48659.html](http://www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/northeast/event-48659.html)

**Winterlights** at the Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover MA

Enjoy a magical experience as the gardens sparkle with thousands of shimmering and artfully designed holiday lights. Bring the family for scavenger hunts, crafts, seasonal characters and experiences, food and refreshments, and more. Winterlights runs multiple evenings each week starting the weekend before Thanksgiving and running through the end of December.

[www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/special-events/winter-lights.html](http://www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/special-events/winter-lights.html)

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