



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Meeting Location

The Zoom meeting link will be emailed to members a few days before and again the day before each meeting

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

**Thursday, Nov 12th
7:30 PM**

Garden Gate seminar
James A. Baggett
Powerhouse Shade Plants

**Thursday, Dec 10th
7:30 PM**

Garden Gate seminar
Jennifer Howell
*How to Make Evergreen
Wreaths and Other Holiday
Projects from Your Garden*

**Thursday, Jan 28th
7:30 PM**

Garden Gate seminar
Kristin Beane Sullivan
and James A. Baggett
*How to Choose the Right
Plant for the Right Spot*

Board Meeting

Thursday Dec 3rd 7:00 PM



President's Message

Carol Batdorf

Hi Everyone - We are still dealing with COVID-19 so I was trying to think up things that we can do for the Season of Thanks that would pick up our spirits.

We will be collecting gifts and gift certificates for Children's Friend and Family Services of Salem (CFFSS), as we do each year in memory of Alice Salter. The people at CFFSS are always very appreciative of our efforts. This year you can drop off gifts at Joan Johnson's place, 677 Hale St, Beverly Farms. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and caring of those less fortunate. Gifts can be for all ages. Gifts should be delivered to Joan's by Friday, Nov. 20th.

Another thing that may lift your spirits would be to send some flowers or fruit to friends and family you will not be seeing during the holidays. I know it is not the same thing but your friends and family will enjoy any gift you send.

One of my friends did a family reunion by printing pictures of all her family. She placed the pictures around the table and called each family member and had lunch with them from afar.

I know that when I have fresh flowers in the house, I get a good feeling. Maybe you could treat yourself to some fresh flowers or a houseplant that catches your eye.

I am hoping you all have opportunities to lift someone's spirit this season and to feel the warmth of family and friends in whatever way you can. Hugs to you all from afar. We all have many things to be thankful for, lend a hand when you can and enjoy the gift of being able to give.

Stay safe out there. Carol

Powerhouse Shade Plants

Thursday, Nov 12th at 7:30 PM

This month's Zoom webinar is presented by James A. Baggett, Senior Editor for *Garden Gate* magazine. Wishing your shade garden had more color? James will show us how to add color and texture to any shady spot and introduce us to the shade plants he can't live without.

James Augustus Baggett is an award-winning garden editor and writer for more than 30 years. In 2004, he moved from New York City (where he tended a 10-by-20-foot garden behind an 1850 brownstone) to Des Moines, Iowa, where the shrinking lawn in front of his Arts & Crafts bungalow is slowly being replaced with flowerbeds.

On November 5th, we sent an email with the link for our Zoom meeting. We'll follow-up with a reminder email on November 11th. If we don't have your email and you want to join the Zoom meeting, please let us know: northshorehorticulture@gmail.com

***Garden Gate* Magazine**

In addition to the online seminars that we are sharing during our virtual meetings this year, *Garden Gate* magazine offers a wealth of information such as a free weekly newsletter, garden project tips (such as how to make a succulent wall art project), and free access to their 2020 online, on-demand garden summit. An annual subscription to the printed magazine is \$20 (\$30 for two years).

<https://www.gardengatemagazine.com>

Gift Giving for Children's Friend and Family Services of Salem

Our tradition for the NSHS November meeting has been for each member to bring an unwrapped gift, which we then deliver to the Children's Friend and Family Services of Salem (CFFSS). This year, since we are not meeting in person, you can drop off your donation at Joan and Pete Johnson's house at 667 Hale Street in Beverly Farms by Friday, November 20th. You can leave items on the bench on the porch. 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>

NSHS Committees 2020-2021

Here is a brief description of our committees:

Program Committee - Arranges programs for our monthly meetings: researching speakers, contacting speakers for availability, sending contracts to speakers, and introducing speakers at the meetings. Led by the NSHS vice president.

Field Trip Committee - Researches and proposes at least one field trip per year.

Membership Committee - Actively engages current members, contacts lapsed members and prospective members who attend meetings as visitors.

Hospitality Committee - Promotes fellowship throughout the organization, greets new members, welcomes them to NSHS and organizes food and/or beverages at NSHS events.

Nominating Committee - Appointed by the NSHS Board two months prior to annual meeting. Presents a slate at the Annual Meeting (usually held in April).

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, let us know!

A Gardener's Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people:

- For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds, and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are
- For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms
- For feisty friends as tart as apples
- For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them
- For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible
- For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the other, plain as potatoes and as good for you
- For funny friends who are as silly as Brussels sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions
- For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter
- For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes
- For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings
- And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, and who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter

For all these we give thanks.

~ Reverend Max Coots 1928-2009

Joan Johnson shares these ideas for winter that she heard recently on an NPR program:

- Make a list now of plants that you saw during the spring/summer/fall that you liked. Over the winter, do some more research on those plants. In the spring, when you are at a garden center or nursery, you have a list of suggestions!
- Winter is also a good time to clean/sharpen garden tools. She discovered a "How to clean and sharpen old pruners" video on the *Garden Gate* web site.