



# North Shore Horticultural Society

P.O. Box 171, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944

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

## Meeting Location

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

## Upcoming Events

### **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Plant Sale - 6:00 PM  
Auction - 6:30 PM  
with Jo Goodwin-Rogers

### **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-6 PM**

Celebration of Life in  
Memory of Fred Rice  
at the Manchester  
Community Center

### **Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 PM**

Annual Picnic  
at Tuck's Point

### **Next Board Meeting**

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM

### **Dig we must**

no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>  
for our PLANT SALE and  
AUCTION on May 25<sup>th</sup>



## **Plant Sale and Auction**

with Jo Goodwin-Rogers

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Plant Sale - 6:00 PM**  
**Auction - 6:30 PM**

Our annual NSHS Plant Sale & Auction is coming up on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, Jo Goodwin-Rogers will be our auctioneer and share her expertise with us as a rich variety of horticultural gems go up for bid.

Everyone is encouraged to share some of their wonderful plants, bulbs, ground covers, bushes, flowering trees and other items known to entice gardening enthusiasts. And garden-related items such as garden tools, planters, plant art, pots, garden furniture and garden whimsy are also welcome. Another date to remember is May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the date by when you should dig and pot your plants in order for them to have time to acclimate to pot life.

The sale of pre-priced items starts at 6:00 PM, and the auction starts at 6:30 PM. Cash and checks are the only forms of payment that we can accept. This event is the major fundraiser for NSHS.

*Jo assisted her good friend, the late Fred Rice, in past NSHS Plant Auctions. Jo owned a landscape design business for 20 years. She has lectured to garden clubs on landscape design, maintenance, and pruning. She has won multiple Best in Show awards at area flower shows. In addition, Jo has been a Fine Artist for over 60 years. You can see some of her recent work on her website:*

[www.house-portraits.com](http://www.house-portraits.com)

## **President's Message**

*Carol Batdorf*

The wonderful month of May is upon us. The miracle of spring growth is all around us and it is so satisfying to see blooms everywhere. I've been enjoying the garden as it wakes up from its winter sleep. I will be in my garden as much as I can to clean the beds. Last year, I did not clear the leaf matter because I could not get into the garden and in the end that saved many of my plants from last year's drought. I garden for the blooms and leaf shapes and to use the flowers to create arrangements. I enjoy eating home-grown vegetables. I also like to help provide wildlife with food and shelter. While I don't want my garden to be an all-out smorgasbord for the deer (like last year's hostas were), I do want to offer flowers for the pollinators and humming birds throughout the season. Plants with flowers and fruit help to keep color in your garden for the whole growing season. As more of our land is being taken for buildings, our gardens are what will keep the wildlife going.

Maybe this year, you could plant milkweed for the Monarch butterflies, or a berry-producing plant for the birds or super nectar plants for the humming birds and bees. If you see some interesting plants when you visit a garden center or nursery, consider buying an extra one or two to bring to the May Plant Sale and Auction. We want to help everyone have a garden to enjoy. Please bring a friend or two with you to our plant sale. At the auction, bid high and often. We look forward to seeing everyone. Happy gardening,

~ Carol

## Plant Sale and Auction Logistics

### Ahead of time:

- **Let friends and neighbors know** and plan to bring them to the event! A flyer is provided along with this newsletter mailing.

### Preparing plants for the Sale/Auction:

- **Dig and pot plants by May 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Label plants** with: common name, scientific name (if known), light requirements (sun/shade), soil requirements (moisture), flower color and bloom time, height, deer/rabbit resistance.

### Dropping off plants and other items:

**Bring your labeled plants and other items** to the Sacred Heart Hall at 62 School Street *during these hours only:*

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00 - 5:00 PM**

Enter the parking lot and look for help from one of our volunteers. Note: The earlier that you drop off your items (during these hours), the more time there is for us to organize them.

### Remember to bring these items to the Sale/Auction:

- **If you plan to pay by check**, bring two checks: one for the Sale and the other for the Auction.
- **Cardboard boxes, plant trays, and newspaper** to make it easier to transport your purchases home. (NSHS will provide compostable bags).
- **Your family, friends, and neighbors!**

### After the Auction

Thank you to the following members who volunteered to help clean up after the auction: Dotty Ryan, Jean McCafferty, Jo Goodwin-Rogers, Kaitlin McCafferty, Marguerite Schering, Mike Mack, Norma Brettell, Pam Spencer, and Sandra Stolle.

## Refreshments

Thank you to the following members for volunteering to bring treats to the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting: Allison Cohen, Sue McLaughlin, Joan Johnson, Kay Joseph, Rita Wollmering, Norma Brettell, and Carol Batdorf.

## Invitation: Celebration of Life in Memory of Fred Rice

Please join us for an informal gathering to celebrate and honor the life of Fred Rice.

We will remember Fred – share stories, reminisce, and celebrate the impact that he made on our lives.

Tea will be served with a variety of pastries.

Optionally, bring your own tea cup in Fred's honor.



Please feel comfortable joining us whenever you can and staying for as long as you'd like. We look forward to your presence, no matter the duration.

**Date:** Saturday June 3rd

**Time:** 4 – 6 PM

**Location:** Manchester Community Center

**Address:** Harbor Point, Manchester, MA

**Please RSVP by May 21** to help us make necessary arrangements. You can RSVP by email to [northshorehorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:northshorehorticulture@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at (978) 238-8773.

## Essex in Bloom May 19-21

A town-wide event for all to enjoy! Experience art exhibits, floral flash, workshops and live music, all while shopping and dining. For more information, go to: <https://www.springintoessex.org/>

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