



# North Shore Horticultural Society

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## Meeting Preview

**Tuesday, 6PM**  
**June 27th**  
*Tuck's Point*  
*Pot Luck Picnic*

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*All NSHS meetings, except as noted, will be held at the American Legion Hall, 14 Church St., Manchester (behind Town Hall).*

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**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday,**  
**June 8th**  
**at the home of**  
**Sue Trent**  
**7:30PM**

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**Manchester Historical Museum** is doing an exhibit of the founding and history of the NSHS. The exhibit will open in late June and run through September. Stay tuned for more information.

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**Road Trip**  
**BEDROCK**  
**GARDEN**  
**LEE, NH**  
**Saturday,**  
**June 17th**  
**Meet at the Legion**  
**at 10:30AM**  
**Bring Lunch**

**PLANT SALE 6PM**  
**and**  
**AUCTION 6:30PM**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 23rd**  
**Fred Rice**

### **Auctioneer Extraordinaire**

Hopefully, your calendar has the date, May 23rd, circled and notated, "NSHS Plant Sale and Auction". May 16th should say, "last day to dig and pot plants" so that the plants have time to acclimate to being in pots. Members are urged to share some of their wonderful plants, bulbs, ground covers, beautiful bushes, flowering trees and other items to entice gardening enthusiasts. Hardgoods (tools, ornaments, structures) in good condition are also welcome. If you see something awesome at a garden center or nursery that you think would make a good auction item, buy it and donate it to the auction. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

**The Sale of plants and other horticultural items will take place starting at 6:00PM.** Items from this area are to be paid for at a designated table. **The Auction starts at 6:30PM.** *Bring two checks if you plan to pay by check, one for the Sale and the other for the Auction. Cash is always welcomed. No credit cards.*

We are fortunate to have former President, Fred Rice, as the auctioneer. His ability to impart knowledge and to entertain makes for an enjoyable evening. Tell friends, neighbors, and relatives about this event which is the major fundraiser for the Horticultural Society. Cardboard boxes, plant trays, etc. brought from home will ease transport of your purchases.

**Please, if possible, bring goodies to share as bidders get hungry!**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *Carol Batdorf*

Hi Everyone, May has arrived with all the fanfare of spring singing loud and clear. It is a wonderland of color compared to a few weeks ago when new growth hadn't burst out in all its glory. Flowering trees dot the landscape with exclamations of color. How could the bees not go to the flowers to pollinate them? Vibrant colors fill gardens with brush strokes of different hues. If you haven't seen the tulip and daffodil display along Gloucester's waterfront past the cut bridge please go before the color goes off peak. What a refreshing sweep of luscious reds, oranges, yellows, purples, pinks and greens of all kinds.

I so love the month of May. The abundance of color makes me happy. Every day new flowers open up to add their part to the spring show. Garden centers call to me to look at the new plants wanting good homes. It is fun to try new plants in different areas of the gardens. Think of it as painting with plants in your garden. Remember that garden ornaments are also very useful to help bring a garden together. I had friends help me put out my garden ornaments this past weekend. I said put them where you think they will look good. They put them in places I have never put that specific ornament. It was fun to go around the garden and find the accents. Adding one or two new things to an area in the garden can really make it pop.

As you know, our May meeting is our annual Plant Sale and Auction. Hopefully you can find that something special that will be a great addition to the garden. Everyone in the society should bring in

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at least one plant to be bid on. If not from your garden then follow the call of the garden center and buy a show stopper and see how much Fred Rice (our auctioneer) can have people bid on it. Please tell all of your friends and pack the place with eager plant buyers and bidders.

Please label your plants that you bring in and come early if possible so that we can have time to set all the plants up for the sales and auction tables. Plants can also be brought early Monday and Tuesday to be placed under the ramp in the back parking lot. Please no plants in plastic bags. The gulls will destroy them if they are left in the back parking lot. We want all of the plants to find good homes and Fred will tell a tale or two about the plants as he offers them up for bidding.

We can also use munchies for the food table because plant shopping can give you a good appetite. It should be a great evening.

Please bring newspaper, plastic bags and boxes to hold your treasures. It will make it easier for you to take your new plant buddies home and for everyone to clean up the hall after the auction. Thank you to all who help make this evening a success. See you there, plant sale starts at 6PM, auction starts at 6:30. Bid often, bid high and stay to the end if you can. *Carol*

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### **ROAD TRIP TO BEDROCK GARDEN-LEE, NH**

**Saturday, June 17th**

**Raindate - Sunday June 18th**

We will visit Bedrock Garden in Lee, N.H. Go to <http://www.bedrockgardens.org> for an interesting article about Bedrock by Carol Stocker. We will carpool from the Legion at 10:30AM. Bring lunch. To reserve a spot (admission \$10) call Joan at 978-927-8829 by noon June 16th. In case of bad weather, trip postponement will be decided by 8PM, Fri. June 16th. Call Joan at 978-927-8829.

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### **NSHS SCHOLARSHIP**

On May 3rd at the North Shore Community College Foundation Scholarship Awards ceremony, Colleen McCollom, a student in the Environmental Horticulture program was presented with the NSHS's Scholarship. Kay Joseph and Joan Johnson represented the NSHS.

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## **COMPOST**

**Want to learn about trees** while walking on a trail (2.5 miles total) at Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover? After meeting for coffee and great company, this walk will take a look at all things trees. Kevin Block, Certified Arborist and Superintendent of The Stevens-Coolidge Place will lead you on this walk and will discuss tree ID, tree biology, and why trees grow the way they do or why they grow in certain habitats. Saturday, June 3, 9AM-noon. Email [kblock@thetrustees.org](mailto:kblock@thetrustees.org) for more information.

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## **PLANT AUCTION FLYER**

A flyer advertising the Plant Sale and Auction has been included with this newsletter. Please take a minute and put it on a local bulletin board or on your car window. Advertising pays!

## **AUCTION VOLUNTEERS**

**WE NEED MORE HELP:** We will be moving plant material, etc., from outside starting at 3:30PM on the 23rd to do SET UP, IDENTIFICATION, and PRICING. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

## **LOGISTICS for the SALE & AUCTION**

Dig and pot plants by May 16th.

Label plants.

Monday, May 22nd, bring plants, etc. to the back of the Legion Hall and place in the shade near or under the ramp/deck.

Do not put anything in plastic bags.

On May 23rd place plants near the door at the back of the building unless it is pouring or the sun is blazing, then place under ramp.

Also bring boxes, plastic trays, etc. for your purchases.

*If you would like to help, or if you have any questions regarding the Sale and Auction, please call 978-927-8829.*

## **AFTER THE AUCTION**

Help is needed cleaning up. Many hands make light work.

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