



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Meeting Preview

will be available when next year's program is finalized.

The first meeting of the 2017-2018 season is Tuesday, September 26th

Have you been using your camera to record your garden so you will have photos to share for the Virtual Garden Tour in January?

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.

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

ANNUAL POT LUCK PICNIC at The Chowder House Tuck's Point Tuesday, June 27th, 6:00PM

It is picnic time for the Society at Tuck's Point. We encourage members to survey their gardens, and bring some favorite or choice horticultural material in a container for a centerpiece. These will be used for table decorations at the Chowder House. There will be no judging, just admiration and enjoyment. Please join in and let your creative juices fly!

Since the picnic is a potluck, we need you to bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre, entrée, salad, or dessert with needed serving pieces. Drinks, paper goods, and flatware will be provided by the Society. (Please **do not bring alcoholic beverages** as a separate permit and insurance would be needed for the picnic.) Please call Joan Johnson, (978-927-8829) so we will have an approximate head count.

To get to Tuck's Point, Manchester, turn off 127 (Bridge Street) onto Harbor Street at the Old Corner Inn. Then at the "t" intersection turn left onto Tuck's Point Road to the end. The cost is \$5 per person and guests are welcome.

ROAD TRIP TO BEDROCK GARDENS-LEE, NH Saturday, June 17th Raindate - Sunday, June 18th

We will visit Bedrock Garden, carpooling from the Legion at 10:30AM. To reserve a spot (admission \$10) call Joan at 978-927-8829 by noon June 16th. Bring your lunch. Trip postponement will be decided by 8PM, Fri. June 16th. Call Joan after that.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Carol Batdorf

Happy June Everyone, It might not feel like June today (48 F) but by the end of the week it will be in the high 80's so summer is on its way. I am happy to report that the white Scottish rose had a good showing this spring. The nasty winter moth and gypsy moth caterpillars have left some blooms for me to enjoy. There may be a few yellow Texas roses that survive the onslaught as well.

I was out in the garden this past weekend trying to get lots of things planted before the heat comes in. At 5:45 PM on the dot I would start getting eaten alive by the bugs that feed in my garden. Please be careful of all the insects that live in your garden. Most of them are good bugs and do not feed on you. If at all possible use protective wear and organic deterrents to keep the bugs at bay rather than going the toxic chemical road. The chemicals are not picky as to if the insect is good for the garden or bad for the garden. The chemicals will kill all insects and also get into our neighborhood's groundwater systems. Then there are the birds and other animals that eat the bugs and the toxins on them. We have to be mindful of how we affect our little piece of Earth. I am hoping that you will be kind to our one and only Earth because there are other forces at work against it and Earth needs all the help it can get these days.

A big Thank You goes out to all who helped and attended the May plant sale and auction. We had a wonderful selection of plants to bid on. I look around my gardens and I see many plants I have bought at past auctions.

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President's Letter continued:

It's that time of the year to gather at Tuck's Point for a pot luck picnic. Come and enjoy the waterfront with friends, good food and wonderful flowers from your gardens. We can decorate the buffet tables and picnic table with your flower offerings. Please bring a dish to share and flower arrangements for the tables. See you at 6 PM for a wonderful meal.

Before I sign off I would like to say THANK YOU to the Board and all the members who have worked so diligently through the year. Without you we would not exist. Many thanks for a job well done. Happy gardening everyone. See you at the picnic June 27th and the road trip to Bedrock Gardens on June 17th. *Carol*

COMPOST

Farmers' Markets

Beverly - Veterans' Memorial Park, Rantoul St., Mondays, 3-7pm

Cape Ann Gloucester - Stage Fort Park, Thursdays, 3-6:30pm

Danvers - 89 Elm Street, Wednesdays, 3-6pm

Essex - Memorial Park, Saturdays, 9am-1pm

Ipswich - Ipswich Center Green, Saturdays, 10am-1pm

Rockport - Harvey Park in front of 1st Baptist Church, Saturdays 9am-1pm

Salem - 265 Essex Street, Thursdays 3-7pm

Topsfield - Rt 1, 207 Boston Street, Saturdays 8am-noon

From **The Trustees'** website:

A nifty fact: in the Victorian era, gifts of blooms, plants, and floral arrangements were used to send a coded message to share thoughts or sentiments that could (or "should"!) not be said aloud.

Aster...symbol of love

Cosmos... peaceful

Dahlia... elegance and dignity

Snapdragon... gracious lady, strength

Sunflower... pure and lofty thoughts

Sunflower (tall)... false riches, pride

Sunflower (dwarf)... adoration

Zinnia... thoughts of friend

At the ***Stevens-Coolidge Place***, North Andover: every Saturday and Sunday (mid July to Early October) from 10am-5pm, the Flower Fields Cutting Garden is open.

Please see column immediately to the right

AFTER THE AUCTION

Thank you to members who solicited donations from the following very **generous merchants**. Please patronize these merchants and if possible acknowledge their generosity to the NSHS's Auction when at the cash register...or before.

Corliss Bros. Garden Center and Nursery,
31 Essex Road, Ipswich

Curran Brothers Florist,
15 Park Street, Danvers

Gordon Florist and Greenhouses,
24 Essex Road. (Rte. 133), Ipswich

HerbFARMacy,
30 Elmwood Street, Salisbury

Hill Hollow Day Lily Farm,
80 Hill Street, Topsfield

Northeast Nursery,
234 Newbury St., (Rt 1 South) Peabody

The Leonhards' Flower Shop and Greenhouses, 87 Corning Street, Beverly

Utopia Farms,
1 Atwater Avenue, Manchester

Wards Florist and Greenhouse,
53 Cabot Street, Beverly

Wolf Hill Garden Center,
104 Eastern Ave., Gloucester

Plant Auction/Sale thank you to all who worked: to get ready by digging, staging, organizing and pricing (and coming from New Hampshire); those who took bids, moved plants, and collected money; and afterwards cleaned up. Thank you to the bidders. The evening could not have been the success it was without everyone's help. Auctioneer Fred Rice taught us, made us laugh and made us bid!

The Trustees *Stevens-Coolidge Place cont.:*

In addition to pick-your-own standards like zinnias, cosmos and rudbeckia, visitors will find new varieties to add pop and flair to their bouquets. Please note there is a fee to cut flowers and picking is only available at the Cutting Garden during PYO hours. \$5 per 10 stems for Trustees members, and for nonmembers \$10 per 10 stems. Be sure to stop by the tent to pick-up your scissors, cup and water before starting your bouquet. For more information go to: <http://www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/north-shore/event-33075.html?>

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