



North Shore Horticultural Society

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CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION!!!

Our September 26
Meeting will be
held at the

Manchester

Masonic

Lodge,

9 Church Street,
Manchester-by-
the-Sea. It is lo-
cated to the left of
the American Le-
gion Hall. Use the
same parking lot.



Meeting Preview

Tuesday, 7:30PM

September 26th

Fred Rice

*Designing the
Garden-What Can
I Do and How Can
I Do It?*

Tuesday, 7:30PM

October 24th

Traci Sobocinski

Bulbs Rock!



Board Meeting

Thursday,
October 12th
at the home of
Kay Joseph
7:30PM

DESIGNING THE GARDEN - WHAT CAN I DO AND HOW CAN I DO IT?

Fred Rice

Tuesday, September 26th, 7:30PM

Are you looking out your window into your garden, or driving in the driveway and thinking, hmmm... a change would be nice? Well, at the first meeting of the NSHS's 2017-2018 season, suggestions will be made, techniques explained, and questions regarding garden design will be answered by former president and gardening expert, Fred Rice. His creative and very practiced and practical nature will be demonstrated as he walks us through redesigning, modifying, or starting a new garden. You will be sure to leave the meeting with a multitude of options.

Be sure to remember that **our first meeting will be at the Manchester Masonic Lodge**, the building to the left of the American Legion Hall in Manchester. Also, bring a friend and your completed membership form to the meeting which will start promptly at 7:30PM.

MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2017-2018

Members are receiving by U.S. mail, with this September Newsletter, a **Membership Form**, and the 2017-2018 Program. All members, including Life Members, please complete the enclosed Membership Form, even if last year's information has not changed. Also, please indicate if you would like to receive the Newsletters electronically. Bring the completed form and payment to the September meeting or mail them to PO Box 171, Manchester MA 01944.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Batdorf

Welcome back everyone: To start off I want to make sure you know that we will be meeting in a new place – the Masonic Lodge in Manchester. Park your car in the same parking lot as usual but go left of the parking lot to the Masonic Lodge. The group met at the Masonic Lodge many years ago so we are returning to the hall. The reason for the new meeting place is that the American Legion has doubled the rental rate for their hall. We would have to pay for an event rate for the auction and we really would have to keep to a 2 hour window during the regular meetings. We were informed of the rate increase in August but other groups were told in April, so the board got together and did some looking around for other places to meet. We visited places and decided to try and see how the Masonic Lodge would fit our needs. We will be trying out a new speaker system that was recommended by a communications professional. Please let us know how it sounds. The Masonic Lodge is happy to have us and will try to help us make the meetings run smoothly for us. We are always open to suggestions on how to improve our meetings to better serve our group.

The 2017-2018 program slate has been finalized and is included with this newsletter. A special thank you goes out to Mike Mack and other Board members, especially Allison Cohen, for contacting speakers, getting contracts signed and collecting information on the speakers and finding out what is needed for each meeting. Field trips and possible

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President's Letter continued:

workshops will be announced as we finalize destinations and dates. Please remember to send in your dues for the year or bring them to the meeting. Thank you for keeping the North Shore Horticultural Society in the green.

Fred Rice will be returning to Manchester for our first meeting. Bring your questions about the problem spots in your gardens. We all have them. Fred's presentation will give us some building blocks on how to tackle those areas that need work. Ask a friend to come with you to the meeting, the more, the merrier. See you soon, *Carol*

HORTICULTURAL POINTS OF INTEREST - THE 9TH YEAR

The HPOI have become an integral part of our meetings and this month marks their 9th year. Mike Mack continues to share his vast knowledge of many things relating to gardening at our meetings. This month he will be dealing with the lack of precipitation in the Manchester area by explaining watering and then plants that adapt to drought.

A sincere thank you goes out to Mike for all the time and effort he spends creating HPOI.

NAME TAGS

If you have a NSHS name tag on your bureau or desk, please bring it with you to the September meeting.

REFRESHMENTS

The Board brings refreshments for the September meeting. BUT, if you have an abundance of vegetables or fruit from your garden, and a new recipe or an old favorite, we welcome taste trials.

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS

If you are receiving your Newsletter by the US Postal Service regularly, please consider a donation to help offset the cost of printing and postage. Bring your donation to the September meeting with the Membership Form or send them both to NSHS, PO Box 171, Manchester MA 01944. Thank you.

Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in and around your lettuce and green beans. Henry Van Dyke

COMPOST

Did you know that the seed bank of the United States has placed seeds of barley, oat, sorghum, tomato and beet in Svalbard Global Seed Vault? There is a readable and beautifully illustrated book called *Seeds on Ice: Svalbard and the Global Seed Vault* that lists seed donations from across the globe. The seed vault, located on an archipelago of Norway, is a key component of global efforts to "secure the diversity of our most important crop plants to ensure they meet our needs for the long term". It is a fascinating read.

Speaking of seeds, recently there was an article in the *Salem News*, **Saving Seeds Also Saves Money and Plant History**. John Porter from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension said that open or self-pollinated plants like beans, lettuce, peppers eggplants and tomatoes are among the best, since their offspring will be the most dependable. Annuals are most commonly collected because they are reliable about producing seeds. It is important to wait long enough for the fruit and seed of the plant to mature. Store the labeled seeds in tightly sealed glass containers in a cool, dark location.

Seniors ages 65 and up are admitted free on Tuesdays (10am-5pm) at **Tower Hill Botanic Garden** in Boylston through October 3, 2017.

SAD NEWS

NSHS Life Member and gardener extraordinaire, Verda McAleer, 98, passed away on July 9th in Exeter, New Hampshire. Fred Rice said more than once, "she has forgotten more than most will ever know!" After retiring as the Librarian at Beverly High School, she spent much of her time at Long Hill's library answering questions and doing research. Many of us can look in our gardens and say "that styrax or that clivia is from Verda". She not only shared her knowledge with members of the NSHS, she generously shared the abundance of her garden, donating much to the annual auction and plant sale. She surely will be missed, but her legacy lives on. (Every time I look at one of the gardens here, I hear her say, "get that anemone out of there, it will take over"... and it has. *ed.*)

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