


## Horticultural Points of Interest – November 2017

- **Deer Ticks**

- Although Dry Summer Weather has reduced their Numbers they are still present 
  - Active with any Temperatures above about 45° F
- Black Legged (Deer) Ticks carry a Number of Diseases
  - Lyme can be difficult to Diagnosis and difficult to Treat
  - Babesiosis and Powassan Virus can be Dangerous
    - Powassan, a newly discovered disease, has a 15% fatality rate and 50% of those contracting the Disease have long lasting neurological Symptoms
      - 8 people affected in Massachusetts in past year; 16 in New York; 2 in Maine
      - No Medication for Treating
    - Babesiosis is Similar to Malaria with Blood borne Parasite
      - Can be Treated
      - Number of Cases on Cape Ann
- Use Caution in Cleaning up the Fall Garden
  - Wear light colored Clothing to be able detect the Ticks
    - Many are tiny now as per the above Picture
      - Still infectious
    - Deer Ticks are all black or black with a red-tan hind End
  - Tuck pants into Socks
  - Use Repellent
  - If Ticks observed, put Clothing in Dryer for 30 minutes & Shower

- **Early-Winter Cuttings**

- Hardwood Cuttings may be made now!
- Some Plants that perform well as Winter Cuttings:

Common Name	Latin Name	Common Name	Latin Name
Butterfly Bush	Buddleia Davidii	Blue Mist Shrub	Caryopteris x Clandonesis
Sweetspire	Itea Virginica	Deutzias	Deutzia Ssp
Forsythias	Forsythia Ssp	Honeysuckles	Lonicera Ssp
Many Roses	Rosa Ssp	Willow Shrubs	Salix Ssp
Weigelias	Weigelia Ssp	Elderberries	Sambucus Ssp
Purple Leaf Sand Cherries	Prunus x Cistena (Try other Prunus as well)	Many Evergreens	Experiment (Yews will not root)

- Take Newest Wood in General
  - Nodal Cuttings usually More Productive
- Use Rooting Hormone
- Plant in ½ Sand, ½ Peat or Sphagnum Moss or 1/3 Soil, 1/3 Sand, 1/3 Peat
- Keep Moist in Window or under Lights
- Will have 30 to 50% success Rate at this Time of Year
- Butterfly Bushes & Caryopteris although small bloom the 1<sup>st</sup> Year

- **Garden Journal**

- Notebook of Plans for Coming Year
- Make while Summer Memories are Fresh
- Plants to Buy, Where to Get them & Where they Go
- Plants to Divide or Move
- Plans for Garden Designs and Design Changes
- Include Sketches of What you Want to Do
  - Plantings
  - Drainage or Filling
  - Paths, Rockwork & Other Hardscaping