



North Shore Horticultural Society

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MEETING
LOCATION
Manchester
Masonic
Lodge,

9 Church Street,
Manchester-by-
the-Sea (behind
Town Hall)

Meeting Preview

April 24th
Tuesday, 7:30PM
Thomas Mickey
America's
Romance with the
English Garden

Tuesday, May 22
Plant Sale-6:00PM
Auction-6:30PM
Fred Rice

June 26th
Tuesday, 6:00PM
Tuck's Point
Pot Luck Picnic

Board Meeting
May 10th
7:30PM
at the home of
Mike Mack



ANNUAL MEETING
and
AMERICA'S ROMANCE
with the
ENGLISH GARDEN
Thomas Mickey

Tuesday, April 24th, 7:30PM

It is hard to imagine that it is again time for the Society's Annual Meeting. Election of officers and directors will take place at the beginning of the regularly scheduled April meeting.

In 2006, our speaker, Thomas Mickey, received the Haupt Fellowship from the Horticultural Division of the Smithsonian Institution which enabled Tom to research how 19th-century seed vendors advertised and promoted their garden products, especially through seed catalogs. And the story begins...

Tom is an author, scholar, retired professor and active Master Gardener who published *America's Romance with the English Garden* in 2013. In his program of the same name, Tom will tell the story of the beginnings of the modern garden industry, "which seduced the masses with its images and fixed the English garden in the mind of the American consumer." We will learn about the elements of the 19th century English garden including the importance of lawns, grouping of shrubs, trees along property lines, curved walkways, etc. It certainly will be an interesting step back in time, and learning how we got there.

Bring a friend to the meeting. There is no fee for first time guests.

Dig we must,
no later than May 14th
for our
Plant Sale and Auction, May 22nd

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Batdorf

Happy April Everyone, I have crocus, aconite, hellebores and snow drops ushering spring into my garden. I am waiting to hear the peepers at night near the wetlands.

During the April meeting we hold the Annual Meeting for the North Shore Horticultural Society. I would like to recognize the three Board members who will be stepping down. Traci Sobocinski has been our secretary for the year. She also gave a talk this year on Bulbs Rock! Sue Trent designed a wonderful plant display for last summer's Manchester Historical Museum tribute to the North Shore Horticultural Society. Allison Cohen has been one of the key board members helping Mike Mack in arranging for speakers for our group. Allison has also been a gentle force with Facebook to help the Society become more visible on the electronic data front. These members have also helped out with the annual Plant auction which will be coming up next month. A big Thank You should go out to these members, as well as to the members that are remaining on the Board (Mike Mack, Joan Johnson, Kay Joseph, Anne Mesgar, Norm Weeks, Ruth Weeks and Carol Batdorf). I am asking everyone to look at their schedules and time commitments. We are seeking people who would like to join the board to help with the tasks that keep this group functioning. If you are interested please speak to the Board members and you can always give me a call at 978-525-3528.

Our speaker for April, Thomas Mickey, will be talking about America's romance with the English garden. Those catalogs that come all winter long and
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President's Letter continued:

over the years have had power in how we picture a home garden. Come to the talk and learn how we have been influenced by advertisements. Please bring a friend with you and come and join us with a look into American garden history. Looking forward to seeing you and hearing about your gardens. The growing season has begun. Begin to plan on what plants you want to dig up for the auction.

See you at the April meeting. *Carol*

REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to Bonnie Benincasa, Jeanne Camerata, Dorothy Maguire, Marguerite Schernig, Dot Sieradzki, and Sue Anne Willis for volunteering to bring treats to the April meeting.

HORTICULTURAL POINTS OF INTEREST (HPOI)

Have you seen any evidence of winter moths, remember problems with dogwoods, or seen perennials in your garden that need to be divided? Well, Mike Mack will address these problems in his HPOI this month.

PLANT SALE and AUCTION MAY 22nd

If you haven't already, please mark your calendar and tell your friends about the Plant Sale and Auction. As you can tell from the **volunteer form** which was included in the March Newsletter, volunteers are needed for a myriad of tasks: solicit donations; help publicize the event; help with set up; staff the sales force; and clean up. **If you haven't returned the form, PLEASE BRING THE COMPLETED VOLUNTEER FORM TO THE APRIL MEETING.**

MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY, JULY 14th BAD WEATHER DAY, JULY 15th

We have four gardens for our July tour. Please consider opening your garden for the membership. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting.

When you get a chance, check out our awesome NEW WEBSITE at:
<http://www.NSHorticulture.org>

COMPOST

Tower Hill's field of over 25,000 daffodils is a must-see for anyone eager to bridge the gap from winter to summer. On Saturday, April 21st, 10AM-4PM there will be activities throughout the day where one can learn among other things the enormous diversity of daffodil types and the best ways to grow them at home. There also will be many activities for children. Call Tower Hill in Boylston at 508.869.6111 for more information.

On Saturday, May 19th, ten public gardens of **The Trustees' "Home Sweet Home...and Gardens"** will be open for viewing free of charge, 10AM-4PM. Those nearest Manchester are **The Stevens-Coolidge Place** in North Andover and **Castle Hill** in Ipswich. The Trustees want visitors to experience "all the beauty, history and unique stories contained within each home, as well as the exquisitely designed gardens and stunning natural landscapes."

Virtual Garden Tour: As your garden starts to grow and flourish, it would be great to have some photographs of gardens coming into bloom.

The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe-Trotting Botanist Who Transformed What America Eats by Daniel Stone is a new book about a 25 year old American botanist, David Fairchild, who traveled for a decade to find and bring back to the United States the intriguing fruits, vegetables, and grains from foreign lands. But with these finds "alien insects...caught rides into the United States." It should be an interesting read.

From ***Garden Proverbs:*** "What a (wo)man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back with a hinge in it." "More grows in the garden than was sown there."

Introduction to Back Yard Composting at Appleton Farm in Hamilton April 28th, 10-12noon. Have you ever wanted to start your own backyard compost, but don't know where to start? If you have compost that isn't going as well as planned or you are starting from scratch, help is available. For more information call The Trustees at 978.356.5728.
