



# North Shore Horticultural Society

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## MEETING LOCATION

is generally at  
The Manchester  
Masonic Lodge,  
9 Church Street,  
Manchester-by-  
the-Sea (behind  
Town Hall)

## Meeting Preview

Tuesday, 7:30PM

October 23rd

Katie Banks Hone

*Sustaining the  
Monarch*

Tuesday, 7:30PM

November 27th

Mary Ellen

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*Algonquin Food  
and Medicinal  
Plants*

## 2nd TUESDAY of

December,

7:30PM

December 11th

Mary Huntoon

*Holiday*

*Decoration*

*Workshop*

Tuesday, 6:00PM

January 22nd

*Pot Luck Dinner*

7:30PM

*An Introduction*

*To Mushrooms*

## BOARD

MEETING

November 8th

Home of

Ann Mesgar

## SUSTAINING THE MONARCH: ONE YARD AT A TIME

*Katie Banks Hone*

**Tuesday, October 23rd**

**7:30PM**

“The Monarch Gardener”, Katie Banks Hone will be talking about those yellow, orange, black, and blue creatures that manage to migrate south from Canada to Mexico’s mountaintops each year. The butterflies returning are the great-great grandchildren of the butterflies that migrated the previous spring.

The monarchs seek out specific nectar and food sources which are necessary for the migrations. Katie will discuss those nectar plants which are interspersed with butterfly weed, various types of milkweed, including swamp milkweed which she has planted in her own garden along the Ipswich River. She reinforces the importance of a garden for the monarchs that blooms from May through the first killing frost.

A wearer of many hats, Katie was a 2012 recipient of the US Fish and Wildlife’s “Slow the Flow” grant which helped her transform her family’s river-front property to a haven for wildlife and minimizing stormwater runoff into the Ipswich River.

There will certainly be more of an appreciation of the monarchs and their lives as they go on their life journey as a result of Katie’s presentation. Bring a friend.

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## VIRTUAL GARDEN TOUR

Don’t forget to be taking photos of your garden or others to share at the January meeting when we have our Virtual Garden Tour during the potluck dinner portion.

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*Carol Batdorf*

Hi Everyone, October is pumpkin time. Have you seen all the different types of pumpkins that are available? I looked up pumpkins on the Web. Terms that are used for describing pumpkins include: Skin, Flesh, Carvability, Shape, Texture, Ribbing, Size (They come in all sizes): big over 2300 pounds, medium, small, and miniature; Keeps well (describes a pumpkin’s “shelf life” or if it has a tendency to last a few months (uncarved) or quickly withers when taken off the vine). Then there are the types of pumpkins - The Big Boys: Atlantic Giant, Big Max, Dill’s Atlantic Giant, Musquee de Provence; The Blues: Blue Lakota, Blue Max, Kabocha, Kakai, Jarrahdale-Australian heirloom pumpkin; Red-orange pumpkins: Cinderella, Rouge Vif d’Estampes, Lakota; Porcelain doll Pink Pumpkins grown for a good cause. (The Pink Pumpkin Patch Foundation was created in 2012 as part of October’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Proceeds will be given to organizations involved in breast cancer research.) Cheese pumpkins resembling a wheel of cheese: Long Island Cheese, Musee de Provence; Ghostly White Pumpkins: (all the pumpkin spice is extracted from them so they turn white, not really): Baby Boo, Lumina, Casper, White Pie; The Greens: Fairytale, Green Striped Cushaw; Miniatures: Baby Boo, Jack-be-Little, Munchkin, Sweetie Pie, Tiger; Warty or Pimpled Pumpkins: Galeux d’Eysines, Marina Di Chioggia, Warty Goblin; Classic Oranges: Autumn Gold, Big Autumn Connecticut field Pumpkins, Harvest Moon, Jack-o’-  
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Lantern, Jumpin' Jack, Sugar or Pie Pumpkins; Turbans: Turk's Turban, Giraumon. See how many pumpkins you can spot this month.

All pumpkins are not the classic orange ones but a classic orange butterfly – The Monarch – will be featured by Katie Banks Hone, our speaker for October. Learn about these flying flowers, as I call them, and see how we can help the species continue. Please bring a friend and enjoy the evening with everyone.

See you there, *Carol*

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## HORTICULTURAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mike Mack's HPOI this month provides information about fall planting of trees, shrubs, and bulbs as well as shutting down the garden. Where has the summer gone?

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## REFRESHMENTS

A sincere thank you to those who volunteered to bring refreshments to our October meeting:

Allison Cohen, Melissa Flinn, Dotty Ryan, Maria Schmidt, Sylvia Topp, and Ruth and Norm Weeks.

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## MEMBERSHIP

**A Reminder:** with the September Newsletter, there was a green colored membership form. Thank you to the many members who either brought the completed form and a check for the dues to the September meeting, or mailed it to PO Box 171, Manchester, MA 01944. If it is still on the counter or your desk, please fill it out and either mail the form and a check to the post office box or bring it to the October meeting.

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## CHILDREN'S FRIEND AND FAMILY SERVICES OF SALEM (CFSS)

Again this year, NSHS will be collecting gifts at our November meeting for CFSS. So, when you are shopping, keep your eyes open for toys, toiletries, etc. for this wonderful social service agency. The Society started doing this project years ago at the suggestion of a dedicated gardener and long time Board member, the late Alice Salter.

## COMPOST

According to Savatree's website, if you have boxwoods and the leaves initially display brown lesions then quickly turn a yellowish brown and then begin to defoliate, the shrubs have been affected by the **Boxwood Blight**. Black lesions may also appear on the stem of the plant. If you purchase a boxwood, inspect it for symptoms. It is best to keep it away from other boxes in the garden for at least a month. Once planted, you should check out the plants at least weekly for any of the described symptoms. The blight also affects pachysandra. A systemic insecticide is recommended. Ask at garden centers for the appropriate solution. The blight first showed up in the UK in the 1990s. It has been found in North Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

An interesting read: *The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe Trotting Botanist Who Transformed What America Eats* by Daniel Stone. Debbie Arrington in the *Sacramento Bee*, in commenting on the book said, "We're a nation of immigrants, so is our food." The food explorer is Botanist David Fairchild, who brought more than 20,000 new plants and crop varieties to American farmers as a result of participating in an European exchange sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute.

Did you know that less than 10% of 400,000 floral species bear **blue flowers**? Japanese scientists have created a true blue chrysanthemum. According to an article which appeared in the *Boston Globe*, a plant biologist at the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization in Japan and his colleagues "spliced genes from Canterbury bells and the butterfly genome, shifting the plant's pH and altering its color. The researchers confirmed the color as blue by testing its wavelengths in the lab."

At Tower Hill in Boylston, Barbara Paul Robinson will present a talk, **Heroes of Horticulture: Americans Who Transformed the Landscape**, Sunday, November 11, 1-2PM. For more information call 508-869-6111.

**REMINDER:** Voting on revised Constitution and By-Laws will take place at our November 27th Meeting. Copies of the original and proposed changes will be available at our October meeting. For those who are unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy, email your request to [NorthShoreHorticultural@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShoreHorticultural@gmail.com).