



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Meeting Location

is usually at the
Manchester Masonic Lodge,
10 Church Street,
Manchester-by-the-Sea
(behind Town Hall)

Meeting Preview

Tuesday, March 26th
7:30 PM

Tomoko Tanaka
*Ikebana: A Demonstration
of the Japanese Art
of Flower Arranging*

Tuesday, April 23rd
7:30 PM

Gretel Anspach
Growing a Healthy Lawn

Tuesday, May 28th
6:00 PM

Plant Sale
and
Auction

Tuesday, June 25th
6:00 PM

Annual Potluck Picnic
at
Tuck's Point

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, April 11th
7:00 PM
at the home of
Mike Mack

Ikebana: A Demonstration of the Japanese Art of Flower Arranging

Tomoko Tanaka

Ms. Tanaka will enlighten attendees about the principals of ikebana as she demonstrates how to make several arrangements and describes the various plant materials that she uses. At the end of her demonstration, we will auction off her arrangements (minus the containers). Bring your checkbook!

NSHS will provide temporary containers that winners can use to take the arrangements home.

Tomoko Tanaka began her studies of Sogetsu Ikebana at the age of fourteen. She now holds a certificate of RIJI, the highest rank of the Sogetsu school. She served the last six years as director of the Sogetsu Mass. Branch and served twice as president for the Ikebana International Boston Chapter.

Last April, Ms. Tanaka received the Overseas Akane Teshigahara (Headmistress) Award for contributions and achievements to Sogetsu at the 90th anniversary celebrations in Tokyo, Japan.

Her many experiences include teaching, demonstrations and workshops throughout New England. She also appeared as a guest on the PBS television show "The Victory Garden." She currently teaches ikebana at home in Wellesley, MA.

Spring Haiku

by Ann Gilmour

*spring blooms remove gloom
hues and fragrance fill my room
precious gifts from bulbs*

President's Message

Carol Batdorf

Happy March, Everyone! This is the month that spring officially begins, March 20th. I can't wait to see some spring flowers popping up in the gardens. I guess the snow has to melt first but snow drops come up through the snow and pussy willows are hopefully above the snow line.

I was thinking about the flowers that really mean spring to me and whether they are native to North America. I looked up some of my favorites. Pussy willow (*Salix discolor*) is native to North America. Snow drops (*Galanthus nivalis*) are native to Europe and south-western Asia. Dutch crocus (*Crocus vernus*) come from eastern Europe and western Russia. Winter aconite (*Eranthis hyemalis*) is native to the Balkans. Lenten Rose (*Helleborus orientalis*) is native to Greece and Turkey. Tulips are native to North Africa, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Ukraine, Mongolia and southern Siberia. Daffodils are native to northern Europe. Indian Hyacinth (*Camassia-Camas Lily*) is native to North America as are Trout lily (*Erythronium Americanum*) and Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*). I'm sure I will see some of these spring bulbs at the Boston Flower Show.

Tomoko Tanaka, our speaker this month, may use some of these spring flowers in her ikebana creations. I love to watch Tomoko make these wonderful arrangements. What colors will she combine? What will the vases look like? What types of plant material will she bring to form her art? Please bring a friend to the meeting and learn about the art of ikebana.

See you there. Carol

Refreshments

Thank you to the following members for volunteering to bring treats to the March 26th meeting: Jane Hardy, Alice Bradford, Pam Spencer, Bonnie Benincasa, Anne Mesgar, and Marguerite Schering.

Horticultural Points of Interest (HPOI)

Mike's HPOI this month provides a lot of timely and helpful information on ticks, tick borne diseases, and how to protect yourself. He also gives tips on starting annuals from seed. In addition, he reminds us that now is the time to put out bird houses and orchard bee nests!

Annual Meeting

The North Shore Horticultural Society's Annual Meeting will take place on

Tuesday, April 23rd 7:30 PM

at our regularly scheduled meeting. We will be electing officers and directors for the coming year.

Plant Sale and Auction

It is time to start planning for our annual Plant Sale and Auction which will take place on Tuesday, May 28th. This is our only fundraiser of the year. It helps fund our programs and the NSHS's Scholarship at North Shore Community College: a student of horticulture or floriculture receives \$1000. To make the Plant Sale and Auction a success, we need you to solicit donations, put up posters in your neighborhood, set up tables, etc. Many hands make light work! Included with this newsletter is a form. Please complete it and bring it to the March meeting or send it to P.O. Box 171, Manchester, MA 01944. Thank you!

Member's Garden Tour

This year's member's garden tour is planned for Saturday, June 22nd (rain date June 23rd). Please consider opening your garden for the membership to visit and sign up at the March meeting.



*A garden is a friend
that you can visit anytime.*

Compost

In 1989, NASA conducted a Clean Air Study in an effort to find the most effective common indoor plants for filtering harmful toxins and pollutants from the air. Their results have stood the test of time. Some of the most effective air filtering plants include Draceana, Peace Lily, Snake Plant, Golden Pothos, Dragon Tree, Spider Plant, English Ivy, Bamboo Palm, Boston Fern, and Lady fern.

Green Places / Green Spaces / Greenhouses exhibit at the Cape Ann Museum (CAM) located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester. Shot over a twenty-year period, a set of large-scale panoramic photographs of greenhouses explore universal themes such as the passage of time, the cycle of the seasons, and death and rebirth. They have also unavoidably become a metaphor for our threatened planet. The exhibition will be on display from April 13th until June 16th. The Opening Reception is on April 13th, 3:00-5:00 PM (free for CAM members or with museum admission). Note that you might be able to obtain a museum pass for a day of your choosing from your local library.

Inspired by the Dahlia presentation at our February meeting? Visit Tower Hill Botanical Gardens for the **New England Dahlia Society's Tuber Sale** on Sunday, April 14th 11:30 AM-2:00 PM. Expert growers will sell tubers and answer questions.

Upcoming Master Gardener talks happening nearby:

"**Pets and Plants: A Math Equation**" with Master Gardener April Daley on Thursday, April 11th, 7:30 PM at the Reading Public Library, 64 Middlesex Avenue, Reading. This presentation will help you understand what "toxic" and "poisonous" mean to your pets and will provide a method to evaluate the pet, the plant, and horticultural practices.

"**Composting**" with Master Gardener Gretel Anspach on Tuesday, April 16th, 7:00 PM at the Peabody Institute Library, 15 Sylvan Street, Danvers. Nothing is easier, cheaper, or better for your garden than compost. Composting can be as little or as much work as you want, but any compost produced will improve your garden in more ways than you can imagine.