



North Shore Horticultural Society

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Meeting Location

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

Meeting Preview

Tuesday, May 28th

6:00 PM

Plant Sale

6:30PM

Auction

Tuesday, June 25th

6:00 PM

Annual Potluck Picnic

at

Tuck's Point

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, June 13

7:00 PM

at the home of

Joan Johnson

Dig we must

no later than

May 20th

for our

PLANT SALE

And AUCTION

May 28th



Plant Sale and Auction

Fred Rice

Auctioneer Extraordinaire

Hopefully, all of your calendars have May 28th circled and notated, "NSHS Plant Sale and Auction"! The 20th should say, "Last day to dig and pot plants" so that the plants have time to acclimate to being in pots. You are urged to share some of your wonderful plants, bulbs, ground covers, beautiful bushes, flowering trees and other items to entice gardening enthusiasts. You can also donate other garden-related items such as garden tools, ornaments, paintings of plants and gardens, pots, garden furniture and garden whimsy.

If you see something that is awesome at a garden center or nursery that you think would make a good auction item, buy it and donate it to the auction! Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Starting at 6:00PM, attendees can purchase plants and other horticultural items from a designated table. We accept cash or checks only.

At 6:30PM, the Auction starts. Once again, our former President, Fred Rice, will be the auctioneer. His ability to impart knowledge and to entertain makes for an enjoyable evening. Tell friends, neighbors, and relatives about this event which is the major fundraiser for the Horticultural Society.

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.

President's Message

Carol Batdorf

Hi Everyone, It is tulip time. I love them but I do not plant tulips because the deer eat each and every one that I plant. I get my dose of tulips by visiting the gardens along Gloucester's waterfront boulevard. If you have not checked out these gardens, I suggest you do so before the heat comes in and the tulips go by. Beautiful colors to welcome spring. If you miss the spring gardens, the summer blooms take your breath away as well. I took some pictures of the tulips to share at our January virtual garden tour. Hopefully, you are taking pictures of your favorite spring sightings and will do likewise for summer garden displays. We have just had the rainiest April on record. Enjoy the sun when it comes out because we have not seen much of it this past month.

As you know, during our May meeting, we hold our Annual Plant Sale and Auction. Please tell all of our friends and help pack the place with eager plant buyers and bidders. It should be a great evening. Please bring newspaper and boxes to hold your treasures. Compostable bags will be provided by the Society. This will make it easier for you to take your new plant buddies home and for everyone to clean up the hall after the auction.

Thank you to all who help make this evening a success. See you there! The Plant Sale starts at 6PM and the Auction starts at 6:30. Bid often, bid high and stay to the end if you can.

Carol

Did You Know?

Monies raised at the Plant Sale and Auction help fund the \$1,000 NSHS Scholarship at the North Shore Community College as well as pay for many of our monthly speakers. This year's scholarship recipient is Kevin O'Neil of Salem, MA. He is doing an internship at Chapman's florist in Beverly Farms. Thank you to Kay Joseph and Joan Johnson who went to the NSCC Scholarship Awards Reception.

Plant Auction Flyer

A flyer advertising the Plant Sale and Auction has been included with this newsletter. Please take a minute and put it on a local bulletin board or on your car window. If you are receiving this electronically, would you print out a copy and do the same? Advertising helps!

Auction Volunteers

Thank you to Sue McLaughlin, Anne Morin, Jo Goodwin, Sandra Stolle, Dorothy Anderson, Valda Schreiber, Becky and Fred Ehrhardt, and all of the NSHS Board members who have volunteered to help in various capacities. Starting at 2:30PM, we will be moving dropped off plants and other items from outside to do set up, identification, and pricing. If you signed up as a bid taker, please be at the Masonic Lodge by 6:15PM.

Call 978-927-8829 if you have any questions about the Auction or if you have not yet filled out a volunteer form.

Refreshments

Please bring any kind of munchies for the food table. Plant shoppers and Auction bidders work up a good appetite!

Presentation Materials from April's Presentation

Our April speaker, master gardener Gretel Anspach, has shared her *Lawns* and *Garden Math* presentations. Next week, we will forward them to members on our Newsletter email list. If you are not on that list and would like to receive them, please call 978-927-8829.

Auction/Sale Logistics

Ahead of time:

- Sign up to volunteer** if you have not already done so. Any time that you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help and have not submitted your volunteer form, please call 978-927-8829.
- Let friends and neighbors know** and plan to bring them to the event! A flyer is provided along with this newsletter mailing.

Preparing plants for the Auction/Sale:

- Dig and pot plants by May 20th.**
- Please label plants** with name, color, and ultimate height and diameter, if known.
- Do not put anything in plastic bags** if you are leaving plant material outside, as the sea gulls love to attack the bags. NSHS will provide compostable bags at the Sale and Auction.

Directions for dropping off plants and other items on **Tuesday, May 28th**:

- Before 2:30PM:** Leave plants and other items to the left of the Masonic Lodge building back by the sheds. Look for the green NSHS logo.
- After 2:30PM:** Please bring your items into the Masonic Hall. There will be people in the parking lot to help transport items from your car to the Lodge hall.

Remember to bring these items to the Sale/Auction:

- If you plan to pay by check, bring two checks: one for the Sale and the other for the Auction.
- Cardboard boxes, plant trays, and newspaper to make it easier to transport your purchases home. (NSHS will provide compostable bags).
- Refreshments to share at the food table.
- Friends and family

After the Auction

Help is needed cleaning up. Many hands make light work.