



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

January 23rd
Tuesday, 6:00PM

Potluck Dinner
and Virtual Garden
Tour

7:30 PM

Gretel Anspach
*Vegetable Garden-
ing in Less Than
Full Sun*

February 27th
Tuesday, 7:30PM
Angela Treadwell-
Palmer

*To Market, to
Market: How does
A New Plant Get
to Market?*

March 27th
Tuesday, 7:30PM

Rita Wollmering
*Organic
Gardening and
Companion
Planting*

Board Meeting

Thursday,
February 8th
At Joan Johnson's
7:30PM

POTLUCK DINNER and VIRTUAL GARDEN TOUR

Tuesday, January 23rd

6:00PM

VEGETABLE GARDENING IN LESS THAN FULL SUN

Gretel Anspach

7:30PM

It is again time for our Pot Luck Dinner and Virtual Garden Tour VII as we start 2018. Any culinary delight is welcome. (I keep cutting out recipes from various sources and the potluck is a great place to try out these "treats". *ed.*) Our President, Carol Batdorf, will again be taking members photos of horticultural interest and transforming them into a presentation to view during the dinner. The President's Message contains submittal information. You do not have to be a professional photographer to send along photos to Carol.

At 7:30PM, Master Gardener Speaker and Massachusetts Horticultural Society Trustee, Gretel Anspach will move us out of our crazy winter weather and direct our thoughts to vegetable gardening this coming spring and summer. But then, who just zones out and says "my yard is too shady (I don't have eight hours of bright sun!), I just can't grow vegetables?" What is shade - full, light, dappled? Gretel will define the different types of sunlight and suggest the many alternatives that can be grown. We will learn about the many vegetables grown for their leaves and roots which are the best choices for shady gardens.

This meeting is a great way to enjoy horticultural camaraderie, good food and learning. If you are planning on coming to the pot luck, call Joan, 978-927-8829, to help us with a head count. Bring a friend.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Batdorf

Happy 2018, I think we are starting on uncharted waters when it comes to the weather and the environment. In this week alone we will see a low of -2 F and a high of 56 F. We have had our highest tides ever recorded last week. The rain later this week will be melting snow from last week's storm and probably causing some rivers and streams to jump their banks. While all this is going on, our gardens are sleeping and getting ready for the spring (which is 69 days away – but then who is counting?). This morning as I got ready for work at 5:30AM – it is pitch black out and 16 F but I could hear the owls calling out to one another. They are staking their territory and brushing up on their mating calls. Mating season starts in February for the larger owls so I guess you could say that they are also thinking of spring.

The plant and seed catalogs help us think about spring and the gardening season to come. What new plants are being marketed that we have to try out? This month's talk, "Vegetable Gardening in Less Than Full Sun" by Gretel Anspach, will hopefully point out the vegetables that will grow well in my shade gardens. I will be all ears to find out what I can try to help food production in my own garden.

The January meeting will also include a potluck dinner provided by all the members. We have some wonderful cooks out there. Please bring a yummy dish to share. The meal will start at 6:00PM as will the members' virtual garden tour slideshow. The meeting will start at 7:30PM and the desserts will be put out then for all to enjoy. Please bring something to share for the meal or dessert meal or dessert. Invite a friend to

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President's Letter continued:

come to the meeting, and join us in a meal, virtual garden tour and then our speaker. (So far I have received pictures from two members of the group for the virtual tour. Please send pictures to nina_carol@verizon.net by January 19th. Multiple emails are welcome.) See you at the meeting.

Carol

Just a brief post note: A big Thank You is being sent out from the Children's Friend and Family Services of Salem to all that contributed to the November toy and gift collection. Your contributions were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and caring.

REFRESHMENTS

for the Potluck and Meeting

Members are encouraged to bring a treat to share.

Horticultural Points of Interest (HPOI)

Mike Mack is again expanding our horticultural horizons with his January HPOI which defines and explains plant flowering: phytochrome, long day flowering, long night flowering, day neutral plants; as well as mycorrhizae - bacteria and fungi that colonize in plant roots.

In the morning the whitened yard, flower beds, roofs and fences; delicate patterns on the window panes; the trees in winter silver, gay magpies outside, and the hills softly overspread with winter's brilliant carpeting. All is bright, all is white around.

Aleksandr Pushkin

1799-1837, Russian Poet

More COMPOST: Prairie Moon Nursery's Winter-Spring 2018 catalogue, *Native Gardener's Companion: Seeds and Plants of Authentic North American Wildflowers for Restoration and Gardening* is absolutely fascinating. Seed packets are ALWAYS \$2.50. The catalogue has been "designed to provide easy access for readers of all experience levels to popular native plants and seeds." The motto is "bring sustainability home: go native!" For more information go to the website prairiemoon.com.

COMPOST

Have you been to the **Lyman Estate** in Waltham? The Lyman Estate Greenhouses are among the oldest surviving greenhouses in the United States. The complex includes an 1804 grape house, 1820 camellia house, 1840 orchid house, and a 1930 sales greenhouse where you can buy plants to take home. On January 19th, 20th, and 21st, there will be the **Houseplant and Begonia Sale** 9:30AM-4PM. The **Camellia Blooming Season** is February 20th-March 23rd and it is absolutely wonderful to go into the greenhouses at 185 Lyman Street, Waltham. Other plants that are in bloom in February are orchids, citrus, clivia, and sweet olives. The greenhouses are open Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30AM-4PM. Admission is free.

It is time to mark your calendar: "**Savor Spring**" at the Boston Flower and Garden Show, March 14th-18th at the Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., Boston. It is being described as the **biggest and best** Boston flower show, a mammoth event featuring more than 25 unique display gardens by the area's top nurseries and design firms.

A little bit of history from the **Massachusetts Horticultural Society**: "Here in Boston, the first exhibition was held in June, 1829 (only a few months after the founding of the Society). It was reported as a 'respectable exhibition of fruits and flowers.' Orange trees, a rubber plant, roses and dahlias seem to have made up the modest list of exhibits. Social occasions were prominent in the early records of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and annual dinners were held."

Are you frustrated with your photos of your plant materials and your garden? At Mass. Hort.'s Elm Bank, Wellesley, there is a class **Digital Photography: Capturing Botanic Images**, Wednesday, January 24th, 10:00AM-4:00PM. Melissa Pace, garden educator, artist and photographer, will lead a workshop that will give you an understanding of the elements of photography: line, texture, shape, space and color to add "wow" to your garden photography. This program is ideal for novice photographers using tablets, phones and simple cameras. Call 617-933-4900 for more information.

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