



An Abbreviated Newsletter

Your mysterious correspondent (that's me) will be traveling in New Zealand, running up and down mountains and rafting through underground rivers, when she should be home, tending to her duties as the WNGC Newsletter publisher.

In a (probably vain) attempt to maintain the standards of the club, I am

issuing this truncated newsletter before I leave, hoping the elves will mail it when the time is right. Since I won't be here to email it, I am sending a paper copy to all the members.

I promise to be back in time for the April Newsletter, so have a good March meeting, and I'll see you in the spring!

March 2 "Learning About Succulents"

Jan Richenburg, the owner of Pettigill Farms in Salisbury, will be joining us on March 2nd to teach us all about succulents, and to acquaint us with some of the many varieties, improve our knowledge of their culture and show us how to use succulents in our gardens and our planters. As she discusses the techniques for successfully displaying the great variety of this fabulous group of plants, she will create a planter filled with succulents right before our very eyes, and then raffle it off, so be prepared to get a jump on spring!

6:45 in the 1910 Building Annex

Hostesses for the evening are Clover Nally and Jane Jeffers, abetted by Barbara Berkenbush, Dot Cavanaugh, Norma Graf, Alison Scher, and Marie Scher.

Hope you can make it!



Inside this issue:

Next Month: A review of

**"From a Colonial Garden"
Ideas, Decorations, Recipes
from Colonial Williamsburg**

now available at our local library in honor of our past President Lucille Murphy, who passed away this year.



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Gardens for beauty, learning, and sharing

The West Newbury Garden Club was founded in 1936 to encourage and cultivate an interest in gardening, to aid in protecting and conserving our natural resources, to further the study of horticulture and flower arranging, and to promote civic beauty. For more information, please contact Marsha Cope at 978 388 2076, at bpgroup@verizon.net, or at 30 Merrimac St, Amesbury MA, 01913.

Next Board Meeting

March 9, 2006

In the Garden this Month **March**

Garden Highlights this Month

Bulbs: aconite, chionodoxa, crocus, daffodils dwarf iris, snowdrops, windflower. Wildflowers: Marsh marigold, skunk cabbage, spring beauty. Shrubs: Pussy willow.

Planting—Indoors

Sow cool-season vegetables and annuals in flats. Continue houseplant care. Sow warm-season vegetables, summer-blooming annuals.

Outdoors

Plant and transplant deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs while dormant. Plant bare-root plants. Sow cool-season annuals and vegetables

Pruning

Prune winter-damaged hedges to green wood. Trim broader at the top than the bottom to allow more light to reach lower branches. Complete annual heavy pruning of shrub roses as buds swell/ Clip established ivy. Cut ornamental grasses to 6 inches before new growth begins.

Fertilizing

Fertilize trees, shrubs. Ground covers if you did not feed them in late fall, as well as rhubarb, asparagus, berries, grapes. Apply dormant oil spray.

Garden Maintenance

Begin removing winter mulches and plant screens.

Lawn care: Apply pre-emergent crabgrass control. Begin major work: test the soil, adjust pH to 6.5. Rake, top dress, seed bare spots, fertilize established lawns, water frequently. This is the time to start a new lawn from seed or sod.

Feed the birds.

