

West Newbury Garden Club



Next Meeting - March 3rd - 6:45pm - Annex Building

A Journey through New England Forests with Fred Chanania



Our March meeting will feature Fred Chanania, local resident and founder of the West Newbury Tree Committee, who will trace the history of New England forests dating back 400 years. Mr. Chanania will also share his plans to create a town wide tree nursery which will hopefully be approved later this year. Challenges such as the lethal invasion of the emerald ash borer, which is destroying native ash trees, will also be explored. Hope you can join us for an informative evening and a journey through time.

Please note the March 3rd meeting will be available on Zoom. The meeting will begin at 7:15 PM with a short bit of business followed by the March presentation. Members are asked to remember that this presentation is not a produced event, so we will do our best to provide an enjoyable program.

Join WNGC March Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86359791825>

Meeting ID: 863 5979 1825

Passcode: 953676

Dial by your location:

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Refreshments will be served. Members who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear a mask in public places, unless they or someone in their household is at risk for severe COVID.

February Meeting Highlights

With the theme of “Gardening Will Kill You”, Neal Sanders - local mystery writer, popular public speaker, and blogger of [The Principal Undergardener](#) delighted members with his humorous tales. From managing a community garden, building a house, to creating his wife’s dream garden, he describes how being the husband of a master gardener is no easy task.

Today, he is a proud owner and gardener of a property in Medfield, MA which blossoms with native plants, flowers, and rock walls, all created at the hands of himself and his wife, Betty. Neal also shared his inspiration for his 15 mystery books, the latest entitled, *How to Kill Your Contractor*. Members enjoyed his anecdotes and related to his many woeful garden tales!



Home Gardening Webinar Series! By Kathy Mandeville

The [Massachusetts Master Gardener Program](#) is offering a great opportunity to broaden our gardening knowledge!

MMGA Home Gardening Spring Webinar Series - This program has four online classes meeting on Wednesday evenings from March 23rd – April 13th packed with practical information. “Whether you're a new or intermediate gardener, already have a flower garden or are planning one, this four-session webinar series will provide tips and techniques focused on **Peonies, Daylilies, Hydrangeas and Roses**”. The cost is \$60. For more information and registration [click here](#).

Registration is limited, so register ASAP!

WNGC Plant Sale - Get Your Shovels & Trowels Ready!



Planning is underway for the annual WNGC plant sale scheduled for Saturday, May 21st (rain date May 22nd). Chairman for this committee, Gail Dinaro, has received all required permits to once again, offer spectacular plants to our local citizens. Board members are in the process of reviewing best strategies to minimize the spread of Jumping Worms from donated plants. Members will assume last year's assignments but can contact [Gail \[gdinaro@comcast.net\]\(mailto:gdinaro@comcast.net\)](mailto:Gail_gdinaro@comcast.net) if they'd like to make changes.

Member News

Please welcome new member, **Karen Coggins!**

As is our tradition, the club has donated a book to the G.A.R. Memorial Library in memory of Helen Thumser.

Scholarship Time Again – Seeking 2 Deserving Young Persons!

Due to the great success of our plant sale last May, we will be offering \$3,000 scholarships to 2 students who are residents of West Newbury, Groveland, or Merrimac. Applicant selection criteria include plans to enroll in college in 2022-23 in a field of study related to the environment. Please encourage eligible high school students or already enrolled college students to apply. More details and the application are available [on our website](#).

Openings for 2022-23 WNGC Board of Directors

Please consider joining our West Newbury Garden Club Board of Directors. Serving on the Board is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow members and to invest in the Club's future. You do not need to have been in the

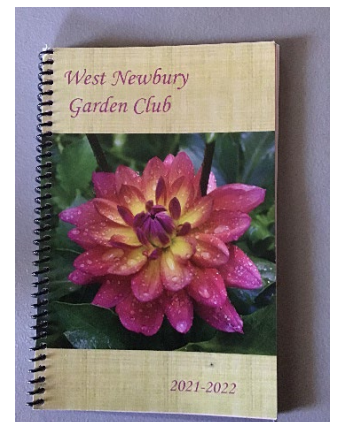
club a long time, you just need a willingness to learn and pitch in. A nominating committee is being formed and you will hear more about the opportunities in the coming months.

WNGC Website Gets an Update

After some hard work, members of the website committee are pleased to announce that the newly revised garden club website is now online. The site www.wngc.org has been streamlined making it easier to navigate and full of resources that interest gardeners. You can use it to plan future garden visits, learn about deer resistant plants, enjoy gardening blogs, and so much more. We think it will also be very helpful to those who want to learn more about our club and join in our efforts. Please explore the new site! The committee welcomes your comments and feedback. Please send to Barbara Merrill, barbmerrill2@aol.com

Change Proposed for Collecting Member Dues

To assure the yearbook reflects our current membership, the board voted in favor of collecting dues in May and June, rather than in September. This decision will be proposed as a By-Law change at the May Annual Meeting.



Casual Garden Chat Gathering

Four club members got together on February 16th to talk gardening and get to know each other better. They talked about native plant alternatives to traditional plantings, preferred garden centers, and helpful resources – many of which are now accessible through the WNGC website. Come join us next month...open to all. March 16th, 10am, Kathy Mandeville's house.

Gardening Fact Sheets

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst's Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment has prepared several Fact Sheets on topics of interest to gardeners – and all are evidence-based, current and helpful. Topics covered are found under broad headings of Flowers, Fruit, Lawns, Tree and Shrubs, Vegetables, and Wildlife Management. To explore these many Fact Sheets, click [here](#)



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Stay Connected to WNGC

Note: WNGC Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Board members' homes. Please contact Lori Boudrow if you wish to attend.