



# WEST NEWBURY GARDEN CLUB

Next Meeting - November 4th 6:45pm Annex Building Meeting/Program



## ***Celebrating the Winter Garden***

Landscape horticulturist, [Warren Leach](#), from [Tranquil Lake Nursery](#) in Rehoboth, MA, will showcase gardens he has designed that celebrate the winter season. This nursery prides itself on excellence in horticultural and landscape design as well as affirming environmental stewardship. Throughout the presentation, he will share his creative design ideas for use in our own gardens.

The November 4th meeting will also be offered via Zoom. Please use the chat feature for questions. We are not “producing” the November lecture to be viewed exclusively on Zoom and ask for understanding if the visual and audio are not ideal.

Looking ahead to our Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party, **members are asked to bring a check in the amount of \$15.00 to the November meeting to confirm their participation.** For this event, 50% of the total costs will be covered by the club. (See page 2 for more details.)

***Using an abundance of caution, the Board requests that you wear a mask and be fully vaccinated for our face-to-face meetings.***

## October Meeting Highlights

The October meeting was a great success with a total of 35 members participating in the embellished pumpkin decorating event! A big thank you to Mary Beth Hayes who shared her techniques to create beautifully decorated mini pumpkins.



Katie Clapp & Joan Reynolds creating their masterpieces!



Thank you to our October Hospitality Committee for the delicious goodies! Chaired by Irene Harnett and members Dianna Fogel, Peg Duchemin, Jean Berkenbush, Barbara Berkenbush, Anne Fitzgerald, Anne Burrill, and Anne Jarzowski.

## Save the Date for our Annual Holiday Gathering!

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Cafe Sarina's @ Nunan's Florist & Greenhouses - Georgetown, MA

Imagine Halloween is still days away and our thoughts are already turning to the December holidays! The Club has reserved the beautifully decorated fireplace space at Cafe Sarina's. Their scratch kitchen will provide the edibles while wine options will be available for purchase. A head count is needed, and we don't want anyone to miss out! Please bring your payment of \$15.00 (payable by check) to the November meeting. Alternately, payments can be mailed and received NO LATER THAN Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 to:

Jane Jeffers 460 E. Broadway Haverhill, MA 01830

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### *Art in the Garden Tour* by Margo Pullman

WNGC has sponsored tours of outstanding gardens over the years. The last tour in 2017, was done in collaboration with the Local Cultural Council of MA, and featured artists and musicians as well as beautiful gardens.

Art in the Garden will once again be delighting participants on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There are eight (8) gardens to tour and 3 of them will be hosted by our own club members Lynn Boyd, Helena Dion, and Hannah Koch. Two of the gardens are located over the river in Merrimac while the rest are found in West Newbury. Each garden will tell a story of the gardener's vision. It could be about a favorite flower, garden sculpture, color palette or plantings for attracting pollinators. Join us and learn about the inspiration and unique voice of each gardener!

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### Board Meeting Notes

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- The Board affirmed the decision to once again sell native plants at the May plant sale. Native seedlings will be purchased in April from a specialty native plant nursery, and re-potted into larger containers for sale. Members are encouraged to bring native plants from their own yards.
- In memory of Sandi Preble, long-time WNGC member who passed away in September, the Board decided to purchase a commemorative brick in front walkway of the G.A.R. Library. Kathy Mandeville made this suggestion as there is not sufficient room in the Ferry Park Garden for another planting and a shrub placed elsewhere in the park would be 'under-whelming', and subject to potential flooding. Sandi's family has requested that donations made in Sandi's memory be directed to the WNGC. It was decided that we would create a line-item from potential donations that could be used to purchase trees or shrubs for the community gardens.

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

## Successful New Member Gathering!



The Membership Committee held a gathering for new WNGC members on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The event was hosted by Anne Fitzgerald, Lori Boudrow, Gail Dinero, Irene Harnett, Maureen Harris, and Linda Schaeffer who welcomed new members Andrea Caswell, Joanne Gay, David & Mary Moody, Diane Teed, and Joan Reynolds. Stories, wine, and food were shared creating a friendly and fun social occasion. Thanks for your generous hospitality, Anne! If you are interested in becoming a new member, please contact the Membership Committee or join us for one of our monthly meetings.

## Member News

### Welcome New Members:

Alison Reyes  
West Newbury, MA 01985

Christine Gerzon  
W. Newbury, MA 01985

Best wishes for a full recovery from recent surgery to long-time member, **Jeanne Pucci**.

Sincere condolences to member, **Heather Conner**, on the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Barbara Irene (Kenney) Crowe.

### WNGC Privacy Statement

We respect the privacy of our members. Membership information in the Yearbook and/or in the Newsletter is for WNGC use only. **Member Contact information** is not to be released or used except within and for WNGC communication, and never for commercial purposes.

WNGC is a member of the [Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts](#). Read their quarterly newsletter [Mayflower](#) for articles, announcements, events and workshops.

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## Notes From a Novice Gardener by Andrea Caswell

This past spring, we hired a certified arborist to assess and manage the health of trees on our property. I learned that we have Lindens, a Japanese Lilac, and a Cedar that were not going to make it—a Maple nearby is hogging all the sunlight. There is also a pesky Morrow's Honeysuckle too.

Of particular interest to the arborist, though, were our Ash trees. She focused on a stand in the backyard, studying them with her trained eye, taking them all in. "I haven't seen this many of them alive in a long time," she said. *Alive*. I could hear the wonder and sadness in her voice. An estimated 10 to 20 million Ash trees in North America have been lost to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an exotic beetle first detected in Michigan in 2002. Despite these grim statistics, there are ways to protect healthy trees before they succumb to an EAB infestation.

Like all conservation efforts, the journey begins with education and discussion. I learned that if an Ash tree is EAB-free, it can be inoculated against an infestation with a preventative soil injection, administered annually by an arborist. Talk with your neighbors about adjacent Ash trees. Perhaps they'd be willing to have their trees evaluated and treated, to widen the circle of protection against EAB.

As with many diseases, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It's rarely possible to save a tree already infested with EAB, especially when discovered too late. For additional information on ash trees and the threats they face in our area, visit <https://www.mass.gov/guides/emerald-ash-borer-in-massachusetts>.



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## Helpful Gardening Fact Sheets and Resources by Kathy Mandeville

Many U.S. universities have agricultural programs that provide research-based, practical gardening information to the public. The [University of Massachusetts](#) and the [University of New Hampshire](#) are two of these sites – both offering helpful printed information available online.

[UMass](#) offers several [fact sheets](#) under the general topics of Plant Diseases, Cultural Practices and Fertilizing, Flowers, Fruit, Gardening, Pest Management, Soil, Vegetables, Water, Weeds, and Wildlife Management. The [UNH](#) site is directed to garden centers and their customers. General topics include [fact sheets](#) on Vegetables, Fruits, Ornamental Gardening and Landscaping, Lawn Care and General Gardening.

As cold weather looms and we spend more time indoors, these may be sources of information that you might find interesting, inspiring, and helpful!

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## Stay Connected to WNGC

Please remember to notify Linda Schaeffer, Membership Chair, when you change your mailing address, email address, and/or phone number. [linda-schaeffer@verizon.net](mailto:linda-schaeffer@verizon.net)