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President Ponderings

Info: Jessie Panek

At this season of Thanksgiving, I am especially grateful for the natural world around us— and for all of you who share that love of plants and gardening.

My garden is finally put to bed, garlic planted, dahlias dug. It is the season when the garden and gardeners rest. I have often said I don't really want a greenhouse because I want this season of down time! Now is the time of rest but also of planning for the next season. I hope you will join us at our November meeting on Monday— which is ONLY on ZOOM— to hear about new plants and see the design principles of Oudolf in his naturalistic landscapes.

But then, don't settle into your armchair too much, since the Greens Workshop is coming up on Dec. 12, also a Monday. This is a really fun activity for our club each year, an opportunity to make small (easy!) arrangements for others and also to make something for yourself or for a gift. Everyone brings whatever greens they have (but don't worry if you don't have any to share) and with that variety and the inspiration and advice from each other, we have a festive time being creative. Bring your own container for a centerpiece, or wreath frame, or whatever you want to make. But come!

Nature is a finely tuned design of interconnection which we have broken it in many ways. Slowly we are discovering ways to have less negative impact on our environment, and I was happy to discover one this month. They have now started to make a replacement for Oasis, the floral foam that makes arranging flowers much easier. We will be using up the floral foam we have in hand (since it will end up in the waste stream whether we use it or not) and then try the new product, "Fibrefloral" which is made from volcanic basalt rock.

As we move into the darker days of winter, it is easy to appreciate the warmth of the sun on a cold day and feel the pull toward the light like plants. Without all the leaves on the trees, we can look around and appreciate the strong but flexible trunks and branches that support summer's leafy canopy that supplies us oxygen and feeds so much wildlife. I encourage you to spend a few extra minutes appreciating the beauty of our area and this world and take whatever steps you can to help preserve it.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jessie

November ZOOM Program: Not Your Mother's Garden

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S GARDEN

*Speaker: Deborah Chud
Landscape design consultant and educator*



A photo tour of Deborah's highly unusual Piet Oudolf-inspired garden is describing the design principles underlying it.

Many of the plants are unfamiliar even to experienced and knowledgeable gardeners. These "new perennials" were taken from Piet Oudolf's canon of plants and they exhibit the qualities valued by Piet and his fellow New Perennialists. What's new about new perennials and what can they do for you?

Walk through Deborah's garden with her to find out.

Monday, November 28

Zoom General meeting at 9:30 am

***Zoom Program at 10:00 am
(the link will be sent in a separate email)***

Holiday Greens Workshop

Nancy Webber and Kathy Jackson

Monday, December 12

9:30 am – 11:30 am

St. Theresa's Church

If you don't feel comfortable to work inside, a couple of tables will be outside.



We will be back in the comfort of our usual meeting place at Holy Trinity to share our holiday greens and create simple arrangements to deliver to homebound area seniors.

Please join us for this wonderful holiday event on Monday, December 12, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. You can help by donating greens, making an arrangement (instructions are provided), and/or delivering an arrangement.

Once the arrangements for delivery are completed, you will have ample time to create arrangements for yourself or to give as gifts. You are welcome to use the greens that have been donated to share, and in addition, there will be supplies such as containers and floral foam and decorations to purchase. You may also bring your own containers if you prefer and please remember to bring clippers to use.



Please come to the Greens Workshop to make an arrangement or deliver one. It is one of our favorite activities of the year! You can let Nancy Webber or Kathy Jackson know if you have someone to suggest who would benefit from a delivery of a little holiday cheer.

Greens for Winter Arranging

*Bringing greens to share is vital to the success of our Greens Workshop.
Without these contributions, our arrangements would be dull indeed!*

	White pine		Arborvitae
	Blue Holly (Meserve) both green and with berries		Incense cedar
	Chamaecyparis (hinoki cypress)		Mountain laurel
	Small leafed rhododendron		Andromeda/pieris
PJM rhododendron (nice red color now)			Yew
	Boulevard Cyprus		Variegated euonymus
	Gold-thread cyprus		Variegated vinca vine
Spruce with soft needles			Seedpods of any kind
	Winterberry		Umbrella pine
No Hemlock, dries out quickly and drops its needles			

Bloom N Art

Deborah Dowson, AnaMaria Nanra, Marijke Vallaeyes

There are no more fall activities in the garden, the leaves are raked off the lawn (or not!), the dahlias are out of the soil, and fragile plants have been moved into the house. We are prepared for the coming winter and already hoping for spring when the first flowers will appear. Snowdrops will remind us of warmer weather...and of the event that brings Bromfield School, The Garden Club of Harvard, and Fivesparks together in **BLOOM N ART!** (March 25-26, 2023). This looking forward to the 7th anniversary of Bloom N Art is exciting and it fills us with energy.

Sign up as an arranger; it's the beginning of the fun.

SignupGenius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B49A9A629AAF85-bloom4>

Maribeth Marcello is suggesting we watch these videos to learn more about floral design techniques.

- Watch "Techniques to Become a Top Floral Designer," just 9 minutes long; learn to grid your greens, never let stems touch bottom, regreen at the end.
- Watch "The art of floral arrangements with Stephane Chapelle and Saint-Louis"; this is beautiful and inspiring and just 3 minutes long.
- Watch "Tried & True Formulas for Floral Design by Mike Gaffney," 10 minutes long; learn to extend the life of the floral arrangement by submerging entire flower, using "Crowning Glory," putting 3 or 4 drops of bleach in the water.
- Watch "Day 1 Video 6 Cluster and Zone Technique," 18 minutes; this method uses wire up high to keep bouquet/centerpiece intact (another way to avoid oasis).
- Watch "Video 1 Hydrangea Based English Mass," 25 minutes, uses Alum Powder in water to increase the life of the hydrangea in arrangements.

Membership

Info: AnanMaria Nanra

Welcome!

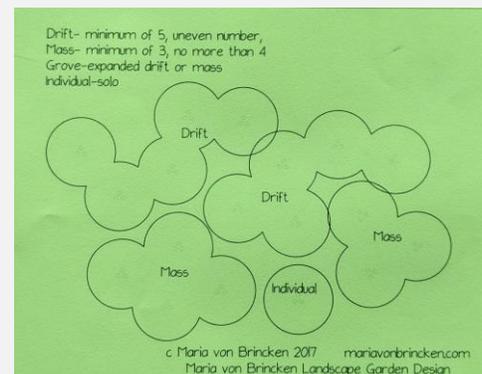
Hello, my name is **Janine Andrews** and I am excited to belong to the Harvard Garden Club.

My husband and I have resided for in Shirley MA the past 36 years. We raised our son and daughter here and are enjoying watching our 3 grandchildren grow. I am a recently retired nurse who is enjoying the new found time to pursue some of the things I put off.

I love to garden and this year started my first native garden. I have so much to learn and look forward to all the garden club has to teach me. I have already enjoyed our trip to 101 South Shaker Rd and the presentation about the Shakers. Thank you for the opportunity to join.

Last month's program: Winter Landscape

Creating the Winter Garden and Beyond: The Art of Lay-out Design
Speaker: Maria von Brincken



Rain Barrels



The main reason for using them is to water native plants so they grow, produce flowers to aid in pollination, and used by insects and birds for other purposes. This leaves more potable water for use in Harvard.

Useful website for rain barrel information is www.rainbarrelman.com, and of course googling “rain barrels” will give you many sites.

Another personal observation from the summer was that we only mowed once because we never watered our grass. Now the grass is lovely, due to all the rain we had in September and October. (As a side note, I understand that the previous owner put a 12” or so topsoil on the lawn before sowing it, and that makes a huge difference in how much you have to water).

As Jessie suggested, I hope we all are leaving the dead leaves, flowers, alone until next spring.

I will report next meeting how I repair the torn branches of trees and shrubs. Would like to hear how others also do that.



Nature Trails: Tufts-Smith and Hermann Orchard

Info: Pam Durrant

November 3, 2022: Tufts-Smith

November 10, 2022: Herman Orchard



Karen Shea, Deborah Dowson, Pam Durrant, Deborah O'Rourke, Carole Herbin, Marijke Vallaeys in front of a fallen tree. (Patrick Vallaeys taking the pictures)



Admiring the view



Library Flowers

Info: Mary Jane Ellison



Maria Day



AnaMaria Nanra

Dec.5:Nancy Gasser
Dec.12:Jessie Panek

Dec.19: Phyllis Clawson
Dec.26: Mary Jane Ellison

Plant Sale: May 20, 2023

Info: Carole Herbin, Margaret Murphy, Marijke Vallaey

We know, it's still a long time before the plant sale on May 20, 2023, but we need to order our seeds before the end of the year. Will we order the usual suspects or do we want something different?

Carol Hartman gave us a report of last year's sale, with her observations. Certain vegetables were fast sellers in 2022. There were also some that were not so in demand. We are open for new ideas and are wondering if you want to share your favorites. We'll consider them for sure!

A friend gave me Fred's Tie-Dye plants and these tomatoes are now my favorites, Deborah had tons of San Marzano, Charlotte liked Mountain Magic, and Jessie would like to try Martha Washington, a salad tomato...

What is on your wish list?



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Projects

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Yearbook	Marijke Valleys
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