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December President Ponderings

MaryAnn Piasecki

Another winter, which means more time to plan next year's garden. Now don't be jealous but Santa brought me the best gift ever. Some might have realized by now that my key skill in the garden club is manual labor. My Jedi Master is of course Kathy J. I finally earned the equivalent of a lightsaber for the garden.....



A Nejiri Scaper!

You may have seen my garden Yoda with one. She weeds at the speed of light with this thing. Some day I too will be a Master "Yoda" Gardener....

We have a great program this January, "Native Spring Ephemerals". Our speaker will be Zooming from Pennsylvania and is a renowned Garden Educator and photographer.

Additionally, the GCFM is running a great series of Zoom meetings this January. Be sure to check them out.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and a bountiful 2022 New Year!

Events
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Massachusetts,
Inc.



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You are invited to join us for a special Zoom Event



"Conifers Are Living Sculpture"

Conifers are unique, versatile and misunderstood plants for the garden. This lecture takes an in-depth look at what interesting cultivars of conifers can offer to modern gardens rather than being the bane of the past.

January 19, 2022 4:00 pm Eastern Time

LIMITED SEATING - Please register in advance for these meetings.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

About the speaker: Christie Dustman is the owner of Christie Dustman & Company Inc., a small landscape design, maintenance and installation company in the Boston area. Christie has won design awards, teaches at many venues including the Arnold Arboretum, for the Garden Federation, garden clubs, the Boston Flower Show and on the national stage and has a personal garden showcased on national tours. In 2021, her private garden was featured in Fine Gardening Magazine.

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GCFM sponsored lecture by Christie
Dustman

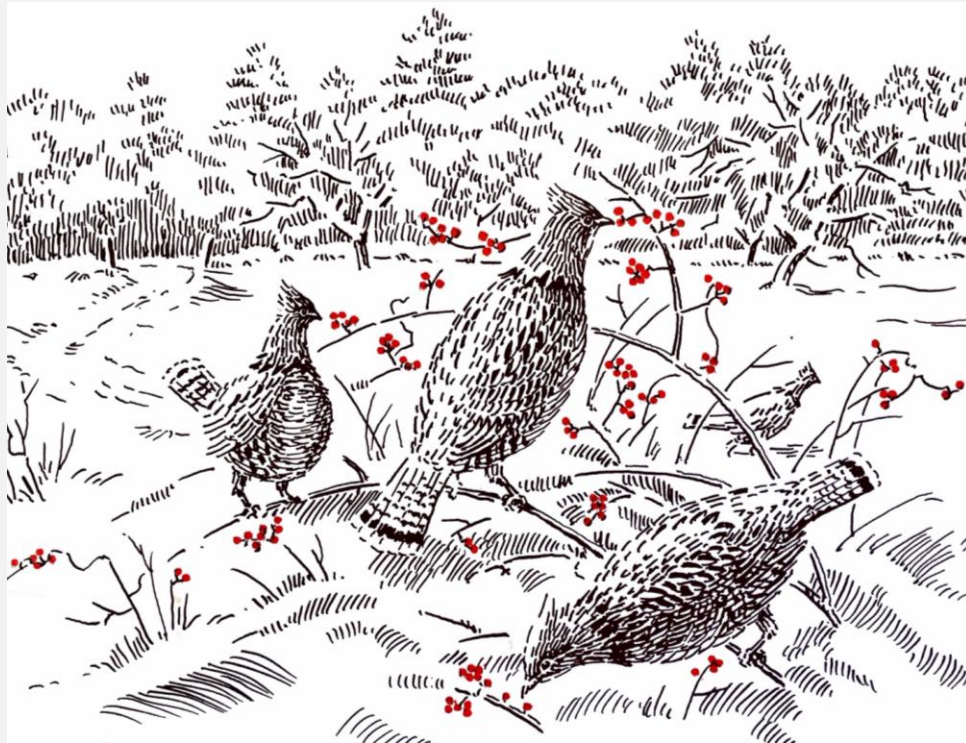
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[Creative Design on January 11](#)

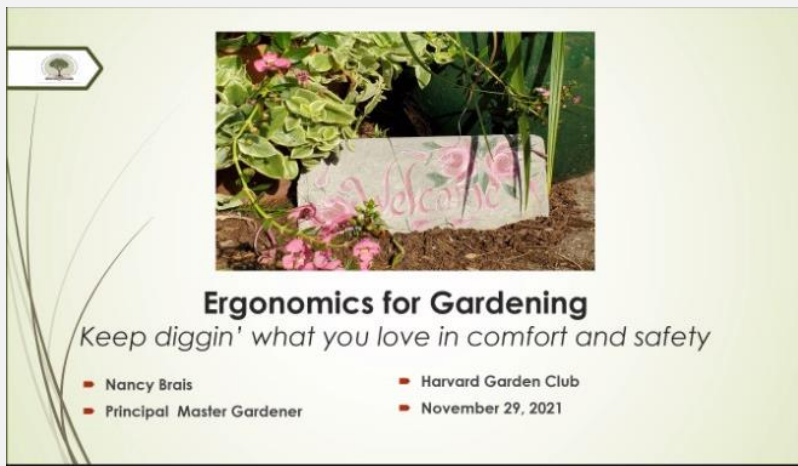
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Happy Holidays!



*A card by Agnes Abbot
From the archives of the Harvard Historical Society (thanks to Judy Warner)*



Working smarter, not harder!
Be aware of the risk factors!

The way we stand, bend or reach is important; we have to do it right without straining our body.
How long we work, what force we use are equally important.
Last but not least: The tools we use help in lowering the risk of injury.

Tip Instead of kneeling on 2 knees, kneel on 1 and squat; this will put 40% less pressure on your body.

Tip Lifting heavy loads. Rule of 20%: Lift no more than 20 lbs., keep the load no more than 20 inches away from the body, NO load is the safest!

Tip Use your knees and not your back when bending. Bend from the hips.
Vary tasks and change positions.
Don't work more than 20 minutes in the same position.

Tip Keep the wrist straight in line with your forearm, thumbs up, elbows partially bent. Avoid twisting.
Use the right tools: sharpened; the handle should be adapted to your height.
Use two hands, hold with a light grasp, and vary positions.

Nancy Brais ended the Zoom meeting with this advice:

Keep it safe
Keep it close
Keep it straight
Keep it easy

Membership

Info: AnaMaria Nanra

Welcome new member!



Heidi Hunter Siegrist

Heidi has lived in Harvard for 28 years in what is known as “the old goat farm.”

Heidi is actively involved in several non-profit organizations in Harvard, including leadership roles in the Harvard Woman’s Club and the Friends of the Council on Aging. She currently serves on the Harvard Schools Trust board, the Fruitlands Museum property committee, the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden advisory board, Fivesparks, the Harvard Lions, and is a Corporator of Emerson Hospital.

In Memoriam

Our sincere condolences to Pat DeLuca for the loss of her husband Al who died on December 4, 2021.

Holiday Greens Workshop

Tuesday, December 7
9:30am – 11:30am
St. Theresa's Holy Trinity Church



Working inside and outside!

Reaction when we delivered the arrangement: "You made my day!"

Thanks to Deb Dowson and Denyse Cox of organizing this wonderful event.

Nature Trails

Info: Pam Durrant

(Pictures by Patrick and Marijke Vallaey)



On Thursday December 2 we walked the Tufts and Smith trails of the Clapp Scorgie Tufts Smith conservation land.



The view of Bare Hill Pond is amazing!



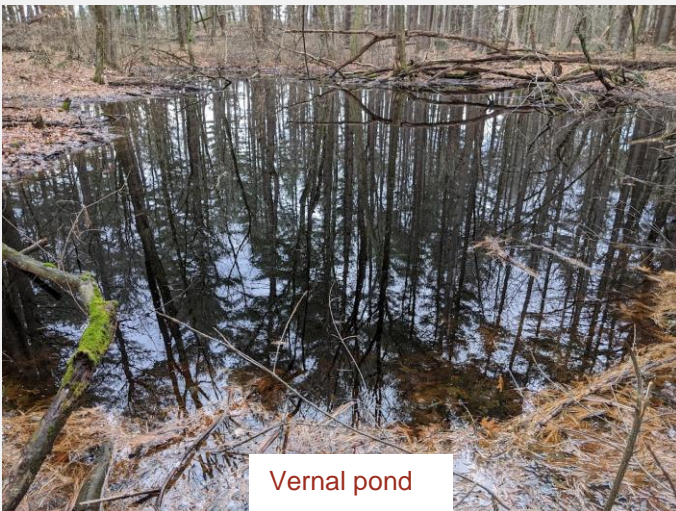
On December 16 we walked the Barba Land

There were a couple of fallen trees on the trail that turned the walk into an unexpected obstacle course. This time the view of Bare Hill Pond was different but equally beautiful.

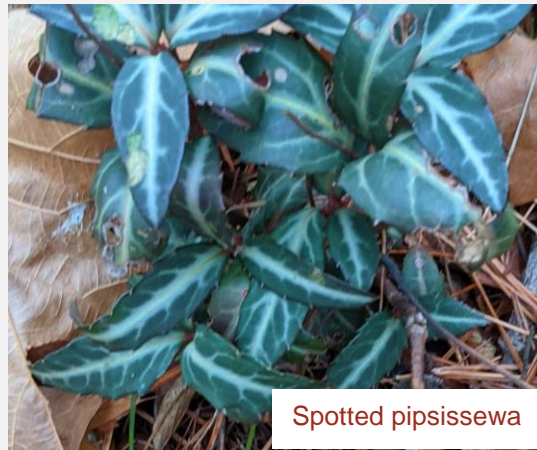
We spotted a nest and hoped it would be from an eagle, but it was a drey, a squirrel's nest!



Terry Morton, Pam Durrant, Bill Loehfelm, Judy Warner, Patrick Vallaeys.



Vernal pond



Spotted pipsissewa

Let Pam know
if you want to be on her mailing list.

pbdurrant@gmail.com

Library Flowers

Info: Mary Jane Ellison
(pictures Marijke Vallaey)



Phyllis Clawson



Nancy Gasser



Maribeth Marcello
Winter Wonderland Sculpture



Dee Lee



Fran Maiore

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c45a5ae2ca6fa7-library1>
February 28, March 14, March 21: **still open.**

Bloom N Art

Info: Marijke Vallaey and AnaMaria Nanra



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

SignupGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b49a9a629aaf85-bloom2>

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Poetry Contest

There is still time to send in a poem of your K-9 grader.

The GCFM Youth Poetry Committee invites garden clubs to encourage participation in the 2021-2022 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Poetry Contest.

This year's theme, **Sing with the Songbirds - Exploring the Glory of Nature**, offers an inspiring creative challenge for youth in kindergarten through ninth- grader to express their thoughts and feelings in poetry.

This contest is a project our club can do to encourage care for nature and the environment.

Send entries to MaryAnn Piasecki by the end of December. All entries, once reviewed to assure all criteria have been met, will then be mailed to Marisa McCoy of the Garden Club Federation of MA by Friday, January 14, 2022.

Civic Beautification

Info: Kathy Jackson



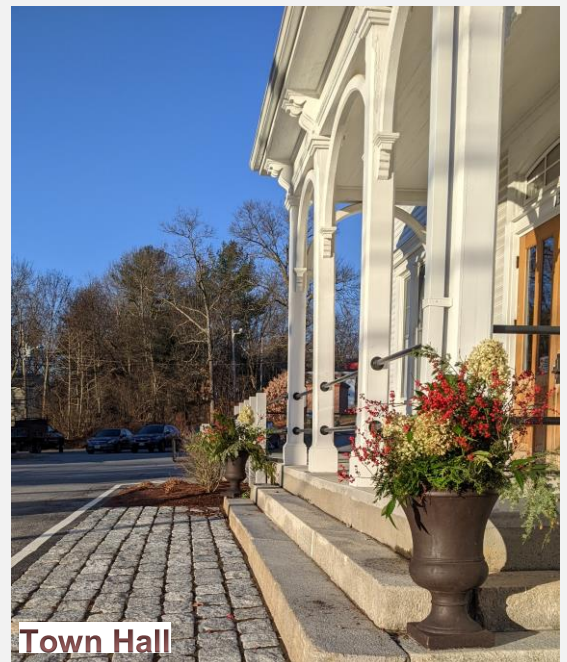
The trough on Ayer Road



The General Store



Town Hall



Town Hall

Arranged by Kathy Jackson, MaryAnn Piasecki and Maribeth Marcello

Officers for 2021-2022

President: MaryAnn Piasecki
Vice President: Jessie Panek
Secretary: Stephanie Hooper
Treasurer: Pauline Carroll

Committee Chairs

Historian: Carlene Phillips
Hospitality: Pending Covid Restrictions
Membership: AnaMaria Nanra
Newsletter: Marijke Vallaey
Nominating: Margaret Murphy, Janice Rusiecki
Programs: Margaret Murphy, Janice Rusiecki
Publicity: Marty Green

Projects

Annual Luncheon: Maria Day
Civic Beautification: Kathy Jackson Garden
GardenTherapy: Janice Rusiecki
Garden Tour: Sarah Tate, Suzan Osborn
Graduation Flowers: Kathy Hewett
Holiday Greens Workshop: Deborah Dowson, Denyse Cox
Horticulture: Connie Grabow
Library Books: Helen Berry
Book Discussion Group: Helen Berry
Library and Meeting Flowers: Mary Jane Ellison
Nature Trails: Pam Durrant
Plant Sale: Claudia Wesley and Bill Loehfelm
Webmaster: Betsy Howard
Yearbook: Marijke Vallaey
Bloom N Art: Marijke Vallaey, AnaMaria Nanra