



# NEVER DONE!

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## September 30 The Growth of Trees: A Journey Through Time Speaker: Michael Wojtech

Fall is the season when trees seem their most impressive, with dazzling colors of red, orange, and gold, and people drive for miles to catch them at their peak.

But Michael Wojtech, a naturalist and educator from Western Mass. will help us to see the wonder and beauty of trees in any season, at any stage in their growth. Michael has been observing and inquiring about the natural world for as far back as he can remember and his goal is to “engage people in a process of curiosity, discovery, and wonder that they can take with them and continue to practice in the landscapes where they live and frequent.”

He will talk about how trees grow, reproduce, and interact with their environment across time. He will zoom in on the details of buds, flowers, leaves and bark by which species are identified and zoom out to discuss the collaborative roles of trees in ecosystems.

Michael will have copies of his books “Bark” and “Drawing Trees and Leaves” for sale and signing.

### **Hospitality Chair: Carol Hartman**

Cynthia Patrick  
Christine Spielvogel  
Claudia Wesley  
Kate Guthro  
Jessie Panek  
Mary Vesenka  
Katie Gandek

### **Library Flowers**

Sept.3: Maribeth Marcello  
Sept 9: Bobbie Taylor  
September 16 Mary Jane Ellison  
September 23: Claudia Wesley  
September 30: Barbara Heim

# President's Ponderings

Margaret Murphy

September is delivering – cool nights, great vegetables, blue skies, and hurricanes (of course).

The month can be glorious and scary in successive days. And, sometimes, it can be confusing.

One enigma might be the timing of our resumption of Garden Club meetings in a month with five Mondays. The answer, of course, is SEPTEMBER 30, as always at 9:30AM in Deacon Hall, the lower level of St. Theresa Church in Harvard.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, starting with a lovely brunch and great kick-off program. See you there!

September 23  
Board meeting at Margaret Murphy's

## November Program: May the gathering begin!

Now is the perfect time to gather materials for our wreath-making meeting in November. Scout your yards and roadsides for materials. What about Queen Anne's lace? Can you dry it? Press it? What does goldenrod look like dried?

Asters? Pinecones, berries, nuts - all potential decorative beauties. And, of course, hydrangea. Have fun experimenting and later sharing your findings at the meeting.

Members who are expert at wreath-making will show us how to use materials we have found. May the gathering begin!

*Before the November meeting, Theresa Ledoux will send out instructions for "baking" pinecones and acorns.*

## Weeds, weeds, weeds!

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This year the weeds got ahead of me, though I have enjoyed my perennials blooming amongst them. Most of the weeds grew from seed with a couple of exceptions. I decided to try to identify some of the more common ones.

In my list I included a couple of perennials that have seeded themselves way beyond their introduced clump. Garden Phlox and Ligularia are the culprits. They do add lots of color and in the case of Phlox plenty of unsightly mildew on their leaves.

Webster defines weed as “an undesirable plant growing in wild, especially growing in cultivated ground”. My Phlox and Ligularia (all be it not undesirable plants) are growing wild (self-seeded) in cultivated ground. That may be a stretch for a “weed” definition but these plants are definitely growing wild.

You will find some of these plants on this list are attractive in their own right. Check out this list in your favorite reference sources.

Golden Rod: *Solidago* sp

Horseweed: *Cayza canadensis*

Evening Primrose: *Oenothera* sp

Jewelweed or Touch Me Not: *Impatiens capensis*

Catchweed Bedstraw: *Galium aparine*

Lady's Thumb: *Polygonum persicaria*

Clearweed: *Pilea pumila*

Bouncing Bet or Soapwort: *Saponaria officinalis* (introduced by me from seed collected along roadside, big mistake, spreads like wild by rhizome).

With the cooler weather of fall and after a killing frost I will get in to those neglected beds and clear the weeds. I will also put the perennials I planted to rest for the winter.

Next Spring I shall try some pre-emergent weed control. I heard some things about Preen and will do research over winter to determine a plan of attack.

# Before we went on vacation... Annual Meeting: June 3, 2019 Followed by visits to 5 gardens



Shaker Hills Country Club



Amy's Garden



Karen's Garden



Abby's Garden

Stephanie's Garden



Jessie's Garden

**Flower arrangers at the Country Club:** Teddy Coffin, Marijke Vallaeys, Cindy Dumser, Kathy Hewett, Carol Hartman, Deb Dowson, Betsy Morton, Margaret Murphy, Maria Day

# Civic Beautification

Kathy Jackson



## Unusual fruit in Maria Day's garden



The berry of the *Cornus mas*, Cornelian cherry dogwood, is edible. It's full of vitamin C great in jellies



Yellow mayapple grows beneath the trees. The fruit is edible when ripe but the roots and leaves are quite poisonous



# Membership

Info: AnaMaria Nanra

## In Loving Memory



Marie Finnegan passed away on June 14, 2019. Age 88

Marie and Larry moved to Harvard in 1965, both struck by Harvard's rural beauty. Marie loved the small-town character of Harvard and she was proud to be an involved citizen and was active in many organizations in town. She volunteered at Harvard Help from its inception, was active for years in the League of Women Voters, was a docent at Fruitland's Museum, and worked as an election volunteer. Marie was also an avid gardener and a member of the Harvard Garden Club.

## Get well wishes

We wish Joanne Williamson and Shirley Boudreau all the best

# Brainstorming Board

Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Two pictures of some of the board members



# Members share



Dee's  
"Knock your socks off"  
red day lilies



Barbara Heim and Janice Rusiecki  
on June 12 at Nicewicz farm when  
they toured the peony gardens.



*Thanks to Madelaine Ferguson for these pictures taken at the N.E. Hosta meeting at Tower Hill last February*

# Bromfield graduation - June 7, 2019

Info: Jessie Panek



## *The flower arrangers:*

*Maribeth Marcello  
Kathy Hewitt  
Maria Day  
Kathy Jackson  
Mary Maxwell  
Pat Cooper  
Mary Jane Ellison  
Daria Eckert*



## *People who contributed flower material:*

*Deborah O'Rourke  
Barbara Heim  
Dorene Lewis  
Kathy Jackson  
Maria Day  
Susan Leeming*