



GREEN SHEET October 2017

UPCOMING MEETING

PROGRAM

October 19th, 9:15 a.m. coffee, 9:45 a.m. business meeting, 10:00 a.m. program.

"The magic of a winter garden" by **Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker**



This richly illustrated lecture provides inspiration and tips on designing a magical winter garden: choosing the best trees, shrubs and perennials, and grouping them to create arresting vignettes.

(www.enchantedgardensdesign.com)

COMMITTEE

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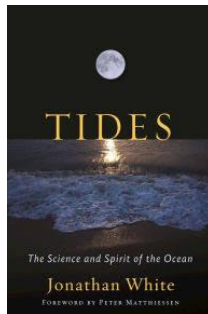


With help from Melinda Constable, Cathy Konover, and Yuko Kojima, the trough has been replanted with a seasonal array of plants and gourds.

We will be holding our fall cleanup of Fiske Triangle the morning of **Tuesday, October 17** with a rain date of Monday, October 16.

CONSERVATION

The Conservation Committee met on September 28 and decided that we will be reading **Tides by Jonathan White** this winter with a discussion to be held in March.



We also plan to arrange a tour of the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant in Winthrop at their earliest availability; this will likely mean an April trip on a Tuesday or Friday; details will be forthcoming.

In keeping with our goals of conserving nature as well as educating the public, on **Sunday October 29, at 2:00pm**, our Conservation Committee (in coordination with Paul Penfield of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee), will host a guided nature walk beginning at the old railway depot, touring around Forbes Land and heading down to the trestle bridge. It would be extra special if interested members of the Garden Club attended the walk as well. All are invited.

This week we submitted an article to the Town Crier about the 25th anniversary of Forbes Land that includes the date and time for the walk. Keep an eye out in the next couple of Town Crier publications for that.

DESIGN



Sign-up for the fun and exciting ***Creating a Seasonal Duet: Flowers that Sing*** workshop/demonstration on **October 24 at 9:30 a.m.** at St Peter's Parish Hall.

The Design Committee will demonstrate how to create an arrangement with two complementary elements using seasonal flowers and foliage. Bring a pair of containers that share shape, material, or color -- or mood or style. **Sue Zacharias** and **Carolyn Ellis** will demonstrate how to incorporate the principles of design – balance, dominance, contrast, rhythm, proportion, scale – to create a successful arrangement. This workshop is in preparation for the November Sweet Tray competition. A fee of \$20 will cover the cost of materials for the workshop. Email Jean Zhou with questions -zhouxiaojingbj@hotmail.com

HORTICULTURE

The Horticulture Committee is hosting the **Broken Pot Garden Demonstration** later this month, on **October 26th at 9:30am**. Please join us at member, Molly Varnau's home, at **26 Whispering Lane**, and discover how to craft a miniature garden out of a recycled, terra cotta pot and saucer. This workshop is presented in preparation for the February Thrall Bowl Competition. There is no cost to attend. Please RSVP to carolyncorbe@gmail.com by October 24th.



LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The October 13th field trip to [Bedrock Gardens](#) was cancelled, due to insufficient sign-ups. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at upcoming meetings for a date in June to reschedule the outing. The deadline for sign-ups for the June trip will be in January.



New improved lightweight hoses and a splitter have been purchased for the Native Plant Garden at Town Hall, with the aim of making the watering easier for everyone. Next on the agenda for the garden are questions relating to adding a few boulders and adding signage, including plant markers.

GREENS DAY



Fall is here and we are all thinking about work to be done in our yard to put it to bed. Please consider scheduling your evergreen trimming for November. We would love your greens! Don't forget to sign up for greens cutting days if you haven't already. The clip board will be passed at the October meeting.

PROVISIONAL



The Provisional Group will be holding its next meeting and first competition — Wheatland Bowl I: Pave floral design — on **Monday, October 16th, at 7:00p.m.** Carolyn Ellis and Cheryl-Anne Lane, who did an outstanding job demonstrating Pave technique at the September meeting, will be judging the competition. We look forward to seeing the creations of fellow members, and learning about best approach, which will be discussed in the judging process.

HELP WANTED



We are searching for a member to take the position of **Finance Chair**. If you have an MBA, have worked in Accounting or law, or another area dealing with finance and/or budgets, please contact Cynthia Chapra, ckchapra@gmail.com. This position has its activity in January and February.

GARDEN THERAPY



Up until the first frost, please come enjoy Cynthia's garden at 138 Newton Street. Relax and enjoy the flowers, bees and butterflies and let your cares fly away. Feel free to cut some dahlias to take home to enjoy later. Call Cynthia at 617-899-7992 with questions.

WEBSITE



Please visit our website, www.westongardenclub.org to read the fall issue of the Mayflower, the Green Sheet, find horticultural hints and see a list of upcoming events.

DID YOU KNOW...



.... that a **Japanese barberry bush** helps increase the number of ticks in its vicinity? Scientists at the University of Connecticut have found this to be so. Want to learn more? Follow this link. <http://today.uconn.edu/2012/02/controlling-japanese-barberry-helps-stop-spread-of-tick-borne-diseases/>

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS

Go to www.gcfm.org for all the latest on classes and workshops. On the website, click on education and you can access all of the information for classes, events and meetings. Click on the following link to read the [Fall 2017 Mayflower](#).

"Victoria's Secret REVEALED"

A Scholarship Fundraiser High Tea is to be held at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Milford on Wednesday, **November 8th** with a presentation by Candace Morgenstern of Rhode Island and a Victorian hat contest. Donation \$60. Click on link for more information. <http://www.gcfm.org/Calendar-News/FundraisingEvent.aspx>

DESIGN WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays, November 7th, January 23rd, and April 10th from 10 a.m. to noon, Elm Bank, Wellesley - <http://www.gcfm.org/Education/Workshops/DesigningWorkshops.aspx>

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

Course IV, October 26th-28th from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Elm Bank, Wellesley - <http://www.gcfm.org/Education/SchoolsandRegistration/LandscapeDesignSchool.aspx>

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL

Course 2, September 23rd and 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., UTEC, Lowell http://www.gcfm.org/Portals/0/ESS/2017_ESS_registration_form_course2_v2.pdf

OCTOBER FACEBOOK HORTICULTURAL HINTS

Click [HERE](#) to view the hints.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the case of an emergency during a Club Meeting, the President will take the podium and direct the following tasks.

- 1. A member to call 911 from the Church office phone downstairs (it is most important that the call is made from a landline so that it is directed to the nearest dispatcher, in order to receive help as quickly as possible)
- 2. A member to go outside to direct the first responders
- 3. A member to stay with the member in need of assistance
- 4. A member to call the emergency number on the back of the afflicted members name tag.

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