HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR 1973

January 11 - GARDEN AWARDS - 2:00 P.M.
   Bring a friend

January 18 - WINTER LECTURE - 2:00 P.M.
   "A Natchez Garden Pilgrimage"

February 15 - WINTER LECTURE - 2:00 P.M.
   "Ground Covers & Mulching"

March 9 - 13    Friday to Tuesday
    SPRING FLOWER SHOW

March 22 - Thursday       10:00 A.M.
March 29 - Thursday       10:00 A.M.
April 5 - Thursday        10:00 A.M.
   "Clever Construction Concepts for
   the Garden"
   Lecture series by Joe Hudak
   Registration by February 15 requested.

April 28 - Saturday - TREE PLANTING DAY
   Planting of Preservation Orchard
   at Old Sturbridge Village.
   Reserve this important date.

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4274

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Gardening,

As I mentioned at our Annual Meeting, I am most pleased that so many of our members are in the forefront of Environmental Projects. "I hate ugly" or "Brighten up where you live" have become bywords in the battle against "ugly".

Garden Club ladies planting bulbs in front of the Town Hall - well informed "plant people" working with Parks and Recreation Departments as volunteer clerk of the works and supplying needed know how.

Some of you who work with 4-H Clubs or children's gardens are planting a seed that can give forth a thousand times. The seeking out of meritorious gardens and making awards surely sparks interest in gardening.

To interest a friend in gardening as a hobby can be the greatest thing you might do for someone.

What else can satisfy so many of our needs all at once - outdoor exercise, enhance your house value, satisfy the need to create aesthetically, can be enjoyed by all members of the family and provide a good common interest.

Happy New Year!
PORTRAT RENOVATION

We are hoping to have assistance again this year in our work of restoring some more portraits in our collection. Matching funds will be needed and contributions gratefully received.

Here is a list of portraits needing restoration.

Alexander H. Bullock
Benjamin Butman
Thomas Chamberlain
John Davis
John M. Earle
Francis H. Dewey
O. B. Hadwen
A. E. Hartshorn
George F. Hoar
William Paine
George A. Rice
John C. Ripley
Emory Washburn

"CLEVER CONSTRUCTION CONCEPTS FOR THE GARDEN"

by JOSEPH HUDAK

Lecture series on three consecutive Thursday mornings - March 22, 29 and April 5 - at 10 A.M.

By popular request, Mr. Hudak, inspiring landscape gardener and lecturer, will return for three sessions to cover garden construction of walls, steps, fence, walks, drives, pools, shelters and the like with an eye toward real practicality and attractively satisfying results. The series will be documented with color slides of the good and awful approaches to construction.

Enrollment for the course is limited - members $10.00 - non-members $12.50. This is payable in advance and cannot be refunded.

Deadline is February 15th.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

October and November - The A. meyeri was won by Mrs. Morris Cohen of Worcester and the Lycoris Squamigera bulbs were won by your own Ed Herron, after placing his name faithfully in the box month after month.

December - Camellia, from Arnold Arboretum, given by Albert A. Gordon, III, who won it two years ago in a drawing at Fritz Brown's! Lucky winner is John S. Chadwick of Holden.

WINTER LECTURES

"A Natchez Garden Pilgrimage" by Joseph Haboray

Thursday, January 18th - at 2:00 P.M.

A delightful illustrated talk on the development of the superb antebellum homes typical of the southern planters built between 1780 and the Civil War. You will see descendants of the original builders serving as hosts in costume - showing their gardens and how these people lived - with their very fine greek revival homes.

Coffee at 1:30 P.M.

"Ground Covers and Mulching" by Palmer Bigelow, Jr.

Thursday, February 15th - at 2:00 P.M.

A practical illustrated talk on the do's and don'ts of mulching in all sorts of situations by your knowledgeable president.

Coffee at 1:30 P.M.

These lectures are free, and open to the public. What a nice opportunity to introduce a friend to your society!
**HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR 1973**

Spring Flower Show

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March 22 - Thursday - Winter Lecture 2:00 P.M.
"Flower World of Williamsburg"
Joseph N. Rountree

March 27 - Tuesday - 10:30 A.M. Course
"Spring is Here, Are you Ready"
Paul E. Rogers

April 26 - Thursday - Lecture 2:00 P.M.
"The Art of Flower Arranging"
Mrs. Caroline Cate.

April 28 - Saturday - 11:00 A.M.
Tree-Planting Day at Old Sturbridge Village

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**NEWSLETTER**

30 ELM STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

Vol. 10 No. 2
March - April 1973

Mr. & Mrs. Forrest C. Mason
36 Cresper Hill Road
N. Grafton, Mass. 01536

Dear Friends in Gardening -

At the time of this writing, we have all enjoyed a rather gentle winter that has allowed for a more than usual amount of outdoor activity. Not only have we been able to clear land, chip the brush and stock-pile it for use as mulch, but we have even managed to pull out stumps.

This leads me to believe there is much more that we all can do besides merely peruse the seed catalogs. This is fun, especially selecting new varieties and perhaps a few to start early indoors for earlier yields in the garden.

However, the body needs a little workout, so how about catching up on pruning and mulching that can be done just as well now as later on when we have too many other things to do.

Fruit trees and Hybrid Blueberries need to be opened up in order to produce large high quality fruit. Look for rabbit and field mouse damage on the bark of fruit and ornamentals. Wire screening, aluminum foil and repellent sprays can be used to ward off this damage.

On the calendar, circle the dates of our Spring Flower Show (March 9 - 13th).

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(continued)
Plan to bring a friend and enjoy a real breath of Spring. How about asking your friend to become a member of the Worcester County Horticultural Society?

Palmer W. Bigelow, Jr.  
President

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Friday to Tuesday - March 9 - 13

A nice present for a friend would be a couple of tickets to the show, now available - $1.50 each.

For you few who have not paid your 1973 dues, now is a good time as admission to this show is free to members.

"SPRING IS HERE - ARE YOU READY"

Tuesday - March 27, at 10:30 A.M.
Paul Rogers, landscape superintendent Holy Cross College will talk on "Spring is Here - Are you Ready".

This will be a practical course in gardening for everyone - sponsored by the Worcester Garden Club. Don't miss this! Admission free - guests invited.

TREE-PLANTING DAY

Saturday, April 28, at 11:00 A.M. at Old Sturbridge Village.

Tree-planting of Preservation Orchard - After months of planning, many of the old varieties of apples will be planted in the new orchard jointly sponsored by our two societies. Location is west of parking lot near maintenance barn. Worcester County Horticultural Society members are cordially invited.

Special bus leaving Horticultural Hall at 10:00 A.M. - returning after ceremony. Fare $2.00 each by reservation only.

LECTURES

Thursday, March 22 - 2:00 P.M.
"Flower World of Williamsburg"  
Illustrated talk by Joseph N. Rountree previewing new book to be published in May containing color pictures of their outdoor gardens and certain interiors with appropriate flower arrangements. A must for all you flower arrangers.

Thursday, April 26 - 2:00 P.M.

"The Art of Flower Arranging"
Actual workshop course by Mrs. Henry Cate. This fine demonstration is put on under the auspices of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Arrangements and materials will be sold at the end for the benefit of the Society.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

January - Gloxinias are one of the most lovely house plants we have, first cousin to the African Violet. A nice red Gloxinia given by Bigelow Nurseries was won by Mrs. Robert A. Green.

February - An interesting Begonia, erythrophylla helix, many small flowers with large helical leaves - grown by your editor was won by Mrs. Roger Kinnicutt, Jr.

March - Geraniums - The Plant of the Month is an attractive hanging basket of ivy-leaf geraniums, and each day during the Flower Show a different geranium will go to the winner of our Door Prize. These fine plants will be given by Holmes Florist.
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April 26 - Thursday - 2:00 P.M. Lecture "Flower Facets at the Museum of Fine Arts" - Mrs. H. F. Cate, Jr.

April 28 - Saturday - 11:00 A.M. Preservation Orchard Planting at Old Sturbridge Village

May 11 - Friday - Garden Tour - Leave 9:15 A.M. Garden in the Woods - Framingham "The Vale" - Waltham

May 12 - Saturday - Children's Box-building 1:00 P.M. at Horticultural Hall Carpenters and helpers welcome!

June 2 - Saturday - Children's Box-planting 1:00 P.M. at Maloney Field Helping gardeners welcome!

June 5 - Tuesday - 9:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. Herb Sale in the Worcester Center Galle Herb Society

June 14 - Thursday - 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Iris Exhibition

June 26 - Tuesday - Garden Tour Leave WOHS at 8:30 A.M. Old Shaker Village - Hancock and Shaker Museum - Chatham, New York

June 28 - Thursday - 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. Rose Exhibition 3:30 P.M. - Crowning of Rose Queen

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4277

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Gardening,

Spring is busting out all over and this message has got to be brief.

I want you all to circle the date of April 28 on your calendar. It is the date of the tree-planting ceremony at Sturbridge Village and we would like to see as many of you there as possible. Perhaps we lose sight of the importance of this work because it is so near us, but this orchard and this work is something known around the world.

Enjoy gardening this year.

Mulch more and weed less.

Bill Bigelow
GARDEN TOURS

The time of year for our fun exploration to well known gardens is approaching. Your committee is planning trips throughout the season.

1. May 11 - Friday - Garden-in-the-Woods Framingham. A perfect time to view the lovely wild flowers and learn as we take a trip with a knowledgeable guide. Leave Horticultural Hall by bus at 9:15 A.M. Arrive Garden-in-the-Woods at 10:00 A.M. Leave there at 11:15 - Bring a Picnic Lunch That afternoon - "The Vale" - Waltham

Travel in comfort by bus - return by 4:30 P.M. Cost including admissions - $4.00 member, $5.00 guests. Call early for reservation.

2. June 26 - Tuesday - Leave 8:30 A.M. Hancock Shaker Village near Pittsfield and the Shaker Museum at Old Chatham, New York. We arrive at 10:30 A.M. - visit the restored Village complete with Herb Garden and famous round stone barn.

You may bring a picnic or buy a simple meal at their sandwich shop. After lunch at Hancock, we'll visit Old Chatham Shaker Museum returning by 5:00 P.M. Travel by air conditioned bus. Tour cost including admissions - $8.50 members, $10.00 guests. Sign up early.

ROSE SHOW

The Rose Exhibition is by many thought to be one of our loveliest. Come and see it - exhibit and meet our Rose Queen - crowning at 3:30 P.M.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

March - An Ivy-leaved Geranium in hanging basket was given by Holmes Florist, 1 Ararat Street and won by Mrs. Susan Sauer of Worcester.

April - One of the most striking and unusual plants we've had is the Euphorbia lactea (Candelabra) given by Mrs. Robert E. Losert of Shrewsbury and won by Robin Josephs of Worcester. This spectacular plant should be a fine garden or terrace ornament.

Remember, if any of you have a plant you'd like to share with friends, as a plant-of-the-month, it would be most appreciated.

LIBRARY NEWS

The following new books have been added to our shelves thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Robert G. Hess.

The American Home & Garden Book & Plant Encycl. The Flowering Greenhouse Day by Day Bluebells & Bittersweet Christmas Magic

Complimentary copy from Doubleday: Helen V.P. Wilson's Own Garden and Landscape Book

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

You can win many nice awards by exhibiting your fruits and vegetables at our summer shows. Show schedule with rules, awards and prizes available are ready.

Pick up your copy without delay!
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR 1973

July 13 - Friday - 2 to 8 P.M.
July 14 - Saturday - 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Lilies Exhibition in co-operation with
The New England Lily Group

July 28 - Saturday 1 to 6 P.M.

Hemerocallis (Daylily) Exhibition &
Children's Flower Show

August 7 - Tuesday 8:30 to 6 P.M.
Garden Tour - Newport, R. I.

August 16 - Thursday 2 to 8 P.M.

Young People's Flower Show and
Gladiolus Exhibition

September 13 - Thursday 2 to 8 P.M.

Dahlia Exhibition
Sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs
Benefit of the Scholarship Fund

September 20 - Thursday
Trustees' Meeting

OLD NEWSLETTERS

Do you have any back copies of our Newsletter?
Missing from our files are 3 copies printed in
1967, Vol. 4, Nos. 2, 3 and 6. Please let us
know as we are interested in keeping a complete set.

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4274

NEWSLETTER

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WORCESTER, MASS.

Vol. 10 No. 4 July - August 1973

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Gardening,

It's been so wet out in the nursery lately I
swear we'll all grow web feet like a bunch of
ducks. This kind of a season brings about a
host of garden problems of a different nature
than we usually have this time of year. Spots
on Maple leaves, mildew and fungus rings in the
dawn, an abundance of slugs and such a lush green
look about everything.

I hope you had a chance to take in our recent
Rose Show. It was not only lovely but provided
an inspiration to all who garden to try harder
and produce better blooms, fruit and vegetables.
We would sure like to see more of you exhibit!

Harlan Pierpont has been at work with the I.R.S.
to gain a change in status for our society. His
efforts have been successful and this will have
long range beneficial effects for us. Your society
has been determined to be "not a private founda-
tion". In the language of the law, this therefore
means we are publicly supported making it fea-
sible for many foundations and trusts to donate to
us and accrue the same tax benefits as if they
gave to the church. With a number of uncertain-
ties in our financial future, this is a solid
step in the right direction.
SUMMER FLOWER SHOWS

1. Lilies Exhibition - Friday & Saturday, July 13 & 14.
Lilies will fill the Hall with fragrance and this show promises to be tops for it is being jointly sponsored by us and the New England Regional Lily Group. Come and see the loveliest of summer flowers, fruits and vegetables.

Daylilies are gaining in importance throughout the area as we find how easy they are to raise and what a wide variety of colors are being developed. Combined with this show will be the first of our 2 special children's exhibitions. Please note that this show will close at 6 P.M. on Saturday.

3. Young People's Flower Show & Gladiolus Exhibition - Thursday, August 16.
The flowers and vegetables of the young people of Worcester County - surrounded by gorgeous Gladioli will be the main feature at this show. As the season progresses - you will see exhibited in fusion more of the fruits and vegetables.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

May - An interesting skeleton-leaf, rose scented Geranium, Dr. Livingstone, was given by Neil Malchisky of Old Sturbridge Village and won by Mrs. Ethel Benoit of South Grafton, a Life Member of our society since 1926.

June - An outstanding specimen of Tradescantia multiflora (Bridal Veil) was donated by Russell Nadeau of Webster and the lucky winner was Mrs. Robert L. Stewart, who participated in our recent tour to Shaker Community.

July - Mrs. Virginia Howie has generously donated a Lily Bulb of Black Beauty - just in time for the Lily Show. Come in and see the show and sign up - you could be the winner!

GARDEN TOUR

Newport, Rhode Island - Tuesday, August 7th - Leave at 8:30 A.M. Return at 6 P.M.

1st stop - Estate of Mrs. George A. Lyon of Bristol, R.I. - known for its Sequoiadendron giganteum, Sargent's weeping Hemlock and other fine specimen trees and gardens.

2nd stop - "Green Animals" - Portsmouth, R.I. Most outstanding topiary garden in America.

3rd stop - Luncheon at Castle Hill Hotel, Ocean Drive, Newport. Choice of:
   A. Broiled Fillet of Sole (wine sauce)
   Salad, vegetable, etc.
   B. London Broil (mushroom sauce)
   Salad, vegetable, etc.

4th stop - "The Breakers" - Fabulous Chateau of the Vanderbilts completely open for the first time this season.

5th stop - "The Elms" - Bellevue Avenue - Magnificent home and gardens.

Return to Worcester by 6:00 P.M.
Price includes bus trip, all admissions, Luncheon (tax and tip incl.). Members $12.50, Guests $14.00.

Your paid reservations accepted in order of receipt. Don't miss this very special trip!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Your Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the following winners for 1973.

Jeffrey W. Wheeler  E. Princeton
Scott S. Werme    Grafton
Joseph J. Dymek   Worcester
Daniel F. Josti    Worcester
Horticultural Calendar 1973

Sept. 10 - Monday 2:30 P.M.
Exhibitions Committee Meeting

Sept. 13 - Thursday 2 to 8 P.M.
Dahlia Exhibition
Sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs

Sept. 18 - Tuesday Newport Tour
Leave WCHS at 8:30 A.M.

Sept. 20 - Thursday Trustees' Meeting

October 15 - Monday 2 P.M.
"Winter is Coming - Are you Ready"
Lecture by Paul Rogers

October 19 - 27 Fall Garden Exhibition
Worcester Center Galleria

November 9-10-11 Holiday Season Show

November 9 Members' Reunion

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Message from the President

It's a funny thing, but never have we seen such a sudden crop of home gardeners busy growing tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, etc.

We ran out of onion sets, vegetable seeds, tomato plants and all kinds of things very early this year.

When you see tomatoes going for 69¢ a pound in season and blueberries going for 79¢ a pint there exists strong economic reasons as well as the joy of gardening.

There also is a very real basic satisfaction having provided something for the family table with your own two hands.

Down on the Cape we catch bluefish, scratch up quahogs and pry oysters off the jetty, and its a joy to pass up the market for a few days.

A few real easy things to grow that aren't much work are hybrid blueberries, pears, rhubarb, and blackberries. Start off slow so that it won't be a burden and discover what we're talking about.

Bill Bigelow

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4274
EXHIBITIONS

1. Thursday, September 13, 2 to 8 P.M. - Although Dahlias with all their warm autumn colors are the featured flower at this show, on exhibition will also be other flowers - hanging baskets, herb displays and of course quantities of fruits and vegetables. Bring in your best and win a prize!

2. Fall Garden Exhibition
   Friday, October 19 to Saturday, October 27
   This show is to be held in the Galleria - Worcester Center. You will be proud to see the artistically designed gardens of a few of our members, staged in the lovely spacious Galleria at Worcester Center. Many people who may not know us should see this fine exhibit.

3. Holiday Season Show
   Friday, November 9 2 - 6 P.M. Members only
   Annual Reunion 4 to 5 P.M. Refreshments
   Come and enjoy this exhibition and meet your friends as you look over the displays of flowers - dried arrangements, potted plants and Harvest Bounty of fruits and vegetables.
   Saturday, November 10 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.
   Sunday, November 11 12 noon to 5 P.M.
   Open to the public  - Admission Free

New members
If any of you have a friend interested in gardening whom you think would enjoy our society and its many activities, this is a perfect time to extend to them an invitation. Anyone signing up after October 1 becomes a member for 1974 and will also be invited to our reunion at the opening of the Holiday Season Show!

Let's strengthen our Society with every member inviting one new prospect.

BULB SALE

Thursday, September 13 2 to 8 P.M.
For the benefit of our Scholarship Fund a sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs freshly imported from Holland will be held during the Dahlia Show. Get your order in early to insure beauty and pleasure at your home next Spring.

Thanks to the courtesy of Bigelow Nurseries, a mini-lecture on how-when-to plant bulbs will be given by John Koning at 2, 3 and 4 P.M.

"WINTER IS COMING - ARE YOU READY?"

Monday, October 15 at 2 P.M. An informative lecture by Paul Rogers sponsored by the Worcester Garden Club. This is an open meeting and all WCHS members are invited to attend as guests of the Garden Club.

GARDEN TOUR

September 18 - Tuesday 8:30 A.M.
A trip to Newport for those who couldn't go in August. Reservations necessary. (Rain date, Friday, September 21st).
No places available as of this date.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

July - A nice lily bulb named Black Beauty given to us by Virginia Howie, our Wild Flower Judge, and won by Mrs. Aaron Goodale, III of West Boylston. By the way it was blooming very nicely when the winner came by to pick it up.

August - A beautiful outdoor fern, Japanese Silver Fern, given by Stone & Payne, Nurserymen of Waterbury, Connecticut was won by Mrs. George Comstock of Worcester.

Come in to Horticultural Hall and try your luck in September.
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR 1973

October 19 - 27  FALL GARDEN EXHIBITION
Worcester Center Galleria
Friday, October 19  11 A.M. Judging
               3 P.M. Awarding Prizes

This show will be open every day until
9:30 P.M. except Sunday when the center
will be closed.
Show opens each day at 9:30 A.M.
Show closes Saturday, October 27 at 9:30 P.M.
Admission Free.

November 9 - 10 - 11  Friday - Sunday
HOLIDAY SEASON SHOW

Friday - Members Reunion for members and
invited guests.
               2 P.M. - 6 P.M.
Saturday, November 10 - 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.
Sunday, November 11  Noon to 5 P.M.
Admission Free.  Public invited.

December 6 - Thursday at 10 A.M.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY
Election of Officers and Trustees
Reports of Committee Chairmen & Officers

Coffee  9:30 A.M.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Gardening,

Big things are afoot in the Galleria! Truckloads of bark, sod, moss and stones, shrubs in fall color and gobs of hardy mums busting with bloom all converging on the scene. Such is the interest in showing the public how a garden can brighten up your own corner.

The goal of this letter is to let more people know about us (Worcester County Horticultural Society), what do we offer the prospective member - where are we located, etc., etc.?

Well, prospective members, we are not an elite snob society, but a group of people who love gardening and the joy of making things grow. We want to learn more about it, improve our skills, and share what we have learned with others.

We maintain an excellent Horticultural Library, open weekdays, to which current additions are regularly made.

Educational forums are held on a wide range of topics and field trips are arranged several times a year to outstanding garden spots.

Come, look us over, ask all the questions you want - maybe we can brighten your corner.

Bill Bigelman

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

Each month an unusual plant donated by a friend is given away at the Society by lot. Come in and sign up - you may be a lucky winner.

September's offering was Columnnea Hirta given by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Bernard of Upton and won by D. A. Bundza of Worcester.

POSTER CONTEST

Girls of the David Fanning Trade High School Art Class have made very colorful and artistic posters announcing our next exhibition, the Holiday Season Show. These posters are on display at the Fall Garden Festival for your pleasure.

Prize winners:  First - Patricia Dube  
Second - Deb Hurme  
Third - Elaine Dion

DAFFODIL SHOW COMING TO WORCESTER

WCHS and Zone 1, The Garden Club of America will sponsor the state Daffodil Show in co-operation with The American Daffodil Society, Inc. and the Mass. Horticultural Society, on May 8 & 9, 1974. This will be the first time the show has been held in Worcester.

The Royal Horticultural Society rules and classification will be followed. Plant your bulbs right now! And most important of all know the names and varieties planted!

MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to become a member and enjoy our many benefits and share our pleasures?

Membership is open to all interested in Horticulture - see Hostess at Information Booth for details.