HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR 1975

January 16 - Thursday - Winter Lecture 2 P.M.
Dr. George Milstein
"Gardening Under Lights"

January 23 - Thursday - Garden Awards - 2 P.M.
1974 Garden Award Winners - Slides
Coffee - 3:00 P.M.

February 10 - Monday - Worcester Garden Club
Open Meeting - Everyone welcome
"Spring is Coming - Are you Ready"
by Paul Rogers 2 P.M.

February 20 - Thursday - Winter Lecture 2 P.M.
Bernhard A. Toombs
"From an Icelandic Greenhouse - Part One"

February 27 - Thursday - Gardening Session 10 A.M.
"Low Maintenance Fruit & Vegetables"
by S. James Mistark

March 4, 11 & 18 - "Planning with Purpose"
Tuesdays - 10 A.M. to noon
by Joseph Hudak

March 7 - 11  SPRING FLOWER SHOW
at Horticultural Hall

March 13 - Thursday - Trustees' Meeting 3:30 P.M.

March 20 - Thursday - Winter Lecture 2 P.M.
"Best Annuals for your Garden"
H. Thurston Hardley, Jr.

Horticultural Hall - Telephone - 752-4274
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

be in the best interests of the Society.

Expanded means will be taken this fall to highlight our Society's involvement in the Fall Show at the Center.

Paul Rogers

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Enclosed is our pink sheet listing details on several classes for your gardening pleasure. These will all be at Horticultural Hall. The morning courses will have limited attendance - reservations should be made in advance to insure a place.

1. "Low Maintenance Fruits & Vegetables"
   Thursday, February 27 - 10 A.M.  J. Mistark

2. "Planning with Purpose"  10 A.M.
   Tuesdays, March 4, 11 & 18  Joe Hudak

3. "Fundamentals of Vegetable Growing"
   Tuesday, April 8 - 10 A.M.  Paul Rogers

4. "Vegetable Gardening in one Easy Lesson"
   Either Tuesday, April 22 or Wednesday, April 30
   Evenings at 7:30 P.M.  Lewis Hodgkinson

5. "Preserving your Fruits and Vegetables"
   Tuesday, August 26  Irene Hermanson

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

Don't hide your light under a bushel - show your friends the fine plants you grow! Each month we need a plant for the month and would appreciate hearing now if you'd like to help. Just give the office a call - telling us what month you'd like to take - and name of your plant. Thank you.

November - The Fluffy Ruffles Ferns, father and son plants were won by Myrtle Kallio and Sophie Levenson.

December - A beautiful "Jerusalem Cherry" given by Dr. Raymond Crawford of Oakham was drawn just in time for Christmas and won by Everett Hutchins.

January - Come in and sign up for a foliage plant to be given by Mrs. Frank L. Harrington, Sr. for January.

WINTER LECTURES

Thursday, January 16 - 2 P.M.
"Gardening Under Lights" by Dr. George Milstein who is a retired dentist and passionate Horticulturist - one of the country's authorities on indoor gardening. First of our winter lectures. Come and meet your friends over a cup of coffee at 1:30 P.M.

Thursday, February 20 - 2 P.M.
"From an Icelandic Greenhouse - Part One" by Bernhard A. Toombs
Mr. Toombs will show us colored slides of greenhouses heated with thermal steam coming from underground. Here flowers, fruits and vegetables are grown in profusion for the city of Reykjavik market. The presentation also includes views of the harbor, the Icelandic people - a visit to the Arbaer Folk Museum, and scenes of the spectacular Icelandic countryside. Don't miss this fascinating story.
Coffee at 1:30 P.M.

MEMORIAL BOOK

Our new Memorial Book, given to the Society by Mrs. Myron E. Converse, is now in the Library. As gifts are made to the Society to honor a friend they will be remembered in this attractive book.
March 13 - Thursday Trustees' Meeting 3:30 P.M.

March 15 - 23 Boston Flower Show
Commonwealth Armory

March 20 - Thursday - 2 P.M. Winter Lecture
"Best Annuals for your Garden"
H. Thurston Handley, Jr.

April 8 - Tuesday 10 - 12 noon Class
"Fundamentals of Vegetable Growing"
Paul Rogers - Reservation required

April 17 - Thursday 2 P.M. Winter Lecture
"Wildflowers & Their Propagation"
Viki Ferrania

April 22 - Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Class
or
April 30 - Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
"Vegetable Gardening in One Easy Lesson"
Lewis Hodgkinson

April 29 - Tuesday 10 - 12 noon Workshop
"Topiary Making" with
Paul Rogers - Reservations required

May 15 - Thursday 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.
Flower Show
"A Day in May"

Don't forget your Membership Card for admission to the Flower Show!
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

As this letter goes to press, the final myriad of details are coming together that will produce an all new, exciting Worcester Spring Flower Show. Won't you plan on attending and do bring a prospective new member along with you.

TOPIARY CLASS

Tuesday, April 29 - Reservation required.

A really fun class will be led by your President, Paul Rogers, in the making of a Topiary, on Tuesday, April 29, from 10 - 12 noon (coffee at 9:30). Course will be limited of necessity to the first 15 to sign up and send in their checks.

$15.00 Members  $20.00 Guests

Paul will supply all material except you bring your own pot or container.

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Classes and Workshops already announced - still room available.

WINTER LECTURES

Thursday, March 20 - 2 P.M.
"Best Annuals for your Garden"

H. Thurston Hardley, Jr., Regional Floricultural Specialist at the Waltham Field Station, is an interesting speaker who will tell us about the "All America Selections" of best seeds to buy this year as well as offer tips on landscaping.

Thursday, April 17 - 2 P.M.
"Wild Flowers and their Propagation"
by Viiki Ferreniea
Horticulturist of the Garden-in-the-Woods

This pleasant illustrated talk will come at just the right time for all Wild Flower gardeners.

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

March 7 - 11  Walk into Spring surrounded by flowering bulbs and trees bursting into bloom! See a greenhouse filled with spectacular New Guinea Impatiens, visit an attractive tea-room where you can relax as you look over several "International Gardens" done by the area Garden Clubs. There will be children's tables and educational exhibits, orchids, house plants, children's art, bees, fruit, gesneriads and a barnyard zoo - including two peacocks! See back page for details and hours of the show.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

January's plant was a most interesting umbrella plant, Dracaena "ensifolia" given by Mrs. Frank L. Harrington and won by Sue Larson.

For February, Mrs. George Morton donated a lovely, bronze colored Chrysanthemum. The lucky winner was Mrs. Ralph Duffy. A second prize - a fine Rosemary, offspring of an original plant from Windsor Castle, was given by Mr. Edwin W. Proctor, won by Marion J. Orr.

March - A perfect plant for your home is being given by President, Paul Rogers, an asparagus fern (sprenger). Be sure to sign up.

CHILDREN'S CORNER IN LIBRARY

The Library Committee has decided to establish a children's corner in the Library in memory of Mrs. Bertha Denny. We have received memorial gifts which we hope to use to build up our Children's Horticultural Section. We would like to have some furniture e.g. a table and chairs that would be suitable for the Library and for children. We are looking for a table approximately 30" x 18" and 24" high. If any society member or friend would be willing to donate these items, we would appreciate a call to the Librarian.
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

May 15 - Thursday  2 P.M. to 8 P.M.  
   Flower Show  
   "A Day in May"

May 20 - Tuesday - Garden Tour  
   Bus trip to Northampton & Amherst  
   Leave W.C.H.S. at 8:30 A.M.

June 4 - Wednesday - at Worcester Center  
   Summer Herb Day  10 A.M. to 9 P.M.  
   New England Unit Herb Society of America

June 5 - Thursday - Iris Exhibition  
   2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

June 19 - Thursday - Rose Show  
   2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

June 19 - Thursday - Trustees' Meeting  
   7:30 P.M.

June 26 - Thursday - Garden Tour  
   Bus Trip to Karl Jones' Rose Garden and Newport  
   Leave W.C.H.S. at 8:30 A.M.

July 11 & 12 - Friday and Saturday  
   Lilies Exhibition

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Gardening:

Do hope by the time you read this message that Spring will have truly arrived. Just can't remember a year when winter weather has persisted so late into April.

You will notice from reading this Newsletter that your society is responsive to your suggestions and recommendations. In an attempt to better serve you, the library will be open on Saturday mornings, the Trustees' June Meeting will be held in the evening, additional garden tours are scheduled in May and June and evening lectures have been held and more are planned for the winter series.

In what other ways can we increase our service to you?

If we are to be a fully vital society, we do need your help - can we count on your exhibits in the summer shows? Will you plan on supporting our activities? Please introduce your friends to horticulture and to our society.

[Signature]
GARDEN TOURS

To many, our visits to gardens of importance are a highlight of the year. We are planning several trips this season for your enjoyment. All will be by air-conditioned bus with reservations accepted in order of receipt of your checks.

1. Northampton & Amherst - Tuesday, May 20 - Leave Horticultural Hall at 8:30 A.M., return about 4:30 P.M.
   We will go directly to visit the lovely Spring gardens at Smith College. We will visit the greenhouse filled with Begonias, Fuschias, etc., and the Botanic Garden which will be dug up after graduation for renovation.

   Luncheon at famous Wiggins Tavern - Menu:
   choice - juice, soup du jour, onion soup
   choice - Chicken pot pie - vegetable
   Tomato stuffed with chicken salad
   Desert and beverage - tip included

   Visit Asparagus Farms in Hadley - final stop University of Massachusetts at Amherst to see Display Greenhouses.

   Members $8.50
   Guests $10.50

2. Karl Jones' Roses & Newport - Thursday, June 26th.
   Leave W.C.H.S. by bus at 8:30 A.M., return 4:30 P.M. - Karl Jones, famous rose grower of Barrington, R. I., has invited us to visit his magnificent gardens again which we will do on this tour.

   Bring your own picnic lunch.

   After lunch, we plan to visit the older colonial part of Newport visiting among other places, The Touro Synagogue (oldest in the country), The Brick Market, Trinity Church (built in 1726), The Colony House and Newport Historical Society.

   Members $6.50    Guests $9.00

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

March - The Asparagus Fern (Sprengeri) given by Paul Rogers was won by H. Chabot, 41 Cutler Street, Worcester. Very popular plant - more than 300 signed up for it.

April - An Abutilon or "Flowering Maple" house plant was donated by Mrs. Fulton B. Orr, a recent winner of the Rosemary Plant we had here in February, winner: Daniel Griffith of Manchaug.

May - From H.T.P., "bouquet of seeds" just in time for planting!

June - The Hardy Silk Tree of Korea, Albizzia Julibrissin Rosea, grown from a seed from the Arnold Arboretum by Roger Tarbox is going to the lucky winner.

Do you have an extra plant you would care to share with us for use as a "Plant of the Month"? Just call the office.

PAUL ROGERS - VICTORY GARDEN

Fed up with the high price of food? Grow your own - listen to Paul on WTAG every Saturday at 9:08 A.M.

Also, Jim Crockett of Boston -
Wednesdays at 8:30 P.M. - Channel 2
Thursdays at 3 P.M. - Channel 2
Sundays at 7 P.M. - Channel 2 and 44

EXHIBITIONS

Our Summer Flower Shows are starting with "A Day in May" on the fifteenth. Attached is a list of calls and prizes for this early Spring Show. We hope everyone will exhibit - if not at this time, select one of the shows that interest you. Pick up a Schedule of Premiums at the office - you could win a nice prize! Flowers - Vegetables - Fruit!
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

July 11 - Friday  2 P.M. - 8 P.M.
12 - Saturday  9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Lilies Exhibition in co-operation
with New England Regional Lily Group

July 22 - Tuesday - 8:30 A.M. departure
Garden Tour to
 Fuller Rose Garden - Rye Beach &
 John Whipple House in Ipswich

July 26 - Saturday - 1 to 5 P.M.
Hemerocallis (Daylilies) Show
Children's Show

August 14 - Thursday  2 - 8 P.M.
Young People's & Gladiolus Exhibition

August 19 - Tuesday - 8:30 departure
Garden Tour to
University of New Hampshire
New England Center
Strawberry Banks

August 26 - Tuesday - 10 A.M.
"Preserving the Fruits of your Labor"
by Irene Hermanson

September 11 - Thursday  2 to 8 P.M.
Dahlia Show
Sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs

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to our Flower Shows. Call them in advance -
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are you taking full advantage of the wealth of
information that can be gleaned from Flower
Shows?

Our shows are living catalogs of the best of
the plant varieties - new introductions and pro-
ven stand-bys - that can be grown in Worcester
County.

All the shows will be successful only if you
become involved. Bring in a blossom or a bunch
for exhibition and invite a friend to do the
same. Show them how easy it is to set up a dis-
play. Not a specimen in bloom or fruit? Then,
volunteer to help as a host or hostess. Do
plan to get a group together and come in to view
the shows.

Coming up in July are the Lily & Daylily Shows,
and in August the Glad and Young People's Show.
Dates are on the last page of the Newsletter.

The fun of gardening is in sharing. Can I in-
vite you to share with our fellow gardeners the
fruits of your efforts, your time, and your
talents?
GARDEN TOURS

Two enjoyable Tours are offered for the summer months both by air-conditioned bus and both with lunches and tips included. Please include your luncheon choice with your check in signing up.

Tuesday, July 22 - Leave 8:30 A.M.
Fuller Rose Gardens - N. Hampton, New Hampshire
John Whipple House - Ipswich

The famous Rose Gardens of former Governor Fuller of Massachusetts should be at their height in their beautiful location near Rye Beach. After a morning of Roses, we'll tour down the coast to Hampton Beach where your luncheon will be waiting at Aimees Tavern. Our afternoon will take us to the famous John Whipple House at Ipswich, built in 1640, including a very good Herb Garden. Home by 4:30 P.M.

Luncheon Menu:
Appetizer with (Mushroom & Onion Omelet)
B. & B. choice (Cheese Omelet)
Beverage of (Irish Ham Omelet)
Dessert entree (Chicken Salad)

Members $14.50  Guests $17.00

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SUMMER COURSE

"Preserving the Fruits of your Labor"
Tuesday, August 26 - 10 A.M. by Irene Hermanson

Many people have great success raising fine produce only then to wonder what to do with it. After eating what you can and giving to your neighbors, the real gardener will have much remaining.

Freezing and canning can put these away for you to use when needed. Jars may be in short supply put some away now for your use.

Mrs. Hermanson, with much practical experience in this area, will share her knowledge with you during this session.

This course is free - everyone is welcome.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

May - We had two winners in May - the "bouquet of seeds" given by H.T.P. was won by Toby Raskin, Worcester and a beautiful Piggy-back Plant, grown by a 16 year old member, Richard Jordan, was won by Kelly Rand of Cherry Valley.

June - The lucky winner of the Hardy Silk Tree, donated by Roger Tarbox, was Mrs. Barbara Joan M. Barbera of Shrewsbury.

July - A lovely Lily, "Hornback's Gold", growing in a pot is given by Ginny Howie. Come in and win it!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Committee is planning to expand its children's section, which they plan to dedicate in memory of Mrs. Bertha Denny. The committee will be working this summer on a list of children's books to be purchased in the near future. They are still searching for a suitable table and 2 chairs for this section of the room. If you have one, please call the office.

Buffet Luncheon at New England Center (A landscape gardener's paradise)
In the afternoon, we'll see University of N.H.'s All-American annual trials in Portsmouth's Prescott Park, just across the street from the Strawberry Banke General Store. Home by 4:30 P.M.

Members $9.50  Guests $12.00
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

September 11 - Thursday 2 - 8 P.M. DAHLIA EXHIBITION & Sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs

September 18 - Thursday TRUSTEES' MEETING

November 6 - Thursday 3 - 6 P.M. RECEPTION AND PRIVATE VIEWING HOLIDAY SEASON SHOW - Members only

November 7 - Friday 9 A.M. - 8 P.M. 8 - Saturday 9 A.M. - 8 P.M. 9 - Sunday noon - 5 P.M. HOLIDAY SEASON SHOW AT HORTICULTURAL HALL also FALL GARDEN EXHIBITS at WORCESTER CENTER GALLERIA

Friday, November 7 thru Saturday, November (closed Armistice Day)

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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Gardening:

As I write this message, the full moon is bringing shockingly cooler temperatures as a foretaste of fall.

With harvest time at hand, do trust that in spite of a difficult growing season, you are enjoying the rewards of your spring planting and summer labors.

Will you visually share your garden's best by exhibiting flowers, fruits, and vegetables at the Holiday Season Show on November 6, 7, 8 & 9, 1975?

Just as planning was necessary to produce this year's rewards, so also, is planning now necessary for a lavish show of spring bulb color.

Your Society's annual Bulb Sale (the proceeds support our Scholarship Fund) will be held on September 11 at the Dahlia Show. Bulbs may be purchased at this time to brighten the spring scene and also to be entries in the New England Regional Daffodil Show which will be held at Horticultural Hall on May 5 & 6, 1976.

(Continued)
Gardens and Societies grow best when they are given attention. May we count on your involvement?

Paul C. Rogers

1975 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Winners of Worcester County Horticultural Society Scholarships were announced this spring by Mrs. Olive Prunier, Chairman and the Scholarship Committee.

They were:

Vincent John Anton - Worcester
Rickie Allen Bedard - Worcester
Frederick Joseph Connor, III - Auburn
Janet Louise Kingsbury - Paxton
Chester Anthony Miszewicz - Templeton
Martha Ann Silverberg - Sturbridge
Karl Robert Smith - Worcester

SPEAKERS BUREAU

If your Garden Club is interested in speakers on various subjects related to Horticulture - let us know. Maybe we can help you - as we have several members who offer interesting and knowledgeable programs on a variety of subjects.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Our membership list has been brought up to date as of July 1, 1975. If you want a copy, please pick it up at the office.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

July - The lovely Lily, "Hornback’s Gold" grown by Ginny Howie was won by one of our young exhibitors, Maureen Whitney of Cherry Valley.

August - During this past month we have had a specimen plant of a Cotoneaster, given by Mrs. H. Waite Hurlbut, in the Library. The lucky winner was Merritt Cutting of South Barre.

September - A very special plant has been offered by one of our members - come in and sign up.

WINTER LECTURES 1976

You will be pleased to learn of the interesting schedule of lectures planned by your committee for the months ahead -

November, 1975 - Christmas Workshop

January 22 - "Economic Plants that No. America has given the World" by Dr. Richard Schultes

February 19 - "The Early Apple Orchards of New England" by Jack Auchmoody

March 18 - "Colonial Gardens" by Rudy Pavretti of the University of Connecticut

April 15 - "Thoreau’s Wild Flowers" by Mrs. Mary Penn of Concord

PLANT CLINIC

During the Dahlia Show, Marjorie Lodding will be on hand to answer all sorts of questions on the care and raising of plants.

Hours: 2 to 5 P.M.
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

November 6 - Thursday 3 - 6 P.M.
RECEPTION AND PRIVATE VIEWING
HOLIDAY SEASON SHOW - Members only

November 7 - Friday 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.
8 - Saturday 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.
9 - Sunday noon - 5 P.M.
HOLIDAY SEASON SHOW AT HORTICULTURAL HALL
also

FALL GARDEN EXHIBITS at
WORCESTER CENTER GALLERIA

Friday, November 7 thru Saturday, November 15
Open Armistice Day

November 19 - Wednesday 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Christmas Decorations Workshop
Reservation required

December 11 - Thursday - Exhibition Committee
10 A.M.
Planning Schedule for 1976

January 15, 1976 - Annual Meeting of the Society
10 A.M.

January 22, 1976 - Trustees' Organization Meeting
10 A.M.

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MEMBERS' RECEPTION AND PREVIEW

On behalf of all the members and trustees, we
cordially invite you (and yours) to our
Annual Reunion and the opening of our
HOLIDAY SEASON SHOW
at
HORTICULTURAL HALL
Thursday, November 6 from
3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Come and see this lovely show, meet your
friends, and help us welcome our new members.

Refreshments will be served.

President
GARDEN

Everyone must be continually delighted to pass by our building and see how lovely our garden by the parking lot has been all season. This is the gift of the Frank Harrington's, designed by Mrs. Robert C. Milton, and tended by Gus Nelson, Ed Herron and yours truly. It has recently been pruned and enlarged and bulbs planted for next Spring.

FREEZER

At the Spring Flower Show next March, the tea-room, which was such a success last year, will be expanded. Your friends will be busy during the winter making goodies for this occasion and need a freezer (which we can beg, borrow or steal) to store their many items. Have you one to spare and make a tax deductible contribution to the Worcester County Horticultural Society?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Library has acquired many books of interest to young people and we hope to find a few small chairs and a table to complete our "Children's Corner". Can you help?

MYRON F. CONVERSE MEMORIAL FUND

All members of the Society will be pleased and grateful to learn of the recent bequest by Mrs. Anna Converse of $10,000.00 to the Society to establish this Fund. Half of the income will be used to purchase books for the Library, the other half to provide premiums for Rosess or other items at the Society's shows.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WORKSHOP

with Mrs. Edmund Dona

Wednesday, November 19 - 9:30 A. M. to 12:30 P.M.
By reservation only - Course limit 20

Mrs. Dona will lead us in a workshop and will show and explain how to make several Christmas decorations. Basic materials will be furnished but each participant should bring tools, i.e.; clippers, old scissors, wire cutters. You will work on a decoration to take home.

Members $3.00  Guests $4.50

Your paid reservations will be accepted in order of receipt. Don't delay!

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

September - A handsome Bromelidiad, all in bloom, was raised in the greenhouse of Mrs. Robert W. Stoddard and won by Isabel K. Arms.

October - A beautiful specimen plant of a Dracaena marginata was given by Mrs. Frank L. Harrington and won by your own Director, Harlan T. Pierpont.

November - Mrs. Azelda Kinney has offered us a large Olivia that could be won by you. Come in and sign up.

COMMITTEES

The lifeblood of the Society are the several committees steering our activities. These are now being organized for next year and if you have a particular interest and would find it fun to be on one, please let us know soon.