1977
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

January 11 - Tuesday - 10:30 - Garden Clubs
Spring Show Planning Meeting

January 12 - Wednesday - 10 A.M.
Meeting of Garden Tours Committee

January 14 - Friday - 2 P.M. - Garden Awards
for 1976 - Refreshments

January 20 - Thursday - 10 A.M.
Annual Meeting of the Society
Coffee at 9:30 A.M.
Come and hear reports of past year and
vote for your new officers

January 20 - Thursday - 2 P.M. (same day)
Winter Lecture - illustrated
"Gardens of Monte Carlo & the Riviera"

February 7 - Monday - 1:30 P.M.
Elm Tree Symposium

February 17 - Thursday - 2 P.M.
Winter Lecture - illustrated
"Berries and Brambles"

March 10 - 15 - Thursday to Tuesday
Worcester's own Spring Flower Show
Show will open with Member's Preview - March 10

MRS. EDWARD A. BIGELOW FUND

The Society gratefully acknowledges this memorial
fund given by her daughter, Mrs. Katherine B.
Heberton of Chatham. Income from this fund will
provide prizes for Flower Arrangements at our
Exhibitions.

SNOW DATE

If Public Schools are closed, we will also be
closed. All meetings so cancelled will be held
one week later, same day, same time.

NEWSLETTER

30 ELM STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

Vol. 14 No. 1 January - February 1977

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Annual Meeting of the Worcester County Horti-
cultural Society will be held at Horticultural
Hall, 30 Elm Street, Worcester, Mass.

Thursday, January 20, 1977, at 10 A.M.

to act upon the following articles:

1. Reports of Officers and Committees to-
gether with such recommendations as may
be contained therein.

2. To choose Officers and Committees of the
Society.

3. Proposed changes in by-laws.
Article IV, Sec. 1-a. Annual Meeting of
Society shall be third Thursday of January.

Article IX - b. Indemnification of
Trustees and Officers of the Society.

Article X - formerly article IX.

4. Any other business that may legally come
before the meeting.

Paul Rogers, President
Mrs. Richard Gifford, Secretary
Dear Friends in Gardening,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope your resolution will be to get involved. Your Society needs many willing hands to make it go. Please let us know which committee you'd enjoy being on - how you'd like to help. Thanks.

Paul C. Rogers

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During the winter what is more fun than seeing colored pictures of lovely gardens, and to plan for the Spring ahead.

GARDEN AWARDS

Friday, January 14, at 2 P.M.

Your Garden Awards Committee was busy reviewing many gardens throughout the county this past season and as a culmination of their program, Awards will be presented to the winners at this time. Come join us in honoring these people and enjoy seeing the prize winning gardens. Refreshments.
(Snow date - if Public Schools closed - Jan. 21)
If you're a photographer, this may be the committee you'd enjoy.

WINTER LECTURES

Thursdays - at 2 P.M.

1. January 20 - George H. Pride
   "Gardens of Monte Carlo & the Riviera"

A return engagement from our friend and world traveller.

2. February 17 - S. James Mistark
   "Berries and Brambles"

This promises to be a good down-to-earth discussion of what small fruits are best for your garden, and how to grow them.

"THE AMERICAN ELM, PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE"

February 7, Monday - 1:30 P.M.

We are pleased to announce a symposium on this important subject by two leading authorities,

Dr. Francis W. Holmes, Director
Shade Tree Laboratory - University of Mass.
and
Katherine Phillips, Secretary
Elm Research Institute

Much progress has been made in saving for posterity the American Elm. Come and learn about it. Meeting is free & open to all. Bring a friend.

SPRING SHOW - TEA ROOM

Doris Clark, Peggy Erskine, and Betty Beach will again head up operation of our most popular tea-room at the Spring Show. Our freezer is waiting to be filled with goodies which we hope you will make for this popular project.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

November - A flowering Crassula argentea from South Africa was given to us by Mr. Louise Harrington and was a very popular plant. Kurt Clason of Shrewsbury was the lucky winner.

December - Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Huff of Lunenburg, two very faithful exhibitors; gave us a lovely Strawberry Begonia with many little babies.
This was won by our P.R. Director, Polly Cowan.

January - Come and sign up for a beautiful African Violet given to us by Sarah Handy.

GARDEN TOUR

Garden Tour - May 18 & 19 - Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Planting Fields and Old Westbury Gardens. Details at Hall. Reservations accepted now.
March 10 - 15  SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Thursday, March 10 - MEMBERS' PREVIEW
5 P.M. to 8 P.M.

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Friday, March 11  9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Saturday, March 12  9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Sunday, March 13  1 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Monday, March 14  9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Tuesday, March 15  9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

March 24 - Thursday  2 P.M.
Illustrated Lecture "Sink Gardens"
Mr. & Mrs. H. Lincoln Foster
of Falls Village, Conn.

April 21 - Thursday  2 P.M.
"Common Families of Flowering Plants
in Worcester County"
by Dr. Vernon Ahmadjian
Professor of Botany at Clark University

May 4 & 5 - Wednesday & Thursday
DAFFODIL SHOW

May 18 & 19 - Spring Tour to Brooklyn Botanic
Garden and Long Island
Reservation required

Vol. 14 No. 2 March - April 1977

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Winter weary? Think Spring!

Think Spring by offering assistance to your Society. You'll receive more in personal satisfaction than you'll give. What is your forte? Share it please.

Think Spring by setting aside time between five and eight P.M. on March 10. At a Members' Reception visit with fellow gardeners and leisurely view the Spring Flower Show.

Think Spring by ordering a special seed or bulb now. Resolve to grow and show a specimen plant at some exhibit. Your plant could turn us all green with envy.

Green is the color! Green up everyone's life by making your Society a vital force in the Community.

President
DAFFODIL SHOW

We New England gardeners are well bundled for protection against the Winter crunch - also the plant world with the more than generous cover of snow. Come March and the beginning of Spring we think "Daffodils".

Once again the Worcester County Horticultural Society is sponsoring, with the American Daffodil Society, a Regional Daffodil Show at Horticultural Hall on Wednesday, May 4 and Thursday, May 5. Plan to enter your Daffodils. Suggestions for exhibitors and the show schedule will be available at the Horticultural Hall.

Martha C. Fiehler
Show Chairman

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

January - A very lovely lavender African Violet, given by Mrs. Sarah Handy, was won by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Holm of Sutton.

February - Paul Shusas presented an interesting Begonia called Tiger Kitten which was won by Dagmar E. Talbot of Worcester. A beautiful blue Cineraria grown by Dr. Raymond Crawford of Oakham was an extra bonus and won by Mildred Bellaw.

March - Our friends at Bigelow Nurseries are giving a Columna, ideal as a house plant, come in and sign up - you might be the winner.

LIBRARY NEWS

A most appropriate and attractive table and 2 chairs for the use of young people in our Library has been given anonymously to the Society. How fortunate we are - and deeply grateful! Come in and see it.

GARDEN TOUR TO LONG ISLAND

May 18 - 19, 1977

By comfortable air-conditioned tour bus.

Leave W.C.H.S. at 8 A.M. and drive to Long I. arriving around noon. Stop for lunch and arrive Brooklyn Botanic Garden at 2 P.M.

Guided tour of the garden and visit greenhouses.

Drive to Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in nearby Jericho, L.I. for the night.

Dinner at the famous old Millermidge Inn.

After breakfast on Thursday, drive out to Planting Fields Arboretum - visit gardens and greenhouses during the morning.

11:30 A.M. Drive to Old Westbury Gardens, lovely estate of former John S. Phipps. You will have a picnic lunch, wander through the gardens and visit the superb completely furnished Mansion. Leave about 3 P.M.

Home about 7 P.M.

Cost per person, without meals $70.00 (double room)
Cost per person, without meals $80.00 (single room)

Tour limit is 40 persons.

First forty to sign up and make payment will be included.

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Yes, I would like to go on the trip - please sign me up.

Name ____________________________

Address ________________________

This trip will be open to non-members after March 15.
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

May 4 & 5 - DAFFODIL SHOW
Wednesday, May 4 2 to 6 P.M.
Thursday, May 5 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

May 18 & 19 - Spring Tour to Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Long Island.
Bus leaves WCHS at 8 A.M. sharp.

May 25 - Wednesday HERB SALE 9:30 to 6 P.M.
Sponsored by New England Unit Herb Society of America.
AT THE
Worcester Center Galleria

June 14 - Tuesday - Garden Tour
Stone Estate in Marion and Haskell's Garden Center in New Bedford
Reservation required
Leave WCHS at 8:30 A.M.

June 23 - Thursday - ROSE SHOW
2 to 8 P.M.

July 8 & 9 - Friday and Saturday
LILY SHOW

July 12 - Garden Tour to
Dalton, Westfield & Stockbridge, Mass.

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4274

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vol. 14 No. 3 May - June 1977

Dear Friends in gardening,

Spring has arrived!

Just doesn't seem possible that it's here to stay when warm weather came so early. As gardening activities increase, so too does the worth of our Society's services to you.

Consider our library's vast store of answers just waiting for your questions!

Think of the extensive expertise available to you from our membership - your fellow gardeners!

All of the Society's benefits - flower shows, trips, lectures and library are yours for the asking.

The new season gives promise of a fresh, exciting era of gardening. Let's all grow together - your plants, your Society, and you.

Paul Rogers
President
GARDEN TOURS

1. May 18 & 19 - Brooklyn Botanic Garden
   Planting Fields and Old Westbury
   Overnight at Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
   2 seats only available for this enchanting trip
   for members only.
   Call if interested.

2. June 14 - Tuesday - Marion & New Bedford
   Leave Worcester at 8:30 A.M.
   By popular request we are returning to the
   lovely Stone Estate in Marion where you will
   visit the famous Greenhouses and see a superb
   Rhododendron display on the shores of Buzzards
   Bay. Bring a picnic lunch.
   In the afternoon, we go over to New Bedford
   where we will visit the very special gardens
   and greenhouses of Allan Haskell.
   Return by 5 P.M.
   Cost: $7.50 members $10.00 guests
   Please send in your check when making reserva-
   tions.

3. Tuesday, July 12 - Dalton, Westfield and
   Stockbridge
   We will announce this trip in more detail in
   the next newsletter. Visit will include
   gardens of the Crane Estate, Stanley Park in
   Westfield and the famous Berkshire Garden Center.
   Put in on your calendar.

EXHIBITIONS

Don't miss your Society's Summer Shows, start-
ning with Daffodils, then Roses and Lilies.
Everything well identified for your knowledge
and help. You could win a prize!
Pick up your Premium Schedule now.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

March - The very popular Columnea (450 entries)
given to us by Bigelow Nurseries was won by a
very delighted Johanna Brown, Cricket Drive,
Sturbridge, Mass.

April - Mrs. Marion Orr donated an assortment
of small plants, just in time for the growing
season and won by none other than that fine
Horticulturist, Ed Herron.

May - A most attractive plant - the Monstera
deliciosa is being offered by Miss Marjorie
Inman. Will you be the winner?

BOOK REVIEW

"Gardening with Perennials Month by Month"
by Joseph Rudak

This volume, of about 400 pages, gives one a
handy well indexed source of information about
perennials apt to do well in the area around
Boston as a hub.

The volume:

1. Suggests by pictures and lists the items
to be selected for each nine months of the
year including a section on ferns.

2. Describes each perennial biologically in-
cluding native habitat, time of blooming,
light required and diseases.

3. Gives a list of books for further study
of perennials (bibliograph).

4. Well deserves consideration.

(This book was reviewed by Everett Hutchins,
a member of the Library Committee)

USE YOUR LIBRARY
Horticultural Calendar

July 8 & 9 - LILIES EXHIBITION
In co-operation with N.E. Reg. Lily Group
Friday, July 8  2 - 8 P.M.
Saturday, July 9  9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

July 12 - Tuesday - Garden Tour to Dalton
Lenox and Stockbridge
Reservation required
Leave W.C.H.S. at 8:30 A.M.

July 14 - Thursday - TRUSTEES' MEETING
at 3 P.M.

July 23 - HEMEROCALLIS EXHIBITION &
YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXHIBITION
Saturday, July 23  1 to 6 P.M.
In co-operation with Region 4 American
Hemerocallis Society

August 9 - Tuesday - Tour to Boston & Waltham
Quincy Market and Mrs. Fram's Garden
Reservation required
Leave W.C.H.S. at 8:30 A.M.

August 18 - YOUNG PEOPLE'S MID-SUMMER FLOWER
SHOW AND GLADIOLUS EXHIBITION
Thursday, August 18 from 2 to 8 P.M.

September 15 - DAHLIA EXHIBITION
Thursday, September 15  2 to 8 P.M.
Sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs
Benefit of the Scholarship Fund
Plan to order your bulbs at this show.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in gardening,

Weather seems to finally be settling with warm
days & sufficient rain to stimulate healthy
growth of flower, fruit, and vegetable.

Your gardens should be providing refreshment
for body & spirit, if you did all the necessary
planning & planting earlier.

For additional stimulation and refreshment do
consider both -- an involvement in our Summer
Flower Shows and registration for one or more
of our Summer Horticultural trips. These are
most necessary ways to enjoy our avocation,
meet with fellow gardeners, and acquire ideas
to make gardening more rewarding.

I'm sure all join me in rejoicing in the rapid
return to health of our Executive Director.
We miss him and send our best wishes.

Paul E. Rogers  President
GARDEN TOURS

1. Tuesday, July 12, Dalton, Lenox and Stockbridge
   Leave Worcester at 8:30 A.M.

We are planning a nice summer trip to the Crane Estate and Greenhouses in Dalton, stop for lunch at Alice's of Avaloch in Lenox and then on to the famous Berkshire Garden Center in Stockbridge.

Return by 5 P.M.

Please select your choice of menu for lunch.

1. Soup
   Salad
   Homemade bread
   Quiche (Cheese Pie)
   Broiled Tomato
   Tea or coffee
   Cake or ice cream

2. Soup
   Homemade bread
   Chicken Salad
   Coffee or tea
   Homemade cakes or ice cream

Cost: Members $13.50 Guests $16.00
   (Luncheon included)

Please send in your check and choice of menu when making reservations.

2. Tuesday, August 9 - Boston Gardens, Quincy Market and Mrs. Fraim's Garden
   Leave Worcester at 8:30 A.M.

A day at the famous Quincy Market Restoration in Boston. The old produce stalls now dispense all sorts of foreign and domestic foods; (which can be eaten there or taken out) and a variety of shops with the atmosphere of a bazaar and several fine restaurants. On the way down, we will stop at the Public Gardens.

We will get back on the bus at 1:30 P.M. for a visit to Mrs. Leola Fraim's garden in Waltham. She is a Life Member of the Worcester County Horticultural Society and 13 years ago her garden received a silver medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and last year she was awarded a Gold Medal. This will be a rare treat.

Cost: $5.50 Members $8.00 Guests

Return by 5 P.M.

Please send in your check when making reservations.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

May - The Monstera deliciosa offered by Miss Marjorie Inman was won by a very delighted non-member, Jane Guy of Auburn.

June - A somewhat new member, Mr. John Boomer of Mendon, donated the June plant from his collection of unusual things. If you have seen his displays at the summer shows, you know he has some outstanding plants. The winner of the scented-leaved Geranium will be announced in the next Newsletter.

July - Come in and sign up - you could be the lucky winner of a Billbergia nutans given to the Society by Mrs. Polly Cowan.

NEWS UPDATE

Mr. Pierpont has had an accident involving a tree, which precipitated some nerve damage and is recuperating at home, but hopes to be coming in soon from time to time.

Why not send him a card or note at Goodale Street, West Boylston, Mass. 01583.
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

Sept. 15 - Thursday - DAHLIA EXHIBITION
2 to 8 P.M.

Sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs
Benefit of the Scholarship Fund

Oct. 13 - Thursday - TRUSTEES' MEETING

Oct. 7 through October 15, 1977
FALL GARDEN EXHIBIT
WORCESTER CENTER GALLERIA
(9:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. - closed Sunday)

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Horticultural Hall
Nov. 3 - Thursday 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.
(Members only)
Nov. 4 - Friday 9 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Nov. 5 - Saturday 9 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Nov. 6 - Sunday 12 noon to 5 P.M.

MY GARDEN

Some seek seclusion in a garden
By hedges bound, by walls hemmed in;
Give me clear space to far horizon
With vistas framed, still peace within,

 Sheltered, yet open from winds to pass,
- Perfumes grow heavy when long confined -
- Colors grow stale without contrast -
So give me vistas for eyes and mind.

Edwin W. Proctor

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4274

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in gardening,

More people are gardening than ever before in our nation's history. We are nearing the time when horticultural activities must be moved from the outdoors to inside. Your Society would like to help you expand your flowery horizons.

The Library offers books on light gardening, container growing, house plants, and a host of related subjects.

The Exhibition Committee has two fall shows for your edification and enjoyment. Do exhibit &/or attend. Bring a friend with you.

The Lecture Committee is working on four exciting talks for winters' non-gardening days and evenings.

Your Society can best help you when it is fully informed of your needs. What workshops would you like to see offered? When? What additional services should you be interested in? What would you like to see more of - or less?

What are you willing to offer the Society of your talents and expertise?
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
(continued)

Let us know your feelings concerning the future direction of the Society by writing me or calling our secretary, Fayre Mason.

Societies like plants grow best when someone cares. Will you take the time to care?

Paul C. Rogers
President

AMERICAN ROSE ANNUALS

A member of the American Rose Society and the Dallas Rose Society, Mr. R. J. Halbrook, 10438 Vinemont, Dallas, Texas, 75218, is interested in the American Rose Annuals and is trying to complete his collection.

He has some extra annuals and would like to trade or sell to members and would also like to purchase any extras that you may want to sell or trade. Please contact him directly, if you are interested.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

June - The winner of the scented-leaved Geranium, given by Mr. Boomer, was won by a very pleased 12 year old boy, Edward Raskin, of 10 Brookshire Road, Worcester, perhaps a future member of our Society.

July - Jessie Prunier, a 4-H member, an exhibitor at our shows and the daughter of Oliver Prunier won the Billbergia nutans given by Polly Cowap.

August - One of Mr. Ed Proctor's famous Rosemarys was our plant of the month for August. This Rosemary is a descendant from a cutting brought by the former Head Gardener from the Royal Gardens at Windsor, England, forty years ago. It was won by Mrs. Stanley Havens of Holden.

LIBRARY NEWS

On Saturday, July 23, at 4 P.M. a group of people gathered at the Library of the Society to pay homage to a grand lady, Mrs. Bertha G. Denny, and to dedicate the children's corner in her name. She was a Life Member of this Society, joining in 1916, and served as a Trustee many years. Her special love was the Library Committee and faithfully attended every meeting bringing with her delicious desserts that will long be remembered.

An anonymous donor has given a children's table and chairs, which helps to make this corner a more enticing place for young people dropping by.

DAHLIAS AND DAFFODILS

At the same time as our Dahlia Show, on September 15, we will have our annual sale of SPRING BULBS. Listed below are the varieties we will have.

Tulips    Crocus    Dutch Iris
Narcissus Anemone Scilla
Hyacinths Muscari Allium
Erythronium Lilium Fritillaria

1977 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Winners of Worcester County Horticultural Soc. Scholarships were announced recently by Mrs. Jack McGuinness, chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

They were: Bert A. Engvall - Grafton
Linda M. Miczek - Spencer
Melinda J. Dow - Rutland
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

November 3 - Thursday 3 - 6 P.M.
MEMBERS' RECEPTION
(for members and invited guests)
November 4 - Friday 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.
November 5 - Saturday 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.
November 6 - Sunday 12 noon to 5 P.M.

December 1 - "Christmas Thru the House" 2 P.M.
Susan Thomas, Peterborough, N. H.

January 12 - Thursday - GARDEN AWARDS 2 P.M.

Worcester County Horticultural Society
SPRING FLOWER SHOW
March 2 - 7, 1977

MY GARDEN PATHS

My garden paths that turn and wind
And lead me far from daily grind
Of tasks not wholly to my mind,
   Are paths of peace.

When cares upon me weigh and press
I flee from worry, care, and stress
And gain a season's sweet redress
Along these paths.

They lead me out to life and light,
Afar from fear's most deadening blight;
They lead me up to spirit's height;
   My garden paths.

Edith Porter Kimball

Horticultural Hall - telephone number 752-4274
CHILDREN'S GARDEN AWARDS

During the summer, our Society, in co-operation with the 4-H, sponsors gardens for young people throughout the county. These gardens were judged this year by two of our members, Arthur J. O'Mara and Howard L. Borggaard.

Some 75 children will receive monetary awards, amounting to $300.00, as the culmination of this program. They will be in for a special treat as Paul Rogers is planning to do his Gardener's Calender on WTAG live from the Hall from 9 to 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, November 5, and the children will have a chance to ask questions from 9:30 to 10.

Do join with us in honoring our young people and their families on Saturday morning.

Refreshments will be served.

WINTER LECTURES

The Winter Lecture Committee has worked hard to bring you four interesting and varied talks next season. You may want to jot these dates down on your calendar.

All are on Thursdays.

1. December 1, 1977 - Mrs. Susan Thomas
   "Christmas Thru the House" 2 P.M.

2. February 16, 1978 - Paul Rogers
   "Gardens of Olde England" 7:30 P.M.

   "New Plants, New Varieties of Old Favorites" 2 P.M.

   "Perennials - Old & New" 2 P.M.

1977 HARVEST FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 3-6

Come to the Harvest Festival and see flowers, fruit, vegetables and Christmas trees.

Apples, Pears, Pumpkins
Terrariums
House Plants
Thanksgiving Wreaths & Swags

Worcester County Beekeepers
Extracting Shed & Honey House

A special exhibit of old-time apples from the Society's Preservation Apple Orchard and Creeper Hill Orchards.

PRESERVATION ORCHARD

The Society is looking for a hardy, dedicated volunteer to assist S. James Mistark with the Preservation Orchard scion program this winter with the object of one or more people handling this important program in future years. The volunteers will have the enviable opportunity to learn under the tutorage of an expert and to make a positive contribution to an important program. Please notify the Society of your interest.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

September - A handsome Lavendula dentata - Fringed Lavender was given by a young exhibitor, Richard Jordan and was won by Frances Burns of Webster.

October - Mrs. Roger Heald donated a splendid specimen of Plectranthus oertendahlii - Candle Plant. The lucky winner was Suzanne C. Gustafson, a neighbor from Freedom Federal.

November - Come in and sign up for the plant that will be given to the Society by Mrs. Frank L. Harrington. I promise you it will be something unusual.