WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Thursday, Nov. 30 - 2:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Main Hall

CHRISTMAS IN THE AMERICAS
Presented by Kenn Stephens

A Lecture-demonstration of Christmas design concepts expressing the mood and warmth of the season. Mr. Stephens, Executive Director of W.C.H.S., lectures in this country and abroad.

Thursday, February 15 - 2:00 p.m. Lower Hall

GARDENING UNDER LIGHTS
Presented by Mrs. Ralph Engle

Enjoy seeing plants grown under this system and learn practical tips and techniques for successful growing. Mrs. Engle is a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, where she has served as Chairman of the Education Committee.

Thursday, March 29 - 2:00 p.m. Lower Hall

300 YEARS OF GARDEN DESIGN IN AMERICA
Presented by Joseph Hudak

Color slides illustrate this informative and witty look at the development of garden design in the United States. Mr. Hudak, author and lecturer, is Vice-President of Olmsted Associates and teaches in the Graduate School of Design at Harvard.

Thursday, April 19 - 7:30 p.m. Main Hall

GARDENING, MOTHER NATURE AND YOU
Presented by Elvin McDonald

Mr. McDonald is the author of many books about gardening, lecturer, and Garden Editor of Better Homes & Gardens.

Members are asked to show their membership cards for admission.

Non-members $1.50
Classes and Lectures
Autumn and Winter

Luncheon with the Director - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Chestnut Room - Use Courtyard Entrance

Though there is always a specific topic announced for each meeting, members are invited to bring problems in horticulture or design to these informal luncheon meetings with the director. A simple lunch of soup or salad, a sandwich, and beverage will be served.

Luncheon Donation - $2.50 Members only

Make reservations by telephoning Horticultural Hall no later than the Friday preceding each meeting.

Mondays - Sept. 18 AUTUMN IN ENGLAND
Oct. 16 WONDROUS WORLD OF WEEDS
Nov. 13 PUTTING THE GARDEN TO BED
      Presented by Paul Rogers
Dec. 4 DOORWAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Flower Arranging Workshop - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
West Hall Use West Entrance from parking lot

Instructor - Mrs. Ralph Hill, Andover, Massachusetts
Mrs. Hill is a lecturer and demonstrator with a national reputation in all areas of flower arrangement and is presently serving as Co-chairman of the International Flower Show in Bermuda, 1979.

This workshop will stress basic design techniques, container selection, and the principles of design. Students are responsible for their own tools, containers, and flowers. Advance registration will be taken in the order received and enrollment is limited to 15 people.

Members - $18.00 Non-members - $22.50

Tuesdays, October 3, 17 and 31

Herbs to Grow and Use - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
West Hall Use West Entrance from parking lot

Instructor - Mrs. Richard Mirick

Mrs. Mirick, a member of W.C.H.S., has been active on many committees, served as a trustee and chairman of the Garden Clubs Spring Show Exhibit. Herbs have been her interest for years and she will stimulate and challenge you with her knowledge.

Students are asked to bring a sandwich. Beverage and a herb delight will be provided. Advance registration will be taken in the order received and enrollment is limited to 20 people.

Members $6.00 Non-members - $8.00

Date: Tuesday, November 7

Holiday Decorations Workshop - West Hall
1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Section A
5:15 to 7:15 p.m. - Section B - Use Library Entrance

Instructor - Kenn Stephens

Swags and other hanging pieces for Christmas - Bring at least three different kind of evergreens in 3' to 4' lengths, spool wire, cutters, and assorted varieties of pine cones. Ribbons and seasonal ornaments will be available at modest cost.

Advance registration will be taken in the order received and enrollment is limited to 20 people.

Members - $2.50 Non-members - $4.00

Date: Monday, November 4
1978

HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

January 12 - Thursday - 9:30 A.M. - Garden Clubs Spring Show Planning Meeting
   Show date: Tuesday, January 17th.

January 12 - Garden Awards - Thursday - 2 P.M.
   Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

January 19 - Annual Meeting - Thursday - 10 A.M.
   Coffee will be at 9:30 A.M.
   Plan now to attend and vote for the new officers of 1978.
   They need your support.

January 26 - Trustees' Meeting - Thursday
   at 10 A.M.

February 16 - Thursday evening - 7:30 P.M.
   "Gardens of Olde England"
   by Paul E. Rogers

March 2 - 7 - Thursday to Tuesday
   Worcester's own Spring Flower Show
   Show will open with Member's Preview - March 2

SONNET FOR GARDENERS

I think that we who tend the growing things
   Grow too; our spirits feel akin to birds
And lift far out on sudden, urgent wings
   To skim with them and speak their airy words.

I cannot nurture trees (from saplings grown)
   And see them rising skyward with such pride
Without a tiptoe feeling of my own,
   As though we reached together, side by side.

And as I tend my garden, bright with flowers,
   And pull the tares and plant anew the seeds,
I, too, am blessed with rain, with sunny hours,
   With all the bloom my hungry spirit needs.

Elizabeth Terryl

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

Thursday, January 19, 1978, at 10 A.M.

to act upon the following articles:

1. Reports of Officers and Committees together with such recommendations as may be contained therein.

2. To choose Officers and Committees of the Society.

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

   PAUL E. ROGERS
   President

   MRS. RICHARD O. GIFFORD
   Secretary

Coffee - 9:30 A.M.
Dear Friends in Gardening,

A Happy - green, growing - New Year to you all. Your Search Committee is actively engaged in seeking a new Executive Director for the Society.

As President, it is encouraging to see the increased involvement of so many of our members in the workings of the Society. However, your Society needs more help. It needs your ideas, your time, your financial assistance.

Make and keep a New Year's resolution to be a more active constituent of our Society.

Paul E Rogers

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GARDEN AWARDS

Thursday, January 12, at 2 P.M.

On this date, Garden Award winners, members and friends will gather at Horticultural Hall to honor the hard-working gardeners who will be receiving the awards. Slides will be shown and refreshments will be served. Plan now to be among the members to attend and congratulate the winners.

(Snow date - if Public Schools are closed, the ceremony will be held one week later - January 19).

WINTER LECTURE

Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 P.M.
"Gardens of Olde England" by Paul E. Rogers

The second in our series of lectures will be held in the evening to accommodate people who are unable to attend a day time meeting. Your President, Paul, will show his collection of slides taken on his recent trip to England. It promises to be a real treat.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

November - Mrs. Frank L. Harrington presented the Society with a huge specimen of Kalanchoe blossfeldiana in full bloom - a handsome sight. Among close to 200 entries, Mrs. Olive Frunier, our hard-working Youth Committee chairman, was the winner.

December - A lovely Christmas-red Cyclamen persicinum giganteum, given to us by the Paul Rogers Family, just in time for the holiday season, was won by Robert Herron.

January - Stop by and sign up.

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Library Committee held their Annual Christmas Party on December 12. We wish to thank the following people for helping with the decorations.

Peg Dickinson - Beautiful Yew wreath
Dick Salo - Large red-checkered bow
James Mistark - Christmas tree

SPRING SHOW - TEA ROOM

Want to feel needed?

You can. We need your help!

For the Spring Flower Show Tea Shop . . we need large cookies, brownies, tea breads, etc. Bake ahead . . . wrap tightly . . . label . . and bring down to the Hall's spacious freezer or make a note on your calendar to bake at show time.

Our sincere thanks. We can't do it without you.

Marjorie Lodding, Co-chair.
Ernestine Blanchard, Co-chair.

HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

March 2 - 7  SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Thursday, March 2 - MEMBERS' PREVIEW
5 P.M. to 8 P.M.
Refreshments

Friday, March 3  9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Saturday, March 4  9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Sunday, March 5  1 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Monday, March 6  9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Tuesday, March 7  9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Members admitted free on Membership card

March 16 - Lecture - "New Plants, New Varieties of Old Favorites"
  H. Thurston Handley  2 P.M.

April 20 - Lecture - "Perennials - Old & New"
  Carl A. Totemeier, Jr.  2 P.M.

DOORS

The mind is made of little doors that swing,
And they are opened by such trifling keys!
A word suffices. Lovely harmonies
Are loosened by the magic sound of "Spring."
Pronounce it and the rusted locks that cling
to winter creak, and here's an April breeze.
The mind is sweetened by fresh memories
of saucy Tulips and brooks murmuring.
All doors are opened by a warming word.
The wind is cold. There is no sun today.
The frozen river spurns the snowy shore.
But someone spoke of Spring-Ah, if you heard,
you will be dreaming of the fragrant May,
And Daffodils will nod beside your door.

Anne Campbell

Horticultural Hall - telephone number 752-4274

NEWSLETTER

30 ELM STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

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INVITATION

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I invite you and yours to our MEMBERS' RECEPTION at the opening of the SPRING FLOWER SHOW. The date is March 2 - Thursday from 5 to 8 P.M.
Refreshments will be served and awards will be made at 5 P.M.
This reception offers you a pleasant and leisurely way to view the show and visit with friends.
Hope to see you at this time.

Paul E. Rogers
President
Dear Friends,

After every New England Winter, Spring is a physical, mental, horticultural treat. The advent of Spring greenery and flowers this year will be doubly welcome because of the difficulty of the Winter that is now past - hopefully.

Your own private Spring will be available to you on March 2 from five to eight o'clock when the special Members' Reception will provide you with a preview of the splendor that is Spring. Do come and enjoy a leisurely glimpse of green with your friends.

The Society's Committees have been meeting regularly to plan programs and activities that will entertain and educate.

Communicate to us your wants and needs - send suggestions for gardens to be visited, workshops to be offered, problems to be solved.

Hope to see you at the Spring Flower Show and all through the year.

Paul

WINTER LECTURES

We have two more interesting lectures coming up in March and April, both will be on Thursdays at 2:00 P.M., with refreshments served before the lectures at 1:30 P.M., under the direction of our new Hospitality Chairman, Mrs. Robert E. Chapman, Jr. of Princeton.

1. March 16 - H. Thurston Handley
   Co-operative Extension Service in Concord
   "New Plants, New Varieties of Old Favorites"

2. April 20 - Carl A. Totemeier, Jr., Director
   Old Westbury Gardens
   "Perennials - Old & New"

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

January - A handsome Spathiphyllum, donated by Wallace Parker of Parker Florists, was won by a most elated Jessie Cutting, So. Berre. This plant was drawn by Miss Jane Newton.

February - A most unusual Anthurium, in bloom, given by Mrs. Dorothy Hurlburt, was taken home by a happy member, Mrs. Isabelle Boissooneault.

March - We are planning on a Bromeliad, or something else exciting, for this month - compliments of Mr. & Mrs. Harlan T. Pierpont, Jr. When you are here at the Spring Show, plan to sign up for this interesting plant.

REMEMBER

Have you baked for the tea-room? We need your help. Leave baked goods in the freezer at the hall or bring to the show.

The money realized from the tea-room not only helps your Society but benefits the Garden Clubs that participate in the show.

POSTER CONTEST

Once again we conducted a Spring Show Poster Contest with the co-operation of the David Hale Manning School. 19 young men and women entered. The voting was done by people attending Paul's lecture on February 16 and the following winners were selected.

1st  Gloria Cote
2nd  Nancy Liberty
3rd  William Ethier
4th  Doris Higgins
5th  Jared Golen
May 4 - Thursday - TRUSTEES' MEETING
10:00 A.M.

May 18 - Thursday - GARDEN TOUR
Beacon Hill Gardens
Reservation required
Leave W.C.H.S. at 8:30 A.M.

June 15 - Thursday - Local Garden Tour
Reservation required
Leave W.C.H.S. at 8:30 A.M.

June 22 - Thursday - ROSE SHOW
2 to 8 P.M.

July 14 & 15 - Friday & Saturday - LILY SHOW
2 to 8 P.M. and 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
In co-operation with the New England Regional
Lily Group.

July 22 - Saturday - HEMEROCALLIS SHOW & YOUNG PEOPLE'S
EXHIBITION
1 to 6 P.M.

APPLE BLOSSOMS
The orchard trees are white,
For the bright May sun is shining,
And the blossoms show
Like a drift of snow
From a cloud with a rosy lining.

And two little, blue little eyes
With a sweet surprise are glowing.
"O mamma, I can see
A popcorn tree,
And the cornballs just a growing!"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Gardening,

After a Winter of interminable duration, Spring has finally arrived. Do enjoy it to the fullest.

Trees are budding & leafing, spring bulbs are spritely & bright, hardy perennials are up & growing. As winter does come to Worcester County each year, plan to plant now some of the spring blooming plants that will help you to welcome spring next year.

In reading your newsletter, do note that the Society is offering an exciting series of Garden Tours this year. They are an excellent opportunity to join together with friends, old and new, to visit gardens of special beauty in and around Worcester.

The summer flower shows will soon be with us. Encourage a friend to exhibit and do bring something in yourself. Share your gardening expertise with others. It is not necessary for your friend to be a member of the Society to exhibit in any or all shows. Yet, what better way to introduce people to our Society?

There is an exciting year of gardening upon us - join in and experience it fully.

Paul E. Rogers
GARDEN TOURS

Two Garden Tours are planned for your pleasure during May and June.

1. Beacon Hill Garden Club Open Gardens

Seven Hidden Gardens will be open to the public on Thursday, May 18th. Coffee will be served between 9:30 and 11:30. This is a walking tour so sturdy shoes should be worn.

Luncheon will be at the Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street, at 12:30. Choice of menu will be Fresh Boston Scrod, potato, cole slow and lemon or Asparagus wrapped in Ham, served with lettuce, tomato and potato of the day. Please indicate choice when signing up.

In the afternoon, we will stop at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, which is a lot like the Arnold Arboretum in many ways.

We are only planning one bus, so sign up early. Bus will leave at 8:30 A.M.

Price: Members $10.50
       Guests $12.50

2. A local tour to some outstanding gardens in the area has been arranged on Thursday, June 15.

Gardens to be visited:

Mrs. Robert C. Milton, Worcester
Mrs. Robert W. Stoddard, Worcester
Mrs. Harlan T. Pierpont, Jr., W. Boylston

Plan to bring a picnic lunch - she will supply dessert & coffee.

Mrs. Richard W. Harker, Princeton
Mrs. Linwood M. Erskine, Paxton

The bus will leave the Hall at 8:30 A.M.

Price: Members $3.00
       Guests $4.00

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH

March - The beautiful Bromeliad in blossom, given by the Harlan Pierponts, was won by Maureen Coghlin of Shrewsbury, out of 300 contestants. It was drawn by Ed Herron on his last day of working for the Society.

April - A handsome Begonia called "Charm" donated by Mrs. Alice Milton and grown by Tony Kruckas, was acquired by a very excited winner, Alton R. Anderson from New City, New York, who has been a Life Member of this Society for 43 years.

May - Plan to stop in this month when you are in the area - the plant will be given to the Society by Mrs. Robert Stoddard - I assure you it will be unusual.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

The Premium Schedule for 1978 will be ready around the 15th of May. Plan to pick up your copy at the office or send in 2 - 13½ stamps and one will be mailed to you.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

To all of the horticultural members who baked and baked and baked - our sincere thanks!

The Flower Show Tea Shop was a financial success and checks have been distributed to participating garden clubs to help with the costs of the downstairs exhibits.

As exhibit expenses continue to soar, the tea shop function becomes increasingly important. So, please, keep it in mind for next year. We'll be counting on you!

Appreciatively,

Marjorie Lodding
Ernestine Blanchard
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

July 14 & 15  LILY SHOW - Friday & Saturday
               2 to 8 P.M. and 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

In co-operation with the New England
Regional Lily Group

July 22  HEMEROCALLIS SHOW - Saturday
               1 to 6 P.M.

in co-operation with Region 4 of the
American Hemerocallis Society

also  YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXHIBITION
             same day - same hours

August 3  TRUSTEES' MEETING - 3:00 P. M.

August 17  GLADIOLUS SHOW - Thursday
               2 to 8 P.M.

also  YOUNG PEOPLE'S MID-SUMMER FLOWER SHOW

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REBELLION

Monocotyls......Angiosperms........
Embryo mono......Stem endogenous......

Thus writes Bailey, and I'm reeling
From this language, so unfeeling,
Anther or stigma, stamen or style,
I must be patient, it'll take a while.
Corolla or perintha, calix or spathe,
So many terms to take on faith,
Always keeping in mind the number three.
Perhaps it's logical, alas not to me.
At this moment it all seems quite silly
To digest all this, just for a lily.

Eliza C. Hess

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NEWSLETTER

30 ELM STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

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PRESIDENT'S message

Dear Friends in Gardening,

After a ten month's search for a new Executive Director
in which over sixty candidates from nine states were consid-
ered by the Search Committee, a Director has been

As President, it is my pleasure to announce the appoint-
ment of Mr. Kenn Stephens of Westwood, Massachusetts, as
our new Executive Director.

Kenn has developed educational programs, chaired public
shows and exhibitions, conducted tours and organized
horticultural events and activities for a number of
local and national organizations. He is a lecturer of
note, a trustee of Olmsted Associates and a dynamic,
personable, exciting individual.

A series of meetings will be scheduled soon to provide
opportunities for Committee members to meet Kenn and
express their views, plans, and projects.

Do plan to stop by the Hall to welcome Kenn Stephens.

I know you join me in greeting a new day for Horticulture
and the Worcester County Horticultural Society. Working
together, we can make it happen.

[Signature]

President
HEMEROCALLIS (Daylilies)

Good garden plants from Europe and Asia (especially Japan), with graceful arching foliage and stout flower spikes carrying a number of large, fragrant, trumpet-shaped flowers. Hardy in temperate regions dependable and long lasting they grow in sun or shade and practically any soil or situation, as at the edge of a shrubbery, in the herbaceous border, by the lakeside or sometimes in shallow water. They thrive in the tropics and yet can even be seen flowering in artic Lapland. The short duration of the individual flowers may be a slight drawback but modern varieties often last several days and produce a succession of bloom so that the plants remain weeks in character. The dried flowers are used by the Chinese in soups, various meat dishes and with noodles. Packages sold in the Orient (and even America) go under such names as gum-jum (golden needles) or gum-tsoy (golden vegetables). They are somewhat gelatinous and when chewed are supposed to cure toothache.

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

The next tour being planned by your society is a trip to the Hudson River Valley in late September. We will visit the New York Botanical Garden, The Cloisters, Boscobel (Garrison-on-Hudson) and Lyndhurst (Tarrytown).

Watch for more information in the next copy of the Newsletter.

NEWS UPDATE

Rudy J. Favretti, professor of landscape architecture at the University of Conn., has received an $1100 fellowship from the American Anti-quarian Society in Worcester, to do a research study of landscape use of trees in New England, from the colonial period on. Horticultural Society members will remember his Winter Lecture here on "Colonial Gardens", in the bicentennial year, 1976.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

May – A handsome Asparagus sprengeri grown and donated by Mrs. Robert W. Stoddard was drawn on Memorial weekend and won by Priscilla R. Higgins, 8 Hobson Avenue, Worcester, who is employed by Paul Revere Life Insurance Company.

June – A large Staghorn Fern, given by Wally Parker of Parker Florists, has been in the Library for several months and is now looking for a home, so this is our June plant. It has been greatly admired by all. The lucky winner was Nancy Garrison of Worcester.

July – Plants do not fare too well in the Library in the summer month so in July we are giving away a potted Lily bulb grown by Edward Richardson of West Boylston. While you are at the Lily show, do sign up for this nice prize.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Had you been sitting with the Scholarship Committee at its sessions on May 22 and 30 you would have witnessed the problem which the members had in trying to limit the number of recipients from 17 qualified applicants. They finally awarded scholarships to seven as follows: four at two hundred dollars and three at one hundred. We would have enjoyed awarding at least two more of the higher denomination.

Looking forward to the scholarship awards in 1979, the members of the Committee hope that there will be many members of the Society who will be desirous of having a mug with a Worcester County Horticultural seal to enhance a fireplace mantle or a bookshelf. By a recent vote of the Board, we are able to present a member with a mug as a token of appreciation for a ten dollar donation to the Scholarship Fund. Inasmuch as there are only about 100 mugs, we shall, for the present, probably follow a policy of one mug per member.

Carroll M. Abbott
Chairman
HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR

Beginning with this issue of NEWSLETTER, you will find enclosed a separate sheet with a Calendar listing events. This will enable you to post the activities of the Society at the nerve center of your home or office. Our Society can only be as active as you make it. There are plenty of opportunities available to every member. They only need YOU!

AT HORTICULTURAL HALL

For the convenience of members and friends using the building, all entrances to Horticultural Hall will soon have signs. Entrances facing onto the parking lot will read: WEST ENTRANCE, FREIGHT ELEVATOR, KITCHEN, and EAST ENTRANCE. The lower side entrance on Chestnut St. will read, COURTYARD ENTRANCE. The entrance at the corner of Chestnut and Elm Streets will remain as always, THE LIBRARY. No signs will be placed at the main entrances of the building.

These entrance designations will be used in all printed releases of activities at Horticultural Hall. Only the entrances listed will be open. Please help by using the designated entrances, even if it means walking a few steps. We have a large building and a small staff, but with all of us helping, the building can be maintained securely.

INTERNATIONAL DESIGN SYMPOSIUM
AND FLOWER SHOW

The Tour Committee, chaired by Mrs. Roberta Knox announces a midwinter tour to Bermuda (see enclosed brochure). Our members have been invited to join with the Bermuda Flight sponsored by The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, with a special group rate. Worcester County Horticultural Society is presenting its Silver Medal in the fruit display section of the show. Telephone the office for a complete listing of symposium events. Mr. Stephens is serving as General Chairman of this international gathering which has been in planning for two years.

NEWSLETTER

30 ELM STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

Vol. 15 No. 5
September - October 1978

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Gardening,

The scope, thickness, and content of the Newsletter you hold in your hands is an indication of the greening of the Worcester County Horticultural Society.

Now is the time for you to become involved with the W.C. H.S. As you are exposed to an evergrowing plethora of horticultural fare, do take advantage of this feast set before you. Support the Society.

What services would you like to see offered? Workshops - evening lectures - different hours of opening? In what ways can we help? In what way can you help - will you help?

Our summer shows have taken on a new flare. Wait until you see what the fall and winter offers for you. To be where it is all happening come to Horticultural Hall - bring your friends.

As extended, augmented, amplified activities are presented by the Society, you should consider extending the benefits of membership to family and friends. Joining will assist them, the Society, and the County.

[Signature]
President
DAHLIA SHOW
and
SALE OF SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

The Annual Sale of Spring Flowering Bulbs to benefit the Horticultural Society's Scholarship Fund will take place during the Dahlia Show, Thursday, September 14, from 2 - 8 p.m. at Horticultural Hall. The time to plan ahead is now, both for glorious Spring color in the garden and for adding to this important fund which aids students studying for careers in horticulture. Scholarship Committee members for 1978 are: Carroll M. Abbott of Worcester, Chairman; John Boomer of Mendon; Pierre Cournoyer of Southbridge; Mrs. Dorothea Mahoney of Worcester, John Matis and James McLain of Holden.

CHESTNUT STREET GARDEN

Mr. Gustaf Nelson, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, most surely takes his position in a practical way. Mr. Nelson, along with our Custodian, Dan Gotha, has been busy trimming hedges and weeding flower beds. When the beds were cleaned of the weeds, alas, no flowers. It was then that Mr. Thomas Simone came to the rescue and made arrangements for dozens of yellow and white varieties of chrysanthemums, presented as a gift from Robert Palmer. This young man, from Shrewsbury, is sharing the results of his first year at growing mums. Thanks to you all!

NEW INTEREST FOR MEN

The E.R.A. works in two directions. Several men have expressed an interest in organizing a Men's Garden Club which would meet in the evening at Horticultural Hall, possibly October through April. If you are interested and would like to be a part of such a horticultural study group, please telephone the office. Mr. James McLain is serving as organization chairman and will be pleased to hear of your interest.

FURNITURE NEEDED

Any members wishing to give or loan the Society sideboards, chests, consoles or matched side chairs, in good condition, may be assured they will find a well deserved home at Horticultural Hall.

AUTUMN TOUR - OCTOBER 11 - 12 - 13
HUDSON RIVER VALLEY and METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CITY

Traveling by motor coach, we go first to Garrison-on-Hudson to visit Boscobel, one of the grandest expressions existing today of the New York Federal style, situated on 36 acres of formal gardens, orchards, and lawns overlook- ing the Hudson. Box luncheon with wine en route.

We will stop overnight at the Hilton, Tarrytown. Following breakfast the next day, we visit Lyndhurst, a Gothic Revival mansion built in 1838. After lunch, we motor to Fort Tryon Park to visit the Cloisters Museum (part of The Metropolitan Museum of Art), located high above the Hudson River. The evening will find us in Manhattan at the deluxe Warwick Hotel. The evening is yours to choose an elaborate dinner, soaring music, or sparkling theatre. A list of NYC events will be provided.

Following breakfast Friday morning, we will go to the New York Botanical Garden, where we will be greeted by Mr. Carlton Lees, to see the exciting restoration of the great conservatory. A catered luncheon has been arranged at N. Y. Botanic Garden, and after finishing luncheon, we begin our return journey home.

Departure is scheduled from Horticultural Hall on October 11th at 8:30 A.M., with return at approximately 5:00 P.M. on October 13th.

The cost, based on double occupancy, includes travel by motor coach, all admissions, overnight at the Hilton in Tarrytown and The Warwick, NYC, a box lunch with wine, and lunch at the New York Botanic Garden.

Members - $130.00 Non-Members - $150.00
This amount includes a $25.00 tax deductible donation to Worcester County Horticultural Soc.

Space is limited to 40 people. Reservations, paid in full, from W.C.H.S. members will be taken in the order received. After September 27, remaining spaces will also be available to non-members.

Our Executive Director, Kenn Stephens, will host this tour and invites you to join with him for this autumn adventure in touring.
YOU CAN HELP

The response to activities and learning opportunities at Horticultural Hall has been more than anyone dared think might happen. The classes and most of the workshops are over-subscribed with a waiting list. In future, efforts will be made to offer two sections, whenever possible.

With this increased activity, several areas of volunteer service to the Society are becoming apparent. In planning for the future, it will be helpful to know about your special interests and skills. In the January-February Newsletter, a questionnaire will present several opportunities for volunteer service to the Society. Please look for this questionnaire, fill it out and return to Horticultural Hall.

You Can Help!

W.C.H.S. LIBRARY

Several new books have been placed on the shelves in the Library in recent weeks. The Library is one of our greatest assets. Members and friends are urged to use the Library, open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

How to Grow Vegetables & Herbs from Seeds - McDonald
A Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants - Peterson
House Plants for Gift Giving - Elbert
Design for Flower Arrangers - Riester
No. American Indians - Gorsline
Roses are Red - Are Violets Blue - Provensen (Jr. book)
Who's Got the Apple - Loof (Jr. book)
A Book of Seasons - Provensen (Jr. book)

Horticultural Hall - Telephone number - 752-4274

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Gardening:

Do trust that you have made your way into the Hall these past weeks to experience the verve and vitality that now permeates the building.

If not, what better opportunity to do so than the Members' Reception which opens the Grand Harvest Festival on November 2nd - Thursday, from 3 to 6 P.M. Do plan on visiting with your gardening friends and enjoying a leisurely view of the last great show of the season.

As you socialize with friends, and glory in the horticultural exhibits, consider - all activities do carry a financial price. Your Society would be facing a difficult fiscal period except that I have full confidence in you - our dedicated membership.

Soon, I'll be communicating with you concerning the Society's needs and goals.

See you on the 2nd for sociability and conviviality in a festive setting.

President
MONTHLY SERIES OPEN TO GUESTS

The Luncheon with the Director series, meeting on Mondays once a month, has proved to have great appeal to members. Indeed, many members have inquired about bringing guests with them. So, beginning with the next luncheon, November 13, when Society President Paul Rogers will present "Putting the Garden to Bed", guests are invited to join with members for this Monday meeting from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Please make reservations by telephoning Horticultural Hall no later than the Friday preceding each meeting. Members' Donation: $2.50. Guests Donation: $3.50.

ALL ARE WINNERS AT FALL GARDEN EXHIBIT

Each one of the gardens in the Fall Garden Exhibit at the Galleria has achieved wide appeal from the hundreds of daily visitors. The Society extends its appreciation and thanks to the following exhibits: Weston Nurseries, Mass. Dept. of Agriculture Silver Tray; Bigelow Nurseries, Louise C. Harrington Medal; Worcester County Landscape Gardeners, Paul Revere Insurance Award; Wachusett High School and Banning Florist, Worcester County Horticultural Society Rosettes.

THANKS TO . . . . .

Mrs. Linwood Erskine for the gift of a handsome sideboard which has been placed in the Conference Room.

Mr. Thomas Simone for additional chrysanthemums planted in the Chestnut Street garden.

Mrs. Dorothy Richardson for contribution of delicious tarts to Director's Luncheon.

Please note that the Society is still anxious to receive gifts of small pieces of furniture.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ADDS MORE EXHIBITS

Worcester County Horticultural Society has a reputation for its Harvest Festival featuring beautiful and mouth-watering fruits, vegetables and nuts, a wide array of foliage plants along with the colorful appeal of fresh and dried flower arrangements. The sections presenting Thanksgiving wreaths and swags capture the interest of all, and important information is received from careful viewing of educational displays prepared by both juniors and adults.

In addition to all this, the Main Foyer will showcase naturalistic flower designs created by members of the Home & Garden Guild of Massachusetts, Inc. In the Conference Room, second floor West, you may feast your eyes on a dining room set up for a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner and, in the gallery, individual table settings designed for Autumn delight.

The Preview for Members is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served from beautifully decorated tables in the Main Foyer of Horticultural Hall. So, take advantage of this opportunity to view the festival and greet other members of the Society.

Members are requested to use the Main Entrance.

OF THINGS TO COME

Christmas is several weeks away to be sure, but do race your mind ahead far enough to mark Sunday, December 10.

Members and friends are invited to the Director's Holiday Open House from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. in the Great Hall for an afternoon of festive music and holiday cheer.