Would You Like To Become An Extension Gardener?

The cooperative Extension Service has started an innovative program for volunteers with a strong gardening background and a firm commitment to represent the Extension Service. Participants are required to complete an intensive training program, conducted by the University of Massachusetts faculty and noted horticulturalists, before becoming eligible for the title of "Extension Gardener." Service is given to the county Extension office in return. Volunteers are active in community garden projects, plant workshops, gardening clinics, answering inquiries on all phases of home horticulture, and much more!

Volunteers should have a knowledge and experience of basic principles of plant growth, along with an ability to communicate effectively. Commitment to the Extension Gardener Program and to representing the Cooperative Extension Service is essential.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Extension Gardener Program, please contact Mary Oates, Home Food Production and Preservation Agent, at the Worcester County Extension Service, 36 Harvard Street, Worcester, Mass., 01608, or call her at 753-5477.

Think Spring Flower Show

What to do on that "stay inside" wintry day?

Think Spring Flower Show.

Bake up a batch of cookies, a loaf of tea bread, some brownies or squares!

No room in your freezer; then drop them off for storage in the freezer at Horticultural Hall.

The Tea Shop Committee and the Garden Clubs, who will benefit, will thank you for it.

Ernestine Blanchard
Chairman

Horticultural Hall - Telephone number - 752-4274

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President's Message

Dear Friends in Gardening:

January is named for the Roman god, Janus, he of two faces - one looking back at the past and the other looking forward to the future. It is eminently fitting that we also look back since 1978 was a momentous year that saw the Society enhanced by increased participation of our members and enriched by the selection of a dynamic new executive director.

As we look to the past, we may be content since the Society has again fulfilled its traditional role of service, accepting at the same time new challenges and opportunities. After 136 years of presence, the W.C.H.S. renews its strength, hope, and purpose for a bright green New Year.

Let us all resolve to join together to make 1979 the year of involvement and commitment to our Society.

Happy New Year!

[Signature]

President
January 18, 1979

YOUR DAY AT HORTICULTURAL HALL

Annual Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

The 137th Annual Meeting of Worcester County Horticultural Society will take place Thursday, January 18, 1979, at 10:00 A.M. in the East Lecture Hall, located on the second floor above the library. Coffee will be served at 9:30, in the foyer.

This is the time to learn more about your Society, to have a voice in plans for the future and to elect officers of the Society.

Luncheon in the Lower Hall at 12:30 P.M.

Sherry will be served at 12:30 followed by a delicious buffet luncheon with wine, dessert, tea and coffee. Luncheon donation - $4.25

Please make reservations by telephoning Horticultural Club no later than Monday, January 15th.

Garden Awards Presentation at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Merritt Cutting, chairman of the Garden Awards Committee, invites members and friends of the Society to honor twenty recipients of

The Eugene O. Parsons Memorial Award for Horticultural Achievement.

At 2:00 P.M., in the Great Hall, color slides of the award-winning gardens will be shown. What a warm colorful preview to Spring!

Tea will be served in the West Hall following the presentation. Do take advantage of this opportunity to greet the winners of the award.

The slate of Officers and Trustees for the year 1979 recommended by your Nominating Committee is as follows:

Officers for one year:
President
H. Waite Hurlburt
Vice Presidents
Edward L. Clifford
Mrs. Robert C. Milton
Paul E. Rogers
Secretary
Mrs. Richard O. Gifford
Treasurer
Bartow Kelly
Librarian & Ass't. Sec.
Mrs. Fayre L. Nason

Trustees for three years:
Palmer W. Bigelow
Merritt E. Cutting
Linwood M. Erskine, Jr.
Mrs. John L. Harris
Carl G. Holm
Mrs. Burrill N. Josephs
Loren W. Manbeck
James R. Mcclain
Mrs. Peter S. Morgan
Arthur J. O'Mara
Robert Smiley
William J. Whipple

Honorary: Mrs. Robert W. Stoddard
Member of Nominating Committee for 3 years:
Mrs. Fairman C. Cowan

Recommended by the committee:

The President of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., by virtue of the office, sit on the Board of Trustees of the Worcester County Horticultural Society.

Mrs. Robert W. Stoddard
Mrs. Roger N. Heald
Mr. Philip C. Beals

Nominating Committee

December 18, 1978
SPRING IS HERE - A time to Move

The Spring Garden and Flower Show is a sure sign that winter is at least on the wane, and that growing things will start the upward push.

We can all share in this seasonal process by making sure that each one of us pushes a bit by inviting at least one other person to attend the Spring Show. Just think, the Society has 1,100 members. Easy math indicates the immediate numbers of people enjoying this preview of Spring.

TEA SHOP

Is your Tea Shop baking done or do you have a note on your calendar to mix up a batch of goodies in time for the Spring Flower Show?

If so, we thank you! If not, may we take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of your participation? With constantly increasing costs, the funds earned from this project become more and more important in helping participating garden clubs in financing their exhibits.

Last year's response was outstanding. If we can get a similar response this Spring, success will be assured.

Mrs. L. Russell Blanchard
Chairman

LIBRARY NEWS

New books that have been added to our shelves in the past month:

WILDFLOWER PERENNIALS FOR YOUR GARDEN by Bebe Miles
SHAKER HERBS by Amy Bess Miller
A SELF-SUFFICIENT GARDENER by John Seymour
PLANT PROPAGATION IN PICTURES by Montague Free

1979 SPRING GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW

Gala Preview Party - Thursday, March 8
5:00 to 8:00 P.M. By Ticket Only

Members' Preview and Reception
Friday, March 9 9:00 A.M. - Noon

SHOW HOURS

Friday, March 9 Noon to 9:00 P.M.
Saturday, March 10 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 11 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Monday, March 12 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 13 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

SPRING IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER, upstairs and down! FLOWERS & SHRUBS, BEES & BULBS, APPLES & ORCHIDS ...... 9 Springtime "GARDENS WITH A PURPOSE" ...... FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS & TABLE SETTINGS, all with a new look this year ......

TEA ROOM SERVICE available during all show hours.
OUR SOCIETY AT WORK

Since the early beginnings of Worcester County Horticultural Society in 1840, its incorporation in 1842, and continuing through the years to today, the Society has always depended upon its members to provide concerned and strong leadership.

This tradition of intelligent service by the President, Executive Board, and Trustees of the Society accounts for two very important decisions reached by vote of the Trustees at the 14 February meeting at Horticultural Hall. These decisions concern every member of the Society.

The rental income from the Front Street property belonging to the Society will cease in June of this year. The income from this property has amounted to $40,000.00 which has been used as part of our operating budget. Clearly, steps must be taken to replace this sizable portion of the operating expenses, and your Finance Committee is working hard to see that this is done. Just as important, is the vote of the Trustees to direct the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Society in making whatever efforts possible to sell the Front Street property. Under the leadership of President H. Waite Hurlburt, the Front Street Property Committee will pursue this course of action.

In conjunction with this action, the Trustees approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to begin a fund campaign to raise the amount of $200,000.00. These monies will be used for non-budgeted but necessary improvements of Horticultural Hall. The priorities here are the heating and electrical systems which are in need of total review and update if the building is to be used to its fullest potential. Vice-President Edward L. Clifford, also Chairman of the Finance Committee will be directing this campaign and we will all hear more about it in the near future. I feel confident that each member of our Society will want to share in contributing to this fund. In so doing, we become one with the continuous line of men and women devoted to the cause of horticulture and design in Worcester County, and throughout the country. Simply said, horticulture is growing things well. And so...we will grow.

Kenn Stephens
Executive Director

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT HORTICULTURAL HALL

It is exciting to know that the current classes at Horticultural Hall are filled to capacity. There are 50 people registered for the class held in cooperation with the City of Worcester Parks Department, "Growing House Plants Under Lights".

If you or your friends have not yet considered attending classes, workshops, and lectures please think about it. These opportunities to enrich your life are here. Stop by Horticultural Hall and get a brochure. There are several other classes upcoming in this quarter.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

There are two lectures remaining in this popular series. The next lecture will take place on Thursday, March 29, at 2:00 P.M. in the Lower Hall. Tea will be served in the Chestnut Room at 1:30 P.M.

300 YEARS OF GARDEN DESIGN IN AMERICA

Presented by Mr. Joseph Hudak, L. A.

Color slides illustrate this interesting and witty look at the development of not only private garden design but landscape design of parks, open space, and malls. Mr. Hudak, author and lecturer, has indicated that an appropriate subtitle might well be, "From Pilgrim to Pothead".

GARDENING, MOTHER NATURE AND YOU

Presented by Mr. Elvin McDonald
Author and Garden Editor of HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

Thursday, April 19
East Lecture Hall
2nd Floor

Sherry and Coffee will be served in the Main Foyer at 7:00 P.M.
SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS PACKAGE SCIONWOOD

The Society receives requests each year for hundreds of scions of old varieties of apples from the S. Lothrop Davenport Preservation Orchard. This orchard is a joint operation of Worcester County Horticultural Society and Old Sturbridge Village. To properly package, label and ship these orders requires the help of volunteers. Mr. & Mrs. K. C. A. Andersson have been doing this important job, along with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. O'Mara, Mr. & Mrs. Cushing C. Bozenhard, Miss Isabella V. Choate, Mrs. Bert K. Dickinson, Mrs. Marjorie Lodding and Payre Nason. As we extend our thanks to these men and women for their help, we also invite others who may wish to share in this extension of the Society throughout the country and abroad.

SATURDAY OPENING OF LIBRARY

Saturday, May 5, will find the W.C.H.S. Library open from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and each following Saturday during May, June and July. In addition to the opening of the Library for use by anyone - members or nonmembers - experts in all areas of growing will be on hand from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. Paul Rogers is scheduled for May 5 and 19. No phone questions will be answered since people are encouraged to take advantage of visiting the Library.

NEW CUSTODIAN

The Society is pleased to welcome Mr. Clyde Swisher as our new custodian. Mr. Swisher is a resident of Sterling and comes to us with several years of experience working with the school system in that town.

The women of Worcester County Horticultural Society will be pleased to know of Mr. Swisher's interest in kitchens and cooking. Horticultural Hall already claims a bright new face with gleaming floors and shining brass.

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4274

GARDEN RENOVATIONS

Several years ago the garden along the Chestnut Street frontage next to the parking lot was given as a gift to the Society by Mrs. Frank L. Harrington. This delightful garden was designed by Mrs. Robert C. Milton and has brought pleasure to many through the years.

Once again, through the generosity of Mrs. Harrington, the garden will continue with its development. Two of the Crabapple trees will be moved to the planting areas along the Elm Street facade of the building. More Rhododendron and Azaleas will be added to the lower garden, while the beds will be recut and planted with seasonal displays of colorful flowers.

Members as well as all who pass by will receive joy from this on-going garden to be known as the Louise C. Harrington Garden.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

Thursday, May 17 - 3:15 P.M.

This meeting will be held in the East Lecture Hall. Written reports are requested from all committee chairmen. If you are unable to attend, please notify Mrs. Nason.
TIME CHANGE FOR SUMMER SHOWS

The Rose Show, June 21, marks the beginning of our summer shows and exhibitions. These shows and exhibitions are eagerly awaited by exhibitors and viewers alike, and will open earlier in an effort to give people working in the city an opportunity to visit Horticultural Hall during lunch periods. A further convenience will be provided by lunch room service which will be open from 11:30 to 1:30 P.M. each show day. The simple, and inexpensive menu will feature sandwiches, salad, fruit, chips, a sweet and a variety of beverages, all priced individually.

Each show will also offer educational programs dealing with green plants, vegetables, flowers, design and exhibition practices, all specifically planned to focus upon the specialty of the show. A variety of programs using audio-visuals, demonstrators, lecturers and discussion groups are being planned to take place in the afternoons of each show day.

Worcester County Horticultural Society is the only horticultural Society in the country maintaining a full summer season of shows. This is possible through the support of the exhibitors, who with enthusiastic interest make the effort to exhibit and by the viewers who attend the shows to see and learn more about horticulture and design.

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SOCIETY MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SHOW

The International Design Symposium & Flower Show held in Bermuda in February drew people from all over the world, with eleven countries represented in this colorful exhibition. The Silver Medal of the W.C.H.S. was awarded to a Bermudian for the best display of fruit.

Mrs. Robert Whipple was the official representative of the Garden Club of America, serving on the I.D.S. Committee and Mrs. Harlan T. Pierpont, Jr., Zone I. Chairman, G.C.A., served on the Advisory Council. Other members of W.C.H.S. who participated in the event were Mrs. Ralph Hill, Mrs. Anthony Sakowich, Miss Dorothy Rowe, Mrs. G. Amos Hayward, Mrs. James Basmajian, Mrs. James B. Tiffany, Jr. & Mr. Joseph Hudak.

PRESIDENT OF NEW ZEALAND FLOWER ARRANGERS GUILD TO LECTURE

Mrs. Gordon Amos, President of the New Zealand Flower Arrangers Guild will present a lecture about exotic plant materials and their use in flower arrangements in New Zealand on Monday, July 9, at 2:00 P.M. in the Lower Hall. Take advantage of this unusual opportunity and invite your friends to attend with you. Tea will be served at 1:15 P.M. in the Chestnut Room. Please use the Courtyard Entrance.

SPRING FLOWER SHOW REVIEWED

Everyone has been talking about the beauty and quality of Worcester County Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show. It was an eye-appealing show, to be sure. The credit for its success is due to the interest of many individuals, garden clubs, nurseries, flower shops, and especially, the devoted efforts of the following chairman:

General Chairman: John Koning
Preview Party: Mrs. Linwood Erskine, Jr. & Mrs. Curtis M. Clark
Garden Club Exhibits: Mrs. Richard Gifford & Mrs. James Cowan
Tea Room: Mrs. L. Russell Blanchard
Publicity: Mrs. Fairman Cowan
TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, August 2 - 10:30 A.M.

This meeting will be held in the Chestnut Room. Written reports of one page are requested from all Committee Chairmen. If you are unable to attend, please notify the office.

SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

Six scholarships have been awarded by the Committee on Scholarships according to Chairman, John Boomer. The recipients are:

David Morrissey of Worcester
Gail Kelleher of Westboro
Bert Engval of Grafton
Edward Bemis of Spencer
Helen Corbeil of N. Brookfield
Bonnie Hamilton of Millbury

The following note expresses the sentiments of each of the recipients:

"I would like to thank you very much for awarding your Worcester County Horticultural Society Scholarship to me. It will help quite a bit.

I will be attending Stockbridge School of Agriculture this fall and will be majoring in Landscape Operations.

Thank you again, very much.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Bemis"

Horticultural Hall - telephone number - 752-4274

CAPITAL GIFTS FUND REACHES FOR GOAL

The Society has received generous gifts from several of the foundations and trusts in the Worcester area. We are indebted to these groups for their substantial support which has provided us with a strong foundation to the Capital Gifts Fund. Moreover, many of our Society members have been equally generous with their pledges and contributions.

However, to reach the goal of $200,000.00 will require a greater percentage of the membership making contributions. To date, we have heard from less than 10% of our 1100 members. If each of our members gave a small amount, for example $25.00 (or $12.50 yearly over a two year period), the Society could more than reach the goal. If you have not made your pledge or contribution, won't you please do so today?

Edward L. Clifford
Chairman
SUMMER AT HORTICULTURAL HALL

If you have been thinking about registering for either of the summer classes or the DAY IN SALEM tour, make the decision to do so now.

The Summer Flower Arranging Workshop, Wednesday, July 18, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. has only two spaces open.

Drying Flowers and Foliages, July 10, 24, 31, and August 1, 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. needs more registrants to ensure the continuance of the class. This is the time of year to learn about techniques and what materials to collect.

The Summer Bus Tour program has proved a delight to all who have attended. There are some spaces still open for the DAY IN SALEM tour, July 25. However, your reservations must be placed by July 23rd.

Flower Arrangement Lecture, presented by Mrs. Lyn Amos, Chairman of the Floral Arts Society of Auckland, New Zealand, Monday, July 9, 2:00 P.M. in the Lower Hall. Tea at 1:15 P.M. in the Chestnut Room. Admission is free. Please use the Courtyard Entrance.

SUMMER SHOW SCHEDULE

Lily Show, July 6 & 7 - 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.
   9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Hemerocallis Show, July 21 - 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Youth Exhibition

Youth Exhibition, August 16 - 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Gladiolus Show

Dahlias Show, September 13 - 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Hudson River Valley Tour
September 18, 19 & 20

Autumn is a beautiful time of the year to drive through the countryside of the Northeastern section of our country. Leave the gas problems to someone else and come along on this delightful Fall holiday.

Departure is scheduled from Horticultural Hall on Tuesday, September 18th at 8:30 A.M., with our return at approximately 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 20th.

Traveling by motor coach, we will visit the following:

LYNDEHURST - 19th Century Gothic Revival Mansion with an arboretum, nature trails, Victorian greenhouses and a rose garden of 50 acres.

SUNNYSIDE - The home of Washington Irving.

BOSCOBEL - Considered to be the grandest expression of New York State Federal style, it is situated on more than 30 acres of formal gardens, orchards, and lawns overlooking the Hudson.

STERLING FOREST GARDENS - 125 acres of colorful displays changed monthly. We can expect to see magnificent chrysanthemums.

VANDERBILT MANSION AND FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT HOME
Both of these houses are located in Hyde Park, N.Y. The Vanderbilt Mansion has an arboretum, initiated by Dr. David Hosack, with trees planted about 1830. These include an immense ginkgo, sugar maples, white pines, Kentucky coffee trees and others; Italian gardens and sweeping vistas.

Our Executive Director, Kenn Stephens, will host this trip and invites you to join with him for this Autumn adventure in touring.

See the reverse side for registration.
Hudson River Valley Tour
September 19, 19 & 20

Registration Information

The cost, based on double occupancy, includes travel by motor coach, all admissions, 2 nights lodging, and a box lunch with wine. No other meals or beverages are included in the price. For single room supplement, please add $40.00.

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 10, remaining spaces will be available to non-members.

Members -$145.00  Guests -$160.00
per person, double occupancy

Please detach and mail with your check to:

Horticultural Hall
30 Elm St.
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608

Name____________________________
Address____________________________

Town________________ Zip____ Ph.#________

I am traveling with:

Single Room:_________________________

Member _____ Non-Member_____

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Rose Show attracts banner attendance

The Rose Show, opening the Society's summer season of exhibitions, attracted an attendance of 550 enthusiastic devotees of roses. The 11:00 opening allowed for bus tours from other areas and provided an opportunity for people working in the city to attend the show during the lunch hour. This was apparent by a variety of professional uniforms as well as comment.

The Lunch Room Service, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., was a success and proved to be a valuable convenience to many people.

With the time change, it is necessary for exhibitors to prepare entries either the previous evening or beginning at 6:30 A.M. This kind of effort surely means devotion to the Society and all who attend these splendid shows certainly join in expressing thanks to these dedicated exhibitors.

Library Committee seeks your help

Many people consider the library the heart of any learning institution. WCHS is indeed a learning institution. If the heart is the library, surely the lifeline is the young people. Let us build a strong and active lifeline. The library Committee would appreciate and donations and/or books to strengthen the Children's Corner of the Library.

Due to the increased usage of the library, the Library Committee would appreciate your cooperation in returning all books that are long overdue. Also, the daily overdue fine has been adjusted to five cents, in accordance with the current policy of the libraries of Worcester County.

D. Cunningham
Chairman
AREA GARDEN CLUBS COUNCIL TO BE ORGANIZED

In fulfilling its role as a center for horticultural and design activities, Worcester County Horticultural Society is organizing an area Garden Clubs Council. The Society recognizes the need for the support of garden club organizations in fulfilling this role. It appears sensible to coordinate our mutual efforts. This becomes increasingly true in the face of high cost for speakers, available meeting spaces, and the energy problems.

An organizational meeting will take place on September 13, 1979 at 11:00 a.m. in the East Lecture Hall.

AREA FLOWER SHOWS

September 7 and 8
Grafton Garden Club – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Westboro Fall Flower Show – St. Luke's Parish Center, Ruggles Street, Westboro.
  September 14 – 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  September 15 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  No admission fee.

SOCIETY OPENS SMALL SHOP

When you next come to Horticultural Hall, take time to visit the Small Shop in the foyer of the Library Entrance. You will find interesting merchandise, some old, some new, for your consideration. Society members will receive a 10% discount on all purchases. Any items members may wish to donate to the Small Shop will be happily received. Such items should be related to horticulture, flower arrangement, or gardening.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND?

Horticultural Hall – Telephone 752-4274

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

A few weeks ago all of you received a letter from Ed Clifford, Chairman of the Society's Finance Committee, describing the serious defects in our building at Elm and Chestnut Streets. To bring the heating and electrical systems up to standard and for other operational needs, we must raise $200,000. That's a lot of money, and although some of our friends in the community and some members have been very generous, many members have not contributed and we have not reached our goal. When large sums are mentioned, it is sometimes thought that smaller gifts are not important. Not so. Any amount will help. If you have not contributed, please send or bring in $2.00 or $20.00 or $200.00 or $2000.00 or whatever you can. You'll be glad you did and that you had a part in preparing our fine building for all the exciting events which will be happening in the future.

H. Waite Hurlburt
President
NEWS OF THE LIBRARY

The Library Committee finds that there are extra copies of several old books in the stacks. It is customary in such instances to sell surplus copies, providing much needed shelf space and bringing a smile of gladness to anyone interested in acquiring the volumes. The following books are offered for sale:

Breck, Joseph. The Flower Garden; or Breck's Book of Flowers. Boston: 1851


The values of these books have been certified by Etta Falkner, Librarian, Old Sturbridge Village, Research Library. For further information, please telephone Horticultural Hall.

In order to facilitate the return of a number of books long overdue from the Library, the Committee is establishing an amnesty week during the week of the Dahlia Show. Please return any books, no matter how long overdue. There will be no fines levied during the week of September 10th through the 14th.

EVENING CLASSES SCHEDULED

As you read through the Calendar of Events for the last quarter, you will notice there are several opportunities for members and friends to participate in classes and workshops that are scheduled in the evening. There have been many requests for activities to be scheduled after daytime working hours. Support for these evening classes will provide an indication of future scheduling.

Just as your plants need a variety of growth elements to prosper — soil, fertilizer, micro-ingredients and water, so does the mind. You are urged to take part in the classes at Horticultural Hall.

So, also, Worcester County Horticultural Society needs help to thrive. The current fund raising effort needs your immediate response. If services are to grow, programs increase and plans reach fruition, your help is needed to supply the essential growth element that is in limited supply — money.

Please help by sending in your growing contribution today.

Paul E. Rogers
Vice President

Fall / Winter 1979 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Shows

DAHLIA EXHIBITION  September 13
Thursday  11:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Dahlia is a native of the Americas, having been discovered in Mexico. Interest in these colorful flowers has spread throughout the world. Admission is free. Do attend this show of unusual shapes and colors.

ORDER BULBS FOR PLANTING NOW
ANNUAL SALE
OF SPRING FLOWERING BULBS FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

GALLERIA GARDEN SHOW  October 19 thru 27
Daily  9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy the beauty of an Autumn garden showing mature, fully developed plant materials, bright with color and ripe with Fall fruit.

HARVEST FESTIVAL  November 2, 3 and 4
Friday and Saturday  9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday  1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PREVIEW OPENING - MEMBERS ONLY
Thursday, Nov. 1,  3 to 5 p.m.

Our Harvest Festival is one of the few remaining harvest shows offered by a horticultural society in this country. Enjoy the delights of taste tempting vegetables and fruits, bright cut flowers, a flower arrangement division, titled, OF CABBAGES AND KINGS, and magnificent apples. A special sales section in the Lower Hall is being organized for the convenience of members and friends.

available at a modest cost. This workshop is held in cooperation with the Worcester Parks and Recreation Department. Limited to 25 people.

Wednesdays - 7th, 14th and 21st.  10 a.m. to Noon
Chestnut Room - Please use Courtyard Entrance.

Fee: Advance registration will be taken in the order received. Free.

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY DESIGNS

A Victorian Christmas was a delight to behold. Enjoy this workshop of "fussy" but beautiful holiday decorations. Registrants will receive an information sheet about what to bring to class. Limited to 15 people.

Instructor: Kenn Stephens

Thursday, the 15th.  10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Chestnut Room - Please use Courtyard Entrance
Bring a lunch. Beverage will be provided.

Fee: $12.50  W.C.H.S. Members: $10.00

DRIED FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, the 14th.  Class Room, Second Floor West.
Day Group - 10:30  Evening Group - 6:30
Please use Library Entrance.

LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Chairman: Brian Fox
Wednesday, the 14th.  Lower Hall - 7:00 p.m.
Please use Library Entrance.
REGISTER NOW

Please enclose with your check made out to Worcester County Horticultural Society and mail to the Society at 30 Elm Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608. Cancellations must be made two days prior to the beginning of classes or workshops in order to receive a refund.

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City __________________ Zip ____________
Telephone __________________ Member ______

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Advance registration required for classes.

LUNCH ROOM SERVICE

Our Lunch Room Service has proven to be most warmly accepted by the public attending the summer shows. Comments indicate that the food is good, the price is right and the convenience of getting a light lunch very much appreciated.

Many thanks must be extended to the volunteers for their interest, time and goodwill, all of which has made the Lunch Room Service such a success. The gracious and helpful Worcester County Horticultural Society Members are:

Mrs. Roger Kinnicut
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Abbott
Mrs. Leo Evangelista
Mrs. Robert Milton
Mrs. L. Russell Blanchard
Mrs. Marjorie Lodding
Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Reid
Mrs. Darragh Kasakoff
Mrs. Nelson Calkins
Mrs. James Basmajian
Chairman

GARDEN AWARDS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you know of an outstanding garden in your area, please inform the Committee on Garden Awards by telephoning Horticultural Hall. The gardens may be flower gardens or vegetable gardens in the following categories:

- Residential
- Industrial (or Commercial)
- Institutional

Since slides have to be made of gardens that are considered, getting the information to the committee as soon as possible will be greatly appreciated.
AREA GARDEN CLUBS COUNCIL TO BE ORGANIZED

In fulfilling its role as a center for horticultural and design activities, Worcester County Horticultural Society is organizing an area Garden Clubs Council. The Society recognizes the need for the support of garden club organizations in fulfilling this role. It appears sensible to coordinate our mutual efforts. This becomes increasingly true in the face of high cost for speakers, available meeting spaces, and the energy problems.

An organizational meeting will take place on September 13, 1979 at 11:00 a.m. in the East Lecture Hall.

AREA FLOWER SHOWS

September 7 and 8
Grafton Garden Club - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Westboro Fall Flower Show - St. Luke's Parish Center,
Ruggles Street, Westboro.
September 14 - 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
September 15 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
No admission fee.

SOCIETY OPENS SMALL SHOP

When you next come to Horticultural Hall, take time to visit the Small Shop in the foyer of the Library Entrance. You will find interesting merchandise, some old, some new, for your consideration. Society members will receive a 10% discount on all purchases. Any items members may wish to donate to the Small Shop will be happily received. Such items should be related to horticulture, flower arrangement, or gardening.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND?

Horticultural Hall - Telephone 752-4274

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

A few weeks ago all of you received a letter from Ed Clifford, Chairman of the Society's Finance Committee, describing the serious defects in our building at Elm and Chestnut Streets. To bring the heating and electrical systems up to standard and for other operational needs, we must raise $200,000. That's a lot of money, and although some of our friends in the community and some members have been very generous, many members have not contributed and we have not reached our goal. When large sums are mentioned, it is sometimes thought that smaller gifts are not important. Not so. Any amount will help. If you have not contributed, please send or bring in $2.00 or $20.00 or $200.00 or $2000.00 or whatever you can. You'll be glad you did and that you had a part in preparing our fine building for all the exciting events which will be happening in the future.

H. Waite Hurlburt
President
SEASONAL EVENTS HELD AT WORCESTER GALLERIA

Along with bright-colored foliages and a haze in the air, autumn brings the Table Setting Contest at Sharman's and the beautiful Fall Garden Display, both at the Galleria.

During the week of October 15-20, eight area garden clubs created impressive table settings expressing a wide variety of gourmet themes. Clubs participating were: Boylston, Grafton, Greenleaf, Hortulus, Merry Weeiders, Spencer, Webster-Dudley, and Temple Sinai. Look for additional table treats from many of these clubs at the Holiday Show.

Garden design in all of its autumn glory was presented by five of our Society members who are nurserymen or florists. The Society and the community at large must acknowledge with thanks the great amount of work done by these firms and their crews. The results of the hard task of judging are:

Weston Nurseries - Silver Tray of the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture,

Bigelow Nurseries - Louise C. Harrington Silver Medal of Worcester County Horticultural Society

Worcester County Landscape Gardeners - The Purple Rosette of the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture.

Banning Florist - The Purple Rosette of the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture.

Bemis Farms Nursery - The Blue Rosette of the Worcester County Horticultural Society.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thursday, 17 January 1980, at 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon at 12:00 noon

Garden Award Presentations at 1:15 p.m.

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YEARLY MEMBERSHIP RATES TO INCREASE

By this time I believe that all members realize that income to the Society must increase in every way, mainly due to the end of the lease of the Front Street Property owned by the Society. The Executive Committee has considered the report of the Membership Committee in regard to the amount of dues, and has voted approval of the following scale for the next fiscal year:

- Individual $15.00
- Family (husband, wife, and children to 12 yrs.) $20.00
- Student $5.00

The matter of Life Membership has been discussed at some length with the decision that such a membership will be available at $1,000.00 or more. Those of you who are Life Members are urged to make annual contributions to the Society in any amount you can. Membership by other organizations and businesses will be solicited and encouraged in higher dollar categories. We strongly urge all of you to try to swell the rolls by getting as many new members as you can. Let no one have the impression that ours is an exclusive, hard-to-join organization. We need many new members for financial support and to participate in the activities of the Society.

Thank you for your support.

H. Waite Hurlburt
President
HELP NEEDED TO STAGE SHOWS

The Society needs your help in preparing and assembling staging for the upcoming show, HOLIDAYS IN THE HEART OF NEW ENGLAND. At this time of the year, the frequent use of the building makes it all but impossible to pre-assemble and leave staging in place. However, painting, small construction and fabrication can be done in advance leaving the time free just before the opening for assembly. If you have some time to help and are eager to have a "hands on" participation with the Society, please telephone Horticultural Hall (752 4274) to indicate when you will be available to work.

Staging Work Periods:

Wednesday, 14 November 9 am to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm
Friday, 16 November 9 am to 4 pm
Monday, 29 November 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday, 1 December 10 am to 3 pm
Monday, 3 December 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday, 4 December 9 am to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL INVOLVES MEMBERS

The 1979 Harvest Festival was a truly festive show reflecting hundreds of working hours by our dedicated exhibitors, the Public Relations Committee, the Committees on Hospitality and Food Service, along with the Youth Committee who plan the Youth Seminar and Youth Garden Awards Programs which took place on Saturday during the festival.

Thanks are also extended to the men and women operating the sales booths, including the representatives from the Library and the Small Shop; and while not always visible, the secretarial and custodial staff who keep all things moving.

THE FAYRE NASON EVENING

The Great Hall and stage was festively decorated with flowers of autumn golds and reds, providing a warm, colorful background for the many people who came to cocktails and dinner in honor of Fayre Nason.

Several past Presidents of the Society paid tribute to Fayre. Guests were pleased to meet the Nason Family and delighted with the witty poetry of Georgia Pierpont. Following the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation from Worcester County Horticultural Society, President Hurlburt presented Fayre with a gift reflecting the admiration and thanks of hundreds of Society Members.

Fayre writes:

Through this Newsletter, I would like to thank all of the people who were responsible for my beautiful Retirement Party, and all those who attended, and all the members who contributed money towards my gifts. I was presented with a handsome diamond ring (my birthstone), and equally lovely earrings. Your kind expressions of love will remain with me for the rest of my life. I will miss you all more than you could ever know.

My best to you all.

LECTURE INVITATION

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society extends an invitation to our members to attend a lecture by Alan Bloom, Monday, 19 November 1979, at 8:30 p.m. at the Boston Horticultural Hall, corner of Massachusetts and Huntington Avenues.

Mr. Bloom has pioneered the "Island Bed" for garden display in addition to being an expert on perennials, Alpine and orchids. Please RSVP to the Education Department of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society by 9 November at 300 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston 02115.