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Letter from the Interim President

Dear Members,

New Possibilities continue! **Senior Discount Tuesdays** and **Extended Hours Wednesdays!**

Starting Tuesday, June 11 all seniors 62+ may enter The Gardens at Elm Bank on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the discounted admission of \$8. Thanks to an anonymous "Concerned Patron" who wrote to me and made a compelling case for a discount for seniors. She didn't rant; she made her case and she succeeded. We are very happy to offer a discount to seniors on Tuesdays, and wish we had thought of it ourselves. Thank you, Concerned Patron.

Remaining open one evening a week seems like a must to me. Every evening after we close the gates at 4 p.m., I walk the gardens to check to see if anyone remains before we lock the gates. It is a truly lovely time of day. There is a shift in light, a change in the movement of wildlife, and bird song. It is peaceful. It seems others should have the opportunity to experience the gardens at that time.

So starting Wednesday, June 12 we will remain open on Wednesday evenings until 8 p.m. through July and until 7:30 p.m. for the month of August. Come and stroll, capture the gardens in a different light, picnic, or just be still. Daily admission for Adults is \$10; members and children 12 and under are free.

There are other opportunities to come to the gardens for free this summer. Arts on the Green returns for a fifth year on Thursday, August 15 (rain date August 22), 5 -7:30 p.m. Enjoy visual art, music, food and drinks in our beautiful garden setting. Generously sponsored by Murphy Insurance.

Plus Free Fun Friday will take place on Friday, July 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thanks to the Highland Street Foundation, visitors can enjoy free

Upcoming Classes & Events:

Wonderful Water

Saturday, June 8
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wakefield Estate Tour

Tuesday, June 11
10 a.m. - noon

Hands-On Floral Design

Wednesdays
June 12 - June 26
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Lore and Science of Companion Planting

Thursday, June 20
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Eco Printing: Botanical Prints on Paper

Thursday, June 27
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Art of Planting Design

Wednesdays
July 10 - 24
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Buzz Around the Garden Tour

Saturday, July 13
9 - 10 a.m.

Power of Pollinators

Saturday, July 13
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Evening Garden Tour

Thursday, July 18
7 - 8 p.m.

Free Fun Friday

Friday, July 26
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Illustrate and Eat It, Too

Thursdays
July 25 - August 22
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

admission all day.

Members, of course, enter free every day, whenever we are open.

Finally, our next Second Saturday special is this week. **Wonderful Water** is a reason to show up early on Saturday morning for activities, lessons and play for children and educational offerings for adults. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and include morning singalongs led by counselors from our event sponsor, Brave Arts Theatre Workshop.

I hope to see you in the gardens,

Suzanne Maas

Interim Director and President

Small Fruit Culture for the Home Garden

Saturday, August 3
10 a.m. - noon

Great Gatherings

Saturday, August 10
10 a.m - 4 p.m.

Arts on the Green

Thursday, August 15
5 - 7:30 p.m.

Wonderful Water

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Enjoy family activities in the gardens that will help kids learn about the water cycle, the differences between water-loving and desert plants, and more. There will be fun and games, and presentations to help adults garden in water-savvy ways.

Bring a picnic to enjoy a special day at The Gardens at Elm Bank!

In addition to activities all day long, we'll have special programs: morning sing-a-longs with

Brave Arts Theatre Workshop, 12:30 talk on Xeriscaping, and 1:30 talk on care of succulents and cacti. Hope you can join us!

If you're interested in volunteering at the event, please contact education@masshort.org

Rain Date: Sunday, June 9

Thanks to our event sponsor:

Brave Arts Theatre Workshop



The Mass Hort Online Auction is Open for Bidding!

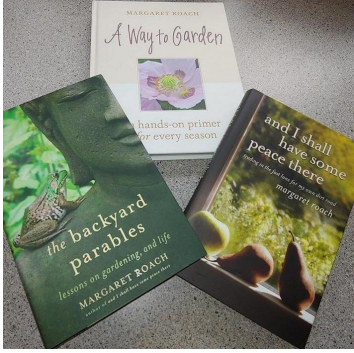
[View the Auction](#)

Bidding will continue until Sunday, June 16. Don't miss this opportunity to win unique and fun items, and to benefit Mass Hort's mission.

To participate, you will need to set up an account on [Bidding for Good](#). Just follow the simple instructions to [register](#) and you'll be all set to bid.

We have nearly 100 items up for bid, and have just added more!

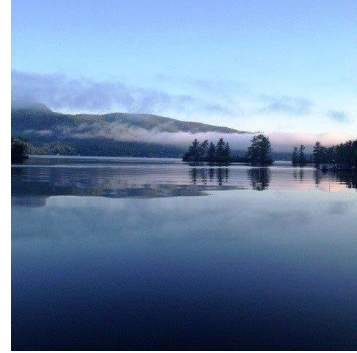
A few items in the auction include:



Autographed Gardening Books



Tickets to Red Sox Games



3-Day Getaway to Lake George, NY

[View the Auction](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Lawrence: elawrence@masshort.org.

Summer Children's and Family Programs Expand!

This summer, drop in for family programs in Weezie's Garden for Children at The Gardens at Elm Bank. Mass Hort offers many programs designed to delight and teach visitors about the natural world.

This June through August, each Wednesday, starting at 11 a.m., explore the wildlife and plants growing in the garden with garden educator, Kathi Gariepy, who uses stories, puppets, and activities during **Caterpillar Club**. Each Thursday at 11 a.m., Dover Town Library will bring their **Super Awesome Fun Time**, or a special story time will be led by Mass Hort Staff. All ages are welcome!



Additionally, Mass Hort educators lead seasonally-themed programs each Friday to Sunday, now through Columbus Day Weekend. Starting at 11 a.m., educators guide hands-on activities to help visitors of every age connect to the science of the garden. Themes include pollination, backyard birding, and the plant life cycle.

Come, learn, and grow in the gardens!

Sprout Lands: Tending the Endless Gift of Trees

by William Bryant Logan

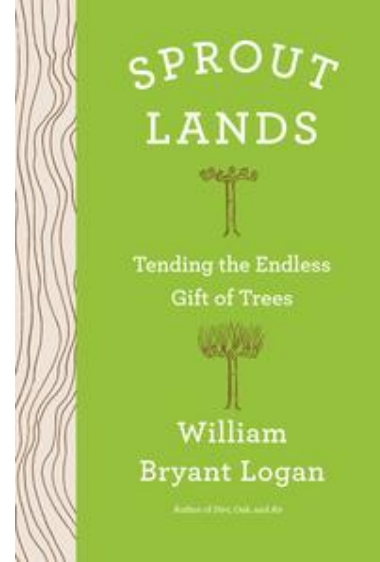
W.W. Norton & Company, New York & London, 2019

Reviewed by Patrice Todisco

Viewing the landscape through new perspectives is refreshing, particularly when familiar forms take on new meaning. In *Sprout Lands: Tending the Endless Gift of Trees*, William Bryant Logan

inspires the reader to reconsider our relationship with trees, through a history of the ancient arts of coppicing and pollarding, the practices of pruning trees to regenerate and control their growth.

[Read on](#)



Upcoming Education Programs



Our summer classes are filling up! Details for each class are listed in our [digital course catalog](#).

Find upcoming highlights [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, join us at one of our upcoming special events or get your hands in the dirt in the gardens! Mass Hort's volunteers play an integral role in delivering our mission and in helping the gardens to grow. For volunteers, it's a great way to meet new people with similar interests, enjoy the many benefits of gardening, and learn through service to your community.

Here are the ways to get involved:

The summer garden volunteer schedule is now available! Check it out [here](#).

Work with kids to help them explore the plant world through activities at one of our upcoming special Saturday events. We need volunteers at our [Power of Pollinators](#) event on Saturday, July 13, and at our [Great Gatherings](#) event on Saturday, August 10. Check out the sign up at [here](#).

Thank you for your time and support of our mission. We hope to see you in the gardens this summer!

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Amy Rodrigues, Volunteer Engagement Manager, at arodrigues@masshort.org or 617-933-4934.



Let's Look Around: June is here!

By Kathi Gariepy,
Garden Educator



June is here. The longest days of the year are here. The gardens are at their full summer lushness, and it's the time of nature's magic.

Children (and some grownups) are in awe of all that nature gives us in June. Gone are the days of gloom and darkness by dinnertime. Nature is showing off and producing- fruits and flowers and with wonderful, unforgettable smells. Look around for little white flowers that will turn into juicy red strawberries, shiny dark jewels which are blackberries, and milky white bells that turn from green to reddish purple and into the deep dusky blue of blueberries. [Read on.](#)

Fragrant Abelia

By R. Wayne Mezitt
Trustee Chair

Most woody plants have finished blooming as June transitions into summer, and many herbaceous plants begin to show their best features. One exception is fragrant (or Korean) Abelia (*Abelia mosanensis*), one of the most appealing June-flowering shrubs, surprisingly only recently beginning to appear in horticultural display gardens and at garden centers. For decades a number of less winter-hardy Abelia species and cultivars have been popular landscaping choices in southern gardens, but those (like *grandiflora*, *kaleidoscope* and 'Edward Goucher') are only reliable where winters are less severe.



[Read on](#)

5th Annual Arts on the Green

Thursday, August 15, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Save the date for this popular annual event!

Wander the gardens, enjoy live music, and stroll through our Art Walk. Support local artists showcasing and selling their work throughout our grounds. There will be activities for kids and tours for all! Bring a picnic, and chairs or blanket. Food,

wine and beer will be sold. This is a FREE event for all!

Music by: LiveWire Boston
Jazz, Blues and Bossa

This event is generously sponsored by: **Murphy Insurance**

CALL TO ARTISTS

If you are interested in being one of the showcased artists on our Art Walk, please complete the **Artist application** and return it as soon as possible to reserve your space. For more information, visit **www.massshort.org/arts-on-the-green/**, email Amy Rodrigues at **arodrigues@massshort.org** or call 617-933-4934.

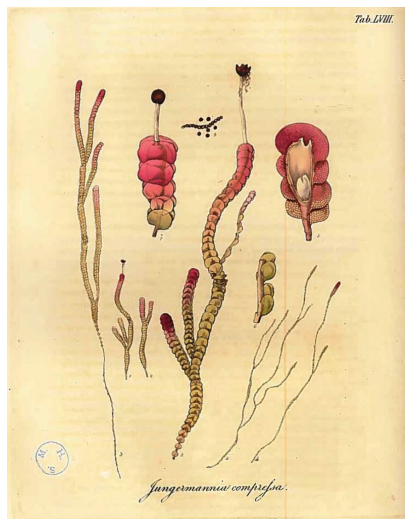


From the Stacks:

By Maureen T. O'Brien,
Library Manager

Botany,—the science of the vegetable kingdom,
is one of the most attractive, most useful, and
most extensive departments of human knowledge.
It is, above every other, the science of beauty.

— Samuel Griswold Goodrich (1793-1860)



In short, botany is the scientific study of plants. Writings on botany can be traced back 10,000 years. Aristotle's student, Theophrastus (371–286 B.C.E.) is known as the father of botany. He wrote two important books: the 10 volume *Enquiry into Plants or Historia Plantarum* and *On the Causes of Plants*. The study of botany is essential because of its ecological and economic importance. Plants are a source of food, fuel and medicine. While today the Society's Library is not a science library, we preserve and maintain many historic documents relating to the science of botany.

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The Gardening Charter

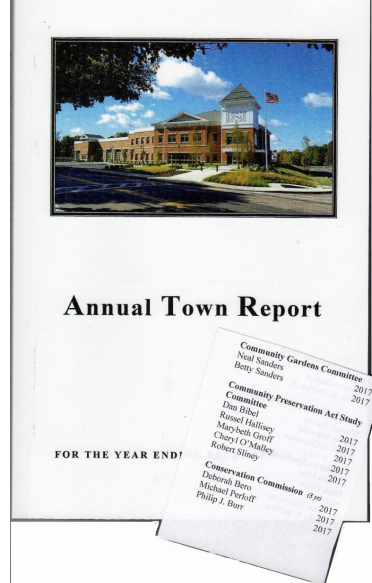
By Neal Sanders,
Leaflet Contributor

An email arrived last week from my Town Administrator (we don't have 'City Managers' or 'Mayors', just a Board of Selectmen and an appointed official who oversees our various

town departments). Attached to the email was a letter saying the Board of Selectmen had decided to “review the structure, purpose, and prior years’ work for all appointed Boards and Committees” before reappointing anyone for the coming year. Attached to it was a two-page questionnaire.

My town has 45 Committees: 30 of them ‘Special Committees’, and another fifteen created by the Town Charter. These range from one to ‘Study Memorials’ to a ‘Permanent Planning and Building Committee’.

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June Horticultural Hints

*by Betty Sanders,
Lifetime Master Gardener*

What happened to spring? All of our gardens have been delayed by too much rain and cold temperatures this spring. Instead of harvesting and replanting, we are still doing first plantings of many vegetables. As the soil warms, plant beets, carrots, corn, and squash. The soil must be warmer – think 80 degrees – before you transplant eggplant and peppers.

[Read on](#)



Announcing this Year's Presenters at the Northeast Region Perennial Plant Symposium

The Northeast Region Perennial Plant Symposium will be held Tuesday, August 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at The Gardens at Elm Bank.

Presented by Massachusetts Horticultural Society & the Perennial Plant Association, the symposium is open to all levels of gardeners and professionals.

This year's symposium includes four presentations:

Selecting Sustainable Roses

Mike & Angelina Chute of RoseSolutions

Cutting Edge Perennials, No Bandages Provided!

Stephanie Cohen, Author, Gardener, and Perennial Diva

Beyond Black-eyed Susan's and Border Phlox: Exceptional Native Perennials for Creative Gardening

William Cullina, Author, Lecturer



For Us and Them: Perennial Edible Plants for Pollinators and Ourselves

Dan Jaffe, Landscape Consultant

Pre-registration required

Early Bird: \$99

After August 18: \$125

[Register Here](#)

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