



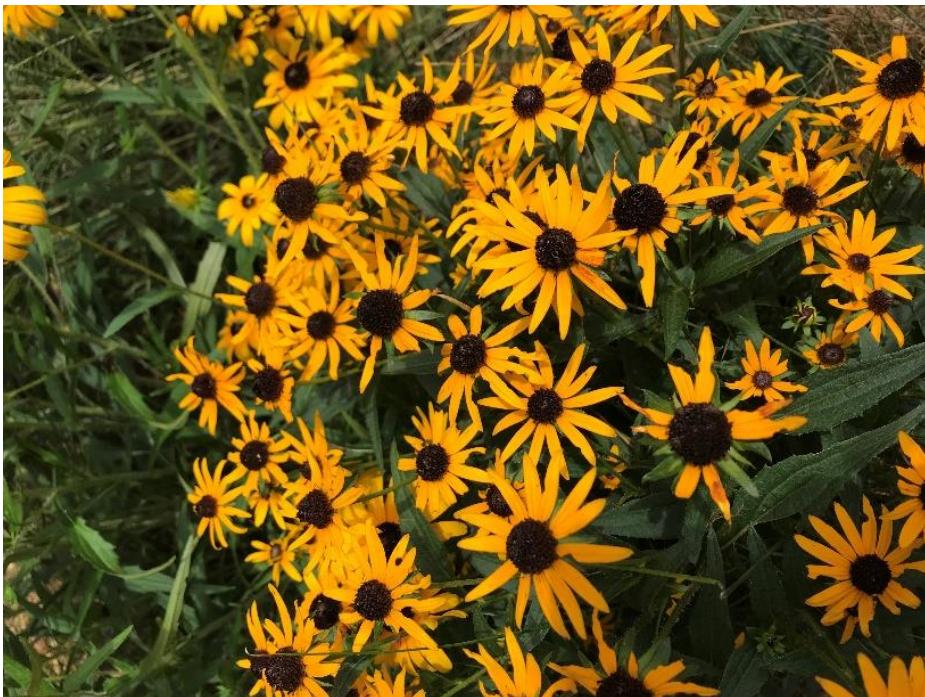
# Needham Garden Club Newsletter

September/October 2020

## LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome Back!

As we look forward to our upcoming Garden Club season, we are challenged with the first Global Pandemic of our lives. Life as we know it has changed for the foreseeable future. One of the hardest parts during this time is our loss of physical connections. We miss the friendship, laughter, and learning we share at our garden club meetings.



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[www.needhamgardenclub.com](http://www.needhamgardenclub.com)

## *Upcoming Calendar*

*September 15: 9:30 a.m. September General Meeting, Via Zoom.*

Unfortunately, we have made the difficult decision that we will not be able to host in person meetings for the time being. But do not despair, Zoom to the rescue. Who would have thought a year ago that we would all be embracing this new technology called Zoom? Now where would we be without it? So, although our meetings are canceled our very clever Committee Chairs are finding new ways to keep us connected. So please stay tuned to your email to see

what the Club is planning as the year unfolds. Needless to say, two of the most popular words of 20/21 are Flexible and ZOOM!

Stay well and healthy.

Co-Pandemic-Presidents: Jane Lischewski and Martha Schleck

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



Be sure to join us September 15 on Zoom for the NGC General Meeting. After a short business meeting, we'll be treated to viewing a Pecha Kucha, created by Lyn Jekowsky, of pictures of our own summer gardens.

At our virtual General Meeting we will walk through members' gardens, virtually. Pecha Kucha is a virtual visual story telling platform, using 20 slides or images that are displayed for 20 seconds each. Interpreted from the Japanese, Pecha Kucha means "chit chat".

Everyone, please send Lyn 1 or 2 photos of your garden, a favorite plant, or a prized gardening project as soon as possible. Include the name of your plant(s) if you know them and description of

your project. **Deadline September 6th.** [lynjekowsky@comcast.net](mailto:lynjekowsky@comcast.net)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS



As you may have guessed most of the fall activities that the Community Outreach Committee usually offer have been postponed due to the uncertainty of the Covid19 pandemic. The one thing we are still able to do is to maintain our garden at Noyes Park, which is enjoyed by many residents of our community. This is not an easy task since there is no water source at the park and we must bring the water in containers to the garden—a task

made even more difficult due to a series of heat waves and dry spells over the summer.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO WATER TO KEEP OUR GARDEN GROWING

The Garden Angels are: Fabienne Madsen, Nancy Yablonski, Carol Alper, Anne Brain, Bette Lavery, Karen Taggart, Diana Conroy, Nancy Agler, Trish Cruickshank, Caryl Johnson, Amy Chan, Lynne Braley, Amy Liss, Gail Davis, and Anne Carlson.

Thank you all!

Community Outreach Co-Chairs: Lynne Jones and Cathie Cummings

## NEEDHAM GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Needham High School student, Ellie Hoffmeister, was this year's recipient of the annual Needham Garden Club Scholarship. The award is given to a student who has shown enthusiasm in the study of horticulture and concern for the environment, and who will continue to study at the college level.

During her Needham High School years, Ellie was Captain of the Needham High School Varsity Ski Team, Captain of the Junior Varsity Soccer Team, and was a member of the Cradles to Crayons Club. She was on the Honor Roll all four of her high school years and was a member of the National Honor Society.

In September, Ellie will enter Lehigh University, where she plans to major in Environmental Science and Public Health.

Martha Schleck and Jane Lischewski, co-presidents of the Needham Garden Club, presented the scholarship check to Ellie. Funds for the scholarship were raised from proceeds from the Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale and the Annual Wreath and Arrangement Sale.

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE NEWS

It was with regret that the Ways and Means co-chairs agreed to cancel the annual holiday wreath sale for 2020. Between the uncertainty of health conditions in the early winter and the early deadline for ordering the greens, it does not make fiscal sense to risk the upfront cost for potentially not being able to have the sale. This decision was approved by the Board at a Zoom meeting called by the Co-Presidents on August 11.



Please continue to look for new ideas, and if you are out and about in the woods, keep your eyes “peeled” for white birch bark (all of the arrangements in 2019 that incorporated white birch bark flew off the tables!) and pristine pinecones that might be available. By the fall of 2021 our current supply of pinecones will likely be showing its age. If you have time on your hands and want to paint some of those dried pinecones in a nice deep red please let the co-chairs know. Also, last year, our refurbishing of “found items” (a child sized chair found at the “reuse-it” shed at the transfer station that was in awfully sad shape and a child’s wooden sled that had seen better days) proved very popular, and we earned a tidy profit for the club that was close to pure profit.

Our hopes are for the current good health of members and their loved ones, a continued positive outlook for 2021, and renewed energy to tackle the 2021 sale with gusto and enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ways and Means Co-Chairs: Diana Conroy and Fabienne Madsen

## NEEDHAM GARDEN CLUB BOARD FOR 2020-2021

### Officers

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Trish Cruickshank (Year Book)

## **WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, and PUBLICITY**

Visit our Club Website [NeedhamGardenClub.com] and Facebook page often to stay abreast of Club news.

Social Media, Website and Publicity TriChairs: Nancy Agler, Lyn Jekowsky, and Gail Davis

## **NEWSLETTER**

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter. The deadline for submissions for the November/December issue is October 10. Please let us know about any Garden Club news or other information you'd like us to include.

Newsletter Committee Co-Chairs: Carol Alper and Amy Cicala

## **GARDEN-RELATED RESOURCES**

Jane Brand has collected some wonderful opportunities to learn or be entertained through free, on-demand garden-related videos:

Grow Native Massachusetts ([grownativemass.org](http://grownativemass.org)) sponsors a speaker series entitled "Evenings with Experts." Videos of speakers' presentations are available for free on the organization's website. From the home page, click on the "Our Programs" tab, then click on "Evenings with Experts" from the drop down menu. From here you can access videos of the programs already run this year, as well as some programs from the previous five years (see link on left side of page). Many of these presentations tie into the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' "Grow Native" project. Below are a few links that may be of interest, but you can browse other offerings on the website.

*Nature's Best Hope*, Douglas Tallamy:

<https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/experts-videos/Natures-Best-Hope>

*Climate Change, Conservation, and the Role of Native Plant Horticulture*, Jesse Bellamare:

<https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/experts-videos/Climate-Change-Conservation-and-the-Role-of-Native-Plant>

*More Than Just the Buzz: Finding Real Solutions to Native Pollinator Decline*, Robert Gegear:

<https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/experts-videos/More-than-Just-the-Buzz>

*The Beautiful Adaptations of Native Plants: Inviting the Wild into Our Gardens*, Dan Segal:

<https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/experts-videos/The-Beautiful-Adaptations-of-Native-Plants>

*How Native Plant Cultivars Affect Pollinators*, Annie White:

<https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/experts-videos/How-Native-Plant-Cultivars-Affect-Pollinators>

*Restoring Nature's Relationships at Home*, Douglas Tallamy:

<https://grownativemass.org/Great-Resources/experts-videos/Restoring-Natures-Relationships-at-Home>

The Ecological Landscape Alliance ([ecolandscaping.org](http://ecolandscaping.org)) also has available on its website free videos from its webinar series entitled “A Walk in the Garden.” From the home page, click “Events”, then click “A Walk in the Garden: Webinar Series” from the drop down menu. This will bring you to a page that describes webinars held from April through July of this year, each with a separate link to “View the Recording Here”. Or, use this link <https://www.ecolandscaping.org/a-walk-in-the-garden-a-webinar-series/> to take you directly to the webinar series page. The webinars cover a range of topics, from native plants and pollinators to touring the Rose Kennedy Greenway in early Spring (webinar entitled “Spring Ephemerals”) and the Gardens of Paris (webinar entitled “Let Them Eat Flowers: The Gardens of Paris”).

A sampling of other free videos that may be of interest includes:

A Tour of Highgrove House with Prince Charles:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbJgNXgppkl>

Native Plants for New England Gardens, from Tower Hill Botanic Garden:

<https://www.towerhillbg.org/2020/04/20/webinar-native-plants-new-england-gardens/>

Small Fruit for the Home Garden, from University of Maryland Extension:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeCbgNFUWyw>

## POETRY CORNER

### Tree Uprooted

Gnarled yet still rooted  
Forms patterns on moss  
Swirls of thick anchors  
Plunge downward then cross.  
  
Forming lairs for the wildlife  
that romp in the moon.  
  
Beds of leaves and pine needles,  
sleep all afternoon.



Nature's elegant artwork  
a hidden display.  
  
Only viewed by the creatures  
that converge there to play.

By Lyn Jekowsky

## PHOTOS FROM OUR SUMMER GARDENS

Coleus from Diana Conroy:



Good Bugs from Monica Foley:



## A tour of Anne Carlson's Garden:



Blossoms from Jane Brand:

