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## 2006/2007

### September 2006

#### **“New Dimensions in Flower Design” with Kenn Stevens from Arnold Arboretum.**

A renowned arranger and designer with worldwide experience. He combines design and theater experience with horticulture in a unique way, drawing from experience in teaching Japan and Korea to the Arnold Arboretum. He works with a flair that coming design accuracy with creativity for education and enjoyment.

### October 2006

#### **“Planting Bulbs for Overwinter Bloom” by Holly Macy Bulbs for Winter, and Spring garden blooms**

Learn the secrets of planting bulbs for over-winter bloom and spring bloom in the garden with our own Holl Macy. She has worked as a floral designer for 12 years and has her own floral landscape design company-Boughs of Holly (to see some of her work got to [www.boughsofholly.com](http://www.boughsofholly.com)). The main focus of her work is weddings and special occasions. She also does garden designs and installations. In addition to fresh flowers, see her silk wreaths and arrangements at The Black Swan. Whether working with plants or flowers, she enjoys using different textures, forms and colors to create a unique style. After the meeting, join Holly and Janice Allen to plant outdoor bulbs and hosta the Peterborough Library.

### November 2006

#### **Scott Farrar Garden Therapy**

Holiday Amaryllis

### December 2006

Party at Antrim Girls Shelter

### March 2007

#### **“Heirloom Seeds” with Neil Lash Global seed collection**

Learn how a horticultural professor with 42 years experience and his high school students from coastal Maine developed an heirloom seed project. They have collected seeds from all over the world and now grow the plants and sell the seeds. Students from horticulture class at South Meadow School will join us for the program.



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### **April 2007**

#### **“The Temple to Crotched Corridor and Other New Conservation Opportunities” with Richard Ober**

Richard Ober is the executive director of the Monadnock conservancy, the conservation land trust that serves southwestern New Hampshire. From April 1985 to June 2001 he has a senior staff member of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and editor of the journal Forest Notes.

The Corridor is one of three “landscape scale” projects of the Monadnock Conservancy. Anchored in the south by Temple Mountain, hopefully soon to be a state park, and reaching through privately owned parcels to the land of the Crotched Mountain Foundation in the north. This corridor will provide a greenbelt of protected land as a gateway to the Monadnock Region.

### **May 2007**

#### **May Basket Party**

Club members will join third grade students at Peterborough Elementary School in making May baskets for delivery to our neighbors. May pole dancing and refreshments. Box lunches available



**2007/2008: (missing)**



**2008/2009**

### **September 2008**

#### **“Garden Doings for the Fall” with Martha Chapin (member)**

Garden tools and questions

### **October 2008**

#### **“Wacky Worm Sisters Indoor Composting Demo” by Carol Schminke and Lynette Courtney**

#### **Indoor composting**

Carol Schminke and Lynette Courtney, Sisters & co-owners of New Leaf Designs Eclectic Nursery/Down To Earth Worm Farm of Vt., have been finding fun & engaging ways to educate & entertain their audiences for over 20 years. Repeat presenters at the Vermont Flower Show, Shelburne Museum’s Lilac



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and Gardening Sunday, UVM Extension Master Gardeners/ Master Composters programs, as well as at schools, garden clubs, farm & gardening associations. The sisters have extensive backgrounds in perennial garden design, installation & maintenance, organic gardening, interior plant care, plant propagation, composting & vermiposting, native flora & fauna, the environment & decorating with natural materials.

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

#### **November 2008**

**Workshops and demos for Festival of Trees (by members)**

#### **December 2008**

**Party at Antrim Girls Shelter**

#### **March 2009**

##### **“Dragonflies and Damsels” with Tom Young**

The Dragonhunter will show pictures he has taken of dragonflies illustrating their life history and showing what amazingly colorful species are commonly found in our area. Questions from the audience are encouraged so that everyone learns about these awesome creatures. A birdwatcher for over 25 years, Tom began specializing in dragonfly photography in June of 2002. His collection includes over 120 species of dragonflies and damselflies (Odonates) from New England summers. Tom is currently working on a field guide to dragonflies of Amherst (where he does most of his field work) that will have his photos as illustrations. [www.pbase.com/dragonhunter](http://www.pbase.com/dragonhunter)

#### **April 2009**

**“CSA’s” Tracy Smith**

#### **May 2009**

**“Container Gardening Workshop” with Maude Odgers**

#### **June 2009**

**“The Creative Feast” by Liz Barbour  
Cooking demo with herbs**





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## 2009/2010:

### September

"Plant Root Zone Management" with Bill Dowley of the Northeast Heather Society  
Heather propagation

### October

"Bulbs and Humans: Rising Above the Squirrel Mentality" by David Burdick  
Horticulture of Spring-flowering bulbs

### November

Floral Design by Mary Huntoon

### December

Party at Antrim Girls Shelter

### March

"They Are Not Your Grandmother's Hostas Anymore" by Sue Andersen of Mason Hollow Nursery

### April

"Cary Awards Plants for New Hampshire Gardens" by Kristin Fenderson, Landscape Designer

### May

"Cornucopia Project" with Kin Shilling





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## 2010/2011:

### **September**

"Slow Foods" with Ben Watson

### **October**

"The Harris Center with Our Help" by Diana Jacobs  
Understanding the natural environment

### **November**

"Balsam and Bling" with Bill Graham  
Floral design

### **December**

Party at Antrim Girls Shelter

### **March**

"Floral Designs for Your Spring and Easter Table" by Holly Macy

### **April**

"Gardens, Romantic, English, Cottage" with Frederick Rice  
English country garden design

### **May**

"Building and Maintaining Healthy Soils in the Garden" by Carl Majewski





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## 2011/2012:

### September

"How Does Your Garden Grow?" by Linda Walsh and Leandra MacDonald (members)  
Designing a new garden border for the Historical Society

### October

"Reading the Forest Landscape" with Steve Roberge, Cheshire County Extension Forester

### November

"The Four-Season Garden" by Michael Gordon

### December

Party at Antrim Girls Shelter

### March

"What Can You Do with Supermarket Flowers?" with designers Holly Macy, Gail Bartlett, and Leandra MacDonald (members)

### April

"Historic Gardens in Our Own Backyards" by John Forti, Curator at Strawberry Banke

### May

"All Your Garden Questions Answered" by members





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## 2012/2013:

### September

A Visit to Laura Trowbridge's Garden

### October

"PowerPoint in Your Backyard on Mammals of the Monadnock Region" by Susie Spikol of The Harris Center

### November

"Ikibana Floral Demo – From Classical to Modern" by Gail Bartlett (member)

### December

Christmas Party

### March

"Orchids All Around Us" with Jean Stefanik

### April

"Antiques in Bloom" by Fern Doucette  
Arrangements to accompany art objects

### May

"Design with Vines" with Cheryl Monroe  
"Right vine, right place."

### June

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## 2013/2014:

### September

"Creating Arrangements with Gleanings from the Fall Garden" by Trim Hahn and Holly Macy (members)

### October

"Wild View" film at The Harris Center

### November

"Beyond the Cornucopia" with Maureen Christmas

### December

Christmas Party

### March

"Terrarium Building" by Kathy Forrest

### April

"Orchids All Around Us" by Jean Stefanik

### May

"Renovating the Garden for the Stages of Your Life" by Betty Sanders





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## 2014/2015:

### **September**

"Dear Laura" with Laura Trowbridge  
Garden problems solved

### **October**

"Organic Gardening" with Rosaly Bass

### **November**

"Holiday Ready - Inside & Out" with Marie St. Onge  
Floral design

### **December**

Christmas Party

### **March**

"Land Conservation" with Andrew Kennedy

### **April**

"Epimediums: Jewels of the Shade" with Karen Perkins

### **May**

"Get Ready! The Spring Garden" with Cheryl Monroe  
Pruning, tool sharpening, Spring garden preparation





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## 2015/2016:

### **September**

"How to Make Your Life Easier Using Mat-Forming Natives" with Dan Jaffe

### **October**

"Mason Bees" with Michelle Mensinger

### **November**

"Holiday Designs" by Trim Hahn

### **December**

Christmas Party

### **March**

"Damsels and Dragons" with Pam Hunt

### **April**

"Shrubs for Year-Round Interest" with Cheryl Monroe

### **May**

"Permaculture Design" with Matthew Roy





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## 2016/2017

September 12, 2016: **Designing for the Fall and Winter Landscape**

Marie Stella  
@Shieling

October 17, 2016: **Bats**

Laura Deming  
@Harris Center

November 14, 2016: **Floral Design with Laurie Appel**

National GCA level  
@Shieling

March 13, 2017: **Jumpstart the Season: Composting and Seed Starting**

Speaker from Cooperative Extension  
@Monadnock Center

April 10, 2017: **Stone Walls with Kevin Gardner**

@Shieling

May 8, 2017: **Mike Gordon on the Spring Garden**

Followed by walking tour of his gardens  
@Monadnock Center





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## **PGC Programs 2017 - 2018**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**

### **Edible Landscapes: For Health, Habitat, Families & the Future**

**John Forti**

Location: Monadnock Center, Bass Hall, 19 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH

#### **Program**

John Forti is a nationally recognized lecturer, garden historian, ethnobotanist and garden writer. John will present an illustrated lecture to help us explore how to eat locally and enjoy the fruits of our own labors. His talk delves into planting edible gardens and landscapes that offer healthy alternatives to our lawns and hedges. Whether learning to explore our own back yards or the newest landscape style of the 21st century, this talk offers meaningful ways to engage ourselves, our kids and our community in cultivating a sense of place from seed to table.

**Monday, October 16, 2017**

### **Bringing Home the Forest**

**Dan Jaffe**

**Special Location:** Harris Center, 83 King's Highway, Hancock, NH

#### **Program**

Dan Jaffe of the New England Wildflower Society and Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA will talk with us about the essential role native plants play in ecosystems and show how our beautiful native plants can be included in our home landscapes.

**Monday, November 13, 2017**

### **Vonnie and Wendy Make Colonial Williamsburg Style Wreaths!**

Location: Shieling Forest, Old Street Road, Peterborough

#### **Program**

Vonnie and Wendy will guide us through the custom of affixing fruits, vegetables, dried flowers, herbs, and other plant life to basic Christmas forms like wreaths and swags. This tradition traces its roots to the early years of the twentieth century, a time when Christmas was growing in significance and the Colonial Revival was pulling decorative impulses back toward the eighteenth century.



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**Monday, March 12, 2018**  
**Automatic Plant Watering System, Organic Lawn Care and Varmint Control**  
**Richard Kahn**

Location: Monadnock Center, Bass Hall, 19 Grove Street, Peterborough, NH

**Program**

Richard Kahn, organic landscaper and lawn care specialist, will demonstrate how we can build our own automatic plant watering system for next to nothing from largely repurposed materials. **PLEASE BRING ALONG A CLEAN, EMPTY PLASTIC CONTAINER SUCH AS A 1 OR 2 LITER SODA BOTTLE** and take home a useful tool! A translucent container, so that you can see the water level is preferable, and the cap should be no smaller than a standard soda bottle cap.

Richard will also discuss organic lawn care and varmint control.

**Monday, April 9, 2018**  
**Everything you need to know to grow Dazzling Dahlias! by Emily Cleaveland**

Location: Shieling Forest, Old Street Road, Peterborough

**Program**

Emily Cleaveland has been growing and selling dahlia flowers and tubers in Vermont and New Hampshire for 19 years. Emily hails from a background in science, and often employs an experimental approach to her garden beds. She has been touted by several magazines as "The Dahlia Lady" of Springfield, NH, being cited for her big colorful blooms and robust tubers. We are pleased to let you know that Emily will be bringing tubers for our club members to purchase at this meeting!

**Monday, May 14, 2018**  
**Grow It, Cut It, Arrange It! by Cheryl Monroe**

Location: Shieling Forest, Old Street Road, Peterborough

**Program**

Our friend Cheryl returns to us to show us how to have blooms fresh from our own gardens to adorn our houses and tables, even if we don't have a separate cutting garden. This program will give us plant selections that can easily work in existing garden space that will provide bouquet after beautiful bouquet. She will also provide suggestions for foliage, fruit and other fun additions to make arrangements POP!





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## **PGC Programs 2018 - 2019**

### **A Garden for Wildlife**

By Steve Roberge

**September 10, 2018 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, Peterborough, NH**

Steve Roberge with the New Hampshire Extension will join us to discuss how anyone with a backyard, garden or landscaped area can help wildlife by altering their landscaping and gardening practices. Steve's discussion will include wildlife and habitats, plant choice, use of native plants, nest boxes and feeders, and issues concerning invasive plants.

### **Bulbs and Humans: Rising Above the Squirrel Mentality**

By David Burdick

**October 15, 2018 at The Harris Center, Hancock, NH**

Grower/enthusiast David Burdick of Daffodils and More in Dalton, MA will discuss the horticulture of spring flowering bulbs, and the ways and whys of selecting, purchasing, planting and designing with them. David will help simplify the dilemma of how to plan and save areas where bulbs should be planted at appropriate time to assure success both culturally and from a design aspect. Most importantly, David will help us learn how to avoid falling victim to the squirrel mentality!

### **Terrariums: Indoor Gardening All Year Long**

By Kathy Forrest of Bowerbirds and Friends

**November 12, 2018 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, Peterborough, NH**

As the days grow shorter and the snow begins to cover the ground we look for ways to brighten our homes and bring a bit of nature indoors. Kathy Forrest of Peterborough's Bowerbird and Friends will join us in a discussion and workshop on the art of creating a terrarium. Kathy will bring all the supplies you need to create your terrarium. Members and guest may purchase supplies from her or bring your own terrarium and purchase plant material. If you purchase supplies cost will range \$20 - \$40. Please note there is no workshop admission fee for members or guests.

### **Peonies of the Coos Riviera**

By Marion Schafer



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**March 11, 2019 at Bass Hall, The Monadnock Center, Peterborough, NH**

Just above the Connecticut River in New Hampshire's Coos County, more than a hundred varieties of herbaceous peonies, tree peonies, and intersectional-hybrid peonies bloom from late May until late July. Marion Schafer, owner of Peonies of the Coos Riviera, will give a presentation that focuses on how to cultivate, plant and divide peonies and will include a Q & A session.

**The Basics of Organic Gardening**

By Henry Homeyer

**April 8, 2019 at Bass Hall, The Monadnock Center, Peterborough, NH**

Henry Homeyer, UNH Master Gardener and Vermont Public Radio commentator will join us to discuss how we can improve our soil, and deal with pests and diseases without using any chemicals. Henry will share photos of great flowers he grows and share his knowledge in growing our gardens successfully and organically!

**What to Grow and How to Do It**

By Dan Jaffe

**May 13, 2019 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, Peterborough, NH**

One of our favorite speakers, Dan Jaffe, of the New England Flower Society will join us to talk about plant propagation and the best plants to choose for propagation. If you are the frugal gardener or one who wants to get the most of out their plant choices, Dan will provide valuable information to assist you in getting the most out of your plants.







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## **PGC Programs 2019 - 2020**

### **The Late Summer Garden**

By Maude Odgers

**September 9, 2019 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Maude will speak about plants and garden design for the Late Summer Garden. Maude is a garden designer who resides and gardens in Peterborough. Her beautiful gardens have been open to the public many times for the Garden Conservancy Monadnock Open Days, and have been featured in NH Home, and Better Homes and Gardens. Maude is also in charge of the lovely Peterborough Town gardens.

### **Big Trees of New Hampshire**

By Kevin Martin

**October 21, 2019 at Harris Center for Conservation Education, 83 Kings Hwy, Hancock, NH 03449**

NH native, author and wooden boat builder Kevin Martin will bring us through the woods and into cities all over NH to find and measure the very largest living trees in our landscape. Some examples include the state's largest northern white cedars in Clarksville that have been marked by bears for generations and a horse chestnut in Portsmouth that was planted by a signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. New Hampshire has 11 national champion Big Trees.

NH native, Kevin Martin will share local and statewide hikes to locate New Hampshire's largest trees on public land and in cities. Martin includes tree history, management and current stewardship.

Kevin Martin will show and discuss the state's biggest trees as described in his book *Big Trees of New Hampshire*.

### **Flower Trends of 2019**

By Barbara Jobin

**November 11, 2019 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Barbara Jobin is an experienced flower designer and member of the Concord Garden Club. She runs workshops in Concord on flower design. Barbara will show a power point presentation and then demonstrate floral designs for the holidays. Her designs will be raffled off at the end of the presentation.



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## **NH State Chestnut Restoration Project**

By AJ Dupre

**March 9, 2020 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

From the NH Division of Forest and Lands, AJ Dupre will present a program on the State of NH Chestnut Restoration Program. The American Chestnut Foundation is looking for site locations for seed and breeding orchards for American Chestnuts. We will hear about site requirements for successful orchards, and how you can be involved with this important research. Additionally, AJ will include a brief presentation on the biology and history of the American Chestnut tree, the impacts of the chestnut blight fungus, and how the American Chestnut Foundation is using breeding programs to grow-blight resistant chestnut trees. Two of these private land orchards are here in Peterborough, NH.

## **Big Annuals for Big Color**

By Laura Trowbridge

**April 13, 2020 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Laura Trowbridge lives and gardens in Peterborough. You may have visited her gardens when they are open for the Garden Conservancy Monadnock Open Gardens Days. Laura is a well-respected designer who has designed gardens all over the Monadnock Region. She will speak on how to include large bold annuals to make your garden come alive to complement and keep your gardens colorful when the perennials flourish has faded. Laura's gardens have been featured in several local and National magazines.

## **The World in Your Garden**

By Roger Swain

**May 11, 2020 at The Monadnock Center, Bass Hall, 19 Grove St., Peterborough, NH 03458**

Roger Swain is a well-known horticulturalist who lives and gardens in the Monadnock Region. He will talk about the plant families and their geographic origins as well as the people who introduced the plants to our country that we now love.





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## PGC Programs 2020 - 2021

### Infusing Your Life with Herbs

By Karen O'Brien

**September 14, 2020 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Using fresh herbs grown in your garden or windowsill, our own Karen O'Brien will teach us how to take simple culinary staples, such as butters, sugars, vinegars, and transform ordinary foods into something delicious with the addition of fresh herbs. Herbs can be used in natural cleaning products, as well as body and beauty products, reducing the need for toxic chemicals and harsh ingredients. We will sample an array of herb-kissed products that will enliven your life throughout the year; and set a course for your own herbal adventure by making two herbal products for you to use at home.

### Encouraging Wildlife Diversity in Designed Landscapes

By Matt Tarr

**October 5, 2020 at Harris Center for Conservation Education, 83 Kings Hwy, Hancock, NH 03449**

"An abundance of wildlife" is one of the best indicators of an ecologically well-designed landscape. By understanding how pollinators, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians select their habitats during each season of the year, we can design landscapes that effectively attract and support a diversity of wildlife. This presentation will provide practical methods for designing ecologically complete landscapes that invite human interaction and transcend simple aesthetics through their added interest and functioning interconnected elements.

### Holiday Floral Demonstration

By Mary Potter O'Neill

**November 9, 2020 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Mary Potter O'Neill, creator of Billies + Tilli, is a talented floral designer from the Monadnock Region. You can see Mary's work at Bower Bird and other local stores. Billies and Tilli specializes in flowers for weddings and special events, using local and sustainably grown flowers. Mary will demonstrate floral designs for the holidays pairing her love for nature with her knowledge and interest in vintage goods and contemporary design. Mary will include 3 floral arrangements to be raffled.



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## **Design and Horticulture Workshop**

By PGC

**March 8, 2021 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Led by our own members, learn how to force, Quince, Forsythia, Pussy Willow, Catkins, Witchazel, Magnolia, and other branches from your gardens. Bring a vase and any branches you may have. Together we will prep branches create designs that will last in your homes. The Club will provide additional branches and flowers.

## **Hydrangeas 360: The Straight Talk on Hydrangeas for New England**

By Jenn Kettell

**April 12, 2021 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

With endless gorgeous hydrangea cultivars flooding our nurseries, it can be challenging to choose just one (or a few!). Don't let the size and color of magnificent blooms lead you to plant hydrangeas that will not thrive in your garden. Join Jenn Kettell for a lively discussion on the what the *species* are behind the hot trade names; how to match your site conditions to those species; why knowing that you have a "lacecap" or "mophead" type is not enough; how to prune to maximize flowering which are drought-tolerant or benefit pollinators, and other essential growing tips.

## **Raised Bed Vegetable Gardens**

By Susan Hammond

**May 10, 2021 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Raised beds are an easy and productive way to grow vegetables (and some fruits, too!). After a quick review of the basics of growing vegetables at home, we'll explore the details of raised bed gardening, including design, materials, and construction methods. While this talk focuses on vegetables, the raised bed techniques we discuss can be adapted to many other kinds of gardens as well.

