

Fall 2020

Gardening for All

President's Corner

By Diana Morse

A Season of Thanksgiving

As the temperature drops, I am enjoying my New England asters as they welcome me into the world of native, sometimes unwieldy, perennials.

Fall ushers in holidays, and I am so looking forward to our November 12 meeting when we will enjoy a variety of place settings by our members.

The place settings will be their choice: holidays, breakfast, lunch, dinner, special occasions. Sharing their talents will be Arminta Donovan, Lorraine Leonard, and Linda Millette.

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club Newsletter

Encore Azalea – Linda Millette



October Meeting

During our October meeting we had several great presentations. Each presenter was asked to share their knowledge for the newsletter. Hopefully we will be able to add photos along with the presentations in future newsletters. Mary

The Versatility of a Grapevine Wreath by Lorraine Leonard



A grapevine wreath, easily purchased at a craft store, is a wonderful decoration as it can be changed to go with the seasons. The neat thing about the grapevine wreath is that it has a classic good look, if rather rustic, to begin with, plus there are lots of "hooks and crannies" that can be used to insert or weave in different things. I

We will begin with our social time at 12:15 p.m. including a testimonial from Arminta on her time in the garden club—when she joined why, how, experiences, and benefits received. If you've had an opportunity to watch the Audubon Naturalist Society video we can share thoughts on "The Land of Woodend."

After our program featuring their place settings, we'll start our meeting with roll call—answering the question "What is your favorite kind of china or dinnerware and why?"

If you have items you would like brought up under new business, let me know.

Diana

currently have a spray of dried hydrangea in one quarter along with a pretty silk ribbon bow. Holly can be inserted in the winter. Or dried leaves. It's a good option that forces you to use a little creativity!



Healing Plants by Esther Neckere

Although many plants and shrubs are appreciated for their landscape qualities, lesser known are their contributions to remedying all sorts of ailments. Many early settlers and Native Americans knew which plants worked to heal specific physical conditions. The bayberry, better known today as source of fragrant soap and candles, was used as a remedy for toothache and a poultice for wounds. Tea from leaves and roots from the New Jersey tea bush were used by Colonials and indigenous tribes to treat asthma, whooping cough, bronchitis, and dysentery. The beautiful sumac that colors our hillsides in the fall in red and gold, was a healing source for many health issues; tea made from the fruit and bark of the plant was used to treat colds, sore throats, fever, and diarrhea. Medicines made from young twigs and leaves was applied topically to staunch bleeding, reduce inflammation, and prevent infection. Many folk healers still use their plant knowledge to bring healing.

However, please note: this article is informational only; please do not concoct these remedies at home. (Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac)

Garden of Lorraine Leonard
Camillia Jean May



Garden of Julie Harrison



Gardening for All by Julie Harrison

I never thought of a garden as being a Sensory garden where you can have Plants for Limited Vision, Plants for Fragrance, Plants for Touch, Plants for Taste, and Plants for sound. I am going to talk briefly about Plants for Sound. The sounds of nature in the garden can create subtle moods. The graceful leaves of ornamental grasses rustling in the breeze, bees buzzing and the sound of bird activities provide a sense of serenity and excitement.

Introduce other pleasant sounds with running water, wind chimes, fountains, and windsocks. The gardener will enjoy experimenting with these features to create unique sensory garden environments.

Ornamental grasses are a good choice with the wind moving through leaves producing soothing sounds.

Chinese lantern plant a perennial, produces loose papery lantern like fruit moves with the wind.

Money plant an old fashioned annual, produces translucent silvery circles that stay on flower stalks fluttering in the wind.

The next time you visit your gardens stand there and listen, you might be surprised by what you hear.

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NEWS, NEWS, NEWS!!!!

Video Presentations

A talk by Doug Tallamy on his new book “Nature’s Best Hope” is available free. Cherie Lejeune reports it is the very best Tallamy presentation on the book\.

It was recorded February 2020 at Harvard.

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

Cherie Lejeune has found another film on Beatrix Farrand available at the moment at

<https://vimeo.com/422826487>. From Cherie:

“Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes” is very special, award winning by Insignia Films.

It was on PBS as an on demand (and free) last summer and now it has popped up again. For how long it will remain active link, can’t say but take advantage sooner than later.

“The Land of Woodend.” This is the film we tried to watch about the Audubon Naturalist Society at a meeting last year. It is now available on YouTube. You can do a search for it by name (The Land of Woodend) and it should pop up. Or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WAc2sFV1jc&t=6s>

NCA NEWS!

The next NCA book club discussion will be on November 10 at 2 p.m.

The book: **“The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants.”** Cherie Lejeune notes the author, Jennifer Jewell, “is known for her wonderful podcasts: *Cultivating Place: Conversations on Natural History & the Human Impulse to Garden.*



Monks Hood – Linda Millette

They can be found easily on podcast platforms available like iTunes, Spotify.” Host will be Julia Kuykendall, President of Ayr Hill Garden Club.

NCA asks we email ncagcwebmaster@gmail.com and let them know if you can attend. NCA plans to keep the second Tuesday of the month available at 2 p.m. at this time. NCA welcomes those who would like to host. Let NCA know if you are interested in hosting and books to choose.

NCA To Start an Online Store. Welcomes Members Who Are Crafters, Artists

Cherie Lejeune reports NCA will have an online store, “for now, a holiday pop-up.”

NCA is inviting members who are DIY crafters/artists. Email NCA “if you or someone you know would be interested. We are pretty good figuring out how to get the goods to all locally,” Cherie said. She said the canvas bags with the NCAGC logo are on the website to order for you and your members ...”perfect gift!”



Julie Harrison's Fall Garden

Fall Vegetable Garden – Pam Smart



Garden of Diana Morse

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 12, 2020 – Place Settings

Presented by Arminta Donovan, Lorraine Leonard, and Linda Millette.

Theme Tie-In: Gardening for All Includes Bringing Love of Gardening to our Tables

December 10, 2020 – Christmas Decorations

Show and Tell your Christmas Creativity

Theme Tie-In: Christmas is a time to celebrate our gardening by making beautiful creations with natural materials.

January 7, 2021 – Chelsea Flower Show

An online presentation from the United Kingdom's Famous Chelsea Flower Show.

Theme Tie-In: Flower shows bring many people together to showcase gardening and help people see that gardening can be for all.

February 11, 2021 – Parker's Garden

Presented by Gilda Allen. We have watched Gilda's grandson Parker and his garden grow over the years.

Theme Tie-In: Bringing children into gardening and having that garden grow with them showcases that gardening really is for all.

HAPPY FALL EVERYONE!



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MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB

