



Country Clippings

Easton Garden Club Newsletter

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Wednesday, October 8, 2003 - 7:30pm

Oakes Ames Memorial Hall

"The Herb Farmacy" Rita Wollmering

(A "seasoned" herb farmer who will discuss how to grow and use a variety of herbs - she will have various herb items for sale after her program.)



- Exhibits:** "Bountiful Harvest"
An arrangement incorporating vegetables in a basket
- Horticulture:** "Aster, Zinnia, Dahlia, Chrysanthemum"
- Topic:** "Drying and Pressing Flowers"
- Refreshments:** Suzanne Zaff, chair
Agnes Gaudet, Rev. Billie Mae Gordon, Dee Dee Ames,
Helen Hazard
- Table Arrangement:** Amy Morse

Dates To Remember

September 29 - October 4, 2003 (Monday - Saturday) 9am - 5pm
NRT Harvest Fair workshops for EGC Fundraising Booth
Carriage House, NRT Sheep pasture

October 4, 2003 (Saturday) 9am - 1pm
Set up booth and tents for the NRT Harvest Fair
NRT Sheep Pasture

October 5, 2003 (Sunday) 10am - 5pm, rain or shine
NRT Harvest Fair - EGC Fundraising Booth
NRT Sheep Pasture (We need help starting at 8:00am)

October 22, 2003 (Wednesday) 7:30pm
Board Meeting at the home of Leslie Mullen



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EGC/NRT Harvest Fair: This is the week! We will be assembling wreaths, bouquets, and other fall decorations for our NRT sale booth at the carriage house at the Sheep Pasture. The building will be open for us to work from **9am to 5pm, Monday, September 29th through Friday, October 3rd**. We hope all of our active members will participate, so that we can make this a successful fundraiser. There is something for everyone to do. Please come down and join us. We always make it a great time learning how to make many things, and getting to know each other.

We also need volunteers for set up day, **Saturday, October 4th, 9am to 1pm** and the fair day, **Sunday, October 5th, 8am to 5pm**. Please come and volunteer for a couple of hours, or all day. ***Please note:** During the workweek, please do not park your car across from the carriage house unless you have an NRT member sticker. All others please park in the visitor car lot near the foundation. Also, if you have saved and dried flowers, especially roses, or if you have hydrangeas in any color available, please bring them with you to the carriage house this week. We are still in need of silver king or silver queen artemesia, dusty miller, lambs ear, Chinese lanterns, any tall grass (such as miscanthus), sweet annie, yarrow, sumac, rose hips green or red, stasis, pussy willows, sunflowers, grapevine, any gourds that we can put on wreaths, any dried or fresh herbs, or anything that dries well.

New Members: Four new members were voted in at the September board meeting. We are pleased to welcome Susan Gleason, and Lisa Sheets of North Easton, as well as Judith Murray Smith of Stoughton, and Liz Smith of East Bridgewater.

New EGC Books: The program books for the 2003/2004 year are in and have been mailed out to the membership. If you have not received one, contact Membership Chairperson Mary Beth Meyer, or see her at the October Meeting. Also, if there are any inaccuracies please call or e-mail me and I will be sure to publish them in the November newsletter. One error of which to make a note in your books - Suzanne Zaff's telephone number was omitted.

Holiday House Tour: The house tour this holiday season is being called "A Joyous Noel." If you have not been called to work on a house, and have also not signed up for a house, please contact house tour chairpersons Nancy Cohenno or Denise Batchis.

Events in Our Area



Fall Birding for Beginners – Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Saturday, October 11, 2003, 9am - 11:30 am

Join guide Joseph Choiniere, Director of the Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary in Princeton, MA, for a leisurely walk of the grounds of Tower Hill Botanic Garden as he identifies late-fall migrants, residents, and migrant hawks, as well as other interesting aspects of the Garden's natural history. Observe the food habits of birds feeding in the meadows.

Among the types Joe says we are likely to see are sparrows, northern-nesting Eastern Bluebirds, Yellow-Rumped Warblers, and mixed flocks of songbirds. Meet in the Great Hall. To register for the class "Fall Birding for Beginners," or for more information, call Sue Southard at 508-869-6111 x 24, or sign on to www.towerhillbg.org
\$5 Members, \$7 Non-members

Shades of Autumn at Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Saturday, October 11, 2003 - Monday, October 13, 2003, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tower Hill will be turned into a virtual farmland, with a petting zoo for children, featuring barnyard animals; beautiful displays of garden produce; and taste-testing tours of the famous antique apple orchard – with 119 varieties of pre-20th Century apples. Activities include creating bird masks, honey extraction, "veggie faces," cider making, pumpkin decorating, cornhusk dolls, and a children's game. See a live demonstration featuring hawks and owls with special guest Wingmasters Birds of Prey on Saturday at 1p.m. and 2:30 p.m. (additional fee). The Pumpnickel Puppet Theater will present 'Peter Rabbit' on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Scavenger hunts, hot apple cider, a special harvest menu in Twigs Café, and Massachusetts products for sale will round out the weekend. Weather permitting, enjoy a hayride through the trails. For a complete schedule, call 508-869-6111 or sign on to www.towerhillbg.org.

\$8 Adults, \$5 Seniors & Youth, Free to Children under 6

Creating Decorative Door Pieces for Your Home – Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Tuesday, October 28, 2003, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

In this hands-on workshop, you will learn the basic principles and techniques of making decorative door pieces with floral materials. Subjects covered will include the overall relation of a door piece to the house itself, color and size considerations, and the relationship of a piece's dimensions to its distance from the public way. With the guidance of the instructor, you will then be invited to construct a door piece to grace the entryway to your own home.

To register for the class "Creating Decorative Door Pieces," or for more information, please call Sue Southard at 508-869-6111 x 24, or sign on to www.towerhillbg.org. \$60 Members, \$66 Non-members

Tower Hill is located at 11 French Drive in Boylston, MA, 3 miles north of Exit 24 from Route 290.