

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWS



MARCH 2019



NEW GARDENER REGISTRATION SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Registration for gardeners new to the Community Garden takes place on Saturday, March 23, 9 A.M. to noon, at the Northampton Recreation Department (100A Bridge Road, next to JFK Middle School). If you know someone who would like a plot this year, please encourage them to come sign up for a plot. 🌿

NEW GARDENER ORIENTATION MTG. MONDAY, APRIL 8, 7:00 P.M., AT FORBES LIBRARY

Members of the Garden Committee will talk about the Garden and answer questions. Meet other new gardeners, ask questions, and receive a 1/4-hour credit for community service! 🌿

GARDEN OPENING DAY / SPRING CLEANUP DAY APRIL 27 / 10-2

Help get the Garden in shape for the season! This includes cleaning out the tool shed, testing and setting out hoses, working on the compost piles, weeding invasive plants — and plenty more. Hours are 10-2 P.M.

We will have bales of mulch straw for sale, as well as a truckload of compost. (Please bring buckets for compost!).

Master Gardeners (from the

Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners) will be on hand to test your soil pH and answer your gardening questions. This is a good way to meet other gardeners, help the Garden, and earn community service hours. (Rain date: May 4.)

“CLEAN PLANT” SALE JUNE 1, 2-6 P.M.

Don't drive around plant shopping. We bring the plants to you!

Get everything you need at the Second Annual **Clean Plant Sale** in our own Garden! Our goal is to make it easy for our gardeners to find clean, non-pesticide treated herbs, vegetables, perennials, and annuals, and to support small, local growers.

Sat., June 1, 2-6:00 P.M. along the back road of the Garden. 🌿



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2019 GARDEN CALENDAR

NEW GARDENER REGISTRATION

March 23 / Saturday /
Northampton Rec. Dept. /
9 A.M.-noon

NEW GARDENER ORIENTATION

April 8 / Monday / 7:00
Forbes Library

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

April 27 / Saturday / 10-2

CLEAN PLANTS SALE

June 1 / Saturday / 2-6

IS-YOUR-PLOT-PLANTED? INSPECTION

June 2 / Sunday

RAGWEED / MID-SEASON INSPECTION

July 14 / Sunday

FALL CLEANUP DAY

October 19 / Saturday / 10-2

FALL INSPECTION

October 27 / Sunday

GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Any Gardener is welcome to attend monthly Garden Committee meetings. Check nohogarden.org for dates.

@6:00 P.M. at the Rec. Dept.
at JFK Middle School or in the
Garden if weather permits.

WEBSITE UPDATE NOHOGARDEN.ORG

Liz Tiley has been managing our website for several years, even though she is no longer a gardener. We greatly appreciate her help and dedication!

This year we wanted to change to a different web host and add features to the site. **Christie Peterson**, a member of the Garden Committee, worked with Liz and with **Jackie Lienert** of the Northampton Parks and Recreation to effect the change.



Rebecca Martin

It wasn't a simple process, but we are now up and running at nohogarden.org!!

We will post timely Announcements on this site and an up-to-date Garden Calendar. We will also post Registration materials here, as well as current and past Garden Newsletters. You can contact the Garden Committee through the site, too.

A million thanks to Liz, Christie, and Jackie for all your work on the website transition!! 🍀

“UNDER THE MULBERRY TREE” WORKSHOP SERIES

Last year's inaugural series of workshops was very successful, and we plan to host more workshops this season. This space will also be used as an outdoor classroom where we'll offer workshops on a variety of gardening topics.

Workshops take place on Saturday mornings. They are free and open to anyone who is interested. Workshop topics may include:

- Soil Improvement**
- Cover Crops**
- No-Till Gardening**
- Pollinator Garden Design**
- Grant Programs for Small Farms**
- Composting toilets**
- Making herbal remedies**

Stay tuned for dates ... 🍀

NORTHAMPTON SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS (SOS) PLANT AND GARDEN SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9-1:00,
SMITH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**

The **23rd Annual Support our Schools (SOS) Plant and Garden Market** will be held on Saturday, May 11, 9:00-1:00, in front of the Smith Vocational School. All proceeds go to the Northampton Public Schools for their libraries.

Organizers are looking for plant donations from local gardeners. Community members who have perennials to divide or plants they are removing from their gardens, are asked to please pot them up and take them to Smith Vocational School on Friday, May 10, from 4 to 7 P.M.. Before that date, plants

may also be delivered to 12 Forbes Avenue, from April 25 to May 8. For plant donations, please pot them up early and water them, so that they look happy on the day of the sale. Should you need pots, helpers for digging, dividing and potting, or picking up potted plants, there are volunteers available.

We need donations as well as people to attend the sale. We also need volunteers to collect and organize donated plants on May 10, and to work at the event on May 11. Any way you can contribute to SOS would be greatly appreciated.

Should you decide to attend the sale, there will be treasures from local gardens, as well as local artisans. There will be hand-crafted garden furniture donated by local woodworkers, bags of compost, and a raffle for a hand-made quilt and garden furniture made by Smith Vocational students. Last year the event raised over \$12,000 for the public school libraries.

Come help **support our public schools** by donating plants, volunteering, or attending the event. For information: **Robin Freedenfeld** at <rfstudios@aol.com> or **Francie Lin** <francie.m.lin@gmail.com>, 413-320-0844.

northamptoneducation.org/plant-sale/ 🍀

WESTERN MASS. MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION SPRING SYMPOSIA

**HEALTHY GARDENS,
HEALTHY GARDENERS!!**

March 23 / 8:45-2:15
Frontier Regional High School

**BEES, BUTTERFLIES,
AND BOUNTY!!**

March 30 / 8:00-2:00
Holyoke High School

**STRENGTHEN YOUR
GARDEN SKILLS!!**

April 6 / 8:15-2:30

Lenox Memorial High School

Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association is committed to serving the community through public education and service. Find us at local farmers markets answering gardening questions. Look for us tending area community and non-profit groups' gardens.

www.wmmga.org 🍀

**UMASS AGGIE
WORKSHOPS**

Each year UMass offers seminars for home gardeners. Topics include:

Mar 9 For the Love of Cider!

Mar 16 Grafting Fruit Trees

Mar 30 Pruning Blueberries

Apr 6 Home Orchard Establishment

Apr 6 Home Orchard Pest Management

Apr 6 Home Orchard

<http://ag.umass.edu/fruit/news-events/mass-aggie-seminars/mass-aggie-seminars-2019> 🍀

TICKS

**LEARN ABOUT TICKS BEFORE
YOU SPEND TIME OUTDOORS**

As climate disruption increases, the danger from tick bites grows as well. A bite can change your life!



Ticks are tiny bugs most likely found in shady, damp, brushy, wooded, or grassy areas (especially in tall grass), including your own backyard.

Different kinds of ticks feed on the blood of mammals (including people, dogs, cats, deer, and mice), birds, or reptiles (snakes and turtles, for example). In Massachusetts, certain kinds of ticks can bite you and spread diseases like **Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis, tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Borrelia miyamotoi, and Powassan virus.**

Ticks do not fly or jump. They attach to animals or people that come into direct contact with them. Deer ticks and dog ticks are found throughout Massachusetts; Lone Star ticks are also found in some places in Massachusetts. Read more:

[HTTPS://WWW.MASS.GOV/SERVICE-DETAILS/TICK-BORNE-DISEASE-
INFORMATION-FOR-THE-PUBLIC](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/tick-borne-disease-information-for-the-public)

or

[HTTPS://WWW.MASS.GOV/TICK-
PREVENTION](https://www.mass.gov/tick-prevention)

[HTTPS://WWW.MASS.GOV/SERVICE-
DETAILS/PERSONAL-PROTECTION-
AGAINST-TICKS](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/personal-protection-against-ticks) 🍀

**REMEMBERING LONGTIME
GARDENERS**

HIBARBARA TYTELL

On December 23, 2018, community gardener Barbara Tytell, died at the Fisher House in Amherst, MA. Baraba was taken very quickly by Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, leaving a large network of family members, friends, colleagues, and community

gardeners grieving. She left behind an adult son, Simon Pollock and his wife Michelle Yellin, and many extended family members.

I met Barbara when she took over plots K24 and K25, adjacent to my garden. She started the garden with her soul sister, Susan Fink, a beloved Jackson Street School teacher, who later passed away from cancer in 2007.

Barbara continued to carefully tend the plots in Susan's memory, donating some of her harvest to the Survival Center. In 2016 she endured the loss of her husband, Andy Pollack, also from cancer. Barbara went on to raise funds for cancer reasearch at Dana Farber by completing two fifty-mile bike rides in the Pan Mass Challenge.

Barbara was an active, giving person who had a long career in social work focused on improving the lives of children. In retirement, she volunteered at the YMCA and at the Jackson Street School.

Both gardeners, social workers, and mothers of sons named Simon, we connected warmly and deeply. I will miss our summer chats very much. When the spring flowers are blooming, come by and appreciate her work.

— Lydia Rackenberg 🍀

GLENN RUBECK

Long-time gardener Glenn Rubeck died earlier this year. In the last few years, Glenn was unable to continue at the Community Garden, but he is remembered for his well-tended and productive plots, for his advice and help to many new gardeners, and for the friendships he maintained throughout the Garden. 🍀



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