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Member of the Year: Jim Bobb

Jim Bobb received the 2018 HPS/MAG Member of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting and Lecture on December 2, 2018. Since 1995, the board has recognized members with this award who have made outstanding contributions to the organization.

Jim started volunteering at HPS/MAG in the late '90s, when he was asked to fix and maintain the custom-designed HPS membership system. Jim worked with both the outside and in-house bookkeepers and membership services for over a decade until HPS purchased the MemberClicks software.

Jim Bobb

In 2006, Jim was invited to work on Publications tasks. Since then, he has produced 69 newsletters, 13 seed catalogs, 12 directories, and numerous March Into Spring and membership brochures.

Jim reminds us that publications takes a team to produce the high quality material that HPS demands. He does not work alone. Kay Johns, Eve Thyrum, Mary Ann Thomas, and Barbara Bricks review documents for accuracy, especially ensuring the use of correct plant nomenclature and consistency among the HPS products. HPS member Matt Horwitz matches the print cost of outside vendors and adjusts the copy to achieve the highest picture quality during printing. His wife Pat graciously organizes mailing parties to assemble the newsletters and take them to the post office. If you have not attended a mailing party, you are missing one of the best social opportunities of HPS. While working, we share plant information, and then, when done, are rewarded with some of Pat's fine, home-baked delicacies.

Jim says, "Volunteering and working for HPS was both edifying and fun. I hope that the Society has enjoyed the publications. My special gratitude goes to a very good friend and my HPS publications mentor of 15 years, Barbara Bricks."

Jim has stepped down from the HPS Board and Publications Chair position while the board is considering other communication options and a 501(c)(3) requirement to put all work out for bid. The board congratulates Jim on a well-deserved award with many thanks from his fellow board members for his long-term service and commitment to our organization.

You will still find Jim speaking at events, promoting Master Gardener activities, volunteering at the PHS Flower Show, teaching plant ID at Longwood Gardens, planning international garden and pollination trips, and helping beekeepers new and old with their issues.

Hello and Happy New Year

President's Message *by Sandy Vernick*

THIS COMING YEAR PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING TIME FOR HPS.

Thank you to all of the many members who responded to the survey that was sent out recently. The results will be sent to the membership as soon as possible. In response to your feedback, we will continue to embrace our organizational values while moving into the electronic age by expanding our online communications, including our presence on social media. Please take a look at our Facebook page, contribute your thoughts, and "like" what you enjoy. Also, check your profile on www.hardyplant.org (or contact me a president@hardyplant.org) to ensure that your preference for postal mail or email is correct.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

For more information about the events listed below, see Programs & Events and Special Interest Groups on page 2, or visit www.hardyplant.org.

January

12: Sat, 9:30 A.M. Seed Propagation Workshop, **Alice Doering** & **Helen Standen,** Devon, PA

13: Sun, 2:00 P.M. Joanne Walkovic Memorial Lecture, **Shari Edelson,** Swarthmore, PA

21: Mon, 6:30 P.M. Board Meeting, Tredyffrin Library, Strafford, PA

29: Tue, 10:30 A.M. Seed Propagation Workshop, **Loretta DeMarco,** Gladwyne, PA

February

1: Fri, HPS Grant Deadline

18: Mon, 6:30 P.M. Board Meeting, Tredyffrin Library, Strafford, PA

March

16: Sat, 8:00 A.M. March Into Spring XXIII

18: Mon, 6:30 P.M. Board Meeting, Tredyffrin Library, Strafford, PA

April and Beyond

Jul 15–18: Connecticut Trip

Sep 9–16: Gardens of Provence and the Côte d'Azur Trip

Seed Exchange Workshops

Workshops to clean and package seeds for our Seed Exchange will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, beginning on Wednesday, January 30, and continuing into February at The Henry Foundation, Gladwyne. Please see page 7 for more information.

Check www.hardyplant.org for calendar updates.

The purpose of the Hardy Plant Society/ Mid-Atlantic Group is to cultivate, foster, and promote interest and participation in horticulture.

The Society's Page

Programs & Events

The Joanne Walkovic Memorial Lecture: Strategic Garden Design

Shari Edelson
Sun, January 13, 2 P.M.
Chang Hou Hall
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Cosponsored with The Associates of the Scott Arboretum. Reception follows; free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

Effective garden design is about more than just selecting the right plants and putting them in the right place. It's also about making strategic decisions with an eye toward long-term impacts on the garden's future. Drawing from her experience as the Director of Horticulture and Curator at The Arboretum at Penn State, Shari will discuss principles of strategic garden design, including how the decisions we make today sculpt the garden we will have tomorrow.

photo provided by The Arboretum at Penn State.

Annual and Perennial Display Garden in the Arboretum at Penn State University

Call for baked items. We invite you to bring baked goods for the reception that follows the Shari Edelson lecture. For planning purposes, contact Mary Ann Thomas, hospitality@hardyplant.org.

Photo by Jerry Vernick

The appetizer and cocktail spread at the 2018 Annual Meeting was a great success.

2019 HPS/MAG Board

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March Into Spring	Position Open
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Call for Recipes

The food and the drinks at the HPS Annual Meeting were so good that many who attended have asked for the recipes. If you prepared something for the meeting and would like to share the recipe in the newsletter and online, we would like to publish it. Send recipes to newsletter@hardyplant.org and webmaster@hardyplant.org.

HPS Grant Deadline

Next submission deadline is February 1, 2019. To apply, visit www.hardyplant.org, and click on GRANTS at the top.

Registration Opens January 18

Greater Hartford, CT Garden Trip

July 15–18, 2019

See page 5 for more information.

Wait List Only

Gardens of Provence and the Côte d'Azur Tour

Rèservez Cette Date!

Oui, Hardy Planters, we're planning a return to La France—this time to the south. Our trip will begin in Nice on September 9 and extend for 8 nights, exploring gardens, historic sites, and food! Our guide will be the redoubtable Trevor Edwards.

See page 6 or visit www.hardyplant.org for registration and an itinerary, cost, pictures of gardens, and more details.

Registration is open now.

SIGs

HPS/MAG *membership includes being a member of all Special Interest Groups (**SIG**s) and all members are invited to participate in **SIG** events. Contact individual **SIG** leaders for more information.*

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A Cape Cod Adventure

by Judith Elliott and Nadeen McShane

When a friend asked her to fill in as her roommate when her friend could not come on the HPS trip to Newport, Judith Elliott thought, "Why not? I've been there, but this will have a different focus." She never thought it would turn into a yearly adventure, a favorite part of every year. It is where she spends the better part of a wonderful week with like-minded people. The trip to Cape Cod and Nantucket was no different.

Nadeen McShane, on the other hand, read about the trip in the wake of her 70th birthday and thought, "I might never get to Cape Cod on my own. I'll go with Janice Thomas, the HPS Trip Chair."

The July 2018 trip that Janice planned to Cape Cod and Nantucket was so popular that she added a second trip in August. Below, Judith and Nadeen share their adventures in the first and second trips, respectively.

Captain David Kelley Bed-and-Breakfast

Judith begins, "While I had been to "the Cape" many times, having both studied and visited there, I knew I would experience a different perspective. Greeting fellow HPS travelers before six in the morning, boarding the bus driven by our usual competent and friendly driver, sipping my coffee and eating a muffin our stalwart trip chair Janice provided. I hoped I would nap, but that did not happen. We were soon at the lovely Captain David Kelley House Bed-and-Breakfast in Centerville, MA, on the Cape. Sitting in the beautiful garden with the box lunch of our choice, we began our odyssey."

Nadeen adds, "Our bus trip was fraught with traffic. It was a minor thrill to cross the new Tappan Zee, but otherwise—unlike Judith—I had trouble NOT napping. Remember that 70th birthday thing? I nod off frequently.

"I was completely awake on our visit to the B and B. Pristine borders with perfect margins, a tranquil green and white palette, a wide and inviting lawn (cocktails anyone?), a stone stair to the lower patio—these details of serenity contrasted delightfully with the funny saga of Tom and Rick's early days in the B and B business. The fellows regaled us, on a very hot and sweaty afternoon, with tales of unexpected discoveries on the property, their choices in upgrading the house, and their tough competitive spirit in the field of scone baking."

C. L. Fornari's Garden

Judith continues, "We journeyed to the personal garden of C. L. Fornari, a large area overlooking water. We first saw a large trial garden of hydrangea and then a cutting trial garden that I first spied from the vegetable garden, which I was especially enamored. The fence made of branches, the clever shielding from the little beasts who like to eat our vegetables, overlooking the terraced perennial garden was both creatively planned and productive. Walking through an arbor and passing more flower beds to the back of the house, we came to a large patio. From the patio you could see the water with inviting chairs beckoning you to come and sit. A good many of us simultaneously saw a pergola where our annual wine and cheese time was set. We had to be pried away from the lovely setting, good company, and, of course, the wine and cheese to board the bus to Hyannis.

"The hotel that night was not my favorite, but the rest of the trip and the places yet to visit overshadowed that. Dinner was fine at the hotel restaurant. I was too tired to go into Hyannis as many did."

"Ahhh," exclaims Nadeen. "I wondered why Janice changed the hotel. The August group stayed at the Hyannis Harbor Hotel. The rooms were large, clean, and attractive with a little balcony, where I sat in the early morning to read."

John Sullivan's Garden

Judith resumes, "After a great breakfast, we boarded the bus and went to our first stop of the day, a whimsical, almost dreamlike garden with a waterfall, Koi pond, statues, and gargoyles peeking out between the plants. The owner's theatrical flair was evident throughout."

Nadeen joins in, "Owner John Sullivan played up his Santa-look with a red and white Hawaiian shirt. His property included two cottages, decorated and planted in different styles, which he rented to young, summer hotel workers. John obviously had a happy exuberance, evident in his very individual garden."

Carol Alper's Garden

Judith continues, "The second garden was much bigger and much to my liking. It was full of wonderful ideas to emulate in my own garden. There was creative brickwork for the walk around the house, passing the herb garden, bordered with bricks placed in a geometrical pattern and fronted by grafted apple trees espaliered across a low fence. Walking around the house, one comes across a mass of white astilbes, a bench made from a board which was actually a slice of a tree creatively tucked next to a Koi pond, a small patio for one's morning coffee, and many ferns. The essential garden shed had a trowel and a cultivator hanging both decoratively and handily on the door. Japanese maples were in abundance—the homeowner's favorite. The thought of lunch pried us away.

"And what a lunch it was! Sitting outside with good company, a lobster roll, and a summer beer just could not be better! Go to JT's when you are on the Cape and tell them HPS sent you."

Nadeen agrees, "Yes, the lobster roll (my first ever) was rich and delicious, but Janice suggested we save room for the ice cream at JT's—and I was glad she did."

"The Hydrangea Guy"

Judith proceeds, "The final garden of the day was at an exquisite 1930's Cape Cod house set on a hill and surrounded with hydrangeas. We learned a lot from Mal Condon, "the Hydrangea Guy." He told us how each perfect *Hydrangea macrophylla* beneath a maple tree was actually in a large pot which was taken up every few years, given a bonsai-like root trim, replaced in the pot and put back under the tree with the pot hidden. While not a task undertaken without machinery and expense, the result is breathtaking. His two vegetable gardens with raised beds and each with its own shed behind the house on this large property were also wonderfully done."

Nadeen laments, "Once again the heat frustrated us; we wanted to see the garden, but we wanted to cling to the tiny bits of shade too. Forcing my sweating self up the stone steps of Mal's house, I was able to gather my senses enough to note the lovely silver and pink color scheme of the companion plants in the beds surrounding the house."

John Shaw's Garden

Judith resumes, "After our usual hearty breakfast (made better by the good companions), day three found us in lovely Sandwich, MA, at a Victorian house that had been the home of our host's grandmother. The focus was trees; big, unusual, and varied. ("His 'thing'," he said.) The first we saw was a *Stewartia,* then a giant *Ginkgo biloba.* Our host John Shaw also admitted to being "Rhodoholic," having grown and hybridized many. We then saw his Norwegian wife's vegetable garden and her berries, her "thing." A marsh walk was there for the energetic.

Sandwich Heritage Museum and Gardens

"After pulling people from the museum gift shop, we were off to the gardens. Our guide gave us a thorough, interesting tour, followed by box lunches at the outdoor cafe. Afterward, some went to hear "the Hydrangea Guy" give a talk, some to the car museum, and others to the gift shop. I sat and watched the flume, behind a mass of astilbes, as it cascaded down to a pond below us."

"Those of us on the August tour enjoyed an enthusiastic young horticulturalist who showed us the parking lot gardens at the Heritage Center," says Nadeen. "These gardens were designed to handle the runoff from the extensive paved space, recycling to reuse all that water which otherwise might have gone down sewer drains. The resulting gardens—full of grasses and natives—displayed color and texture with such panache that we might not have guessed that they had an ecological function."

The Helfrichs' Garden

"The third garden of the day," Judith shares, "was a much smaller scale, do-able garden. It was very well planted, had adequate whimsy such as hedgehogs, and a garden shed I would find difficult to leave. The garden had recently been transformed by the loss of many trees from a storm. (But aren't gardens always changing?)"

Nadeen chimes in, "At this 'do-able' Helfrich garden, Phyllis Helfrich introduced herself as an octogenarian gardener. Her beauty and energy made this description hard to accept. Like the Shaws in the Sandwich garden described previously, the Helfrichs suggest that gardening keeps a person active and healthy."

Nantucket

"The next morning," continues Judith, "we departed for the ferry which would take us to Nantucket, leaving the bus behind. Nantucket is beautiful with cobblestone streets, historic buildings, and outstanding window boxes full of ideas to copy at home. A window box landscaper is a real job on Nantucket. While some of our peppier members rented bikes and peddled (all day!) to the garden conservancy gardens, others rented a car to see the gardens, some hopped on the local public transit, while still others did a bus tour. My group elected to take the bus to the end of the island to the oldest town, very quaint with great beaches at the foot of a bluff and many charming, tiny cottages and equally tiny yards.

"No space for cars between the cottages, just foot travel or bikes. The buildings were largely covered with climbing roses, in some cases over the top. There were climbing hydrangeas and the ubiquitous *Hydrangea macrophylla,* of course.

"Following lunch (and some time watching the people on the cobblestone street and at the town fountain), it was time to leave. We shuttled back to our new hotel. Anything the previous hotel may have lacked, this one more than compensated. Many of us decided to splurge for dinner downtown; the halibut, ambience, and the people did not disappoint."

Nadeen shares, "On our trip, Janice arranged a tour bus around Nantucket, and the driver turned out to be a vivid storyteller. He lives on the island year-round, patching together a livelihood by holding several jobs. He gave us a working-man's perspective on an island that is a famed playground for wealthier Americans. His comments added depth to my impressions of Nantucket. Did you realize that Nantucket's pristine gray and white appearance is dictated by statute? Even the Ford dealer and the Cumberland Food Market wear the same colors. There is no building material on the island that isn't natural: no vinyl siding, for example. Our driver pointed out that as a boy, he thought of going to the mainland as 'going to America.' As a boy, he had dreamed of living off-island, but he realized, he told us, that there was no better place to raise a family than on Nantucket."

Mom's

Nadine continues, "A word (or more) about that breakfast at the Nantucket Inn: the restaurant is called 'Mom's,' and boy oh boy, was 'Mom' prepared. We had all the eggs, sausage, and toast of our previous breakfast, but in addition light cheese blintzes, pastries, cold cuts, and a waffle station

that prepared Belgian waffles as you waited. Did I make you hungry? It was great."

The Chapmans' Garden

Judith continues, "After a ferry ride, the final garden was on the Cape garden tour—a small but wonderfully planted garden with varied textures, like chard with perennials, and a planting philosopy that if you don't earn your keep as a garden plant, you are plucked out of the garden—so plants better behave."

Nadeen adds, "The Chapmans' garden was wonderfully planted with dogwood, pear, and beech, with shady paths for azaleas and rhodies, a hidden pond, and a collection of tiny hostas.

"But it was the sunny border, right on the street, that took my breath away: those bees buzzing in the extravagant sedums, perfectly staked 6'-tall dahlias, zinnias, cannas, devil's trumpet, and elephant ears popping up through the mixed conifers. This garden intoxicates the gardener with its joie de vivre."

Still Time to Shop for Plants

Judith concludes, "After boarding the bus we made our usual nursery stops for souvenir plants to embellish our gardens at home. It was a rather quiet on the long drive home except for talking of plans for the next trip."

"And except for the gyrating of a few members to 'Dancing Queen' in the aisles of the speeding bus," quips Nadeen.

"See you in Connecticut in 2019," they both agree.

2019 Greater Hartford, CT Garden Trip

by Janice Thomas, HPS Trip Chair

Join us July 15-18, 2019 for the HPS Greater Hartford Garden Trip.

We will spend three nights in downtown Hartford at the Hilton Hartford, conveniently located for dining at night. We will primarily visit private gardens during our time in Connecticut, although we will visit two public gardens. On Monday, we will stop at **Stonecrop Gardens** (www.stonecrop.org) for a tour, time to explore the garden on your own, and a box lunch. (Be sure to check out the Stonecrop Gardens seed donations in the 2018–19 HPS Seed Exchange Catalog.)

The second public garden will be the **Elizabeth Park Rose Garden** (elizabethparkct.org) in Hartford. A tour of the garden has been arranged and you will also have some free time to explore.

Our garden trip would not be complete without a shopping experience or two. We will stop at **John O'Brien's Hosta Nursery** (www.obrienhosta.com) and **Broken Arrow Nursery** (www.brokenarrownursery.com).

The cost of the trip is $735 and $1010, for double and single occupancy, respectively. The price includes accomodations for three nights, motor coach transportation, bus driver's gratuity, all breakfasts and lunches, admission and tour at Stonecrop Gardens and Elizabeth Park Rose Garden, First Night Social, and an assortment of small expenses. Dinner meals are not included in the cost of the trip.

Registration will open Friday, January 18 at 9:00 A.M. online at the HPS website, www.hardyplant.org.

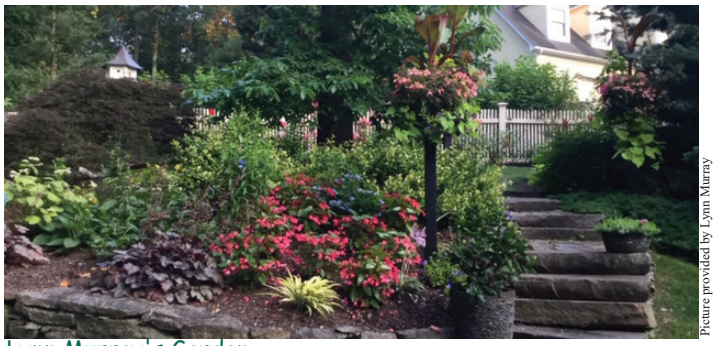
If you have any questions, contact Janice Thomas, tripchair@hardyplant.org or 610-730-0639. All participants need to be current with their membership. If you want to invite a friend, they must be a HPS member.

Photo courtesy of the Elizabeth Park Conservancy

Elizabeth Park Rose Garden

Picture provided by Maryann Doren

Stonecrop Gardens



Picture provided by Lynn Murray

Lynn Murray's Garden

Picture provided by Carol Platt

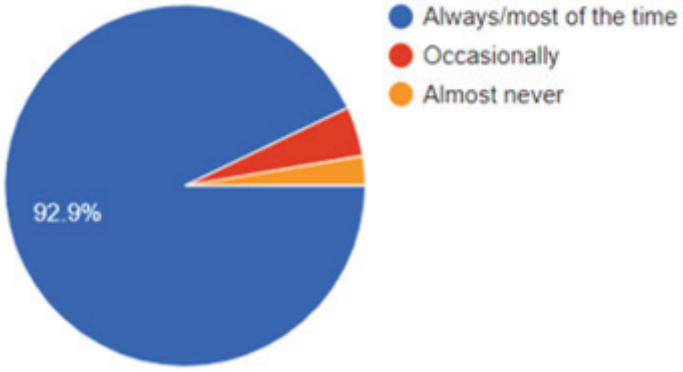
Carol Platt's Garden

November 2018 Survey Results

In early November 2018, HPS polled the membership regarding the Society's publications. Below are the results regarding the HPS newsletter. The cost to mail the newsletter is one first-class stamp, currently 50¢, and the print cost is 93¢. The cost for printing did go up from 60¢ several years ago, when we switched to color printing.

How often do you read some or all of the printed newsletter?

338 responses



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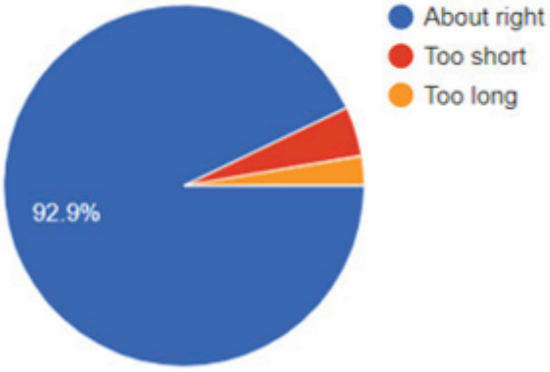
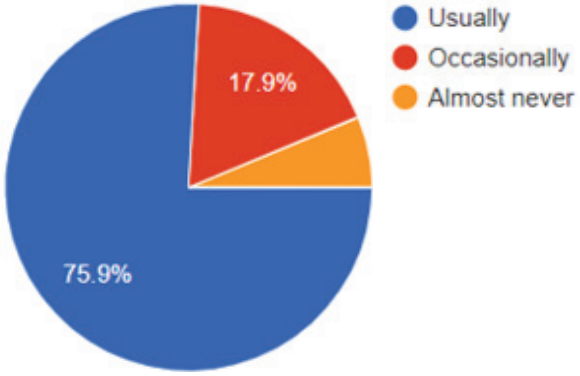


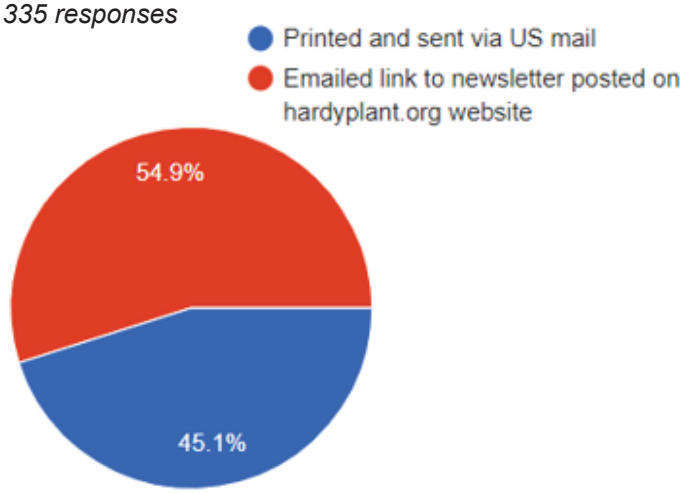
The newsletter contains a featured article in every issue, for which we typically pay $500. How often do you read the feature article?

336 responses



In the future, we are considering more economical and time efficient options for delivery of the newsletter. The newsletter comes out 6 times per year at a significant cost to print and mail. How would you prefer to receive the newsletter?

335 responses



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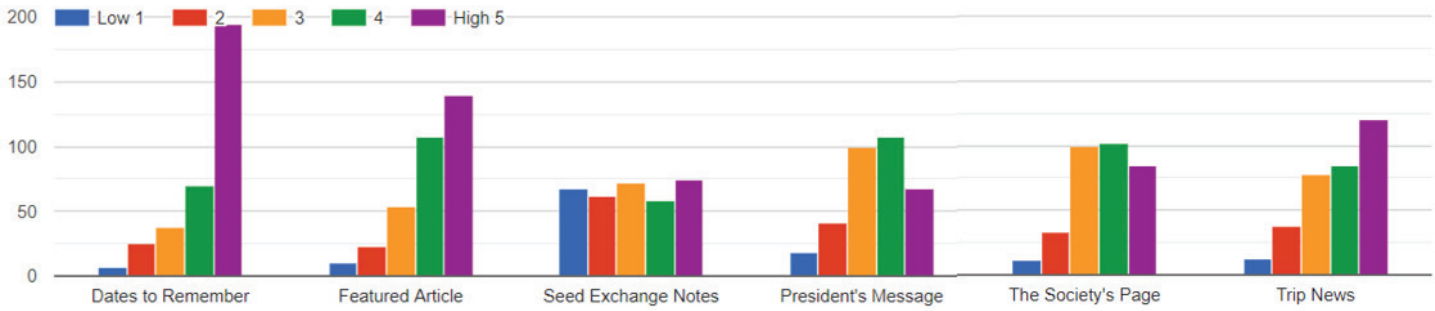
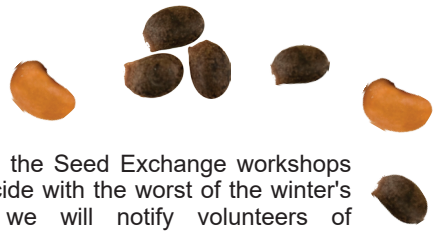


Seed Exchange Notes

by Carole Maher, Seed Exchange Chair



Workshops to clean and package seeds for our Seed Exchange begin on Wednesday, January 30, and continue into February. The workshops are held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 A.M.–2:30 P.M. at The Henry Foundation for Botanical Research, 801 Stony Lane, Gladwyne, PA, 19035. Workshops are a great way to meet and chat with fellow members while we work. They are also a wonderful way to learn about seeds and tips on seed propagation. Most importantly, the workshops are fun! Bring a lunch for yourself and maybe a snack to share. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided.

To schedule a workshop, please contact our volunteer coordinator Polly Garnett at mkgpollywog@aol.com, 610-695-9135.

Since the Seed Exchange workshops may coincide with the worst of the winter's weather, we will notify volunteers of cancellations with an announcement on the home page of the HPS/MAG website, www.hardyplant.org, by 8:00 A.M. of each workshop day on which the weather is a factor. For those without access to a computer, if the weather is bad, please call Carole Maher at 215-356-7377.

Catalog and Online Ordering System

The 2018–19 Seed Exchange Catalog is now available online at www.hardyplant.org. If you requested a print catalog, it has been mailed.

The online ordering system is ready at www.hardyplantseedshop.org. A search feature is available that will allow you to find plants by attibute, such as from your favorite donor or flower color. Items placed in your cart will automatically be alphabetized on the order sheet. In addition, you will have the convenience of being able to pay securely by credit card online. A detailed receipt will be provided via email when your order is complete.

Alternatively, you may download and print the paper order form or use the form in the paper catalog. Paper order forms and payment should be mailed to Mary Ann Thomas, 8600 Elliston Drive, Wyndmoor, PA, 19038. If you had been using this method, we recommend giving the new online system a try. It is convenient and makes it easy for us to tally the requests.

Orders are filled on a first-received basis, with requests from donors and volunteers honored first. Supplies of some seed may be limited, so get your order in early for the best selection. We are happy to report that we have a significant number of new donors this year as well as some unusual seed varieties never before included in the Exchange.

Each member may order 25 packets of seed for the cost of $20. Members who donated 5 or more types of seed to this year's Exchange, as well as this year's Seed Exchange volunteers, may order 10 bonus packets. Dual members of a single household may each place an order—each order requires the $20 fee and only one is entitled to the donor/volunteer bonus.

After January 15 the price is $25 (which includes a $5 surcharge) for online orders posted or mail orders received by January 22. If using the postal service, please allow extra time in order to be sure that your order form reaches us by the January 22 deadline.

Seed Exchange Calendar

Jan 8	**Mail or deliver donations** to Loretta DeMarco, 603 Walnut Ln, Philadelphia, PA 19128.
Jan 12	**Seed Propagation Workshop:** Alice Doering & Helen Standen demonstrate.
Jan 15	**Seed order deadline**
Jan 22	**Late seed order deadline** with a $5 late fee surcharge
Jan 29	**Seed Propagation Workshop:** Loretta DeMarco presents.
Jan 30	**Start of checking, cleaning, packaging, & filling orders workshops** performed by HPS/MAG volunteers at The Henry Foundation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 10:00–2:30.

Seed Propagation Workshop at Jenkins Arboretum

631 Berwyn Baptist Rd, Devon, PA
Sat, Jan 12, 9:30 A.M.–NOON.

Taught by **Alice Doering** and **Helen Standen,** this workshop is open to both members and nonmembers. To cover expenses, a fee of $5 for HPS/MAG members and $10 for nonmembers is payable by cash or check at the door. Space is limited, so you will need to preregister online at www.hardyplant.org or call Carole Maher at 215-884-1662.

Registration open now.

Seed Propagation Workshop at The Henry Foundation

801 Stony Lane, Gladwyne, PA
Tue, Jan 29, 10:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

This enjoyable workshop will be taught by **Loretta DeMarco**. A fee of $5 (to cover expenses) is payable by cash or check at the door. This is a members-only event, and space is limited, so you will need to preregister online at www.hardyplant.org or call Carole Maher at 215-884-1662.

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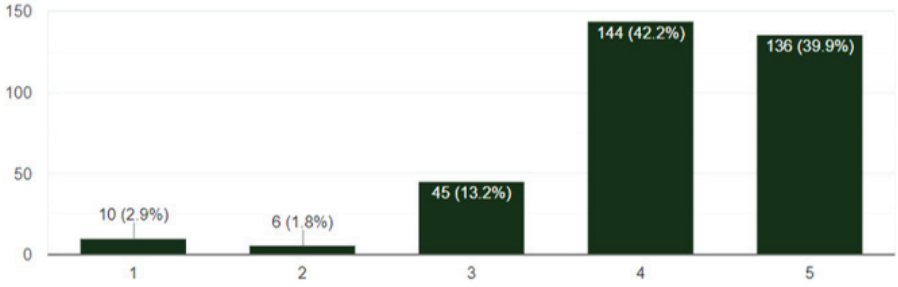

Classified Ads

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For more information, contact newsletter @hardyplant.org.

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Hello and Happy New Year

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Based on the survey responses, we are planning to have more events for everyone. Trip leaders are offering domestic and international trips—Nadeen McShane and Sue Slim have a trip scheduled in September to Provence, and Janice Thomas has scheduled a visit to Connecticut in July.

SIG leaders are also planning events. Margaret Moore has a number of Native Plant SIG events in the pipeline, including Mt. Cuba in April, a tour of three or four members' gardens in mid-May or June, and a visit to Donald Pell's garden and some of his clients' sites in Phoenixville. She is also planning a trip to a serpentine barren in September, Yellow Springs Farm in October for lunch and goat cheese, and a visit to the fascinating Wharton Esherick house in Malvern.

I am planning several pop-ups: The Woodlands Cemetery and Mansion, the Mütter Museum and the Benjamin Rush Medicinal Plant Garden of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and an adult and children's outing to the Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse.

Although all board meetings are open to HPS members, we are scheduling several board meetings specifically intended for all members. (These meetings are in addition to the Annual General Member Meeting.) The business part of these meetings would be brief, followed by a speaker, workshop, or other activity presented by our members, so that we can share all of the knowledge, expertise, and experiences we have as a group. Of course, we will also have refreshments.

Do join in the activities. We would like to hear your suggestions for other opportunities. Perhaps, you would like to plan or lead a popup event. Please share your ideas with me at president@hardyplant.org.

2019 HPS/MAG Budget

Capital & Reserve (as of September 30, 2018)	$143,620
Grant/Donation Fund	$ 5,000
Interest	1,430
Membership	25,000
Programs	17,700
Seed Exchange	2,500
Ways & Means	13,760
Total Inflow	$ 65,390
Administration	$ 20,300
Grants	5,000
Programs	13,850
Publications	15,440
Seed Exchange	3,800
Ways & Means	7,000
Total Outflow	$ 65,390

Directions

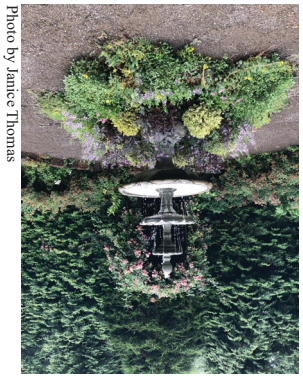
The Henry Foundation, 801 Stony Ln, Gladwyne, PA 19035:

From I-476 (Blue Rte), take Exit 16A, Philadelphia/Valley Forge, and follow the signs for Conshohocken. Take Rte 23 East, which becomes Conshohocken State Rd. After the light at Spring Mill Rd, the next intersection is Lafayette Ave. Henry Ln (marked with a small sign) is the third left after Lafayette Ave. (If you reach the light at Waverly Rd, you've gone too far.) Follow Henry Ln (almost a dirt road) and turn left onto Stony Ln, proceed to the end of the road.

Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave, Swarthmore, PA 19081:

From I-476 (Blue Rte), take Exit 3. Follow signs to Swarthmore on Baltimore Pike. In less than a mile, turn right on Rte 320 South. Then follow Rte 320 as it turns right at the first light. Turn right at the next light onto College Ave. Follow Scott Arboretum Event signs to parking. Follow signs to Chang Hou Hall (formerly Science Center 101).

Let's go to Hartford!



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