



# Never Done!

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## President's Summer Ponderings

### FOR JESSIE



We're here to honor our President Jessie.  
This will be friendly, not mean or messy.  
She led us through droughts and rainstorms and such  
jumping worm frenzy and new kinds of mulch.

There's a body of knowledge there that's really impressive  
She knows what grows slowly and which are aggressive  
Perennials, annuals and ones you've not heard of  
Sunshine or shade? Printing or cursive.

She's helpful you know for those less knowing  
She'll coach you along to get your plants growing.  
And if you're confused about this one or that'n  
She can tell you the name, even in Latin.

She hates her invasives and pulls them with glee.  
She so loves her natives but only certain kinds of bee .  
Garlic mustard gets pulled and she fills in the holes  
And don't get her started on all of the voles.

She cleaned up the budget and cleared up the rules.  
She brought back the food, she sharpened the tools.  
She made us feel cared for, she made us feel smart  
She led us with firmness, she led with her heart.

So here's to you past-president Panek  
Thank you for all that you've done.  
But please don't go far, we so need you still.  
Dear Jessie, you are the One.

Bill Loehfelm

*Picture of Bill, Jessie and Suzan Osborn who made the painting of Jessie's garden.*

**First general meeting of the fall will be September 30 at 9:30 am at the COA**

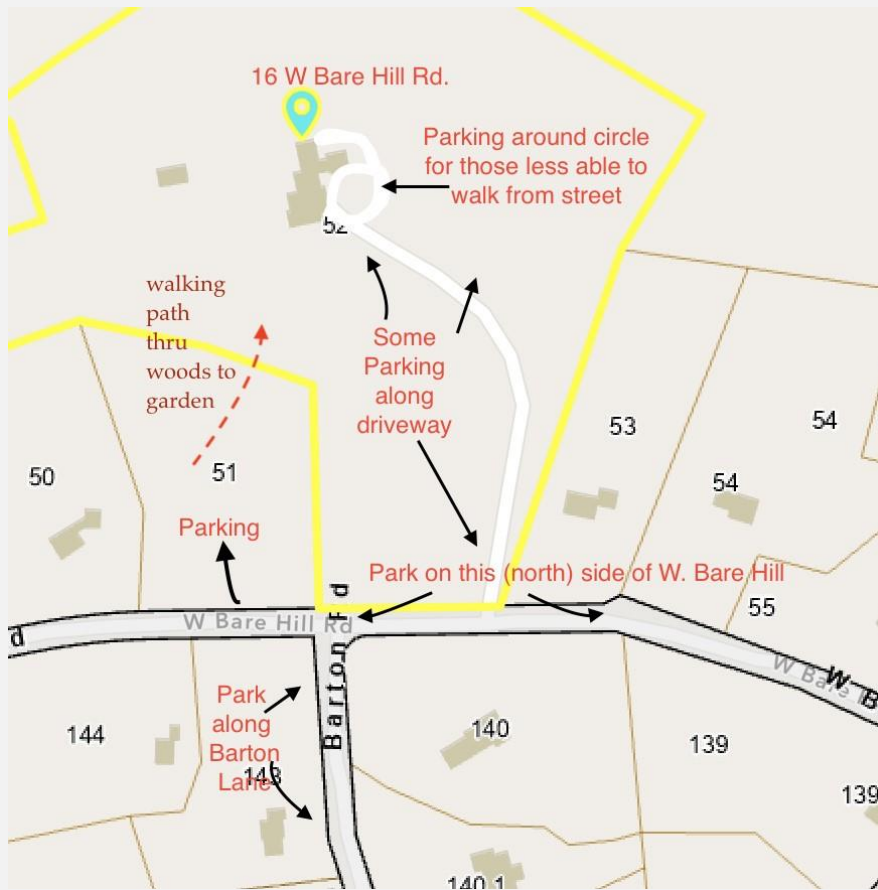
# Garden Club Gathering in Jessie's garden

Jessie would like to invite us all to come to her garden on  
*Monday August 12, between 10 am and 12:30 pm.*

Her home is at 16 West Bare Hill Rd. This will be an informal event with no agenda other than to spend time together (and enjoy exploring her garden if we like).

She'll have some things to nibble on and cold drinks, but feel free to bring your own coffee/tea in a travel mug.

There are a number of places you can park: Barton Lane (wide and no traffic), on West Bare Hill (only on the right side as you come from Bolton Rd.), in open spots along the side of her driveway, and off the street in the clearing between her house and 26 W Bare Hill Rd. There is parking for at least 6 or 8 cars down near her house, so if you would prefer not to walk too far, please drive down the driveway to park there.



# Pictures of the Annual Meeting Luncheon and Garden Tours June 10, 2024

**June 10, 2024 - Annual Meeting and Garden Tours**



<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Qs3CgGgXQZu7ZDsd8>

## Mea Culpa (from your Latin-loving former President)

My sincere apologies to our retiring Horticulture chair, Betsy Morton, whom I overlooked when I was thanking people at our Annual Meeting. Betsy has provided us with a variety of interesting horticultural information over the past two years. I was especially pleased that she initiated writing a horticulture 'column' in our newsletter; it's a great way to share information with our members who miss our meetings.

Many thanks to you, Betsy!

## Jumping worms Identification

Checklist of Characteristics for Jumping/"Crazy" Earthworm Identification		
CHARACTERISTIC	JUMPING/"CRAZY" WORMS	NOT JUMPING/"CRAZY" WORMS
OVERALL COLOR OF THE BODY	Entire body has a pigmentation, usually dark in color (brownish, greyish).	At least some parts are pale; night crawlers might have a dark-colored head and upper/dorsal part of the body, but the underside and tails are light colored; entire body of some species is pale.
CLITELLUM COLOR	Distinctly white or much lighter than color of the body. 	Somewhat similar to color of the body. 

[More on this website](#)  
Provided by Barbara Heim



# Civic Beautification

Info: MaryAnn Piasecki, Kathy Jackson, Maribeth Marcello





# Graduation Flowers

Info: Kathy Hewett





# Library Flowers

Info: Mary Jane Ellison



Thanks to **Betsy Morton, Lisa Brown and Kathy Hewett** (Kathy brought two arrangements: *Butterfly weed in the children's room and the succulents sign that says: the Echeveria family celebrates the Fourth of July*").



Thanks to **Maribeth Marcello, Phyllis Clawson and Donna Guarino**.

# Fivesparks Art Reception Flower Arrangements

Info: [AnaMaria Nanra](#)

[This is the link](#) if you would like to sign up to create a flower arrangement for Fivesparks' Art Receptions.



Details on drop-off/pick-up times will be provided later. Arrangements can be left at Fivesparks all week for visitors/staff to enjoy.

## Plant Sale? I thought we were done with that!!

Info: [AnaMaria Nanra](#)

Yes, we are, but the work is never done (right!?) and now is the best time of year to think about **houseplants** in relation to next year's Plant Sale.

If you have houseplants that are going gangbusters right now during peak growing season, or some that were telling you last year was the time to divide, now is the time! Summertime is perfect to divide large plants, repot/divide plants that are too large for their pots, or grow from cuttings/starts. The optimum summer daylight hours and warm outdoor temps (if you have the right spaces outside for houseplants) makes for effortless growing before the waning daylight of Fall triggers plants to begin going dormant. If you can do these activities now, the plants will have had time to grow roots and establish themselves nicely, which will inturn encourage hearty growth in early Spring, before the Plant Sale.

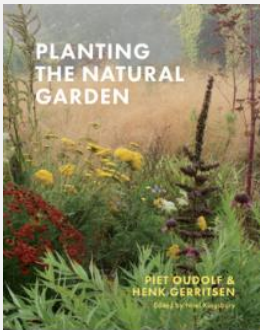
If you need help/guidance with dividing/cutting I'm happy to do so! Likewise, if you have plants you know you don't want to keep through the winter, I'll be happy to take them and nurse them until next year.

# Library Books

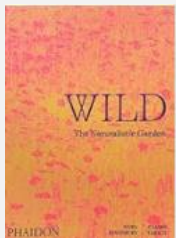
Info: Kathy Dollard

This year the Library Committee revived the tradition of selecting and purchasing books to donate to the Harvard Public Library. We chose books that fell into four categories – Garden Design, Native Plants, Conservation and Children’s books. There are, of course, many other types of gardening books that members are interested in, and we encourage you to recommend your favorite ones to us.

*This month we’ll focus on the Garden Design books – all of which fall into the sub-category of “natural design”:*



**Planting the Natural Garden** by Piet Oudolf. In the fall of 2022 Deborah Chud presented to us “Not Your Mother’s Garden” – her interpretation of naturalistic garden design using the “new perennials” favored by Piet Oudolf, a Dutch garden designer. Oudolf’s photos of gardens he describes as blazing, lush, airy, and even gloomy are stunning; also included are some of his garden design plans.



**Wild: The Naturalistic Garden** by Noel Kingsbury. Kingsbury is a British naturalistic garden designer who has also collaborated with Oudolf. **Wild** features photos and descriptions of 40 gardens around the world – a lovely coffee table book.



**Prairie Up: An Introduction to Natural Garden Design** by Benjamin Vogt. Vogt takes the naturalistic style a step further (and closer to us) by focusing on plants native to US meadows and prairies. His matrix designs recommending specific plants make it possible for those of us without artistic talent to create a lovely garden.

Kathy Dollard and Heidi Siegrist (co-chairs),  
Kate Connolly, Maria Day, Marty Green, Lynda  
Herbolsheimer



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