

Newsletter



Plant Sale Still Needs Volunteers

We still need people to help on set-up day.

We still need cashiers and talliers.

Plant Sale Volunteers Pre-Sale Shopping

All paid-up club member volunteers will receive a 10 % discount on their plant purchases.

Purchases at Yard

- Only members who have helped with sale prep (donating plants, helping with potting, writing tags, grooming and pricing plants) can purchase at the yard after plants are priced and available for purchase
- Audrey will process the payments for all yard purchases

Absolutely no shopping at yard on Saturday, May 14th

Plant Sale Set Up at the Armoury – Saturday, May 14th

- Shopping begins only after all Plant Section Leads advise their sections are set up
- Ann Paisley will make the announcement when appropriate
- All shopping ends at 8:45 p.m.

Plant Sale Day – Sunday, May 15th

- Volunteers working on May 15th can shop prior to their shift
- Volunteers scheduled at 9:30 a.m. may come in at 9:15 a.m. to shop
- All volunteer shopping ends at 9:45 a.m. and volunteers must report to their section
- Volunteers can leave unpaid purchases in a box behind the NWHS table. Must complete a HOLD slip
- All volunteer HOLDS must be paid by 1:00 p.m.
- Members who have not volunteered on sale day can purchase from 10:00 a.m. onwards and will also receive 10% discount

Membership Renewals

Members need to pay for their membership by the May meeting to be considered a renewal and maintain their continuous membership record. Remember that after 25 years you become a Life Member and your membership is free from then on.

Too Many Bluebells?

Bring your excess grape hyacinth and bluebell bulbs (are there any other kind?) to the next three club meetings. Jean List is again collecting them to give away to children at the Queensborough Urban Farmers Fall Fair.

Tonight's Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.

Membership Renewals

Speaker:

Fred Wein Sr. on Clematis

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 15,

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The NWHS Plant Sale

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

General Meeting

June Show

Speaker: Conway Lum Q&A

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The June In-Club Show 2011

try your hand at competitive horticulture

The 6th Annual NWHS In-Club Horticultural Show is coming next month. The show is comprised of the three following categories: Cut Flowers; Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits; and Floral Arts. Each category contains several classes that are judged independently. See the show schedule handout for more details.

Your participation in the show will enhance your appreciation of the beauty and perfection of plants—from your garden and from other sources. Read the list of classes in the show schedule to determine which plants or vegetables you are growing that are looking good. Think about the floral arts category and let your creative juices run.

Show Rules:

- Only paid-up NWHS members can enter.
- Exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries in each class.
- Exhibitor supplies their own container for each exhibit.
- Each exhibit must have an exhibit slip (Exhibit slips are available from the show chair.)
- All exhibits must be pest-free.
- The tables will be set up with cards indicating which class goes where. The class number and class name will be written on each card.
- To enter the show:
 - Get your unique exhibitor number and pick up your exhibit slips from the show chairperson at either the May or June meeting.
 - Fill out an exhibit slip for each exhibit: plant details, if you know them, on the first line; your unique exhibitor's number in the box on the second line; class number of your exhibit in the box on the class line. The rest of the slip is for the judge to fill out.
- Set up for the show will be from 6:45 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. If an exhibit is not in its correct spot on the table by 7:25 p.m., it will not be entered in the show.
- All members are welcome to view the exhibits but they must not disturb the judges or touch the exhibits. After the judging is completed, the names of exhibitors who won the ribbons will be written on the slips.
- At the end of the meeting, exhibitors collect their exhibit(s) and clean up any spilled water or plant material.

Show Awards

First, Second and Third in Each Class:

– Judging by Qualified Horticultural Judge

Ribbons will be awarded to the winners of the placing entries.

- Within each class, exhibits will be judged against each other to determine which will be awarded first, second and third place. It is possible that there may be a tie.
- If the quality of all exhibits within a class is low, it is possible there may be no placing awarded.

Best in Show:

– Judging by Popular Choice

The winner of each category will receive a special rosette ribbon as well as a cash prize: \$30 for Cut Flowers; \$30 for Vegetables, Herbs & Fruit; \$50 for Floral Art.

- Everyone at the meeting will be given three (3) colour-coded ballots to vote for these broad classifications.
- Voting will take place during the refreshment break.
- All exhibits will be identified by a number on the lower left corner for ease of voting.

Your Garden on the July Tour

We'd love to have your garden on the tour. If you have any questions please contact Audrey Barnes or Anna Camporese.

Conway Lum at June Meeting

There's still time to submit your gardening questions in advance for Conway. Please contact Ellen Berg prior to the June meeting.