

<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>January 11, 2019</b></p> <p>The monthly meeting of the Natick Garden Club will be held on Thursday <b>January 17, 2019, at 6:30 pm at the Morse Institute Library 14 E. Central St.</b></p>	
<p><a href="http://www.natickgardenclub.org">www.natickgardenclub.org</a></p>	<p>January 2019</p>

## President's Letter

Happy 2019 to everyone! It seems hard to believe the bustle of the holidays is over and now we can hunker down with all the wonderful seed catalogs that are being sent out. While I don't mind the snow, I do enjoy the process of planning for the spring while sitting by the fire in a nice, cozy chair, and this year, the snow hasn't been an issue so far. Yippee!

January's meeting will be fun. On the 17<sup>th</sup> Jana Milbocker will speak to us about the Fifth English Garden Tour that group of our lucky members took last fall. They went to the gardens of Cornwall and Devon and had a wonderful time. They all took beautiful pictures and Jana will entertain us with stories of their delightful travels through the English countryside.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Martha Coleman  
President, 2018-2019

## Dates to Remember

**January 17, 2019** - NGC monthly meeting.

**February 7, 2019** – Board of Gardeners meeting, 7-9 pm, Morse Institute Community Room

**March 13-17, 2019** – Boston Flower & Garden Show

## January Program

### **Gardens of Devon & Cornwall: Highlights of the 5<sup>th</sup> English Garden Tour – Jana Milbocker**

Warmed by the Gulf Stream, the magical gardens in Cornwall and Devon are home to some of the most exciting, rare, and beautiful plants in the British Isles as well as the site of our 2018 English Garden Tour with Sue Parry Davies. Join garden designer Jana Milbocker for an armchair tour of twelve important gardens in this region, from the tropical Abbey Gardens of Tresco to the mystical Lost Gardens of Heligan and the futuristic biomes of the Eden Project.

## December Meeting

### **Pot Luck Holiday Dinner followed by “How to Take a Better Photograph” *presented by Kristen Torkelson***

The photos tell the story: it was another wonderful evening of socialization and outstanding food followed by a terrific program. Professional photographer Kirsten Torkelson offered useful tips to help us improve our picture-taking skills no matter what kind of camera we use. She showed us ways to ensure that our photos tell the story we intend so we can take better photographs of our gardens and the gardens we tour.









## **News, Notes, and Upcoming Events**

### **Donation recognition:**

For the second year the Spavia Day Spa at the Natick Mall has sent The Natick Garden Club a donation thru a nonprofits support group. If anyone goes to the Spavia Day Spa please mention The Natick Garden and thank them for their support.

### **Library Post Holiday Un-Decorating:**

**January 2, 2019**

Thanks to Ellen Yetman, Ana Timmins, Geri Wadness, Martha Coleman, Bryan Smith, Rhea Gallagher and Fran Guthery, the Morse Library holiday decorations have been safely stored for next year.

### **Ordering NGC Logo Items at February and March meetings**

Alison Parnes will have order forms for logo items at both the February and March meetings. Available items include;

- Pink short-sleeve polo \$24 and \$26
- Khaki Bucket Hat \$16
- Stone Baseball Hat \$13
- Apron \$19
- Tote Bag \$25
- Clean personal items can have a garden club logo for \$7 each

### **Mark Your Calendars for these NGC Events of Interest...**

Trip Coordinator Chairs Elizabeth Carroll and Joanne Rampe welcome Carolyn Wirth to the Trip Coordinator team! Carolyn is helping with the details and research that go into planning our trips. Below are the three fabulous trips they have planned for us this year!

#### **The Lyman Estate, Camellia Show Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Lyman Estate is an 18<sup>th</sup> century estate in Waltham, MA with a grand mansion, expansive gardens and some of the oldest greenhouses in the country. We are very excited to be able to have a tour of both the greenhouses and the mansion. The cost for the combination of both tours is \$15, and \$14 for seniors. Each tour will last about 45 minutes. There will also be plants for sale including camellias. We will then depart for lunch. Exact times and the restaurant will be announced very soon. If you have never been to the Lyman Estate it is a true treasure!

<https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/lyman-estate/>

Sign-up sheet and more information on this tour will be available at the January meeting.

**Fairsted, The Estate and Architecture Office of Frederick Law Olmsted  
Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Frederick Law Olmsted is recognized as the founder of the profession of American landscape architecture. His office and home are located in Brookline, MA. On this tour we will be led through the office and home along with a brief tour of the property. We have been told that Spring is the best time to visit Fairsted when the flowering trees and bushes will be at their peak. Most importantly though is learning about this man who formed the landscape of our country that we all still enjoy today including Central Park in NYC, The Emerald Necklace in Boston, US Capitol grounds and terraces and The Biltmore Estate in Asheville NC. Detailed information to follow as we get closer to the date.  
<https://www.nps.gov/frla/index.htm>

**Fuller Gardens, North Hampton NH  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Rain date Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Fuller Gardens is a botanical garden that was once part of the summer estate of Alvan T. Fuller on the seacoast of NH. We are planning our visit during peak rose season! We will also enjoy the Formal English perennial borders, a Japanese Garden and a tropical conservatory. Once we can tear ourselves away from this spectacular garden, we will enjoy lunch at a local establishment. Stay tuned for more information! <https://www.fullergardens.org/>

**And, for other events, classes, or workshops of interest, check these websites....**

**Arnold Arboretum** <https://my.arboretum.harvard.edu/>

**Garden in the Woods** <http://www.newenglandwild.org/learn/our-programs>

**Grow Native Massachusetts** <https://www.grownativemass.org/>

**Massachusetts Horticultural Society** <https://www.masshort.org/Events>

**Tower Hill Botanic Garden** <http://www.towerhillbg.org/index.php/visit/what-s-happening/events-calendar/>

**Useful link(s):**

- The UMass Extension Gardener monthly e-Newsletter *Clippings* is always worth reading. You can subscribe at: <https://extension.umass.edu/landscape/home-garden-email-list>
- You can read the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts' newsletter *The Mayflower* online at [Mayflower Winter 2018-18](#)
- Check the calendar on the Federation's website to see what other clubs are doing, there frequently are open meetings. <http://www.gcfm.org/Calendar-News/Calendar.aspx>

## Recommended Blogs:

<http://www.enchantedgardensdesign.com/blog/> Jana's blog is always a treat!  
The current entry lists ten outstanding mail order nurseries, some within the range of a day trip.

<https://awaytogarden.com/> sign up here for Margaret Roach's free email newsletter; she gardens in Copake Falls NY in the Hudson River Valley, zone 5B so her advice is pertinent.

<http://gardenrant.com/> A recent blog pointed to a curated collection of good gardening videos.

You can see them here <https://goodgardeningvideos.org/>

## Reminders:

- Laurie Adelstein is the contact for the NGC Sunshine Fund. If you know of a member who should receive a card from us, (illness, bereavement) please let Laurie know at [ladell@verizon.net](mailto:ladell@verizon.net) or 508-653-9053.
- Recycle gardening magazines, catalogs or books you no longer want by bringing them to the meeting to pass on to club members, or go in the library magazine swap rack.
- Remember if you travel to places of horticultural interest, send your photos to Catherine Clifford at [c.clifford90@comcast.net](mailto:c.clifford90@comcast.net).

## Regional Flower & garden shows

Connecticut Flower & Garden Show. Hartford, CT  
February 21-24.  
[www.ctflowershow.com](http://www.ctflowershow.com)

Philadelphia Flower Show. Philadelphia, PA  
Public: March 2-10  
[www.theflowershow.com](http://www.theflowershow.com)

Boston Flower & Garden Show. Boston, MA  
March 13-17  
[www.bostonflowershow.com](http://www.bostonflowershow.com)

The Maine Flower Show. Portland, ME  
March 27-31  
[maineflowershow.com](http://maineflowershow.com)

Newport Flower Show. Newport, RI  
June 21-23  
[newportmansions.org](http://newportmansions.org)



## Members' travels:

Phyllis Moir shared these photos from her visit to Villa Carlotta on Lake Como, Italy in October.



Elizabeth Carroll sent us this photo of orchids in a pool in the Dominican Republic



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*Catherine Clifford & Kate Grzesiuk*