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She will be focusing on heirloom plants and recipes from  her newest book [***The New Heirloom Garden***](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=7%2fGrx%2f2SCPkXnfKguYqbS2Pb5cqWbR%2fyyPdC73H%2fiy5o%2bJhCLg%2b262pW%2fHWi4DcSCYi9pTzXTdsKJUMGLj990Bp3M%2fPmg0jQXUtKOMcVVqQ%3d). Ellen is a nationally recognized  author and landscape designer with a background in cooking. | | We hope you can join the Zoom Meeting  **Topic: WGC General Meeting**  **Time: April 22, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)** | | **EDUCATIONAL VIDEO** | | In collaboration with the Weston Media Center,  **Weston Garden Club Presents….**  **Cynthia's Garden Episode 5: Selection and Care of Pruning Shears**  [**Join John and Cynthia as they debate the merits of pruning shears**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=X9YrH52Hv12lvyetJnaltBPynnA6gXE53FbS220lcBComv6x4gfRjhxHGScKM8DIlQQmiHrwlYyhWjD4IMxYn5DxVudhCKYmzI1GBa1%2fDBQ%3d) | | |  | | --- | | [A person wearing a mask  Description automatically generated with low confidence](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=X9YrH52Hv12lvyetJnaltBPynnA6gXE53FbS220lcBComv6x4gfRjhxHGScKM8DIlQQmiHrwlYyhWjD4IMxYn5DxVudhCKYmzI1GBa1%2fDBQ%3d) | | | [**Looking for past episodes of Cynthia’s Garden or other educational videos?**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=ZmbpxUCIqInMoEyDbqi2wl%2bF%2f%2fbXH45%2bfa%2bPJlbsHf%2b7U7O2UqiLbj5OkbJydJdTIDyQweBZrm7dRfCGJchnDbaGu0HF%2bUK5UD05t59PxFM%3d) | | |  | | --- | | [Graphical user interface, website  Description automatically generated](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=ZmbpxUCIqInMoEyDbqi2wl%2bF%2f%2fbXH45%2bfa%2bPJlbsHf%2b7U7O2UqiLbj5OkbJydJdTIDyQweBZrm7dRfCGJchnDbaGu0HF%2bUK5UD05t59PxFM%3d) | | | **CONSERVATION** | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing tree, outdoor, plant, garden  Description automatically generated | | | 1. On **Tuesday, May 4th, starting at 1:00PM**, Nina Danforth, longtime Weston resident and former educator at Land's Sake, will be leading **a springtime walking tour of the Case Estates and Legacy Trail.**Nina, who worked on the property in the 1980s, when it was managed by the Arnold Arboretum, is a fount of knowledge about the Case Estates and its evolution over many decades. The tour will be about 1 to 1-1/2 hours, so wear a hat and bring your sunscreen and a water bottle! Park in the grass lot, opposite the Council on Aging. The tour will start at the kiosk of the Legacy Trail a short distance from the Community Center.  2. Please join us for the annual spring clean-up of the Forbes Land on **Thursday, April 22nd**! We'll meet at the Forbes Land after the Weston Garden Club general meeting, approximately **11:30AM**. Bring your gardening tools, pruners and loppers if you have them, and of course gloves!  3. Some terrific upcoming conservation-related **Webinars**!  On **Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00PM** **Metrowest Climate Solutions**, a local faith-based consortium (which includes Weston's First Parish Church), is hosting a virtual webinarby [**Dr. Doug Tallamy**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=U%2btasaLKH4FFNzrZzZS9nh7VClsqvi%2b2Rk3AAJtS2gjj4%2fthb5GH6Qh2WPlUBg3emnhgXTYcP3FazuEaqj%2b%2bLsKv%2fA9y81vH8gP3NKPq1%2bo%3d), a renowned entomologist and author of several award-winning books including his most recent, [***Nature's Best Hope***](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=TrtqbIQwO7sQbVGRJjR13UGVEB9qJ9OiGagJKU4alzi3N8BiwYPnGzSIeoQ2LH8wCX4nya4CWRX2l9O6JjT8DhR2DcGZRkMPK5syULUUVT0%3d).  The webinar is expected to reach its 500 max capacity quickly, so register now if interested.  Renowned entomologist Dr. Doug Tallamy to present MetroWest Climate Solutions webinar on restoring biodiversity, one yard at a time | | |  | | --- | | [**REGISTER HERE**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=%2bu2%2bTiDYxbaRripVsh4ogZwPUO5OAwxUNS8K45WUcN4eqNl4wTVd6HplvQyQxV%2f2pBnZhkAsKCnX3YDdK%2bksPOv7QYxuObe%2brBO2eYJdV%2fY%3d) | | | About this Event "In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water.” — Doug Tallamy  Native plants are a powerful tool to help fight pollution, floods, record-breaking heat waves, sea-level rise, and mass extinction of species. Native plants have evolved to sustain the diversity of animals we need to maintain our ecosystems. Only native plants can support the insects that provide an essential food source for the hundreds of species of birds, bats, lizards, bears, foxes and other creatures that depend on them. These insect and animal species and native plants are interdependent and they are critical to our survival.  By saving wildlife with native plants, we also battle climate change. Our native grasses have deep roots that make them drought resistant, reduce soil erosion and flooding, filter pollutants from ground water and increase rainwater infiltration. These plants remove tons of carbon from the atmosphere and pump it into the soil, out of harm’s way. Nothing sequesters carbon and manages watersheds as well as native forests. Naturally dense native plant communities can also buffer severe storms. Roots and shoots absorb energy from wind and water, lessening storm strength and damage.  Join us to learn more about how you can help restore biodiversity and ecosystem functioning by planting native plants. For more information on Dr. Tallamy’s work, visit [**Homegrown National Park**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=6859gmb41ny62DffyTN6Xww49Cpiu6ATdKlr41dPGCpy2%2bCNJJ3BA7iZWTVGA97NGJTCRzIrRgO4v382UlgOZqUDPWShaSAT91F%2bvIwNyzc%3d). | | **DESIGN** | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing flower, plant  Description automatically generated | | | Please join **Nancy Bates** and **Trish Scozzafava** for ***May Basket Workshop***.  Nancy will discuss the origins and traditions for the May Basket, a harbinger of Spring. Baskets and plant material will be provided.  **When: Tuesday, April 27, at 11:00AM**       (Rain Date: Wednesday, April 28)  **Where:**  Nancy Bates' backyard  **Maximum Number: 15 participants**, first come first served basis.  **Registration:** please **contact Yuko Kojima**  **Material Fee: $5**  Please either bring or send a check to Yuko Kojima (250 Ridgeway, Weston, MA 02493) by the deadline. If the check does not arrive by the deadline, the spot will be given to the person in the waiting list.  **Registration Deadline:** **Tuesday, April 20**.  **SAFETY FIRST:** **It is an in-person gathering after a while. Let’s make this happy occasion a success by wearing face covering all the time and keeping social distance of 6 Ft.**  **Parking:**Please park in front of Nancy’s and Trish’s houses on Glenn Rd | | **LANDSCAPE DESIGN** | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing tree, plant  Description automatically generated | | | **Three Landscape Design Events!**  **SPRING CLEAN UP!**   Please join us for the Spring Native Plant Garden cleanup on **Wednesday, April 28 at 10:00AM**. We will be weeding, deadheading, raking and mulching.  **SPRING GARDEN TOUR!**  On **Wednesday, May 5th** we will have three member gardens that will be on view. Starting at **Beth Jakubowski’s** garden **at 10:00AM**Then, we move on to **Molly Varnau’s** garden and finish up at **Sue Zacharias’s** garden on the north side of town. Please come see these beautiful and varied gardens.  **A TRIP TO GARDEN IN THE WOODS!**  **When:** **Wednesday, May 12 at 11:00AM.** (because of Covid guidelines, we may need to be flexible as to the time we are able to obtain tickets)  **Where: 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham**  **Maximum Number: 10 participants**, first-come, first-served basis.  **Registration:** please contact **Joyce Frank**  **Cost:** **$14 Adults; $10 Seniors (65+) with ID**  Please send a check to Joyce Frank (20 Rolling Lane, Weston, MA 02493) by the deadline. If the check does not arrive by the deadline, the spot will be given to the next person on the waiting list.  **Registration Deadline:** **Wednesday, April 21**  **Parking:** Garden in the Woods has special parking instructions in place during Covid. Directions will be provided to registered participants. | | **FROM THE TREASURER** | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing tree, grass, outdoor, building  Description automatically generated | | | The membership renewal form for 2021-2022 will be arriving in your mailbox in mid-April.  Kindly return the form and your dues: **($60 payable to "Weston Garden Club")** to **Lynn Taff** before the **June 1 deadline**.   This information will be used to update the Yearbook and form committees for next year.  Thank you. | | **HELP WANTED FOR CLUB PUBLICITY** | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated | | | With all the wonderful work and activities our club and various committees continue to provide year after year, the board has agreed that we should have a dedicated **PUBLICITY HEAD**.  The vision for this exciting new role includes, but is not limited to:  ● Coordinating with committee chairs to draft content about new or ongoing projects.  ● Collecting photographs from members of those projects.  ● Sharing these activities with the public throughout the year in the Town Crier, via Weston Media, in the WellesleyWeston Magazine, etc.  Members interested in taking on this position should be self-motivated and feel comfortable reaching out to committee chairs, brainstorming creative ways to publicize Weston Garden Club activities and working with outside media representatives.  Please contact Beth Jackubowski or Molly Varnau to let them know of your interest in the role or to share ideas for this position. | | **CYNTHIA'S GREAT PLANT GIVE AWAY** | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing tree, outdoor, plant, garden  Description automatically generated | | | I have some excess plants that I would like to share with my garden club friends.  Below is a list of plants looking for a new home.  (~ 30) Carex  - it is either “Fire and Ice” or “Ice Dance”  (7-8) Spirea – “Magic Carpet” or perhaps “Little Princess”  (~20) Rudebeckia  (~ 30) Lambs Ear  (a ton of it) Vinca  (~15) Knautia macedonica  (~20) Lamium – I think it is “Beacon Silver”  (~15) Orange daylily  (3) light yellow dwarf forsythia  If you are interested in any of the above, email [**Cynthia**](mailto:ckchapra@gmail.com) with what you want and how many. Given on a first request basis. | | **WEBSITE** | | **A picture containing text  Description automatically generated** | | Please visit our website to read the Spring Mayflower, Green Sheet, find Horticultural Hints and see a list of upcoming events. | | |  | | --- | | **WESTONGARDENCLUB.ORG** | | | **APRIL FB HORTICULTURAL HINTS** | | |  | | --- | | A close-up of a plant  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | | | [**CLICK HERE**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=YYSMc6TNCT%2fv7weqU079fxbPqfnvs08JzHM5neMpaGrxmYMigZ7edcSgOviUR8DcB4cX%2fnqtpvMJWzJOAkL1Vw1A4finJCC1YgKMA0Ic7zA%3d) | | Text  Description automatically generated | | **Please visit the** [**GCFM Website**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=rsD8jF0zqsRLW2m07CkhaiUzgUXJ%2bD1w9syTp%2fbb9%2buOWqBySGA1oeCJ4kPKMu9jNTyk0RAgOm98imTwTEqP5vra4fn3K%2fyjHp1SORbQE6g%3d) **for updates**  Click [**HERE**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=XXaS9tVNcw%2f7eRxrqYfg9zw71F5EOe6kf0G37RicyjBSHRz7YEJsThSzKNrY%2fu9B0uwW4%2bhr%2bzVv1jiW66AMYE9nGC0GetlSbXjavPiLgjY%3d) for **Spring 2021 Mayflower** | | **WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS** | | **MASS HORT PROGRAMS** | | |  | | --- | | [**REGISTER**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=o3EyB376NG4gev6%2fZo2L7mlAsdGxuDTSh7eI%2bqyEy0jfus7FUnfzVDZahAgWUs3yrSGpMPRJ1KYLvN7ojUT4hUKJC8DmoVPIyAjKvhbKD18%3d) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | **TOWER HILL PROGRAM** | | |  | | --- | | [**REGISTER**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=REgNpALTrjBYFy7teBFbupyUo1HmZD%2bIMULM9yzwzmJkJ4vykm7HJukrXg68mRAmPOHOvCAoSZEE2ibqCYmgK66XH7LrS2a3OzIOGvPo3T4%3d) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | **GROW NATIVE!  EVENING WITH THE EXPERTS IS BACK!** | | |  | | --- | | [**PROGRAMS**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=o5fYtxtBn1TnbZdpbJHukONbh89GZLvhT6qzpEb0nAmIucI40QKNv92PuoLs4UbZWA2u8SGmOM5MyLe7%2bp3F6jU%2bY5X7259SFCR4aCRBbo4%3d) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | **NATIVE PLANT TRUST EVENTS** | | |  | | --- | | [**EVENTS**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=YdXwsjJwM2h1nW6nbWlK0EyHDgai7cB%2b6Znm5IKSGq%2bwz2%2fbGLcdTtIRtD9ILEmGa4Ev4GfLS60OJRghp%2bbrT3kh238gJ4JaUkJvQvroeBY%3d) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | **ART IN BLOOM AT MFA IS VIRTUAL APRIL 30- MAY 3** | | |  | | --- | | [**MFA**](https://www.westongardenclub.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=s%2bvxoUBibtPPKWOSqszufTKtRPQDiVTiemnl1kV%2bRTkdm4rpdP%2fvG%2fXScoKAPNQOMIjssH6U99cEq2ZbNvk7k2a%2b4D8394Gjh%2fAC8YcqEb4%3d) | | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |