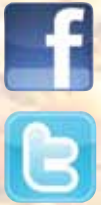




# TOWER HILL

## Grow With Us! & Learn To Grow!



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### Featured Event

#### SHADES OF AUTUMN ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET

Columbus Day Weekend  
October 8 through 10



Free to Members & Boylston residents  
 Nonmember Adults, \$10  
 Nonmember Seniors, \$7  
 Youth 6-18, \$5

### A View from the Hill



Marillyn Zacharis, Chair of the Container Court Committee, examines a type of raised planter.

What a glorious summer we have had: sun, warmth, and a reasonable amount of rain. The gardens are lush, healthy, and productive. What more can we ask for?

While all of us at Tower Hill have enjoyed the rewards of summer, we have also been planning the next additions to the Tower Hill landscape. In June, the **Board of Trustees voted to proceed with the design and fundraising for the Container Court**, a modest garden nestled between the Limonaia and the Farmhouse. This garden will inspire persons with physical disabilities to realize the many ways they can continue to enjoy gardening. The Container Court is the final addition to the ornamental gardens as laid out by the 50-year master plan. We have engaged Landscape Architect Blair Hines to design the garden. Hines has a long history with Tower Hill, as the lead designer of the Entry Garden, Systematic Garden, Wildlife Pond, and Moss Steps. His sensitivity and inclusive approach guarantees a garden of exceptional quality.

To ensure the Container Court will address the actual needs of the disabled, we will solicit the input of individuals who will benefit from its features. Our hope is that people of differing abilities will volunteer to assist with the care of the garden. We will design various containers and planters to accommodate the needs of persons with physical disabilities, and to exhibit a variety of horticultural themes such as herbs, vegetables, herbaceous annuals, bog plants, dwarf conifers, and more. In its final form, the Container Court will serve as a microcosm of the horticultural themes presented by the Tower Hill Master Plan. If you have any thoughts regarding this garden, please contact me at Tower Hill.

The autumn activities at Tower Hill are diverse and exciting, I hope to see many of you during these halcyon days!

Executive Director, John W. Trexler

### TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN Special Events

Gardeners' Emporium  
Fall Plant Sale  
&  
Bonsai  
Weekend  
9/10-11



5th Annual  
Cactus and  
Succulent Show  
9/17-18



Begonia and  
Gesneriad Show  
and Sale  
9/24-25



Shades of Autumn  
Arts & Crafts  
Market  
Apple Tasting Tours  
Harvest Displays  
10/8-10



Ikebana  
Show  
10/28-30



Mass Orchid Society  
Orchid Show  
New England Rain  
Forest of Orchids  
11/4-6



**Leafy Information** by Joann Vieira, Horticulture Director  
**New in the Garden this Year**

After a year and a half of heavy construction at the core of the property, which wound down in the late fall last year, the spring and summer of 2011 seemed comparatively quiet. Quiet, that is, in terms of equipment, but not quiet in terms of activity! The new Winter Garden burst into glorious bloom the moment the snow began to recede and drew record numbers of members and visitors throughout the first half of the year. Visitation maintained a steady pace – when the weather was good there were new and familiar faces throughout the gardens enjoying every aspect of the property's offerings. All age groups seem to be finding special delight in Tower Hill – and why not? More than 6500 plants (including perennial bulbs) were added to the collections last year – plants that add color, texture, or fragrance to delight the senses. Most of the new additions were in the Winter and Reading Gardens, but a smattering of new plants were added to each garden space.

The fine tuning and adjusting in these new spaces continued into this summer. So far we have added 85 perennial plants to the beds of the Winter Garden to provide summer color; 95 additional plants in areas adjacent to the Winter Garden & Limonaia – including a grove of Heritage Birch (*Betula nigra* 'Cully') to provide visual separation from the Winter Garden and the tent pad, and 550 shrubs stand ready to be planted along the slopes surrounding the tent pad to stabilize and soften it. Numerous new sensational seasonal containers in the Winter Garden added pizzazz and color, as did the gaily painted ornamental onions.

Changes were afoot elsewhere in the gardens too. The Saxifragaceae bed in the Systematic Garden underwent a complete overhaul this spring. Almost all of the plants were lifted, divided, shifted, and reset – the soil was improved, and the bed re-mulched. More than 400 herbaceous, ground-covering plants were tucked into the Lawn Garden borders to help reduce weeds and expand our display of ground covers. Several dedicated trees honoring loved ones were added throughout the grounds. Later this summer we will add numerous shrubs and herbaceous plants to the **Shade Garden with the generous help of Weston Nurseries of Hopkinton and Chelmsford**. Fine tuning in every garden at Tower Hill is an ongoing effort as the hard-working horticulture team is constantly assessing and evaluating the plants in any particular space. This leads to change among the collections – for example last year we de-accessioned or removed 127 plants for one reason or another – often due to performance issues, or replacement with an improved cultivar. We select new additions for their suitability to the New England landscape or indoor cultivation, pest and disease resistance, and ease of care. These plants have attracted attention from humans, birds, bees, butterflies, moths and mammals – adding richness and diversity to the gardens.

Of course it was not only plants that added to the magic this year but also accessories such as the colorful plant supports in the Veggie Garden; a stone birdbath in the Entry Court; **Sean Harrington's fanciful display of metal sculpture** along the drive, and in the fields and gardens; **'Family' – a sculpture donated by Karl Briel, now at home in the Reading Garden**; goldfish and aquatic plants in Domitian's Pool; and Buster the Rooster in the Youth Gardens. All in all it was a year filled to the brim with change and excitement – new gardens, new plants, new members, new sculpture and yes, even some new staff.



**'Family', the new sculpture donated by Karl Briel**

**Tower Hill's Holly Days – Fashioned From Nature**  
Friday, November 26, 2011 through January 2, 2012.



Our annual earth-based celebration of the winter season brings glamor and high fashion to Tower Hill this year. Watch as staff and volunteers transform nature's bounty into magical fashion accessories, glamorous models, dazzling jewelry, and haute couture! All this glamour will be set against a glittering backdrop of holiday lights and music from Friday, November 26, 2011 through January 2, 2012.

If you're interested in lending a hand either creating a display of your own, crafting ornaments, helping to set up the displays indoors and out, or helping to break down the event please give us a call at 508-869-6111 x136.

We are also looking for props to help set the stage, so to speak. If you have any of the following to donate (or loan) please give us a call at 508-869-6111 x122:

- Dress maker's forms
- Jewelry Displays (velvet covered necklace holders/bracelet holders, etc.)
- Hats, shoes or boots in good shape, suitable for decorating.

**Save the Date! Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Tower Hill Holly Days Gala – Fashioned From Nature**  
Plan to mingle with friends, enjoy fine food and music, and get the holidays off to a spirited start. You don't want to miss this festive and fashionable evening featuring our newly expanded display in the Lawn Garden lit and decorated for the season. Mark your calendar now!

**Remembering Robert (Bob) Courtemanche**  
by John W. Trexler

**Robert Courtemanche, a great friend, supporter, and former Trustee of Tower Hill Botanic Garden passed away on Sunday, August 21, after a brief illness.** Bob had a profound fondness for the arts and Tower Hill landscape especially the Inner Park where he had placed a bench and a tree in his son Richard's memory.

Long-time friend and Emerson College and Tower Hill Trustee colleague Marillyn Zacharis said, "Bob was a quietly generous man both with friends and with those organizations he believed in. He held strong beliefs, respected true accomplishment, disliked artifice, admired those who lived their lives fully and unselfishly. He was a loyal friend and supporter."

I will miss Bob very much, but will remember and thank him for his generous spirit each time I walk through the Inner Park.



## Library Notes by Kathy Bell, Librarian

### Tower Hill Library Use and Activities Survey Results

This past June, we asked for feedback on Library programs and services and we're grateful to the 85 people that took the time to respond. We received many thoughtful ideas and suggestions, all of which help inform our efforts as we develop the Tower Hill Library Long Range Plan. What did we learn from the survey? 72% of respondents were Tower Hill members, but only 47% had ever used our library. Several noted they didn't know about the library or often visited on days other than Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday when the library is open. Some suggested we needed better signs to point the way to the Library; we're hoping our new banner (pictured at right) is a step in the right direction!



For those who have used the library, most (76%) did so to ask a question or look up information. 51% borrowed books, 46% came by to read or peruse magazines, while 22% stopped in for a quiet (and in the summer, cool) respite. As far as new programs, interest in our having a book group or lecture series was most popular (74%), while 63% liked the idea of more DVD's and electronic resources. Responses to our question about what we might do, or improve, to be more useful ranged from those who desire extended open hours, to those who encouraged us to keep our monthly online newsletter going and to continue our exhibits, to specific requests on various resources (e.g. landscape design software samples) to improving the visitor environment with better seating and task lighting.

We received many interesting comments in response to our last question regarding where one generally finds information about gardening. Of the 64 responses, not surprisingly, 27 noted online or Google, 26 said from their own book or magazine collections, while others mentioned friends, classes, other libraries, garden centers and newspaper articles.

The survey provided a great deal of useful information. Stay tuned as we move forward and implement these suggestions in the effort to make visiting the Library a more fundamental experience for Tower Hill members and visitors.

### Upcoming Gift Shop Sales, Fall & Holiday 2011

#### September 10-11 (during the Gardeners' Emporium & Bonsai Show)

- All containers and Self-Watering Planters by Lechuza 30% off

#### During Shades of Autumn Arts & Crafts Market, October 8-10

- Members only may take an additional 15% off any one item in the Shop of their choice!

#### Sunday, November 13 – 9<sup>AM</sup> to 5<sup>PM</sup>

- Winter Open House, free admission to Tower Hill!
- New holiday & gift merchandise in the Shop, free food samples

#### Wednesday, November 30, 5 to 8<sup>PM</sup>

- Members Double Discount Evening
- Free gift wrapping, food tastings,
- Enter a drawing for a Tower Hill exclusive holiday centerpiece with any purchase.

#### December 1-11

- Members Only Double Discount Days, Double your normal discount in the Shop!

Shop is open Mondays 10<sup>AM</sup> to 5<sup>PM</sup> & Wednesday evenings until 8<sup>PM</sup> during December!

#### Post-Holiday Sale

- December 26-30 Closed Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 50% off Holiday merchandise, 20% off everything

### Gardeners' Emporium

### Winter Open House

### Double Discount Days

## Flower Shows for Fall 2011

All flower shows are FREE to members or included with admission

Complete Show events schedule online: [www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org)

### Bonsai Weekend

Saturday, September 10, 11<sup>AM</sup> – 5<sup>PM</sup> & Sunday September 11, 9<sup>AM</sup> – 4<sup>PM</sup>

Club exhibits from Springfield and Worcester, MA, and New London and Hartford, CT, Specimen Bonsai on exhibition from regional clubs, study groups and individuals. Free admission on Saturday!

- Featuring ancient bonsai from all over New England
- Clubs and individuals compete in this judged show
- Vendors selling plant material, pots, and accessories
- Ongoing lectures and educational opportunities, see schedule online

### Bonsai Show

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cactus and Succulent Show

Presented by the Massachusetts Cactus & Succulent Society

Saturday, September 17, 12 – 5<sup>PM</sup> & Sunday, September 18, 9<sup>AM</sup> – 4<sup>PM</sup>

Experience one of the largest cactus & succulent shows on the East coast

- Judged show with 100 categories of Cactus & Succulents and guided tours of the show
- A plant auction of special varieties and special kids' planting station
- Specialty vendors selling both beginning and collector plants

### Cactus Show

### Begonia and Gesneriad Show and Sale

Saturday, September 24, 10<sup>AM</sup> – 5<sup>PM</sup>

and Sunday, September 25, 9<sup>AM</sup> – 4<sup>PM</sup>

Sponsored by the Buxton Begonia Society & New England Gesneriad Society

- Beautiful displays of rare and unusual houseplants
- Guided Tours of the Show; Exhibitors welcome!
- Lectures on Begonia and Gesneriad Care
- Vendors selling an incredible selection of Begonias and Gesneriads

For more information, log on to [www.gesneriadsociety.org](http://www.gesneriadsociety.org) and [www.begonias.org](http://www.begonias.org)

### Begonia & Gesneriad Show

### Shades of Autumn Arts & Crafts Market

Columbus Day Weekend, October 8-10, 9<sup>AM</sup> – 5<sup>PM</sup>

A Family Celebration of the Fall Harvest Season,

Featuring Mass. Artisans & Farmers.

Co-Sponsored with Boylston Public Library:

All residents of Boylston admitted FREE; Thank your library for their support!

- All ages workshops and demos; many included with admission
- Taste Testing Tours of The Preservation Apple Orchard, 2<sup>PM</sup> each day
- Arts & Crafts vendors featuring dried floral wreaths, hand-made soaps and body care products, jewelry, wind chimes, edibles, garden accessories, maple syrup, pressed floral arrangements.
- Free crafts for kids, with live animals, hayrides, popcorn, fall snacks and face painting

**Sat., October 8, Lecture and Slide Show: Apples in America: Our Heritage of Fruit**

**All ages Concerts Featuring Ms. Carrie & Ms. Adrienne:**

A "Merry-Go-Music" Concert! 3 Shows: Sunday, Oct. 9, 1<sup>PM</sup> and 3<sup>PM</sup>; Monday, Oct. 10, 1<sup>PM</sup>.

### Shades of Autumn

### Ikebana International

Japanese Flower Arrangement Exhibition

Friday, October 28, 12 – 5<sup>PM</sup>; Saturday, October 29

9<sup>AM</sup> - 5<sup>PM</sup>; Sunday, October 30, 9<sup>AM</sup> - 4<sup>PM</sup>

- Displays of Ikebana arrangements featuring the various schools of Ikebana
- Demonstrations:
  - Fri., 2:30<sup>PM</sup> Ohara School, Keiko Thayer
  - Sat., 11:30<sup>AM</sup> Ohara School, H. Matsuyam; 2:30<sup>PM</sup> Ikenobo School, Kathleen Marble
  - Sun., 11:30<sup>AM</sup> Ikenobo School, Jorge Padilla-Zamudio; 2:30<sup>PM</sup> Sogestu School, Kaye Vosburgh
- Handmade Pottery Vendors

### Ikebana Show



# Learn To Grow!

## Tower Hill Programs, Classes and Workshops

Complete course descriptions & online registration: [www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org), Class preregistration required.

### Photography, Arts & Crafts

#### Photography and Fine Art – Tower Hill

ADED 11070: Wednesdays, September 21 – November 9,  
9:30<sup>AM</sup> – Noon, Member \$130, Nonmember \$140

Instructor: Robert Moll

This course will draw on classical masters (and a few modern ones) for inspiration. We will look at the work of a different artist each week, attempt to analyze what makes their work distinctive, and try to create photographs that evoke that artist's style, as painters do when they "copy" the work of master painters. Bring work to class on USB flash drive for critique.

#### Taking Better Pictures with Your Digital Camera

ADED 11077: Sunday, October 2, 10<sup>AM</sup> – 3<sup>PM</sup>

Member \$60, Nonmember \$70

Instructors: Steve McGrath and Roseann McGregor, McGrath Nature Photography

Are you still getting to know your digital camera and its features? Here's an opportunity to learn from the experts in this seminar for beginners. Bring your camera and one or two sample prints of your previous efforts to share with other students.

#### Watercolor Still Life

ADED 11079: Saturday, October 15, 9<sup>AM</sup> – noon

Member \$30, Nonmember \$35, Instructor: Susan Dinion

Even if you've never painted before, you can paint a watercolor in just one session. This class teaches the basic brushstrokes and concepts of watercolor painting, and takes you step by step through painting a still life portrait of an apple. You will have a finished painting at the end of the class. Material kits provided by the instructor for an additional \$25, or bring your own supplies.

#### Introduction to Zentangle

ADED 11080: Sunday, October 16, 1 – 4<sup>PM</sup>

Member \$35, Nonmember \$40, Instructor: Karen Kathryn Keefe, Zentangle Trainer

Zentangle is an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is a fascinating new art form that is fun and relaxing. This three hour session includes your own mini-kit of supplies and introduces eight different nature-inspired patterns that will be used to produce two pieces of original art.

#### Apples, Apples, Apples

ADED 11066: Saturday, October 22, 1 – 3<sup>PM</sup>

Members \$60, Nonmembers \$65, Instructor: Betsy Williams, The Proper Season

Apples, one of our most ancient and useful fruits, have played an important role in fall and winter celebrations for many centuries. Learn apple history and traditions while you make an apple candle to decorate your seasonal table, a spicy apple pomander for gift giving, fragrant old-fashioned mast balls and ornaments with apple-cinnamon dough and a fresh Winter Apple Potpourri. Please bring floral scissors and an apron to class.

#### Decorative Copper for Your Garden

ADED 11092: Saturday, October 29, 10<sup>AM</sup> – 3<sup>PM</sup>

Member \$130, Nonmember \$140, Instructor: John Stevens, Dancing Hammer Forge

Hammer on copper and brass sheet and wire to craft some delightful, eye-catching leaves and flowers. Use these organic designs to create hooks, vines and other hardware to decorate your walls, trellises, railings and downspouts. Students must bring their own leather work gloves, eye safety protection, tape measure, Sharpie marker and bag lunch. All other tools and materials will be provided. This class meets in the Metals Studio at the **Worcester Center for Crafts, 25 Sagamore Road in Worcester (See [www.worcester.edu/wcc](http://www.worcester.edu/wcc) for directions).**

### Photography Fine Art

### Better Photos

### Water Colors

### Zentangle

### Apples

### Decorative Copper

### More Photography, Arts & Crafts

#### Macro/Close Up Photography

ADED 11085: Saturday, November 12, 2 – 5<sup>PM</sup>

Member \$35, Nonmember \$40, Instructor: Steve McGrath, McGrath Photography

Spring, summer, fall, or winter, macro photography opens the door to a wonderful new world of photo opportunities. The close-up world is a magical place full of pattern, color, and abstract imagery. Flowers become abstract works of art; rusty doors become textured canvasses; stones become polished gems; butterflies and other insects can become sci-fi monsters!

#### Tea Time & Tasting

ADED 11086: Tuesday, November 15, 3 – 5<sup>PM</sup>

Member \$26, Nonmember \$30

Instructor: Linda Russell, Scentsibilities

Teas are delicious with an infinite variety of tastes and ingredients, including herbs you can grow yourself. We will taste different teas, learn the difference between true teas and herbal teas and discuss how to grow some common tea herbs to blend your own tea.

#### Herbal Holiday Gifts

ADED 11087: Wednesday, December 7, 6 – 8<sup>PM</sup>

Member \$25, Nonmember \$28

Instructor: Linda Russell, Scentsibilities

Give your friends and family herbal gifts this year that you have made. We will make pomanders while learning to make beauty and body care products, herbal teas, aromatherapy oils and sprays, potpourris and other items as well as ideas for herbal wrapping.

### Popular Holiday Decorations with Karen Perkins

#### Birch Goose Sculpture Workshop

ADED11063: Saturday, November 26, 10<sup>AM</sup> – 12:30<sup>PM</sup>

Members \$45, Nonmembers \$50, Instructor: Karen Perkins

Learn how to transform birch twigs normally relegated to the brush pile into the creative twig bird sculptures often seen at Tower Hill. Decorate your fowl for the holidays with an assortment of evergreen boughs, cones, ribbons and seeds. Best used as an outdoor decoration. Bring pruning shears. All materials provided.

#### Kissing Ball

ADED11064: Saturday, November 26, 2 – 4:30<sup>PM</sup>

Members \$42, Nonmembers \$45, Instructor: Karen Perkins

Spice up your love life during the holidays by making a kissing ball of mixed needled and broadleaved evergreens appropriate for outdoor display. Embellish with ribbons, an assortment of cones and other dried plant parts for an attractive and "interactive" holiday decoration. Bring sharp pruning shears. All materials provided.

#### Gardener's Wreath I & II

ADED 11065-1: Sunday, November 27, 9<sup>AM</sup> – Noon

ADED 11065-2: Sunday, November 27, 1– 4<sup>PM</sup>

Members \$45, Nonmembers \$50, Instructor: Karen Perkins

Participants will make a beautiful botanical wreath for winter decoration that highlights the variety and splendor of evergreens, many of which are collected from the gardens at Tower Hill. Students may incorporate accents such as cones, dried berries, gilded twigs, seed pods and ribbon. Karen will also provide bow-making instructions. This unique outdoor winter decoration is made on a foam ring that is moistened to last all season long. Please bring pruning shears.

### Macro Photography

### Tea Time Tasting

### Herbal Holiday Gifts

### Birch Goose

### Kissing Ball

### Gardener's Wreath

## Ikebana and Seasonal Flower Arranging

### Sogetsu Ikebana with Kaye Vosburgh

**ADED 11062: Thursdays: September 15, October 6, November 17, 9:30AM - Noon**  
**Members \$31.50, Non-members \$34, per session. Instructor: Kaye B. Vosburgh**

Sogetsu Ikebana is an internationally recognized school of Japanese flower arranging. Kaye provides the flowers for each class and will have supplies and equipment for purchase by students who wish them. Sign up for any or all sessions.

### Fall Table Wreath

**ADED 11088: Sunday, October 2, 1 – 3:30PM**

**Member \$60, Nonmember \$65, Instructor: Julie Lapham, Julie Lapham Designs**

Under the guidance of award winning designer Julie Lapham, arrange fall flowers and foliage into a wreath for your table or wall. Fresh and dried plant material and all mechanics will be provided. Bring clippers and an apron.

### Squash Floral Arrangement

**ADED 11089: Sunday, October 23, 1 – 3:30PM**

**Member \$60, Nonmember \$65 Instructor: Julie Lapham, Julie Lapham Designs**

Fill a large squash with the vibrant colors of fall, using fresh and dried plant material. All materials and mechanics provided. Bring clippers and an apron

### Moss Topiary Trees for Winter Celebrations

**ADED 11067: Saturday, November 12, 10:30AM – 1PM**

**Member \$54 , Nonmember \$60, Instructor: Betsy Williams, The Proper Season**

Mossy, stylized topiary trees set in terra cotta pots add a touch of the winter forest to Fall and Winter celebrations. Made with soft, green mosses, the 14 inch trees add a natural simplicity to holiday decorating. Students will make a set of three trees in either round or cone shape. The trees can be finished with pine cones and a touch of gold sparkle. Please bring an apron and floral scissors to class.

### Thanksgiving Centerpiece

**ADED 11068: Saturday, November 19, 10AM – 12:30PM**

**Members \$60, Nonmembers \$65**

**Instructor: Betsy Williams, The Proper Season**

Decorate your Thanksgiving table with the bounty of the season! Make your own beautiful, long-lasting centerpiece of fresh fall flowers, preserved autumn leaves, fruits, vegetables, fragrant herbs and seasonal berries to celebrate our national day of thanks. Please bring an apron and flower scissors to class.

### Cornucopia

**ADED 11090: Sunday, November 20, 1 – 3:30PM**

**Member \$60, Nonmember \$65**

**Instructor: Julie Lapham, Julie Lapham Designs**

Fashion and fill a cornucopia for your holiday celebrations from chicken wire, vines and other fresh and dried plant material. The arrangement will last through Thanksgiving and can be freshened for continued use. All materials and mechanics provided. Bring clippers and an apron.

### Boxwood, Fragrant Greens and Berry Centerpiece

**ADED 11069: Saturday, December 10, 10AM – 12:30PM**

**Members \$60, Nonmembers \$65**

**Instructor: Betsy Williams, The Proper Season**

Create a beautiful, long lasting fresh centerpiece for the holiday season. Fill an attractive container with an arrangement of fresh boxwood, fragrant evergreens, California bay and rosemary accented with sprays of berries, rose hips and pine cones. Bring clippers and an apron to class.

### Fall Table Wreath

### Squash Arrangement

### Moss Topiary

### Thanksgiving Centerpiece

### Cornucopia Arrangement

### Boxwood & Fragrant Greens Centerpiece

## More Flower Shows and Special Events

### Massachusetts Orchid Society Show & Sale!

**“A New England Rain Forest of Orchids”**

**Friday, November 4, 1 – 5PM; Saturday, November 5,**

**9AM – 5PM; Sunday, November 6, 9AM – 4PM**

- An exciting orchid extravaganza, featuring gorgeous displays of blooming orchids with more than 12 commercial growers selling orchid plants and supplies
- Clinics on basic orchid care, and ongoing lectures and tours throughout the show.
- The public invited to enter orchids for exhibit; MOSOrchidShow@comcast.net for details

**Show website: [www.massorchid.org/show](http://www.massorchid.org/show)**

### Orchid Show

### Museum Day

**Museum Day – sponsored by Smithsonian Magazine, Sat., September 24**

Tower Hill Botanic Garden will again participate in Smithsonian Magazine’s Museum Day

- Smithsonian Magazine subscribers with a pre-printed pass will gain free admission to Tower Hill this day only, guided tour at 2pm, for details visit: [smithsonianmag.com/museumday](http://smithsonianmag.com/museumday)

**Sunday, November 13, 9AM-5PM**

**Winter Open House – Always in Season**

FREE admission all day! African Violet Re-Potting Clinic!

See the newest holiday merchandise on display in the Gift Shop! In the Milton Gallery, visit information booths about membership, private rentals, educational programs, youth programs, volunteering, horticulture, and the future development of Tower Hill. Enjoy free food samplings, exciting drawings with prizes from local area merchants and restaurants, and take in a guided tour of the Garden at 2PM. Also during the Winter Open House, from 11AM-3PM, members of the Bay State African Violet Society will be on hand to re-pot your ailing African Violets! For just \$1 per plant, your African Violets will receive a new home, with fresh new soil, and tender loving care. African Violets that have become leggy or “rubber-necked” are especially welcome! Receive growing instructions and advice from knowledgeable growers.

### Winter Open House

## Register for Class and Programs

Name \_\_\_\_\_





Address \_\_\_\_\_

City . State . Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

WCHS Member  Nonmember  Adult  Youth

Program	Date	Time	Fee
Total			

I want to charge this to my credit card: Total Amount Charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ V-code (3 digits on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Orders by Phone**  
 (508) 869-6111, Ext. 110 (Operator)  
 Monday-Friday from 9AM-5PM

**Mail this form to:**  
 Tower Hill Botanic Garden, P.O. Box 598, Boylston, MA  
 01505 Make checks payable to: WCHS

## Botanical Jewelry

**ADED 11091: Sunday, December 11, 1 – 3:30<sup>PM</sup>**

**Member \$30, Nonmember \$35, Instructor: Julie Lapham, Julie Lapham Designs**

Create a unique piece of jewelry or a holiday ornament using pods, seeds, dried leaves and other natural materials. Leave in its natural state or cover with gold or silver paint for a touch of sparkle. All materials included. Bring clippers, tweezers and an apron.

## Get Healthy! Yoga By Nature

**Wednesdays. 6 – 7:15<sup>PM</sup>**

**Member \$13, Nonmember \$15, Per Class**

**Fall Session 1 – ADED 11074: Sept. 28 – Oct. 26**

**Fall Session 2 – ADED 11075: Nov. 2 - 30; and Fall Session 3 – ADED 11076: Dec. 7 - 21**

**Save when you sign up for an entire session!**

**Sessions 1 and 2: Member \$58, Nonmember \$67, Per five-week session;**

**Session 3: Member \$33, Nonmember \$39, Per three-week session**

**Instructor: Lynsey Smith, Fruition, Auburn MA**

Come experience the practice of Yoga in the gardens at Tower Hill! Yoga by Nature classes place emphasis on the integration of breath and movement in a gentle to moderate flow. Through this practice of bringing awareness to our bodies, we cultivate clarity of mind and inner peace. Each class will be guided to fit individual student's needs.

## Special “Wicked Plants” Lecture

**Wicked Plants**

**ADED 11083: Sunday, October 23, 12:30 – 2:30<sup>PM</sup>**

**Member \$10, Nonmember \$12, Speaker: Linda Russell, Scentsibilities**

Discover the scandalous, the deadly, the ill-mannered and the intoxicating! A combination of lore, stories and facts will increase your knowledge of the silent dangers in the plants around us, many in our own gardens and back yards. Fun and informative, no cauldron required!

## Sharpen Your Gardening Skills

**Practical Pruning**

**ADED 11078: Thursday, October 6, 6 – 9<sup>PM</sup> and Saturday, October 22, 9<sup>AM</sup> – noon**

**Member \$60, Nonmember \$70, Instructor: Joe Biagioni, Arbor Alliance**

Join us for an inspiring and interactive pruning workshop that covers the five basic steps in pruning confidently. This two-session class will include an opportunity to practice your new found skills at an off-site location during the Saturday session.

**Grow Food Everywhere: Amazing, Low Maintenance Gardens**

**ADED 11081: Thursday, October 20, 6:30 – 8<sup>PM</sup>**

**Member \$15 Nonmember \$18, Instructor: Deb Habib, Seeds of Solidarity Farm & Education Cntr.**

Make your garden happy this winter and be ready for spring with methods that promote healthy soil life and low maintenance vegetable and flower gardens. Fall is the perfect time to put your garden to sleep, expand or create a new garden.

**Design and Planting Combinations for the Late Season Garden**

**ADED 11082: Saturday, October 22, 9<sup>AM</sup> – noon**

**Member \$30, Nonmember \$35, Instructor: Warren Leach, Tranquil Lake Nursery**

The late-season garden is full of dynamic contrasts - melding colorful late blooms, maturing fruit, fiery foliage and the plumes of ornamental grasses. Join Landscape Horticulturist Warren Leach for an in-depth look at exciting plants to add to your late season garden display

**Low Voltage Landscape Lighting**

**ADED 11084: Thursday, October 27, 6 – 9<sup>PM</sup>**

**Member \$35, Nonmember \$40, Instructor: Joe Biagioni, Arbor Alliance**

This hands-on workshop explains and demonstrates the technical aspects of landscape lighting in a way that is easily understood. Joe teaches techniques that allow you to build your evening landscape lighting system, add value to your home, and provide outdoor space that comes alive.

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**GARDEN-BASED LEARNING AT TOWER HILL FOR  
CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES, AND EDUCATORS**

Questions? Contact Tower Hill Education Director, Ann Marie Pilch:  
508 869.6111 x120 or email, [apilch@towerhillbg.org](mailto:apilch@towerhillbg.org) Complete descriptions online

## Youth Gardening Program Completes 8<sup>th</sup> Year!

Tower Hill Farm School's Youth Gardening Program completed its eighth year in 2011, with many enthusiastic participants and volunteers. The spring students started tomatoes, peppers, cabbages, broccoli and much more from seed. Spring and summer session youth gardeners planted, harvested and tasted a wide variety of crops – from asparagus to zucchini! Cooking, crafts, scavenger hunts and garden walks added to the fun. Summer Youth Gardeners enjoyed the opportunity to participate in Tower Hill's Summer Flower and Vegetable Show. Come to Shades of Autumn on Columbus Day weekend to see a student-designed garden display!

**Putting the Youth Gardens to Bed**

**CHCL 11012: Saturday, October 15, 9<sup>AM</sup> – noon**

Help us prepare the Youth Gardens for the next year's season and learn more about the Youth Gardening Program. Scouts and other volunteer groups are welcome – admission to the garden is free when you volunteer. Snacks will be provided and everyone will go home with a pumpkin, gourd or winter squash, and maybe more.

## Garden Discovery Programs for Children

**Garden Discovery Programs for Ages 3-5 with Adult**

**CHCL 11013: Wednesdays, 10 - 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**October 12: Apple a Day**

**November 9: Seeds Travel**

**December 14: Winter Birds**

**Per Class: Members \$5, Nonmembers \$8, per adult/child pair**

**Series: Members \$12, Nonmembers \$21, per adult/child pair**

These programs are designed for children ages 3-5 and their parent, grandparent or caregiver. We'll begin inside with a simple craft and storytime. Then we'll step outside for a short walk to discover the new colors and shapes of fall and early winter in the garden! Please preregister.

## School Group Programs & Volunteer Training

Fall is a great time to learn in the Garden! School and Youth Group Programs meet the needs of individual classrooms, Scouts and other youth groups with hands-on, 1½ - 2 hour investigations linked to state and school curricula, or badge requirements.

**PDEV 11002, Thursday, September 15, 9:30-11:30<sup>AM</sup>**

Do you enjoy children and nature? Would you like to learn more about plants with other curious adults? Come find out what's involved in leading school children in outdoor explorations in our beautiful gardens and woods.

## Take a Child Outside Week at Tower Hill, 9/24-30

Tower Hill Botanic Garden is pleased to continue as a partner in this international initiative “to help children across the country develop a better understanding and appreciation of the environment in which they live, and a burgeoning enthusiasm for its exploration,” inspired by Richard Louv's book *Last Child in the Woods*. Visit [www.takeachildoutside.org](http://www.takeachildoutside.org)

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### GIS for Public Gardens

**GIS for Public Gardens, Managed Landscapes, and More: An Introductory Workshop**  
**ADED 12001: Tuesday, January 24, 9 am – 5 pm; Snowdate Wednesday, January 25**  
**Member \$185, Nonmember \$220 (Before December 15: Member \$160, Nonmember \$195)**  
**Instructor: Brian Morgan, Developer, ArcGIS Public Garden Data Model, and Founding**  
**Director, Alliance for Public Gardens GIS**

Are you interested in taking your garden maps to the next level? This full-day workshop will guide participants through the process of creating a Geographic Information System (GIS) for a public garden or similar landscape. **Class takes place at Harvard University's Science Center.**

### Flower and Vegetable Show: Thanks to Participants

Hearty congratulations to all who entered their bounty and floral creativity in this year's show. **Special mention goes to Carole Stomierski of Princeton who won the William T. Merrifield Award for Best of Show Vegetable with her beautiful Cranberry Red potatoes.**

This winter, as you pore through your seed catalogs, start thinking about what you would like to grow and enter next year. When's the 2012 Flower and Vegetable Show? August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>!



# TOWER HILL Learn To Grow!



NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF GARDENING'S CLASS & PROGRAM GUIDE AT TOWER HILL

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## 2 Significant Learning Opportunities

### Garden Design Master Class with Rosemary Alexander

Held at the Weld Hill Research Building, Arnold Arboretum, Jamiaca Plain, MA

ADED 11073: Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20, 9<sup>AM</sup> – 4<sup>PM</sup>

Member \$275, Nonmember \$325

**Instructor: Rosemary Alexander, Designer and Founder, The English Gardening School**

Spend two days exploring principles of garden design with renowned garden designer Rosemary Alexander. With a combination of lectures and exercises you will learn processes for assessing a garden space, creating a design, and making a planting plan.

### 14th Annual Trees in the Urban Landscape Symposium

PDEV 11001: Thursday, November 17, 9<sup>AM</sup> – 3<sup>PM</sup> Fee \$10, Reserve box lunch \$10

Urban tree professionals, tree wardens, persons working in the tree care industry, and anyone interested in learning more about the urban forest are invited to attend. *Event is sponsored by Tower Hill Botanic Garden and the Nathaniel Wheeler Trust, Bank of America, Trustee*



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## Tower Hill Botanic Garden Admission, Hours and General Information

### Garden Hours •

Open year round, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Wed eve 'til 8<sup>PM</sup>, May through September

### Open Holiday Mondays

(Tower Hill is Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.)

### Admission •

Free to Members, Children under 6

\$10.00 Adults

\$7.00 Seniors (aged 65+)

\$5.00 Youth (aged 6-18)

Members & Children under 6, Free

Free Garden tour every Sunday & Holiday Mon, 2 P.M.

### Library •

Open year round. 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Tues, Thurs and Sat

Open to public. Members have borrowing privileges. X116

### HortLine •

Wednesdays 2-4 P.M.

Call in for answers to plant and gardening questions answered by the Tower Hill horticulture staff. X110

### Fuller Teacher Resource Center •

Call for hours and information  
Books and other educational materials for teachers. X116

### Facilities for the Physically Challenged •

Lawn, Secret, Systematic Gardens, Orangerie, Limonaia and Education Center are accessible. Wheelchairs available on request. Assistance animals ONLY. Special Parking along Allée Drive.

### The Shop at Tower Hill •

Open 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Variety of Horticultural books & gifts, tools, live plants & cards. X128.

### Twigs Café •

Open 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

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A lunch menu of delicious light fare. **Tapas on the Terrace** small plate dinners, served Wed., 4:30-7:30 P.M. through September



### Location •

Central Massachusetts, 10 miles N.E. of Worcester. Take exit 24 (Church Street) off I-290, proceed 3 miles toward Boylston. Free parking.

## Your Golden Opportunity! Participate in the Online Raffle to Support Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Take your shot at winning one of the exciting prizes in our online raffle to benefit Tower Hill. Drawing will be held at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Days Gala (see page 2). Prizes will include:

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- Combo Golf Outing at the Worcester Country Club and The Country Club in Brookline, MA
- Summer Weekend Getaway – includes weekend stay, 2 Tanglewood Lawn seats to see the Boston Symphony Orchestra, a \$100 restaurant gift certificate and 2 bottles of fine wine.
- Hand crafted, crewel upholstered Wingchair with a decorative floral theme
- Custom Silk Flower Arrangement designed by Floral Designer and Tower Hill Trustee Barbara Morse
- And many more!

Visit [TowerHillbg.org](http://TowerHillbg.org) after October 1<sup>st</sup> to see a complete list of items.