

WGC NEWS

Tip of the Month

Want something fun with winter blooms? Consider planting a Witch-hazel.

Opportunities

Don't Forget: Quogue School Needs Garden Tools, extra Hand Trowels, Hand Rakes, Weeding Tools. Please email or call me for pick up. MMN

Upcoming Events

Instead of our holiday party we had hoped to host a pop up meeting/ social at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge. Sadly that is no longer possible. Please remember the Refuge is open and you can visit the animals, take a walk around the ice pond, enjoy the Fairy Dell and so much more. Please consider a visit the WGC has a long history with the QWR enjoy and support this Gem.

If you are not a member consider becoming one. It's well worth the very small price tag, as little as \$35 a year.

<https://quoguewildliferefuge.org/get-involved/become-a-member-today/>

December 7th, Monday @ 10am. We will be doing our annual East End Hospice Holiday Trimming. More details to follow via email.

What's Been Happening?

We hosted a Club Design show at the QFH. With 5 classes and 18 people participating it was quite the show. The Judges provided many helpful hits.

Here are a few:

Don't let your containers dominate, avoid white and silver.

Pay attention to staging: if your design is being displayed on a black tablecloth make sure you use a container and plant material that works on black.

Case in point-Inger won first place in the Petite Design category, class 3.

However the Judges commented that a lighter base would have been better.

See photos below.



Take Note

Amaryllis sales are moving along-only 4 more days to order...If you haven't ordered yet do it NOW Please, they make Great gifts!



Conservation .

5 things to grow instead of a lawn.

Ornamental Grasses

Moss (con-it needs shade)

Creeping Charlie (spreads easily-pro and con)

Sweet Woodruff (like moss, no mowing but again needs shade)

Red Creeping Thyme (no mowing, no water, but hard to get established)

Clover (Big pro-bees 🐝 love it and spreads quickly)

Photography

Use the Blue Hour to get the best winter photos. The moments before the sun rises or after it sets.

Horticulture

Chop up leaves for mulching

Design

Provisional Melissa Cook takes First Place. Did you know she is the President of City Gardens in NYC?



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

One of last years provisionals....made the following statement which I think we all need to think about. I am hopeful it will get you all to try something new this coming year.

She said and, I quote.

"I am beyond thrilled that my entry generated a first award. I knew I would love photography and horticulture when I joined the club but I had a great fear of design.

I think it's wonderful that Provisionals are required to submit photography and design and a horticulture entry in their first year. I might never have done a design otherwise."

So to all members, when design, horticulture, photography, and conservation, opportunities present themselves jump in say yes and enjoy, trust me you will have fun.

The Good, The Bad and the Hopeful.

First the Good-It seems that many of our holly bare root cuttings are doing well.

The Bad-I am guessing no one has seeds sprouting. Well don't worry it's not something you did...it seems we missed a step. So let's take this as an opportunity to learn something. Did you know that many seeds need to go through a process called Stratification in order to germinate and sprout? Read more @ <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/propagation/seeds/wet-vs-dry-stratification.htm>

The Hopeful-it's not possible for us to locate our tiny seeds and start over. So here is what I am trying and perhaps it will work, fingers crossed. I have placed my pots outside and I am waiting for two good cold snaps. Then I will bring them in and hope they sprout. The even better news is Liz Platé has taken some seeds and will stratify and sow them this winter. Surely between our bare root specimens and Liz's efforts we will have something to show at the spring plant exchange. (PS: I still have Arrowood seeds, hint hint.)

Happy Holidays!