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The
President's
Corner
by
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SAFE SEX IN THE GARDEN

Book Review

by Molly Martin

Walk into any bookstore and scan the gardening books and you'll find a mind-boggling display of reference material for the coffee table or your back pocket on everything from growing heirloom vegetables to creating a koi pool to building a raised flower bed.

On a recent visit to a local bookstore, I experienced that familiar paralysis I get when walking down a cereal aisle in a supermarket – you know – too many choices. Thumbing my way through one glossy full-color book after another, I was stopped dead in my tracks by a small beige book with an eye popping title. It was Thomas Leo Ogren's Safe Sex in the Garden and after a quick scan I bought it.

The book is definitely about sex, but of the horticultural variety, written by an author committed to equality between the sexes, diversity in the landscape and clean air. It offers a good mix of botany for the beginner and common sense gardening advice for everyone, including some home-made remedies for controlling garden pests and diseases.

The author's premise here, as in his earlier book, Allergy Free Gardening, addresses the price we pay for pristine lawns and litter-free sidewalks and how this desire for excessive neatness has encouraged nursery owners and landscapers to invest in, develop and plant primarily male specimens in our cities and suburbs.

Ogren reminds us that male plants produce various levels of pollen – that fine, sticky dust that collects on the ground, covers our cars and blows through our window screens in the spring. Too much pollen in the air makes us sneeze and for some people it's absolutely life threatening, particularly those suffering from

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Today is March 16, and snow is falling in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Our last significant snow was way back when, and the ground has been bare for weeks. The bitter open winter has not been kind to our windward heather: there's a lot of brown branches. The protective pine needles and evergreen boughs I carefully placed in early winter have been scoured away.

I am annually astonished at the comeback capabilities of calluna and crica. The brittle brown is replaced by lush greens and bright blossoms. Spring pruning has been the salvation of my heather in previous years, and no doubt it will work the miracle once again.

Speaking of work, this president is ready for 'pruning'. I am finishing up four years in that role, and I'd like to hand over the gavel. Interested volunteers are assured that a campaign for this office will not incur an investigation of the candidate's smoking habits in college, nor of any other past peccadillos.

Furthermore, the new president will find lots of support from the terrific board of directors. I have never had the pleasure of working with a nicer, smarter, or more helpful group of people.

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SAFE SEX IN THE GARDEN

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asthma, allergies, heart problems or any one of a number of respiratory ailments.

Female plants, on the other hand, with their hundreds of thousands of stigmas designed to attract airborne pollen, are nature's pollen traps, our natural air cleaners. But for some that huge benefit is offset by their habit of dropping litter – flowers and seeds – an eyesore to more than a few city fathers and homeowners. To eliminate this litter and the necessary sweeping and raking, landscapers have been turning to male cloned plants.

Currently, four out of the five most frequently planted trees are males. This trend toward male dominance in the landscape not only compromises our air quality, but also has a detrimental effect on our entire ecosystem. Honey bees and butterflies suffer the loss of an early spring food source. The reduced supply of seeds and fruit has a negative impact on our bird population. And reduced diversity brings other trouble to the garden more disease and more pests.

This is not just a book for gardeners.

It's for anyone interested in exploring ways to improve our air quality and create a healthier environment. Ogren writes in a common sense style and backs up his argument with solid evidence. He offers a short botany lesson so you can better tell the boys from the girls, explains his 'Ogren Plant Allergy Scale' and provides multiple lists to help the reader identify heavy pollen-producing plants, low allergy ground covers, poisonous plants, and much more, including related books and websites.

His focus on the growing trend toward a male dominated landscape is a rallying cry we should all take seriously.

It's hard to dismiss Ogren's call for diversity in the garden. His focus on 'Ogren Plant Allergy Scale' and provides multiple lists to help the reader identify heavy pollen-producing plants, low-allergy ground covers, poisonous plants, and much more, including related books and websites. So this spring when plants begin to display their sexual differences, remember to check the ratio of males to females on your property and consider the well-informed plea for Safe Sex in the Garden.

BYLAW CORRECTIONS

A copy of the revised bylaws of the Northeast Heather Society was mailed to each member with the January newsletter. There are corrections to be made. Please read the following and correct your own copy.

Article II. PURPOSE...within the parentheses, add 'Cassiope'.

Article VII. OFFICERS...In the first line, delete 'other than the editor of the Northeast Heather Society newsletter'.

What's a Cassiope?---Western Moss Heather. "a choice and rare alpine plant."
www.botany.com.

What's a Daboecia? 'Irish Heath', www.botany.com.

How about Phyllodoce? Yellow mountain heath, a North American native. The Plants Database-<http://plants.usda.gov>.

Andromeda polifolia? Bog rosemary. U.S. native. www.ctbotanicalsociety.org/galleries.

Why are the genera Andromeda, Cassiope, Daboecia and Phyllodoce included in our bylaws? For one thing, our board voted to concur with the North American Heather Society (of which we are a chapter) bylaws. For another, and no doubt the reason NAHS included them, they are all members of the family *Ericaceae*, as are calluna and erica (heather and heath).

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Clues to Puzzle #6

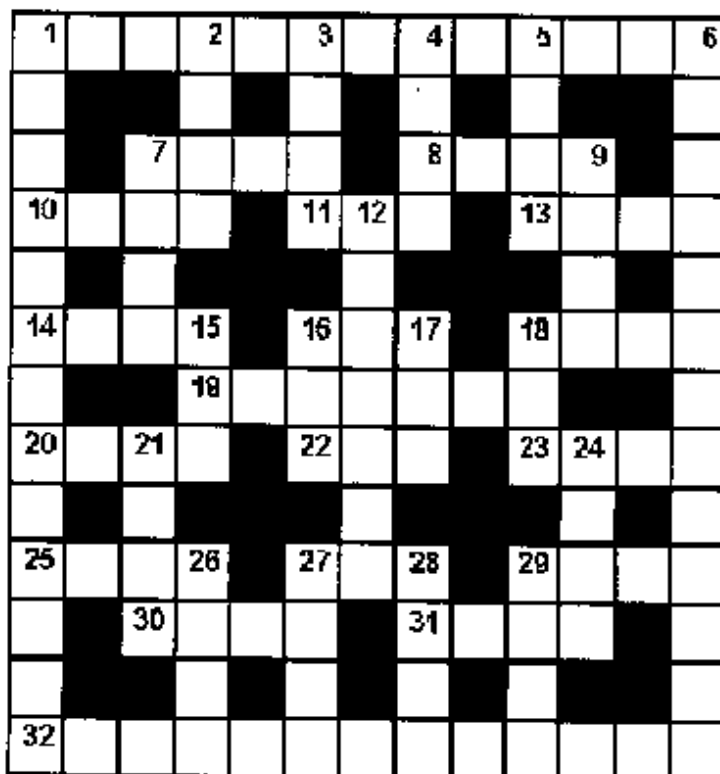
ACROSS

1. E.Carneia cultivar
7. Fruit of Blackthorn
8. Again
10. Red
11. Condensed water droplets
13. Wooded valley
14. Daboecia source
16. Single inflorescence blossom
18. Small jumping insect
19. Tall, bushy heath
20. _____ Valley. E.Cinerea
22. Light yellowish brown
23. Applying lime to heather
25. Fine dry earth
27. Distillate of peat
29. Spherical shape
30. Growing cycle
31. Ellipse
32. Heather cultivar

DOWN

1. Ex Darleyensis cultivar
2. _____ Dale, E.x Darleyensis cultivar
3. Require
4. Melt
5. Phragmites stem
6. E. Terminalis cultivar

Puzzle #6



7. Dark _____ Calluna cultivar
9. Water Source
12. Mayflower
15. Poetic evening
16. Hole in the ground
17. Fenced enclosure
18. Segment shape
21. Shaw's puzzle
24. Gem, or its colour
26. Greenish blue
27. Woody plant
28. Stir up sediment
29. Ideal garden storage place

New Editors for Heather Notes

Judy Doyle and Jane Murphy are now co-editors of this newsletter. Judy is responsible for content and editing, and Jane is handling the publishing end. We are pleased to be working together and hope you like what we do. PLEASE let us know what you think. We can take it. What subject(s) would you like to read about? How do you like the format?

Do you have a story, a poem, an anecdote, a photo you can share? We want it! Send to:

Judy Doyle perennialherb@charter.net or 85 Maynard Road, Brooklyn, Ct 06234. Telephone: 860-774-4250.

All submissions will be considered for publication, and may be edited for clarity and length.

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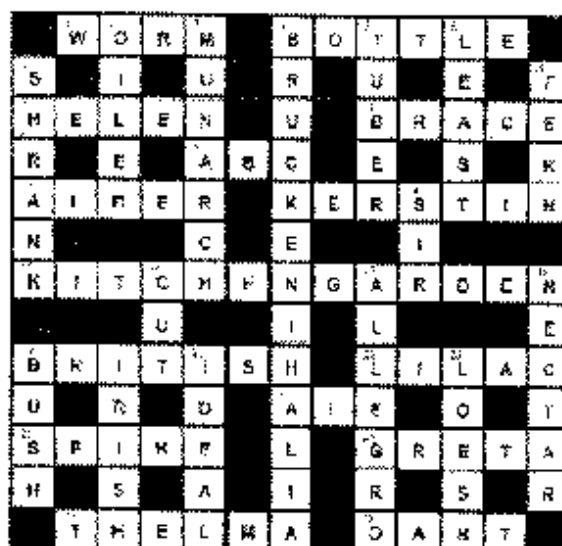
January--Dec. 20

April--March 20

July--June 20

October--Sept. 20

Answers to Puzzle #5



Spring is Here

Compiled by Molly Martin and Judy Doyle.

With just a trace of snow left in the woods and the itch to dig in the dirt getting stronger each day, here's a short list of nurseries you might want to check for that elusive heather cultivar or that perfect collection to start a new bed. Whichever it is, we hope the nurseries below can help you with your garden plans for this spring.

Heaths & Heathers Nursery

in Shelton, WA, owned by Karla Lortz, has over 800 cultivars to choose from. Karla's goal is to "sell out by June." She closes the nursery from June 15-September 1 every year. Her full-color catalog, informally written in the first person, is like having a garden consultant by your side. In addition to all the tips for successfully growing and propagating heather, lots of color photographs, a detailed order form with plant descriptions, Karla has listed her 25 favorite plants. These include: *Calluna vulgaris* 'Red Fred', C.v. 'Sesam', C.v. 'Velvet Fascination', *Erica carnea* 'Bell's Extra Special' and *Erica carnea* 'Golden Starlet'. Send for the catalog and learn what her other favorites are. Heaths & Heathers is a mail-order-only nursery. Karla has published a book called "Heaths and Heathers, Color for All Seasons," which includes 180 color photos from gardens in the U.S. and British Columbia. To order a catalog, plants or the book, go to: www.heathsandheathers.com or call 1-800-294-3284.

Little Siberia Perennials

is in the heart of the Green Mountains of Vermont and is owned by Vivian Branschofsky. Vivian offers 950 varieties of perennials, with a particularly wonderful assortment of sempervivums, saxifragas, dwarf conifers, shrubs and 150 varieties of hardy heathers. A wide variety of her plants is displayed in over 25 island beds, where you're invited to "bring a picnic basket, spread out a blanket and enjoy the day." Call 802-767-3391 or check her website at > www.littlesiberia.com< for more information and directions. Sorry, no mail orders.

New England Heather

in Keene, NH is owned by one of our directors, Bill Dowley, and his wife Vicky. New varieties for sale this year include: *calluna vulgaris* Chase White, Corbett's Red, Cuprea, Darleyensis, E.F. Brown, Kerstin, Mullon, Perestrujka, Red Haze, Reini, Sir John Charrington, Alba Rigida, Martha Hermann, Winter Chocolate, Alice Knight, Beoley Gold, Easter Bonfire, Tib, Green Cardinal, Silver Queen and Alison Yates. Older favorites also available include c.v. Alexandra, Alportii, Peter Sparkes,, and Spring Torch. Bill says "We can and will ship out 4" pots until July 1st or after September 1st via UPS priority mail on Mondays of

each week. Cost is \$4.25 pot and p&h, and we will donate \$.25 from each pot sold to NEHS."

Orders can be sent by fax: 603-719-0351; e-mail: wdowley@ne.tr.com, or mail: New England Heather, 28 Hurricane Road, Keene, NH 03431. The website will be up and running by April 15: www.newenglandheather.com.

Rock Spray Nursery

located in Truro, MA, is owned by Kate Herrick, who offers a breath-taking array of full color photographs in a booklet-size catalogue that can serve as a primer for either the experienced or novice gardener interested in raising heathers. Voted one of the Favorite Speciality Nurseries in *People, Places and Plants* magazine's Reader's Choice poll. This year, Kate is offering a number of new cultivars, which include: *Calluna vulgaris* 'Jimmy Dyce', C.v. 'Red Star', C.v. 'Serlei Aurea', *Erica carnea* 'Westwood Yellow', *Erica cinerea* 'Fiddler's Gold', and *Erica x Stuartii*, 'Irish Lemon.' Each of these cultivars has received the Award of Garden Merit granted by The Royal Horticultural Society. Rock Spray is a mail order-only nursery. To order a catalog call 508 349-6769, or check out her website: www.rockspray.com.

Sylvan Nursery

in Westport, MA. Specialists in seashore, native, heather and heath plants. Mail order and on site sales. An extensive list of both calluna and Erica. Two new offerings: c.v. 'Marleen' and e.c. 'Pirbright Rose' (synonymous with 'Pirbright Pink'). Sylvan can ship 3" and 4" sizes by UPS. Call: 508-636-4573. E mail: sales@sylvannursery.com, or visit the website: www.sylvannursery.com.

Hunny van Valey reports that she knows of three good nurseries in her area of Massachusetts that carry heath and heather: Weston Nurseries, Inc., Hopkinton, Russell's Nursery, Wayland, and Stone Gate Nursery, Lincoln.

Note: Many local garden centers are introducing a limited selection of heathers. It's always important to make sure that what you buy is hardy heather and not the South African or Mexican variety, which will not survive as an outdoor plant in the northeast.

Propagation Success by Mary Matwey

After the conference last year in Delaware, I came home, made my self a "hot box" of green compost material, put a top layer of good soil on top, and then put in about 500 cuttings from the heathers at Cutler. It was sealed up all winter but on March 7 during a break in our weather I couldn't stand it any longer so I opened it up and to my surprise the cuttings had rooted. I've got an unbelievable 474 baby heathers potted up. A few weeks will tell how they survived the transplanting. The thing that makes (this method) unique is that it required no cost in the way of lights or heat, minimal setup work, and follow up maintenance such as watering, misting was not required.

Call it dumb luck or whatever you like, but 474 rooted cuttings out of 525 stems (88%) makes me happy. That's what I got by using a little information gleaned from three seasoned heather propagators, who shared their expertise with us at the 2003 Heather conference in Delaware. Bernie Lautenschlager recommended using green garden compost as a heat source, Dec Daneri recommended the "snip, strip, and stick" method for preparing the cuttings and Bill Dowley recommended the potting mix. Put them all together, seal up tightly against sub-freezing temperatures and snow cover, wait 6 months and you get cuttings with viable root systems. Can it be duplicated?

Come to the conference in Sept. 2004 stopping at my house for brunch on Sunday Sept. 12 and see how it's done.

Donald Mackay on Pruning.....

Donald lives and gardens in Pleasantville, New York, and also in Vermont.

He shares his winter-survival strategies for growing heather in the northeast:

Harsh winters in the northeast. "Snow cover is the best protection for heathers in colder areas, since unpruned stems serve well as a snow fence to bring protective snow flakes to rest among the depths of the plant, but in some areas it cannot be relied on, though hard frosts can

Where snow is unreliable, as in Westchester, New York, I do not prune in the fall since I know that high winds and bitter cold are reliable here, and my heathers need all the natural help they can get. In Vermont, however, where two to four feet of snow is inevitable, I find late or early pruning makes no difference, and by pruning only half of a plant in fall can prove to my satisfaction that there is little if any benefit other than convenience in waiting until spring to prune the second half (though to be honest both halves will need some shearing in spring to get rid of the frost-bitten stems). But that's in deep snow country.

Those in very cold areas without reliable snow have no

choice, I think, but to prune after winter has departed, or experiment with Reemay or oak leaves or pine needles. The warmer your winter the greater your chance of getting the benefits of fall pruning. If you're wrong you can always try pruning again in spring, if there's anything left to encourage."

I called Donald today March 18-to ask about the state of his heather at this time. Since his area had been teased with some mild days last week, and there was no snow on the ground then, he had managed to do some early pruning. But the damage was severe from this bitterly cold and mostly open winter. His ericas (except for *e. carnea*) were "shattered-not the usual expected split into two, but into eights and sixteens!" As an experienced gardener, he did not despair, but instead pruned the shattered bits back severely, and will wait and see what becomes of the half inch or so of new green growth around the base. Perhaps he will get sixteen new plants out of one.

Donald's callunas "look pretty good" though, and his "almost complete" collection of phylodoces and cassiope have come through "very well".

Welcome New Members

Ellen Arnold - Upton, MA

Sheilaann Biggs - New Market, AL

NAHS
Website
Is
Up & Running

After a winter-long glitch, the North American Heather Society website is up and running again. Please note that there is a

new domain name:
<www.northamericanheathersoc.org>

"As close to the original as we could get. It might be interesting to see what turns up under our OLD domain name. I'm guessing it may become a porn

site... Three cheers to Bryan Taylor, webmaster, for all his hard work getting this done" Ella May Wulff, President of NAHS.)

Why do we care about the North American site? Well, that's the site for our Northeast chapter, too. Click on the 'Chapters', then on 'Northeast', to get information about our meetings and events. This page also connects us with people looking for information about growing heather in our area; we often get e-mails from people who have followed that computer trail.

We invite you to visit the site regularly, and do let us know of any suggestions you have to improve our

Heather Hall of Fame by David Wilson



During the last 15 years there have been numerous additions to the inventory of heather cultivars. Many are excellent improvements of our dearest garden favorites.

The commercial grower delights in this, and finds it easy to reduce production of the familiar while boosting the new and improved. The heather enthusiast celebrates plans for new plantings, perhaps allowing for a safe place to grow a few old friends. The novice gardener, glimpsing the bright and beautiful on the garden store shelves, may embark on a heather experience that lasts a lifetime. The benefits of improved introductions are many to nurseries and gardeners, and will help ensure a future for heather interest.

The ones who may suffer from the debut of new cultivars are some of the long time

stars of the heather garden, stars whose light may now be fading. So it is that I propose the creation of a 'Heather Hall of Fame' to preserve the memory of cultivars that have performed brilliantly in the past, plants that have made their mark in the world of heather.

In selecting this list of first inductees I used the following guidelines to determine merit for inclusion into the 'Heather Hall of Fame': An early date of introduction, awards the plant has received over the years, longevity in commercial production, and contribution.

It was not difficult to choose these deserving candidates, indeed it would be easy to add more; there are many contenders. I hope that if you have these plants in your garden your enjoyment has been increased. If you can add these plants to your collection they will not disappoint

SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.....

Calluna vulgaris 'Alba Plena' Fully double snow white blossoms from August to October. Recorded as found in Germany in 1934 as a sport on a white flowering plant and introduced four years later when it received an Award of Merit, this plant is believed to have been reported as early as 1805. A.T. Johnson wrote in 1942 "The most important contribution to the genus in the last twenty years." This remained the best double white until the early 1980s.

Calluna vulgaris 'Alportii' Free blooming, dense spikes of rose purple flowers in August and September; upright habit with dark green foliage. Introduced before 1852, this beautiful plant appeared in prominent catalogues in the late 1800s and was given an Award of Garden Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society as late as 1969. Sadly, the role of this plant faded with the introduction of darker red forms like Allegro in the 1980s.

Calluna vulgaris 'Cuprea' The rich changing foliage tones from lime green with copper tips in spring, to burnt copper orange and red flush in winter, combine with a delicate upright habit. The light mauve flowers in late summer do not detract from the rich foliage display. Introduced before 1873 when it received a First Class Certificate from the RHS, this striking plant sparked an attraction to using foliage forms of

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Calluna vulgaris 'County Wicklow' Soft milky rose colored flowers cover this plant in late summer and fall. The habit is low and compact and the curling sprays of large tightly packed double flowers create a pinwheel effect. Collected in the wild in Ireland and introduced in 1933, this plant of reliable rugged constitution is still widely grown and much enjoyed.



Calluna vulgaris 'Serlei' For nearly 100 years after its introduction in the 1860s this plant represented the best of the single white flowering heathers with grace. With upright habit, compact yet robust, it is covered from September to November with a wealth of pure white flowers held on long well feathered sprays. A favorite for the cut lower market.

Calluna vulgaris 'H. E. Beale' The tale of how three sprigs of this wild collected plant found their way to Maxwell and Beale's nursery from the New Forest, England, in 1925 captures the imagination of any heather collector. Long tapering spikes of silvery shell pink double flowers from August to November made this plant the most significant introduction for 5 decades. Thus began an interest in using flowering heathers as pot plants, and the long lasting blooms were an addition to the cut flower industry, also stirring an unending search for more double flowering heathers.

Erica carnea 'King George' Collected from the wild in Switzerland and introduced in 1911, this reliable late winter bloomer begins in December and continues until late March and is still asked for today. Being more compact than most Erica carnea varieties and covering itself with masses of rich deep rose flowers, it became a staple in rock gardens and small spaces. It was named to honor King George V.

Erica carnea 'Springwood White' Italy gave rise to perhaps the most well known and most grown spring blooming white of all. Found on Mont Carreggio before 1925, its masses of large pure white flowers on vigorous trailing stems have happily filled many an open space in large gardens. Its ability to grow well in many situations, cover a large area, and thrive for many years make it a mainstay in the landscape industry still. Flowering from December to May, this cultivar has been used to breed a host of new brilliant whites.



Erica carnea 'Vivellii' From the Engadine Alps of Switzerland the 1906 find of Paul Theoboldt has been a star performer endowed with many awards. A compact plant of distinct dark bronze green foliage and covered with deep carmine-crimson flowers in early spring it is still a much enjoyed favorite with long time heather growers, and never fails to catch the eye of novice gardeners.

Erica cinerea 'P.S. Patrick' A strong growing plant with bold dark green foliage that holds aloft long, upright spikes of royal purple bells. A plant that is always requested to provide a vivid late spring and summer display. This plant was found on the Corfmullen Moors, Dorset, England by Mr. Patrick in 1928. One of the founding members of The Heather Society, he became editor of the Yearbook in the late 1960s.

Erica x darleyensis 'Darley Dale' The original Erica carnea x Erica erigena hybrid was found as a chance seedling growing in the nursery of James Smith in Darley Dale, Derbyshire England and was introduced to gardens by 1900. The flowers open a pale lilac pink in November, then age to a darker purplish pink by late spring when the lemon and pink tips of new growth enhance the display. A reliable, rewarding performer that thrives in many locations and growing conditions. The long flowering season and easy care for producers and gardeners makes this a popular plant today.



Erica vagans 'Mrs. D. F. Maxwell' Long considered to be the best of a truly garden worthy species of Erica. The cerise pink blooms that cover this Cornish heath from mid summer to late fall stand out not just in a heather garden but in any landscape. When there is a need for a plant of sturdy constitution, with a strong distinct color, this is a most dependable performer. Found by the Maxwells while on their honeymoon in 1923, this much loved heath continues to hold its place in the heather world.



The editors thank Rock Spray Nursery for allowing Heather Notes to use their photographs

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Heather Pruning at the Fells Sunday, April 25, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

Prior attendees who are used to this event being held on a Saturday should note that it's a Sunday this year. Layered clothing is a must. It's wicked cold that time of year, until the sun and your labor warms you up later in the day. **Bring your own tools:** sharp hedge trimmers, battery operated trimmers with charged extra power packs, work gloves, knee pads, water bottles, good stories and jokes. Come early to stroll the gorgeous grounds. **LUNCH:** Your own bag lunch, or give your order promptly at 11:00 a.m. for takeout from a nearby restaurant. Drinks will be provided. The business meeting will follow the pruning. For Fells info, directions, etc. write, PO Box 276, Rte. 103A, Newbury NH 03255; telephone: 603 763 4789; fax: 603 763 2452; email: fells@tds.net. The website is: www.thefells.org

Gardening with Heathers & Heaths (Course HOR 153)

Sunday, May 2, 2004 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m Arnold Arboretum-Boston

Presenters: Harry Bowen, William Dowley, Nancy Passavant
Arnold Arboretum Hunnewell Building

"Heaths and Heathers are charming and hardy additions to the landscape, offering year-round color that changes with the seasons. The greens, golds and silvers of summer may intensify or turn to coral, red and plum in winter. Some are winter bloomers; others bloom in summer or fall. Come learn more about these members of the heath family (Ericaceae). This class will cover heather culture from site preparation and optimal growing conditions to pruning and propagation. You will see slides of gardens featuring heathers and take home ideas for incorporating them into your own garden. You will view the heaths and heathers in the Arnold Arboretum's new shrub and vine garden." -excerpt from Arboretum pamphlet.

Fee \$25 for members of the Arnold Arboretum, \$30 for nonmembers

For more information and/or to register for this course, call the Arnold Arboretum Adult Education Department at 617-524-1718, ext. 160 or fax 617-524-1418. The Arnold Arboretum is located on The Arborway/Route 203, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts in the Boston area. For directions, go to: www.arboretum.harvard.edu/visitors/directions.html

Summer Board Meeting. Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

Reggie Lownes has generously extended an invitation to fellow NEHS members to tour her gardens and stay for lunch. The board will meet following lunch. Details in July newsletter

Annual North American Heather Society Conference August 13-15

River Lodge Conference Center, Fortuna California. If you would like more information, contact: Chris House: chrystais@cox.net, 707 839 4603, or Dee Daneri, deedaneri@aol.com, 707 725 3452

Second International Heather Conference August 20 to 23, 2004

Hilton Hotel, Coylumbridge, Aviemore, Scotland

Trips include:- Speyside Heather Centre, Cherrybank Gardens (national heather collection), Jack Drake's Inshriach Nursery (alpine specialist), guided moorland tour and much more. For more information send e-mail to: heathers@zetnet.co.uk

NEHS Annual Conference September 10, 11 12, 2004

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK. A special rate for attendees is arranged at the Binghamton Regency. Friday night mixer, dinner, and heather show at the hotel, with Lee Nelson as speaker. Saturday breakfast at Cutler Botanic Gardens, followed by a tour highlighting CBG's Heath and Heather bed. Next, travel by bus to Ithaca NY, for lunch and a tour of Baker's Acres Nursery. Then, a guided tour of Cornell Plantations on the Cornell University campus, topped off with a dinner cruise on Cayuga Lake. Sunday, a quieter day with brunch at a private garden. Prices and schedule details will appear in the July 'Heather Notes', including registration forms and detailed travel directions. Conference Chairperson, Mary Matwey-Tel. 607 723 1418. Email: mmatwey@stny.rr.com. Tour destinations websites. www.bakersacres.net; www.plantations.cornell.edu

**Bill Dowley,
Chairman of our
Garden Liason
Committee,
writes:**

"I would like to see a Spring Weekend set up where people would volunteer to trim heather in the various heather gardens in the region.

In addition to the Hay Estate, we could also consider working at Berkshire Botanical Garden, Cutler Botanic Garden, Fort Tryon Heather Garden, The Heritage Plantation, Tower Hill Botanic Garden and Wolf Neck Woods State Park."

Here's another good idea, also from Bill:

"I think the #1 way to promote the NEHS is to have a small handout printed up and sent out to Garden Centers selling heather.

The handout should have a nice photo of a heather bed along with generalized information about the NEHS and the NAHS. If people knew we had regional meetings, national meetings and international meetings and dealt with issues facing everyone growing heather, perhaps they would have an interest in joining the organization. The handout should list the website as a point of contact."

Contact Bill if you would like to talk with him about these ideas. He's listed in the director's column of every issue of **Heather Notes**.

Membership Updates

The Northeast Heather Society board decided, a few years back, to mail an updated membership list to each member every other year, and to include this mailing in the spring issue. The list is sorted by state and alphabetized last name. Please check your name and let us know of any corrections or updates, preferably by e-mail, to Vivagean Merz, at vivagean@capecod.net. She manages the membership database. Thank you.

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