

~A Message from your President~

Coming to a community near you.....

We're on a roll. This year, as a new initiative, we decided to dedicate some funds to an individual or a group who wanted to start a project that would align with our mission as Master Gardeners. We sought projects that would be headed by Master Gardeners who would, as part of the project mission, share their knowledge of gardening with a greater community. We were excited about the submissions this year and we decided to make two awards.

- One of the awards will go to funding wheelbarrows, tools, and educational materials for a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of community gardens in Cape Elizabeth. These 50 plots will be tended by individuals and families for both personal and community harvest. There are teenagers, retirees, and young families who have signed up for these garden spaces. Two of the plots will be dedicated to the program, "Plant A Row for the Hungry." Already (despite the rain), a community spirit has developed ....
- The other award will go to help establish a kitchen garden at the Tate House. In the past, the gardens of the Tate House have been planted with approximately 80 different herbs. Every year there has been a different theme for the lectures and workshops that are presented from mid-June to mid-October. The theme for 2010 will be "The Year of the Kitchen." How wonderful it will be to visit this historic home and garden and to learn about the many types of culinary herbs and vegetables that were grown there.

**Congratulations to Nancy Miles, MG '01 and Marilyn Brinnick, MG '99 for their continuing efforts to be involved in community projects.**

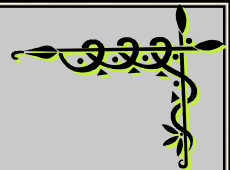
*Beth Owens (02)*

Welcome Class of 2009

Ted Asherman  
 Jason Aucoin  
 Emily Battle  
 Janet Bernardy  
 Molly Blakeman  
 Sharon Blakeslee  
 Amy Beth Brocu-Krikken  
 Suzanne Brown Pelletier  
 Jae Brown  
 Joseph Capobianco  
 Jeanne Christie

Susan Cossette  
 Margaret Curran  
 Kym Dakin-Neal  
 Jane Danielson  
 Megan Elliott  
 Bernardo Feliciano  
 Linda Grant  
 Carol Hamalainen  
 Prue Heard  
 Debra Hopkins

Lorna Kierstead  
 Hope Lanza  
 Brenda Mattson  
 Katherine McCarty  
 Jennifer Noel  
 Kelly Orzel  
 Rachel Perry  
 Marguerite Richards  
 Jennifer Rogers  
 Sandy Wachholz  
 Sarah Wolpow



July 2009

## Upcoming Events



**June -August** Tate House events on Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm. FMI 774-6177 or [www.tatehouse.org](http://www.tatehouse.org)

**July 10** Maine Beaches Conference, SMCC, FMI please email: [kngrant@maine.edu](mailto:kngrant@maine.edu)

**August 7** Connecting Classrooms to Cafeterias: From Arugula to Zucchini, 9-4:30, Gorham Middle School, \$15, FMI contact Amanda Beal [abeal@propeople.org](mailto:abeal@propeople.org) or 553-5838

**August 8** Backyard Locavore Tour, 10-3, FMI contact Andrea Herr at 780-4205



### OPEN GARDEN TOUR

Wednesday July 29, 10-11:30

Join other Maine Master Gardeners for a walk-through of Eddie Woodin's gardens.

Just a short drive down Black Point Road in Scarborough, this suburban property is optimally landscaped to attract birds, butterflies, moths and small mammals.

The colors should be spectacular and cameras are encouraged. Please stop by.

Directions: From US Route One at Oak Hill in Scarborough, turn onto Black Point Road/Rt 207. Travel 1.8 miles and turn left onto Clearwater Drive. Drive 0.7 miles to #34, which is a green home on the left with a stone wall.

### Directory Changes

Let us know if you have any address, phone number or email changes. Please update your directory:

Ted Asherman: [skiash@maine.rr.com](mailto:skiash@maine.rr.com)

Kelly Orzel 973 Intervale Rd New Gloucester 04260



## Preserving the Harvest

### Hands-on food preservation workshops

Ever wonder how to preserve all those great garden vegetables? Our hands-on food preservation workshops will teach you some basics steps, like how to use pressure canners and water bath canners to preserve pickles, jam, and vegetables. Learn from the experts. We will provide fresh produce and canning jars.

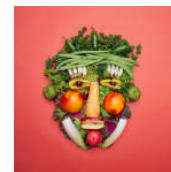
Please paste the link below into your browser to find dates and times.

<http://www.umext.maine.edu/foodpreservation/workshops.htm>

Contact Lois for more information. 780-4205

### Locavore Tour

Tickets For Sale  
Only \$10



**AUGUST 8**  
**10 am-3 pm**

Don't forget to call the office to get tickets for the Locavore Tour. This promises to be a fun day where you will have a chance to visit vegetable gardens and you'll also learn strategies for preserving the harvest. This is fundraiser for Tidewater, the new home of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County.

Don't miss it- August 8th 10am-3pm (raindate: 8/9)

**We need hosts/hostesses at each garden site to direct visitors and to facilitate things for the garden owners.**

**Please contact Andrea at the office if you could help.**  
780-4205 or [aherr@umext.maine.edu](mailto:aherr@umext.maine.edu)

An IPM website you might find worth visiting:  
<http://pmo.umext.maine.edu/homeowner/>

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Opportunity in Gorham

There is a group home in Gorham that would like a couple of raised beds created in their front yard. They have some tools, some loam, and the cleared space. Once the beds are created, they have a group of Goodwill clients from the Brain Injury program who will make this a regular volunteer project for the summer. Any help in making this happen would be greatly appreciated!

**Please respond directly to Carrie if you are interested in this project.**

Carrie Burgin  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Goodwill Industries of Northern New England  
353 Cumberland Avenue  
Portland, Maine 04101  
207/774.6323, ext. 2308  
fax: 207/773.0821

## General Information

### Help Needed in Freeport

Looking to hire an experienced gardener to help with weeding, pruning, and dividing perennials at our home in Freeport. Design experience a plus! Hourly rate negotiable. Please call Cindy at 865-0737 or email: [cberliner@suscom-maine.net](mailto:cberliner@suscom-maine.net)

### 2010: Plant Sale

When you are dividing plants this summer, please remember us! We're hoping to have more plant donations for our 2010 sale- a free plant is 100% profit! (don't forget to label as you go).

## General Information

### Wanted: Asian Longhorned Beetle

*By Amy Witt, Horticulturist  
UMaine Cooperative Extension*

In 2008, the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) was discovered in Worcester, MA -just 1 ½ hours from the Maine border. This beetle, an invasive pest from Asia, is a serious threat to many deciduous hardwood trees (including all maple species, elm, willow, birch, horsechestnut and poplar) and will ultimately end up killing its host tree.

The ALB is large (1 - 1½ inches long - not including its antennae, which are at least as long as the body length), very smooth and glossy black in color with up to 20 irregularly distinct white spots. The male is smaller than the female. The antennae on both sexes are in 3 to 11 segments with distinct black and white bands.

Adult beetles are active and visible from July to October: feeding on small twigs and leaves of their host tree. The ALB has one generation per year, with the female typically laying between 35 - 90 eggs in individual sites she has chewed in the bark of the tree. Larvae feed under the bark in the living tissue of the tree and then bore deeper into the tree to pupate. Besides the physical appearance of the beetle, be on the lookout for:

- large round holes (½ inch in diameter) on the tree trunk, branches and exposed roots
- oval to round wounds in the bark (up to ½ inch in diameter)
- large piles of coarse sawdust around the base of trees where the branches meet the main trunk

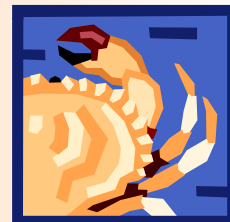
This pest is a serious threat and would be devastating to the trees and forests in Maine. We are asking folks to be on the lookout for the beetle and to collect the adult beetle(s) in a jar place the jar in the freezer and immediately **report** your sightings or suspected sightings to the **Maine Department of Agriculture** or **call** toll free **866-702-9938**. Check this informative link: [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/palerts/alb/alb\\_pa.pdf](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/palerts/alb/alb_pa.pdf)

**For sale:** used 30x60 greenhouse with accessories, has steel ribs, all hardware, plus framing for end walls, exhaust fan, watering tables, watering system, electrical panel, more. Will need new plastic covering. Stored in Buxton, had been used in florist business. \$1000 or BRO.

**For sale:** used 20x24 greenhouse with accessories, has steel ribs, all hardware, plus framing for end walls, watering tables, watering system, electrical panel, more. Possibly reusable plastic covering available. Stored in Buxton, has been used in florist business. \$750 or BRO.  
Please email: [lovesongfarm@gmail.com](mailto:lovesongfarm@gmail.com)

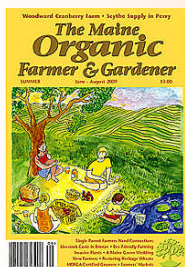
### Maine Crab Cakes

1 pound Maine crabmeat  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1/2 cup finely chopped sweet red pepper  
1 T butter  
1T flour  
1 cup heavy cream  
Few drops of Tabasco sauce  
3 T chopped parsley  
1 egg plus 1 egg white  
Italian bread crumbs  
Butter for browning crab cakes



Cook onion and red pepper in a T of butter for about 3 minutes. Add the crabmeat and then the vegetable mixture. Season with salt and a few drops of Tabasco sauce. Return to the brown and fold in the parsley. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

Whisk the egg and egg white together. Form the crab cakes, and dip them in the egg mixture, then the bread crumbs. Cook crab cakes in melted butter in skillet until golden brown, about 5 minutes on each side. Serves 4  
*Gini Noble (00)*



The Summer issue of The Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener is posted online now.

Feature articles include: Single Parent Farmers Need Connections; The CoolBot: The Small Farmer's Answer to Cold Storage; Bee-Friendly Farming Increases Crop Pollination; Ten Points for a Maine Green Wedding; Livestock Cast in Bronze; Avoiding and Battling Invasive Plants in Maine; Woodward Cranberry Farm; Tips on Mowing Lawns with a Scythe; Maine Experiencing Growth in New Farmers: Career Changers Part of the Burst; The Fiber CSA: Weaving Direct Connections Between Producers and Consumers; and Local, Organic and Fair: Setting a High Bar for Our CSAs.

<http://www.mofga.org/Publications/MaineOrganicFarmerGardener/Summer2009/tabid/1186/Default.aspx>

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