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COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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Grand Reopening of the Haney Hillside Garden. Pictured, from left, are John Giles, Bill Cullina, Susan and Dan Haney, and Cynthia Hosmer. PHOTO BY BARBARA FREEMAN

Big Changes at the Gardens

This fall has been a time of transition at the Gardens, not only from one season to another, but also in leadership. We celebrate Past President John Giles and welcome our new President, Susan Russell. We also bid farewell to Maureen Heffernan, who served as Executive Director for nearly eight years, until mid-August, and are pleased to announce that Bill Cullina, previously Director of Horticulture & Plant Curator, is Acting Executive Director. You'll read more about and from them in this issue.

Maureen is now the executive director of the Myriad Botanical Gardens in Oklahoma City. She enjoys living and working in an urban setting and welcomes the task of bringing another garden to life, literally and figuratively. We will miss her leadership abilities, intelligence, and strength of purpose; but while we applaud

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If a Plant Could...

BY **SUSAN REID RUSSELL**, PRESIDENT



The theme of our new Bosarge Family Education Center is "if a plant could design a building..." That is also a great theme for our whole organization. If a plant could design Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, it would need change to thrive—change of season, of temperature, of times for growth and times for rest.

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Grand Opening of the Bosarge Family Education Center PHOTO BY B. FREEMAN



In August, we bid goodbye to Maureen Heffernan, our executive director for nearly eight years. During her tenure, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens went from a lofty dream to a reality, and an astonishing one at that. We all owe her a great debt for her tireless work, vision and leadership. There is no question we would not be where we are today with-

out her. On behalf of the staff, board, membership, and all the people we have served and will serve—thank you, Maureen!

I have stepped in as acting executive director, and as I write this it is my second day on the job with Hurricane Irene bearing down on us. Quite a way to start! It has been a frenetic and very productive season so far. In June, we reopened the extensively renovated Haney Hillside Garden, our signature journey to the sea and in my opinion one of our most iconic and beautiful spaces. Bedrock, stone walls, evergreens and a meandering path lead visitors from the intensively colorful central gardens to the more subdued and serene waterfront.

In July we opened the much-anticipated Bosarge Family Education Center, our new home for education and administration. Fittingly, the first event to be held in this beautiful, LEED-Platinum building was our annual symposium, this year featuring our landscape architects Herb Schaal and Bruce Riddell, as well as myself. We are sincerely grateful to the Bosarge Family Foundation and everyone who contributed expertise, time and resources to make this groundbreaking building a reality.

We have two new additions to our staff, Hank Moorhouse, who joined us in early August as our Facilities Manager, and Dorothy Freeman, who began in late August as our new Director of Development. Welcome to you both—we are very pleased to have you both on our team!

As summer turns to fall and we look forward to signature events like our Frozen Turkey Hunt and Christmas Market, the board and staff are hard at work on our five-year strategic plan, a clear roadmap to guide our growth and a perfect foundation for the development of our Phase Two master plan. We have many, many exciting ideas and plans for the future that we will share with you in the months ahead, so please stay tuned!

William Cullina, Acting Executive Director

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New staff members Hank Moorhouse and Dorothy Freeman

Welcome Dorothy and Hank to the Gardens Staff

We want to extend a warm welcome to two new year-round staff members at the Gardens, and now that you've seen their photo, you can do the same when you meet them.

Hank Moorhouse, Facilities Manager

Hank joined the staff as facilities manager in mid-August. He lives in Newcastle and comes to us from Bath Iron Works, where he was a senior engineer. He offers a wealth of mechanical and physical-plant knowledge that will help keep everything running smoothly, both behind the scenes and for all to see. Prior to his work at BIW, Hank owned an engineering firm in the New York/New Jersey area. He has a license in home inspection and is also a certified pesticide applicator and radon technician.

"He has been quite busy analyzing and trouble-shooting our key systems," says Chief Financial Officer Tom Boudin. "From day one, his knowledge and approach to our complicated systems have been great, and I am sure he will help us maintain our top-notch facilities."

Dorothy Freeman, Director of Development

Coming to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is the culmination of a 30-year career in philanthropy for Dorothy Freeman of Boothbay Harbor, who took up the post of director of development in late August. A native Hoosier, Dorothy has directed large-scale fundraising operations for charitable organizations across the U.S. and led grantmaking foundations in Maine and Michigan. She feels that joining the Gardens as director of development is a singular opportunity to actively engage funders; friends; and board, staff, and community members in co-creating a world-class botanical garden by the sea.

"Like horticulturists who combine the science and art of plant cultivation, the work of a development team is to prepare the 'philanthropic soil' for continuously growing friends and funds for the Gardens," explains Dorothy. "The better we do our work of raising substantial and sustainable funding, the better everyone else can do their work of co-creating the living treasure that is Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens."

GARDENS STAFF

Administrative and education offices are now in the Bosarge Family Education Center, and marketing department offices are in the Visitor Center. Horticulture staff offices are in the Kulp Horticulture Building.

To reach year-round Gardens staff members by phone, please call (207) 633-4333 and refer to the extensions below. For e-mail, first initial, last name @mainegardens.org (except Valerie Augustine: valerie@mainegardens.org).

ADMINISTRATION

William Cullina, Acting Executive Director (ext. 102)
Courtney Locke, Administrative Assistant (ext. 101)
Hank Moorhouse, Facilities Manager (ext. 156)

MARKETING AND VISITOR SERVICES

Barbara Freeman, Director of Communications (ext. 105, e-mail only Nov. 1-May 15)
Amanda Russell, Manager of Visitor Services & Volunteer Coordinator (ext. 107)
Valerie Augustine, Rental Coordinator & Marketing Programs Manager (ext. 110)
Susan Reynolds, Gift Shop Manager (ext. 113)

EDUCATION

Melissa Cullina, Director of Education & Staff Botanist (ext. 104)
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Dorothy Freeman, Director of Development (ext. 149)
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SEASONAL STAFF AND INTERNS

We couldn't do without our seasonal staff and interns and thank them for helping everything run smoothly.

Administration: Wendy Palmer

Buildings & Grounds Assistants: T.J. Dowling, Matthew Eldridge, Frank Merrill

Education: Irene Barber (Horticultural Therapist), **Charlotte Evanofski** (Intern), **Cindy Farnham** (Youth & Family Educator)

Horticulture: Patty Robbins, Diane Walden-Rapalyea, Caitlin Lupton (Staff/Intern), **Mandy Hansen** (Intern), **Stephanie Stuber** (Intern)

Kitchen Garden Café: Barbara Cary (Chef/Manager, ext. 153 until Oct. 10), **Laura Francis** (Asst. Manager), **Andrei Bazaiaic, Thomas Beutler, Gail Boudin, Kim Bradley, Alina Clapon, Emma Corwin, Suzanne Crafts, Ivan DeGroote, Elizabeth Delano, Morgan Dodge, Cristina Gherghiliju, Bertha Hutchins, John McLeod, Nate Miller, Bella Provan, Lorraine Rosenberry, Hannah Sieracki**

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Marketing Intern: Ashley Ferrucci

Membership: Laurie Bean, Vicki Hart, Becky Welsh

Visitor Services Supervisors: Shelley Brunelle, Tim McFadden, Gaye Wagner, Diane Walden-Rapalyea, Suzi Whittemore

Visitor Services Assistants: Prudence Bean, Erin Garey, Ashley Grover, Elaine Harlow, Ann Springhorn

Thank You, John Giles

After a total of seven years of incredibly productive service as President of the Gardens, John R. Giles has officially stepped down from that post. We'll say a heartfelt thank you, but not farewell, because we're sure he'll still be spending plenty of time at the Gardens he helped create.

John began his involvement as a charter member twenty years ago. He's chaired the Planting a Living Legacy Capital Campaign for most of his years as President and has served for as much as a decade on critical Gardens committees. To complement the expertise represented by the Gardens' Board of Directors and to expand the Gardens' base of support, he established the Board of Overseers.

"The appeal of the Gardens project to me was that it was an opportunity to create to the highest standards and from scratch a botanical garden along Maine's coast, one that would have a significant impact on the state of Maine," says John. "It is extremely gratifying to witness the response to these gardens due to the effort of so many people along the way."

John's success at fundraising is perhaps his greatest legacy as President.

- He helped raise seed money to finalize a master plan for the Gardens and to build the new entrance road in 2004.
- Convinced of the need to show charter members and supporters that something was happening on the Gardens-owned land, he helped raise money to build the Kulp Horticulture Building in 2004.
- He was a strong force in promoting the construction of the Visitor Center.

John advocated for capital campaign goal increases, eventually to \$24.5 million, to accomplish many objectives; among them, completing the sensory and children's gardens, building the Bosarge Family Education Center, and establishing an endowment. Nearly all of the \$3 million yet to be raised will go into the Gardens' endowment.

Of critical importance to the progress made during his years in office was the successful completion of four major challenges:

- A \$900,000 challenge to the Boards of Directors and Overseers made by an anonymous Director and an anonymous Overseer.
- The 2006 Kresge Challenge of \$600,000 if the Gardens raised \$1 million.
- The Alford Foundation matching challenge of \$1.5 million in cash (no pledges) in 2009.
- The Bosarge Family Foundation challenge of \$1.5 million in 2010.

"Working on this project, I feel that I have received much more than I have given," explains John. "Sarah and I have met wonderful people whose enthusiasm and generosity for this project have made it what it is today. And I continue to be excited about the tremendous potential of this organization going forward, particularly in the area of education. We must be imaginative and always stimulate and excite our visitors. We must never limit our ambitions."



Gardens Past President John Giles and newly elected President Susan Reid Russell in the new Bosarge Family Education Center.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT: Susan Reid Russell

Susan Reid Russell is our newly elected President. As a dynamic Board member and volunteer in other Gardens activities, she has already shown that she will be a most capable and energetic leader. A glimpse into her background simply reinforces that view.

Susan, a resident of Alna, Maine, is a strategic planning and organizational development consultant for a broad spectrum of non-profits, foundations and associations. Her practice is based on 40 years of staff and board leadership in education, healthcare, the environment, human services and the arts. She has led teams to design new programs, increase fundraising, strengthen board governance and staff systems, improve communications, invent marketing initiatives, and build community and customer support. Her clients have ranged from those with multi-million-dollar budgets to start-ups.

Susan has been a board member of a number of national, state, and local non-profits throughout her career. In Maine she is President of Kieve-Wavus Education Inc., serves on the boards of Common Good Ventures and Friends of Historic Head Tide Church, is vice president of the Maine Women's Forum, and is a member of the Junior League of Portland.

She majored in history and journalism at Syracuse University, where she graduated magna cum laude, and has done graduate work in history and healthcare management. Her major spare-time interests include fly-fishing, choral singing, reading, gardening, and writing a series of children's books for second graders.

Susan is married to Vanderbilt Professor Emeritus Clifford S. Russell and has a son, daughter-in-law, and two young grandsons. Before moving to Maine in 2002, she lived in Nashville, Tenn., Washington, D.C., and Buffalo, N.Y.

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The Gardens' impressive growth is the talk of the national botanical garden community. Now, as we feel the nip of autumn in the air, our "plant" is ready for change, to put energy into nourishing its roots so that it will grow even stronger in the future. An organization accomplishes this through the process of strategic planning. We will pursue five important goals over the coming five

years: 1) enhancing the visitor experience; 2) ensuring financial sustainability; 3) developing a year-round education program; 4) creating the next Master Plan; and 5) strengthening our internal systems and processes.

To stretch the simile perhaps too far, the "gardeners" are changing, too. We thank and say good-bye to Maureen Heffernan and welcome Bill Cullina as

our staff leader, and we applaud John Giles for his extraordinary service as President as I try to follow in his very large footsteps. We promise to continue to be careful gardeners, and are grateful to you, as members and supporters, for continuing to provide the good soil, abundant fertilizer and summer sunshine to keep our organization blooming and healthy!

Welcome New Board Members

We like to introduce you to new members of the Gardens' boards. Below are brief bios of two new Directors and two new Overseers. Welcome, and thank you for your time and commitment as you volunteer for the Gardens in this role and in other ways!

Susan van Diepen Schreiber (Board of Directors)



Susan was raised in Wellesley Hills, Mass., and spent summers around Bar Harbor, Maine. She graduated from Brown University with a BA in English and art history. After working in consumer marketing at J. Walter Thompson and Doyle, Dane, Bernbach in New York City, she moved into financial services marketing at Merrill Lynch and Citibank. Susan is an active Brown alumna and recently co-chaired her 40th reunion. She also conducts alumni interviews for prospective Brown applicants in the Detroit area and has served on the Board of the Brown Club of New York. In 1989, she began spending summers in Christmas Cove, Maine, with her husband, George, and their two children. When they aren't in Maine, the Schreibers live in Birmingham, Michigan, and Naples, Florida. Susan is a member of the Boothbay Region Garden Club.

Paula S. Swetland (Board of Directors)



Paula, a Florida Registered Landscape Architect, received a BA in Economics from Smith College and an MLA from Florida International University. She's managed her own landscape architecture firm, S Studio, since 1995 and was a visiting professor in the graduate program in landscape architecture at Florida International University. She worked two years for the Miami-Dade County Park & Recreation Department and has served as consultant to the Tropical Audubon Society, City of Miami's Bicentennial Park Design Committee, and John C. Gifford Arboretum at University of Miami. Paula and husband, David, are also glass artists with their principal studio in Miami. They collaborated on the Topiary Garden for the Cleveland Botanical Garden and divide their time between Edgecomb, Maine, and Miami, Florida.

John Abbott (Board of Overseers)



After graduating from Middlebury College, John joined GE Power Systems in Schenectady, N.Y., and since then has held several managerial positions in finance, information technology, and marketing for GE's automotive and aviation divisions. He is currently

President and CEO of the Asset Management Group at Aviation Financial Services, leading GE Capital Aviation Services' aviation equipment finance businesses in Stamford, Conn. John and his wife, Nancy, divide their time between homes in Fairfield, Conn.; East Boothbay, Maine; and Punta Gorda, Fla. John serves on the board and several committees of the Opera House at Boothbay Harbor and on the Gardens' Finance Committee. He and Nancy are active members of the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, Boothbay Region YMCA, and Boothbay Region Land Trust. In addition to boating, John enjoys international travel, jazz, tennis, and learning to play the guitar.

Polly Gibson (Board of Overseers)



After graduation from the Union Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Polly worked for the Baltimore County Public Health Dept. Then with marriage and children, her volunteer career began—starting as a new bride trying to teach a group of young girls

to cook! She volunteered in a church library, taught Sunday School, and served on church committees, including at All Saints by-the-Sea on Southport Island. She was board member and president of a non-profit outlet for home-created arts and crafts, on the board and executive committee of the Bennington (Vt.) Museum, a volunteer for the symphony orchestra, and helped in the physical-therapy department of her local hospital and as a hospice worker. She and her husband, the late John Gibson, began spending summers on Southport in 1982 and became involved as Gardens volunteers soon after we opened to the public. John helped plant the Giles Rhododendron & Perennial Garden and was on the Board of Overseers until the time of his death nearly six years ago; Polly's work has principally been in the Gardens Gift Shop. She's a member of the Boothbay Region Garden Club and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Help Your Garden Continue to Grow! (Here's Why Others Do.)

BY JEN MCKANE, MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL FUND MANAGER

If you're reading this, chances are you're already a loyal member of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Please unite with other dedicated supporters who are helping us get the word out about the importance of the Gardens' Annual Fund.

Gifts to the Annual Fund are unrestricted—and are above and beyond what membership dues cover. The gifts go where the Gardens needs them most, to cover the less glamorous but essential day-to-day operating expenses. Any gift of ANY amount helps. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation today! Our sincerest thanks. Without your support this amazing garden would not be possible.

The Harpswell Garden Club has supported the Annual Fund since 2001!

“The Harpswell Garden Club has a long history of serving the community, not only as a traditional garden club, but also as an environmental and preservation society (before the days of ‘land trusts’),” says a club officer. “We have an affinity for Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens because the Gardens seems to strive for several of the same goals as our own—promoting and enhancing the knowledge and love of gardening; supporting conservation and environmental protection; and encouraging future generations to get involved at an early age in gardening activities. As the largest garden club in the state of Maine, we are proud to have supported Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' Annual Fund for the past decade!”



John & Jane Lunt have supported the Annual Fund since 2002!



“We have been excited about the Gardens since the 1990s when there were just lovely, wooded trails through the property and the office was in the old firehouse in Boothbay,” says Jane Lunt. “Planning for the children's garden was beginning, and educational programs were available in the elementary school.”

“John and I have been happy volunteers for a number of years, in a variety of capacities. We appreciate the opportunities to be involved in a project that brings so much pleasure to so many people, of all ages and that employs people who are good at what they do. Sharing the Gardens with friends and relatives is always a pleasure and never fails to astound and entertain. There are so many wonderful nonprofit organizations in the Boothbay region worthy of support. The Gardens gives back more than we can ever give to it!”

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“That's always been our focus and will continue to be,” says Dick Morrell who, with his brother Bob, joined their father's company in the 1950s.

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AT COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Calendar of Events & Programs

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER, 2011

We've had an amazing summer, but don't put away your calendars just yet. As you'll see below, events and programs, exhibit and dinners, and holiday festivities for all ages continue right through the year. You'll also see which ones require reservations. To learn more and sign up, visit www.MaineGardens.org, stop by the Visitor Center, or call 207-633-4333, ext. 101.

SPECIAL EVENTS



SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 2
Maine Fiberarts Festival

🕒 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 📍 Visitor Center
🆓 Free with Gardens admission

Bring the family to explore the exciting connection between plants and cloth when Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Maine Fiberarts gather together the spinners, dyers, weavers, and other artists and artisans who bring this relationship to life. Enjoy demonstrations, displays, and sales of a variety of items, as well as a chance to learn new skills. Sponsored by *Maine Home + Design* magazine.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Not-So-Early-Bird Sale

🕒 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 📍 Gardens Gift Shop

After you do your Early Bird Sale shopping in downtown Boothbay Harbor, don't miss our annual Not-So-Early-Bird Sale with 20% off for all shoppers, and an additional 10% off for members. This coincides with our Frozen Turkey Hunt, a perennial favorite.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
Christmas Market at the Gardens

🕒 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 📍 Visitor Center
🆓 Free admission

New and returning vendors will offer their finest wares, all made in Maine. Browse their booths while enjoying the piano stylings of Mary Chase, refreshments, the warm glow of the Saxon Fireplace, and holiday decorations as only the Gardens can do them.



ART AT THE GARDENS

OCTOBER 1-10
Maine Fiberarts Exhibit

Reception: Friday, September 30, 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy a wide array of exquisite work by talented Maine artisans. The show will be on view, with the items for sale, from 9-5 daily in the Visitor Center. The reception is free and open to the public. Additional products will be on view and for sale during the Maine Fiberarts Festival Showcase October 1-2. This event is sponsored by *Maine Home + Design* magazine.

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THROUGH OCTOBER 10
"The Stone Coast"

View the work of seven of Maine finest stone sculptors sited to its best advantage in our gardens. Featured are pieces by Cabot Lyford, Andreas Von Huene, Mark Herrington, David Sywalski, William Royall, Dan Ucci, and the late Don Justin Meserve. Sponsored by *Maine Home + Design* magazine and J.C. Stone Inc.



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OCTOBER 11-NOVEMBER 14
"Toki Oshima: We Live in Maine"

Reception: Friday, October 14, 5-7 p.m.

Toki Oshima portrays family, friends and community doing what's most important: working and being together. All the artwork is in frames hand-crafted by Andy Abello at Wind Ridge Farm in Edgecomb.



MUSIC AT THE GARDENS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
DaPonte String Quartet Leaf Peepers Concert

🕒 3 p.m. 📍 Education Center
🎟 \$25; under 21 free (please reserve for all)

IN-RESIDENCE AT THE GARDENS

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1
Michael Dirr



We're honored to host Dr. Dirr again. In addition to presenting several programs, he will be on the grounds throughout the week taking an inventory of our collection of woody plants and preparing suggestions for new acquisitions. The only program for which seats remain is "The Ups and Downs of New Plant Introductions" (details below). Dr. Dirr is a retired professor of horticulture at the University of Georgia and the author of twelve books, including *Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs: An Illustrated Encyclopedia* and *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants*, and hundreds of papers and articles. He even has a new iPhone app that includes 7,600 photos, 10,000 plants and 72 search criteria. Presented by *Linekin Bay Resort*.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
Plant Identification "Michael Dirr Style"

🕒 9 a.m.-noon 📍 Education Center
🎟 \$25 members, \$35 non-members

In his years' teaching, Mike Dirr developed a unique plant-identification system that his students love. It's one of his favorite classes to teach. This session is half classroom and half field work, so be prepared for the weather.

SPROUT

Events and Opportunities for Kids and Families

WEEKENDS THROUGH OCTOBER 15

Cider Pressing

🕒 1-3 p.m. 📍 Children's Garden
🆓 Free (Reg. not required; just drop in)

Enjoy and learn about one of our country's greatest—and tastiest—seasonal traditions, apple cider pressing! Each weekend there will be a cider station set up in the Children's Garden where everyone can learn the basics of making this delicious drink.



MONDAYS, SATURDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 15

Storytime in the Garden

🕒 10-11 a.m. 📍 Children's Garden
🆓 Free (Reg. not required; just drop in)

With the Story Barn book collection of more than 300 titles, there's never a dull Storytime! Drop in for 15 minutes or stay for an hour.

THROUGH OCTOBER 15

Youth Education Stewards (Y.E.S.) Leadership Program at the Gardens

🕒 Shifts available: 9–11 a.m., 11 a.m.–1 p.m., 1–3 p.m., 3–5 p.m.
📍 Children's Garden

Y.E.S. stands for Youth Education Stewards. In this program for ages 11–18, the young volunteers will implement educational activities, read stories, complete chores, answer questions, and encourage and inspire kids and adults alike to play, laugh, and discover in an enchanting garden setting. Check the Gardens' website for more information or to download an application.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 2

Maine Fiberarts Festival

The whole family can enjoy and learn from this event (for more information, see the Special Events and Art Exhibits sections).

No garden (or Halloween) is complete without a scarecrow! ▶



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Scarecrow Sunday

🕒 1-3 p.m. 📍 Event Lawn
🎟 \$5 per scarecrow, plus regular Gardens Admission. Registration is not required, but advance purchase guarantees a scarecrow

Bring your family to the Gardens to build your very own scarecrow at this popular annual fall event! We'll provide all the materials to build anything from a "mini-scare" to a full sized "crow" to take home after the event, but please feel free to bring any special items you've been longing to use for a scarecrow. Gardens staff will assist with fastening tools and hardware, as well as pressing homemade cider during the festivities. Come early, as supplies will only last so long!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Fall Family Hike with Emily Ellingson and Melissa Cullina

🕒 1:00-2:30 p.m. 📍 Meet in Visitor Center
🎟 Members \$20 per family, non-members \$30 per family

It's time to get out with the family and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of a brisk fall day in Maine. This easy family hike along the Gardens' wild trails will be peppered with fun facts about nature and the plants we'll see along the way. Wear sturdy shoes, grab the fleece jackets, put baby in the backpack, and meet us at the Gardens for some fun and exercise! (Parents please accompany your kids on this hike).



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Family Fright Night at the Gardens

🕒 4-7 p.m.
📍 Visitor Center and Children's Garden
🎟 \$10 members, \$15 non-members

A frightfully exciting evening of family fun with spooky treats, ghastly activities, and ghoulish displays. This event is fun for all and will surely be one of the highlights of the season for you and yours!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Frozen Turkey Hunt

🕒 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 📍 Visitor Center/Gardens
🆓 Free with no Gardens admission charge

Search the grounds for hidden apples that can win prizes for the Thanksgiving table, including frozen turkeys for your feast! Enjoy fun-filled activities, too. Presented by Dead River Oil. And, don't miss our Not-So-Early-Bird Sale throughout the day (see the Special Events section for details).



GROWING HEALTHY KIDS

Let's Move! is a comprehensive initiative, launched by First Lady Michelle Obama, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens has been participating in this program since July and will continue into the future.



GROW AT THE GARDENS

We offer a wide variety of educational programs for adults at all levels of expertise. Please call for reservations to ensure space.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Weeds: Facing Your Fears with Justin Nichols

🕒 10 a.m.-noon 📍 Education Center
💰 \$16 members, \$22 non-members

In this workshop with both indoor and outdoor class time, Justin Nichols will introduce you to common garden weeds. Learn the names, characteristics, and control methods for these garden pests. The class will include hands-on identification; feel free to bring in a weed from home to examine. You might be surprised to learn that a few of your unwelcome weeds have a redeeming quality or two!

OCTOBER 11–DECEMBER 20

Gentle Yoga at the Gardens

🕒 7:15 - 8:45 a.m. 📍 Education Center
💰 \$10 members, \$12 non-members per class

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, Ingrid Tosteson will offer instruction suitable for beginners and advanced practitioners. She'll focus on alignment, breathing, and asana technique that fosters a sense of awareness and encourages healing and rejuvenation. Call in advance of each class, and please bring a mat.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Pie Crusts and Harvest Baking from Scratch with Barbara Cary

🕒 1-4 p.m. 📍 Kitchen Garden Café
💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members

Barbara Cary will help you make this year's Thanksgiving memorable! She'll coach you through making delectable pie crusts from scratch using her own tips and techniques. Then she'll teach you how to make a pumpkin pie straight from the pumpkin. Finally, she'll demonstrate how to make an apple-cranberry stuffing that will knock even grandma's socks off!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Making Festive Holiday Greens with Diane Walden

🕒 1-4 p.m. 📍 Education Center
💰 \$30 members, \$37 non-members

Add a naturalistic touch to your holiday decorations this year! Join Diane Walden as she guides you through the process of creating your own holiday greens. Choose to make a swag, wreath, centerpiece, or mantelpiece or doorway garland to take home, and develop a skill you can use to deck the halls in your own personal style year after year.

GARDENS GETAWAYS

The following Gardens Getaways are planned for us by Patsy West, Director of Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. Group sizes are intentionally kept small, so we recommend reserving early! Contact Patsy at 207-633-4883 or distvov@gwi.net. For more information, visit www.MaineGardens.org.

NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 2, 2011

Holiday Time—New York City

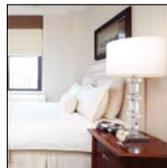
See the city at its sparkling best with a three-day tour: three nights in the well-located boutique Benjamin hotel (50th & Lexington); a welcome dinner in celebrity chef Geoffrey Zakarian's National restaurant, next to the hotel; and a farewell dinner in the legendary Sardi's. Trip also includes a private tour at the New York Botanical Garden, with the spectacular Holiday Train Show and largest Victorian-era glasshouse in America and a catered bagged lunch; lunch and a floral-arranging class by a master designer at the Flower School of New York; and a visit New York's wholesale flower market. Free time, too, for shows and shopping. **\$1,950 per person, double occupancy.**



NOVEMBER 29 & 30 AND DECEMBER 1, 2011

Holiday New York "On Your Own"

Three nights at the Benjamin boutique hotel, within walking distance to shopping and shows, and dinner at the National restaurant (see above). **Three-nights' accommodations, taxes, and deluxe dinner for two for \$1,575 total.**



APRIL 18–24, 2012

Holland and the Floriade

See the best of Holland at tulip time! Visit Aalsmeer Flower Auction and a private greenhouse nursery. Experience some of the world's most exquisite gardens—Keukenhof, the Botanic Garden of Costerus and the French Gardens of Palace of Het Loo. Attend Floriade, a World Horticultural Expo staged once every ten years, where you will enjoy exceptional flowers, plants, trees, fruits, and vegetables. This is not to be missed, especially because our tickets are during the event's first month. Our three/four-star hotels are gracious, and we have the best in English-speaking guides. Most meals, all transport fees and taxes, and more are included. **Only \$3,750 per person double occupancy—contact us soon!**



KITCHEN GARDEN DINNER SERIES

Nearly every month, we offer an intimate meal featuring Maine's finest chefs and served in our Kitchen Garden Café amid beautiful surroundings. Please note that these dinners usually sell out; we recommend early reservations. Our Kitchen Garden Dinner Series is sponsored by Maine magazine.

🕒 6-8 p.m.
💰 \$70 members
\$85 non-members

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Chef Jeff Hodgdon of the Salt Exchange in Portland

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Chef Mitchell Kaldrovich of the Sea Glass Restaurant & Lounge in the Inn by the Sea in Cape Elizabeth



FOR FALL VISITORS

We hope you find this information useful as you plan your upcoming visits to the Gardens. Visit our website to learn more.



- The Kitchen Garden Café is open through Monday, October 10.
- The Gardens Gift Shop will be open daily until late December.
- Courtesy shuttles continue through Monday, October 10.
- Free docent-led walking tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays will continue through October 8.
- Docent-guided accessible cart tours, for which visitors need advance reservations, will operate Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., through Friday, October 7. Fees are \$10 per rider, in addition to regular Gardens admission. On Wednesdays, the tours are free, but reservations are still required.



Feather moss (*Hypnum imponens*) on an old wall at the Gardens.



BRYOPHYTES: They're Everywhere!

BY WILLIAM CULLINA, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

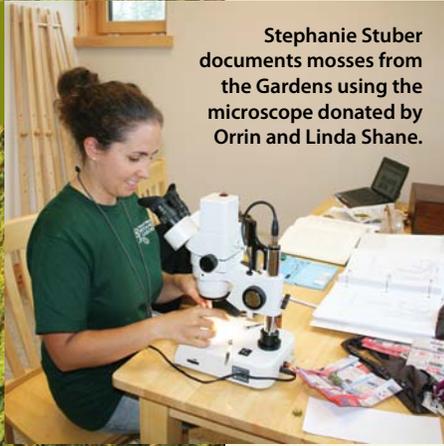
Though you may not pay them more than a passing glance, mosses are everywhere at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. They thrive in our cool, damp climate and are especially abundant in the spruce/fir woodlands that ring the central gardens and shoreland. Believe it or not, mosses are one of the most diverse groups of wild plants at the Gardens.

This summer, Stephanie Stuber, a graduate student from Cornell University, spent her internship documenting, mapping, and interpreting the mosses on the property. As of this writing, she has identified 39 moss taxa, with a few others awaiting final diagnosis. Stephanie mapped each species' location, photographed it, and took herbarium

samples. One set will reside in the teaching collections at the Gardens, and a duplicate will go to the Farlow Herbarium at Harvard University. We are adding the data to FloraFind so you bryophiles (moss-lovers) can find and study the various mosses Stephanie identified. She is also completing a guide to mosses similar to our geology guide that will feature about ten of our common species along with information about moss biology and ecology.

If you want to foster mosses in your own garden, here are a few tips. Mosses only grow when damp, so they prefer shady areas that stay wet longer. They are easily smothered by leaves, debris, and taller plants, so rake, sweep, or blow away debris a few times a year and remove some of the taller plants that shade them. To take it a step further, you can mist or water mosses in the evening during dry spells to promote lush growth.

The next time you're at the Gardens, we hope you'll take a closer look at these tiny-but-beautiful and rugged little plants.



Stephanie Stuber documents mosses from the Gardens using the microscope donated by Orrin and Linda Shane.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE GARDENS:

DON'T STOP NOW!

BY AMANDA RUSSELL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR & MANAGER OF VISITOR SERVICES

Where did summer go? Who cares! Because there are still fall and early-winter programs planned, and you can have fun volunteering at them. These community-based events are exciting and take many volunteers to pull off. All events need our slate of wonderful post-summer volunteers to pitch in, enjoy the fun, and help make the Gardens grow and grow.



Amanda Russell (right) praised all volunteers at the August 18 party in their honor, with special certificates for those shown (from left): Bob Gilbert, Pat Jeremiah, B.J. Dobson, Sandy Gillespie, Mollie Moore, Nancy Whitehouse, Pat Ridlon, and Tom Hilton.

- On Saturday, November 19, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m., we'll present our famous **Frozen Turkey Hunt**. This is probably the most fun you'll have as a volunteer at any event!
- Then, on Saturday, December 10, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., our **Christmas Market**

at the Gardens gets everyone in the holiday spirit, including volunteers!

The Gardens stays busy all year, and I hope to see my volunteers stay busy volunteering here well past the heyday of summer's dog days.

Rentals at the Gardens Year-Round: How Wonderful

At Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, we're delighted to celebrate all kinds of special occasions with our guests. You'll find a warm welcome here amid ornamental gardens, artwork, and a magnificent natural landscape. And our new Bosarge Family Education Center is a spectacular venue for wedding receptions, corporate meetings or holiday parties.

The hall comes equipped with integrated technology for presentations and music, and you can really wow your company with the knowledge that they are celebrating in the greenest building in Maine! There is plenty of parking, and the Central Gardens are ADA compliant and accessible. Rental fees include admission to the Gardens for your guests.

Consider our facilities for your upcoming special event; there are many dates still open for holiday parties this year (and the gardens are beautiful in fall and winter) and for summer 2012 as well.

Contact our Rental Coordinator to discuss your meeting or special-event rental needs at 207- 633-4333, ext.110, or rentals@mainegardens.org.



The brand new Bosarge Family Education Center

BIG CHANGES

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her for truly putting her heart and soul into transforming Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens into the marvel it has become, we know she's ready for a new challenge. We wish her well.

As many of you know, Bill Cullina has a most-impressive background in horticulture, including more than 15 years at the New England Wild Flower Society. He's been instrumental in bringing our gardens to the exquisite level visitors admire every day. Bill is also a nationally known expert on native plants, the author of five exceptional books, and a sought-after speaker. He and his family live on Southport Island and are active members of the community (his wife, Melissa, is also the Gardens' Director of Education and Staff Botanist). We are very fortunate that Bill is willing and able to serve as the Gardens' Acting Executive Director. ♡BHF

The Year of Education

BY MELISSA CULLINA, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & STAFF BOTANIST

As I look around my own home and yard, evidence of the Gardens' educational programming is all around me: ripe pumpkins...blooms from my new cutting garden...the fridge loaded with cucumbers inside and preschool nature art outside. I'm guessing those of you who participated in our learning programs here this season have similar tangible reminders in your own homes and gardens—and I have fun imagining what they are: an expertly-pruned tree you finally got around to? A new jar of dilly beans in the kitchen cabinet? A signed copy of Gary Smith's book? A chestnut sapling or raspberry bush? And the kids in your life—homemade butterfly wings, pressed-flower bookmarks, terrariums, relief prints and ice cream recipes? Please do drop me a line to tell me what you have at home that brings back great memories and “aha!” moments of learning at the Gardens this year.

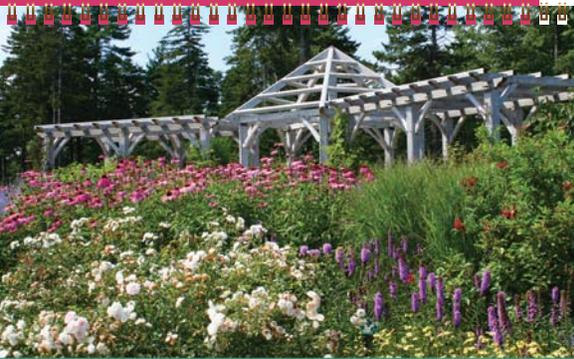
As I reflect on what made this year's educational offerings successful and special, I think it was finding the right balance of lighthearted programs and serious learning opportunities, plus having the fabulous new teaching space in the Bosarge Family Education Center. On the serious side, we launched our new Certificate in Native Plants & Ecological Horticulture program, which rapidly filled with a charming (and ambitious!) mix of professional and avocational horticulturists. Other weighty topics were our season-spanning workshops on “Growing Your Own Food,” a lecture on the decline and recovery of the American chestnut, and the film *The Vanishing of the Bees*, which tackled the perplexing international problem of Colony Collapse Disorder.

On the fun side, we learned how to propagate mosses using a blender or glue gun and got very muddy crafting hypertufa containers (and yes, that was the grown-ups!). We tried to strike a similar balance in children's programs and camps, where kids took on challenging topics such as the basics of composting and the microscopic details of invertebrates...but were also able to get silly making pickles and be creative with sculpting.

It was our great pleasure spending time with you at the Gardens, and we'd all love to hear your thoughts, stories, favorite programs, and ideas for next year. Thus far, our most ambitious plan for the coming year is to develop a set of cross-curricular (using math, literacy and art skills) nature-based programs tailored specifically to the many school groups from throughout Maine that visit us. Now that we have the classroom space to host such groups, we'll be able to pair indoor lessons with related outdoor activities. We're looking forward to bringing this, and many other new learning opportunities, to folks in the near future. See you then!



Nancy Wetzel identifies herbs for a class.



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2012 Calendar

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WINTER BLOOMS

◀ Amaryllis kits are available this fall. Choose from one of five striking varieties.

For Your Shopping Pleasure, Holiday and Otherwise

BY **SUSAN REYNOLDS**, GIFT SHOP MANAGER

If you're looking for a remembrance of your visit to the Garden this year, want the perfect gift for family and friends whatever the occasion, or need something special for your own home, please think of the Gardens Gift Shop.

Stop in or go online to check out our brand new calendar and mugs. The 2012 calendar features a dozen beautiful seasonal photos of the Gardens. At \$10.95, it also has a great price. Attractively packaged mugs are available in three designs from our gardens—lupines, roses, and a charming lily pad

and frog. You'll want them for your own home, and they make great gifts, too!

Amaryllis kits will be available for sale in the Gift Shop this fall. Kits in any of five festive varieties include a glorious and healthy bulb, planting material, an attractive container, and instructions.

Children's items, including books, clothing, and many other treats will bring smiles to the youngest on your gift list. The charming necklaces and zipper pulls depicting our iconic

"Sal's Bear" sculpture by Nancy Schön are for sale at half price!

The shop has a raft of wonderful Maine-made items, and many of our products are "green." There are delightful ornaments and accessories to brighten holiday celebrations, too.

At our third annual Christmas Market, on Saturday, December 10, you'll find vendors of Maine-made goods of all descriptions, music, and refreshments in the beautifully decorated Visitor Center. For details, see the calendar in this issue and look for updates on the website and in e-newsletters.

And please remember, your purchases help the Garden grow!



◀ Mugs are beautiful reminders of the vibrant colors of summer at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. They make great holiday gifts too!