

## TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB TO PRESENT **Jean Vose,** "Common Bees in Maine"

## Wednesday, July 10

Program at 12:00 with brown bag lunch and light refreshments at 1:00 followed by a business meeting. Open to the Public

## Location:

➤ St. Charles Borromeo Church, <u>133 McKeen Street</u>, Brunswick, ME

,This visual program will provide information on the native bees in Maine and their habitat requirements. It suggests ways to manage yards for bees, so that they will survive, thrive and reproduce. Food plants, nest sites and appropriate nest materials are critical for enhancing bee habitats. Jean will introduce the bee as a "keystone organism" and what that means in most terrestrial ecosystems. While honey bees are most commonly associated with pollination tasks in the state, it is a fact that two native species in particular – mason and leaf cutting bees – are associated with Maine blueberry fields where they are important pollinators.