

TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Special location:
Unitarian Universalist Church
1 Middle Street (at Pleasant Street), Brunswick

12:00 P.M. Brown Bag Lunch and Business Meeting.
Beverage and Dessert are provided.

Program at 1:30 P.M.

Gardening in Tune with Nature: The little things that run the world



Speakers:

**Reeser Manley: Retired Professor of Horticulture and Teacher of Physics and Chemistry
currently Horticultural Columnist for the Bangor News**

Marjorie Peronto: Professor for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension

A PowerPoint presentation focused on the role of insects in the garden ecosystem. Gardening success depends on insects, including pollinators and the many kinds of insect predators that keep the herbivores (plant munchers) under control. Of course, to keep the beneficial insects around, the garden must also have a constant population of herbivores for the “beneficial” to eat. **[Learn how you can attract the pollinators and beneficial insects.](#)** It will also point out that caterpillars, the larvae of butterflies and moths, are what bird food looks like!

After the presentation, they will spend a few minutes introducing their book, **[THE NEW ENGLAND GARDENER'S YEAR](#)**, followed by a book-signing event for those interested in purchasing a signed copy of the book.

Biographies:

Reeser Manley has gardened in South Carolina, Washington state (while earning a Ph.D. in Horticultural Science), Massachusetts, and, for the last 12 years, in Maine. He also writes about the garden in a weekly column for the Bangor Daily News, now in its eighth year. He taught horticulture at University of Massachusetts, Amherst and University of Maine, Orono. In 2013, he retired from teaching chemistry and physics at a small high school on the coast of Maine and now devotes all of his work time to writing about the garden.

Marjorie Peronto, a Professor for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, has been teaching courses in pruning, food production, and ecological landscaping in Hancock and Washington Counties for 22 years. She is a statewide resource among her colleagues on native and invasive plants of the Northeast. Marjorie oversees the downeast region's Master Gardener Volunteers program, training individuals to conduct community outreach projects that promote sustainable gardening and food security. She facilitates the work of the Hancock County Food Security Network, a group of seventeen food pantries and soup kitchens working together to address food insecurity issues. She has developed nationally recognized School Gardening courses for teachers.

Marjorie and Reeser live and garden in Ellsworth, Maine, along with Mia the Beagle, Berry the cat, and a worm bin in a corner of the living room. Their book, **THE NEW ENGLAND GARDENER'S YEAR**, was published by Tilbury House in April, 2013.

