



Restoring Habitat One Yard at a Time



April - May 2025 Letter

Hello everyone!

Spring seems to finally be here.

There are so many things to do! *Too many* things to do!

New England has such a short Spring/Summer/Fall that everyone wants to see all our plants up and blooming and producing as fast as possible. Fortunately, it doesn't work that way. Mother Nature shows us her beautiful world by slowly unrolling everything. I think she wants us to truly appreciate what we have and give us time to look carefully at everything.

Dandelions are blooming in lawns. Violets are beginning to show themselves. Some people think of violets and dandelions as pests in their yard. Actually they are most welcome plants. They are the first pollinator plants of the season. Look for bees and other bugs happily finding pollen and nectar with these plants.

Don't forget to look up! Our trees are ready to burst they are so happy with warm days. The red maple leads the hardwood trees with its delicate beautiful red blooms. Shagbark Hickory has large flower-like buds that are bit later than maples. The fruit trees are coming into bloom now and are gorgeous.

When you look at the branch tips against the sky, all the trees have made lace for us.

There are no leaves yet, but the buds are swelling at the branch tips. Against the sky the branch patterns are soft and fluffy, like lace. Trees go from bud to leaves very quickly. You can see the difference every day.

Go out and look at everything—there's a lot to see!

Enjoy,
Marghi Bean

PPNH Event Calendar

Free & Everyone is Welcome!



April...

April 26th, 11am - 2pm
Earth Day Event
Gilmanton Library

April 27th, 1pm
Earth Month Event
Nature groups & keynote speaker
Newburyport UU
26 Pleasant Street, Newburyport

April 27th
City Nature Challenge
BioBlitz Event — Manchester



May...

May 3rd, 10am - 12pm
Spring Ephemeral Plants
with speaker, Kevin Talbot
Adams Point, Durham
Rain Date – May 10

May 8th, 5:30pm
**Newington Library
Presentation**

May 10th, 10am - 1pm
Alewife Festival, Exeter

May 10th & 11th
10am - 4pm
**Strawberry Banke
Spring Fest**

May 18th
Durham Plant Sale

May 21st
PPNH Meeting 4pm,
Kingston Library & Online

June...

June 7th, afternoon
**Presentation for
Merrimac Friends of
Nature,** Merrimac Library

June 16th to 22nd
Pollinator Week

June 18th
PPNH Meeting 4pm,
Kingston Library & Online

Date TBA
Summer Garden-Hop,
Local gardens



July to November...

July 16th: PPNH Meeting 4pm,
Kingston Library & Online

August 9th: Woods, Water, and
Wildlife Fest, Milton Mills

September 13th: Design Your
Garden Workshop, location TBA

September 17th: PPNH Meeting
4pm, Kingston Library & Online

October 15th: PPNH Meeting
4pm, Kingston Library & Online

November 1st: Presentation to
NHACC, Pembroke Academy