

JUNE 2004

# HEDGEHOG HILL FARM NEWS

## SUNDAYS AT TWO

The 2004 schedule for Sundays In The Garden At Two is detailed below. Programs are free and open to the public every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Post this schedule somewhere handy, and be certain to join in. Or better yet, bring a friend, pack a picnic lunch, wander through the gardens, and make an afternoon outing at Hedgehog Hill Farm, any Sunday in June, July, or August. Lectures are held rain or shine.



**JUNE 13 – SUSTAINABLE GARDENING:** Soil preparation and soil health maintenance, seeding, planting, garden and plant health. Is it possible to have a healthy garden without having to eradicate all the weeds and insects?



**JUNE 20 – PERENNIAL GARDEN DESIGN:** Site selection, preparation, plant choices, design principles, and maintenance. Tours of perennial gardens at the farm.



**JUNE 27 – HERBS FOR PLEASURE AND USE:** Tours of herbs in the perennial border, in walkways, in culinary or cutting gardens, in patio containers.



**JULY 4 – GARDENS IN THE SHADE:** A tour of several shade gardens at Hedgehog Hill, where common and uncommon plants are combined in pleasing designs.



**JULY 11 – SMALL FRUITS & BERRIES:** A tour of the grape arbor, raspberry, rhubarb, and blueberry gardens, with tips on design, planting, and maintenance.



**JULY 18 – CULINARY HERBS:** See, smell, and taste a number of cooking herbs, from angelica and basil to tarragon and woodruff. Ideas on growing and using culinary plants.



**JULY 25 – PHOTOGRAPHING IN THE GARDENS:** A lecture and tour of the grounds for people who are interested in improving their skills with cameras. Bring cameras and do some shooting.



**AUGUST 1 – EVERLASTINGS ON DISPLAY:** Tour the production gardens that include thousands of plants that can be air dried. Learn about harvesting and designing.



**AUGUST 8 – FLOWERS FOR BEAUTY AND CUTTING:** The brilliance of the cutting gardens is stunning at this time of the summer. See old favorites and new varieties. Take home ideas for next year's gardens.



**AUGUST 15 – PRESERVING HERBS FOR USE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:** When and how to pick and preserve herbs for culinary use throughout the year. Unique tips for gardeners and cooks.



**AUGUST 22 – SAVING SEEDS:** Learn to gather, dry and store a variety of seeds from your own plants. Tips for cultivated and wild plant propagation.

## HEDGEHOG HILL FARM FEATURED IN THE PRESS

Over the past thirty years, Hedgehog Hill Farm has been featured in magazines, newspapers and on television. It has been lauded for its location, for its gardens, for its beautiful products made of everlastings and herbs, and, most importantly, for the knowledge we shared with so many visitors. The books that Mark and Terry Silber, founders of Hedgehog Hill, have written and produced, have been praised for their clarity, inspiration, and extensive horticultural information.

### We thought we would share some of the quotations with you:

*"Asking Mark and Terry Silber for tips on starting seedlings is like asking Julia Child if she has any good recipes for chicken."*  
**Lewiston Sun Journal**

*"If success is measured by hard work and determination, then Hedgehog Hill Farm is a perfect example."*  
**Advertiser Democrat**

*"Visitors range from area residents to Boston chefs, with others coming from as far away as Chicago, slotting in a trip to Hedgehog as part of their vacations."*  
**Portland Herald**

*"After visiting Hedgehog..., a farm dedicated in large part to the culture of everlastings, I have come to think of them as not only beautiful when dried but even possessing in the field the subtle, leggy beauty of wild meadow flowers."*  
**Horticulture Magazine**

*"Mark and Terry's living room is the storehouse for their dried flowers and reflects their appreciation of farming as an aesthetic experience."*  
**Maine Times**

*"Among the unusual plants seen are love-lies-bleeding ...; lemon eucalyptus, ... and fountain grass, from which the Silbers make beautiful wreaths."*  
**Morning Sentinel**

*"... a horticultural showplace. Thousands of visitors each year buy seedlings or dried flowers and herbs; attend classes... or simply revel in the botanical paradise."*  
**Associated Press**

*"...[they] not only sell plants, they teach about [plant] behavior."*  
**Bridgton News**

*"Hedgehog Hill, a 150-year old Currier and Ives farmstead at the end of a dirt road..."*  
**Down East Magazine**

*"But it's the processes that intrigue them. So study, research, and experimentation are as important a part of their daily work as working the fields."*  
**Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener**

### And comments about books written at Hedgehog Hill:

#### **A Small Farm in Maine:**

*"With words as with plants, Silber has a green thumb."*

**Chicago Tribune**

*"A Small Farm in Maine describes how one couple managed to*  
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## FREE PERENNIAL

The gift coupon for this newsletter will be honored during the months of June and July with any purchase from the farm. Clip it and bring it with you and we will exchange it for a free perennial plant. The gardens are developing nicely and there are so many excellent plants for sale. We hope to see you soon at Hedgehog Hill.  
(One per household)

## EARLY SUMMER WORKSHOPS

### DESIGNING EVERLASTING WREATHS AND ARRANGEMENTS



Thursday, JULY 22  
Thursday, AUGUST 5

This all-day class will begin with a brief garden tour and introduction to the variety of materials that can be used for design work. There will be time for questions about plant identification, growing techniques, harvesting, and drying methods.

Following the talk, there will be a demonstration on how to tie an herbal wreath and how to arrange everlastings in a container. Then each person will be given all the materials he or she needs to complete either of the projects. Instructors will give individual help throughout the day about the mechanics of crafting, along with color, shaping and design tips. You will have ample time to complete either a wreath or a container arrangement to take home.

This workshop is limited to 12 people, and we suggest that you sign up early to insure a space.

#### WORKSHOP DETAILS

**COSTS:** \$45.00 per person. C/C: Amex, MC, Visa, Discover. The cost includes the class, materials for the project, and a light lunch.

**CLASS TIMES:** 9:30 until 3:30.

**REGISTRATION:** Register in person, by phone, by mail, or by e-mail.

### Remember NAMASTE YOGA AND T'AI JI QI GONG IN THE GARDEN

Yoga teacher Karen Vasil-Busch's weekly classes will take place on six successive Monday evenings (6:30 to 7:30) from July 26 to August 30. The cost is \$60 and you can register by contacting Karen at (207) 336-2065 or by e-mail at [KarenV@megalink.net](mailto:KarenV@megalink.net).

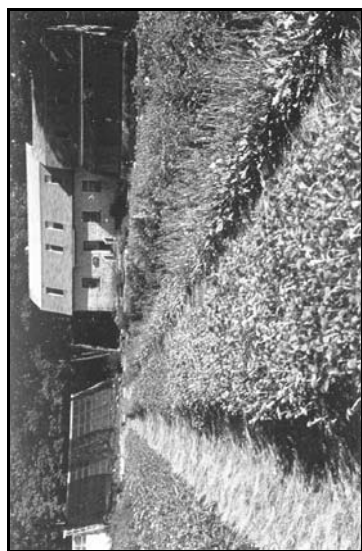
Betsey Foster's t'ai ji qi gong class will be held on Thursdays, July 8-29 (6-7 p.m.). The fee is \$45. To register, call Betsey at 875-2426.

There are a few more spaces left in the June 12 Herb Gardening and June 19 Hypertufa Garden Container workshops.

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Gardens, Greenhouses  
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From the Maine Turnpike: Exit 75 Auburn to Rt. 4 North, to Rt. 117 South to Buckfield

From Augusta: Rt. 202 to Winthrop, Rt. 133 to Wayne, Rt. 219 to Sumner

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accomplish that nearly impossible thing in this day and age: making a living off the land... Terry Silber has written a thoughtful, practical instructive book. Anyone interested in gardening will find it a page-turner." **New York Newsday**  
"A Small Farm in Maine adds new luster to the old phrase 'Yankee ingenuity.'" **Chicago Tribune**  
"A Small Farm in Maine should be required reading for anyone with fantasies about moving to the hinterlands. In clear, detailed and often lyrical prose, Silber tells the entertaining story of her family's adventures." **Washington Post Book World**  
"[You'll] never go out for a walk again without seeing things differently." **Horticulture**

#### The Complete Book of Everlastings:

"A bounty of information ... straightforward text, plenty to keep one busy while nestled indoors." **Christian Science Monitor**

"The kind of book you will pull from the shelf all winter, to immerse yourself: first in the pictures, then in the text, and to fantasize about next year's garden." **Maine Times**

"The Complete Book of Everlastings is delightfully and creatively designed and beautifully illustrated." **Country Journal**

"The Complete Book of Everlastings is chock full of nifty reference information." **Providence Journal**

#### Growing Herbs and Vegetables from Seed to Harvest:

"Anyone who is familiar with Mark and Terry Silbers' work knows, that whatever they do, they do superbly....The Silbers have done it again." **MOFGA News**

"a wealth of knowledge to share, and their lifelong love of gardening spills readily onto the pages." **The Herb Companion**

"Just when you imagine that everything known about vegetable gardening has been written and rewritten, along come two new books that vegetable gardeners are sure to welcome."

**American Gardener**

We hope you also take the opportunity to visit Hedgehog Hill.

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