

From the Archives

It's hard to believe we are already in August. This year has seemed to fly by. As we are on our summer break from general meetings, I thought I would explore the history of our bargain bench. While perusing the Archives for an article idea, I came across a small excerpt from 1977. To set the scene, the theme for the year was "Flowers and Song."

Lovingly preserved, the text reads:

Something New: Rather than a plant exchange, we have decided to try a 'horticultural sale table' at our monthly meetings, plants and items of a horticultural nature, to be sold at nominal prices at the end of the meetings during the refreshment period, items to be donated by members of the Society. A great opportunity to share what you have and acquire new plants, etc.

Of course, with time, our format has changed, as our refreshment period is before the start of the meeting, and it is now named 'bargain bench.' However, it is nice to see a tradition continue, which was instituted 45 years ago. Members are still excited to see the monthly offerings and find new treasures to go home with them. Looking forward to September's meeting now, make sure you come out and participate in this lovely tradition. See you next month!

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