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HAH MONTHLY LECTURE
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015 - 2 PM
Constance Haydock - GATSBY AND BEYOND:
THE FABLED GARDENS OF LONG ISLAND'S GOLD COAST

Originally comprising vast areas of the North Shores of Long Island, the Gold Coast was a favorite retreat of the rich and famous. Beginning around the turn of the century and through the 1920's, the North Shore was the place to be for some of the most notable Americans. Along with grand houses, they built elaborate gardens, hiring such notable architects and landscape architects as Delano and Aldrich, Carrere and Hastings, the Olmsted Brothers, and Beatrix Farrand. Discover the gardens, as they were originally built, and learn about their history, landscape design, and present condition.

CeCe Haydock graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University (BA English) and received a master's degree in landscape architecture from the SUNY School of Environmental Science and Forestry. After working for the New York City Parks Department, she worked for the firm, Innocenti and Webel in Locust Valley, NY, before starting her own practice, Constance T. Haydock, Landscape Architect, P.C. In 2007, she researched as a Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome on Edith Wharton and Italian villas. She has lectured and written on historic Italian, French, and American gardens for Old Westbury Gardens, Maryland's Ladew Topiary Gardens, Princeton University and numerous garden and horticultural clubs.

She is currently expanding her private practice to include landscape sustainability.



HAH EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7

Book Group, 11 am,
in the HAH Library. See p. 3

Sunday, March 8

Lecture, 2 pm,
upstairs in the big hall. See p. 1

Saturday, March 21

Roundtable, 10 am,
in the HAH Library.

Save-the-Date - Saturday, April 25

Camellia Group Meeting, 10 am,
in the HAH Library



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the arrival of spring not far from now, we have been busy adjusting the newsletter to a fresh look that incorporates the new HAH logo. You will also soon see the logo on a beautiful sign that will be readily visible at the corner of the garden, School Street and the parking lot. Thanks go to Susan Brackett and her team for working out the logo and signage!

Due to a necessary change of Internet Provider, our website has taken on a new look as well. We thank Bob DeCandido for his many years of guidance and countless hours dedicated to bringing us into the virtual world when we'd all rather have been weeding the garden! Our address remains the same hahgarden.org and you will still be able to link to the library.

Elaine

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FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN 2015

"She turned to the sunlight

And shook her yellow head,

And whispered to her neighbor:

"Winter is dead."

— A.A. Milne, *When We Were Very Young*

Now that sounds like a reason to rejoice. Come join us in the HAH garden as we celebrate the coming of Spring. We will weed and prune and plant and plan and enjoy the pleasure of working with friends for a common goal. No special skills required - just your love of gardening. We meet in the Marie Donnelly Garden located just outside of HAH headquarters on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 12:00. Refreshments will follow. Rain dates will be the Thursday of the same week. The dates for 2015 are:

April 7	June 30	September 22
May 5	July 28	October 20
June 2	August 25	November 17

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." - Margaret Atwood

Ain't that the truth?!!

Please feel free to contact co-chairs - Cathie Gottschalk (gershwingal@optonline.net; 998-4250) or Mike Monaco (mmichaeldr@optonline.net; 324-6980) if you would like to participate or have any questions. Hope to see you in the Garden. Thank you.

**HAH SEED SALES CONTINUE
PRIOR TO
THE HAH LECTURE
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015**

**DONATED SEEDS FROM OUR
MEMBERS' PLANTS WILL BE ON SALE.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HAH
AND OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**

**PLEASE NOTE:
WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO
DONATE ANY EXTRA PLANT SEEDS YOU
MAY HAVE COLLECTED IN 2014**

**PLEASE CONTACT:
pamharwood@aol.com**

**HAH WINTER BOOK GROUP
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 11:00**

Remember you need not read the books yourself. The reviewers are doing that for you. Then after hearing the review you can decide if you want to read it yourself. March reviewers and the books they have chosen are:

Jean Coakley - *A Garden by the Sea* -
Leila Hadley
Lynne Molnar - *The Essential Earthman* -
Henry Clay Mitchell
Janet Ollinger - *The Curious Gardener* -
Anna Pavord

HAH John Lo Gerfo Library Footnotes¹ March 2015

By Susan Kennedy Zeller

This is the perfect weather to kick back, open your gardening books and gardening catalogues and scheme for your garden this Spring! Don't have catalogues! Stop in the Library and peruse what we have received- you cannot take away but are welcome to make a copy of any pages!

Some sources:

Dutch Gardens
Digging Dog Nursery
Breck's Bulbs Select Seeds Rare Heirlooms
John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds
White Flower Farm
Prairie Nursery
Gardener's Supply Company



As we receive catalogues they will be put into the special acrylic holder on the Library Computer desk. PLUS you are welcome to use the computer to browse other web sites. Don't know how? Ask the Librarian on duty to give you a hand!

Need ideas? Check out the latest issues of all the magazines in the revolving magazine rack. You may make a copy of any current article. Older issues on the shelves by the window may be checked out. New book titles are put on the Library desk special holder so don't forget to pick up one for your winter reading. Our final Winter Book session is March 7th. See the write up above.

Open Hours: unless weather prevents!

Saturdays 10 Am to 12 Pm. And **after each Sunday lecture.** Also open most Tuesday mornings from 10 Am - noon. Just call 631-537-2223 before making a special trip on a weekday. If we answer the phone you know we are open.

PLANT-O-RAMA: NEW PLANTS FOR 2015

Alicia Whitaker

Plant-O-Rama is just what the name suggests – a horticulturist’s dream day, filled with lectures, book signings and a trade fair with plant wholesalers and their brethren touting new plants and products for the upcoming gardening season. This annual event is co-sponsored by the Metro Hort Group and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The blizzard earlier in the week resulted in a change in date and a diminished number of commercial exhibitors, but there were enough present to keep things lively for gardeners longing for spring.

Here’s what a few of the exhibitors had to say in response to my question “What’s your favorite new plant that you are offering in 2015?”

Beds and Borders Nursery is the source for many of the annuals in our HAH plant sale. Torie Conde, the daughter of the late beloved founder of B&B, Kathy Pufahl, recommended *Begonia vernosa* ‘White Rhino’ – a good grower with a unique habit, good for pots as well as in the border. It has large interesting silver-grey leaves and small white fragrant flowers that bloom throughout the season. Torie’s colleague Heather Stevenson loves the *Agastache* family, especially *Agastache Acapulco Deluxe*, a perennial that we often use as an annual, especially for pot plantings. This new variety is exceptionally floriferous, a bit more compact and both the leaves and flowers have a strong licorice fragrance. It comes in many colors – we’ll know soon which colors B&B will be offering.



Cricket Hill Garden grows rare tree and herbaceous peonies. Asking a peony grower to choose his favorite is cruel, but Dan Furman pointed out the coral colors in his offerings and recommended *Paeonia lobata* ‘Claudia’, a Saunders hybrid with single blooms of reddish-coral that fade to salmon



pink and open very early in the peony season. They grow to about 2 ½ feet, and have very strong stems that don’t require staking. This variety was released to the trade in 1944 but is newly popular because of its gorgeous color and unusual characteristics.

Chris Rubino of wholesale grower Monrovia recommended two arborvitae with unusual features: *Thuja plicata* ‘Golden Feather’ is a bright yellow and keeps its color



throughout the year. *Thuja plicata* ‘North Pole’ is a tall narrow variety that also keeps its bright green color. Neither is deer resistant but both are gorgeous members of this evergreen family.

This is a small window into the many new – and old – plants that we will soon be able to enjoy. Look for coming features in the newsletter regarding plants we’ll have at the May Plant Fair.

HAH ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM

January 17, 2015

'THE FRAGRANT GARDEN'

Moderated and reported by Pamela Harwood

One of the many aspects of our enjoyment of gardens can be the delight to our senses provided by the wonderful fragrances that many plants provide. You can create a dedicated garden space, or room, for a fragrant garden; with careful planning you can enjoy a succession of blooms and foliage that give off delightful scents from January through December! Or, you can intersperse such plants throughout your landscape. Scents emanate from the oils in flowers, the leaves of plants, and resin in the needles and bark of woody shrubs and trees. There are various kinds of aromatic scents, such as sweet, citrus, spice, and resin, and plant choices are determined by one's scent preferences.

Scents can be stronger during periods of wind, rain, heat, and even the time, such as nighttime. Some are detected only by being up close to the plant or released by the movement of brushing up against or rubbing a plant to release its essential oils or resins. For this reason, the placement of scented plants is important, such as at high-traffic areas, and at face level in hanging baskets, or climbing up pergolas and trellises.

Fragrant plants also have an effect on wildlife. Butterflies and bees are attracted to the scent of certain plants, hummingbirds are attracted to sweet-scented flowers, and certain scents can be a deterrent, rather than an attraction, to deer and insects. Hence not all, but most, fragrant plants are deer resistant, yet another reason to incorporate more of them into your garden.

The fragrance of plants can be brought indoors with bouquets of scented flowers; sachets of lavender (when placed in closets and drawers they scent clothing and linen while also repelling insects); and bowls of potpourri. Christmas trees and holiday wreaths and decorations made from evergreens fill the home with their distinctive scent, while the oils made from their sap and resin can be effective against germs, bacteria, and insects. The fragrant oils in herbs enhance the aroma and taste of our food and also have medicinal properties. Herbal scents can both relax and invigorate the body and mind.

In other words, the fragrant garden can offer many and various pleasures, and that is what we discussed at our January Roundtable. We were especially fortunate to have on hand two garden professionals. Lois Sheinfeld - a horticultural lecturer, writer, environmentalist, and educator - was able to provide examples of particularly fragrant cultivars. You might also recall that Lois gave an HAH lecture on this subject about a year ago. Her blog contains an article on the fragrant garden, so please visit her website: Floragloria.com. George Biercuk handed out a wonderful list of fragrant plants from his own garden, all arranged in order of bloom time. While I had prepared an alphabetical listing of aromatic plants that are hardy in zone 7, I believe that George's is the more useful format for this subject. So I created a spreadsheet of all these plants, in order of bloom and fragrance time. But since there is not enough space in the newsletter for this 3-page document, **anyone wishing to receive the month-by-month spreadsheet of fragrant plants can email me at: pamharwood@aol.com** and I will be happy to send it to you. It will also be available at the library for copying.

NEXT ROUNDTABLE MEETS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21

AT 10:00 AM SHARP UNTIL NOON - IN THE HAH LIBRARY

MUSINGS AND RAMBLINGS

TRIBUTE

George Biercuk

Early February found the garden as entombed as a tundraesque landscape. Gaia's teasing in the early winter season when unseasonable warmth seemed to herald early spring bloom, was shown to be just that, teasing. The snowdrops lost the race to beat the first snow, *Daphne odora aureomarginata* was buried by snow, the fate of her blooms unknown. Thoughts of the garden's upcoming reemergence were our sustenance: thoughts of the three of us (Bob, Moka and me) out in the garden again - (Bob and I to work and Moka to patrol the paths), were dealt a gut wrenching blow. The melanoma which took Moka's left eye in December of 2013, had returned with a vengeance, sited in her lungs and abdomen. To look at her, we found no tangible clue. After days of grieving, we resolved to enjoy what time with her remained.

I found some solace in reflecting upon the role she played in the garden. A great many people, to their misfortune, find a dog to be incompatible with sustaining a garden. Of our four dogs, Naja (#1) and Nite (#2) concurrently roamed and oversaw the beginnings of the garden. About a third of the rear was still "wild" and they understood that was their space and the paths were to be used in the sections being developed. K.C. joined Naja after Nite's untimely death, quickly learning the ropes. Initially there was some wandering into beds, but nothing of consequence. Thankfully there was no digging. Moka became part of the gang after Naja died, also of cancer.

Moka learned from K.C. what was what. They patrolled the garden singularly as both were dominant females. They maintained their canine social order without so much as a growl. In her later years, K.C. liked to sit under a Rhodo off the deck where she could keep an eye on things. Moka was a roamer and would walk the paths endlessly, first one way then back again. When she tired, she would find a place in the sun to snooze. We would tell her to find some shade, especially in the summer. Nonetheless, she always gravitated to the sun, just like me. She wasn't perfect. Sometimes the hound in her would come out and in an instant (she was incredibly fast) a mole hole would be excavated; insignificant and inconsequential in the long run.

There have always been dogs associated with this property, from the purchase of the land to the present day. Each has a special place in our hearts and in the garden. I'm especially going to miss Moka's presence. I'll be watching for her to be patrolling her domain. I'll look at her sunbathing spots and wonder why she isn't there. I'm going to miss her terribly. Their time with us is too short.

Our garden needs dogs to make it complete for us. Each dog has been special and the garden has been a better place because of them.

Goodbye, my friend. We had a good run.



HAH Workshop Make It Yourself Hypertufa Trough

Friday March 20, 2015

Time: 1pm – 3 pm

Workshop limited to 15 people - Materials Included

Join us for a fun workshop creating your own Hypertufa trough. The Hypertufa mixture is lighter than traditional cement troughs which will make it easier for you to pick up and move around your garden. Plants to use include alpines, miniature perennials, succulents and bonsai.

After creating your trough it will need one week to dry and set. Storage will be at the Community House and you will be able to pick it up the following Saturday.

Date: Friday, March 20, 2015, 1 - 3 pm

Location: John LoGerfo Library, Bridgehampton Community House, School Street Entrance

Materials: All materials needed are included in the cost of the workshop.
Please bring your own plastic gloves and an apron.

Cost: \$20 Premium Members; \$30 Members; \$40 Non-members
Payment must be made by March 9, 2015

Registration Form:

Please sign me up for the Hypertufa Workshop on Friday, March 20, 2015

Name(s) _____

Phone (cell preferred) _____

E-Mail _____

I would like to purchase tickets at:

\$20 Premium member _____

\$30 Regular Member _____

\$40 Non-member _____

Total Amount included _____

Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to HAH, P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, New York, 11932 **no later than March 9, 2015**. Attention: Workshops

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HAH 2015 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM

March 8 - Constance Haydock - Gatsby and Beyond: The Fabled Gardens of Long Island's Gold Coast

April 12 - Gregg Tepper - The Sensory Appeal of Native Plants

May 3 - Thomas Rainier - Native Plants for a New American Cottage Garden

June 14 - Andy Brand - Year Round Appeal - Plants with Pizzazz All Year Long

No lectures in July or August

September 13 - Roxanne Zimmer - The High Line: Lessons for Our Gardens

October 18 - Anne Spiegel - Rock Garden Plants - At Their Homes and at Yours

November 8 - Catie Marron - City Parks: Public Places, Private Thoughts

December 13 - John Lonsdale, Phd. - Unusual Geophytes and Cyclamen



East End Garden Events - March 2015



Madoo Conservancy - Winter lecture series - \$25/members, \$30/ non-members RSVP info@madoo.org

Sunday, March 8 - noon - Marilee Foster: The Evolving Sagaponack Landscape

Sunday March 29 - noon - Stephen Orr: The New American Herbal

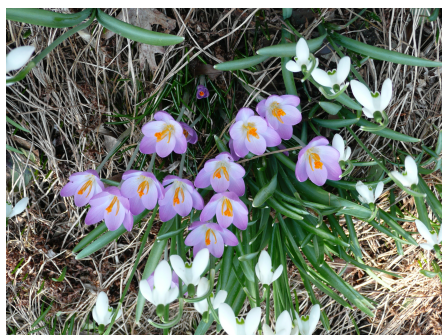
LongHouse Reserve - www.longhouse.org

Saturday, March 21 - 2-5 pm - Vernal Equinox Early Spring Walk

Bridge Gardens - www.peconiclandtrust.org

Saturday, March 21 at 3 pm

Seedtime: a Reading, Discussion & Signing with Scott Chaskey



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