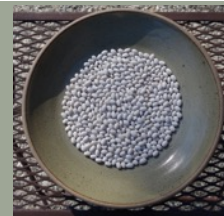




HAH Happenings

June 2016



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

at the Bridgehampton Community House

HAH MONTHLY LECTURE - Sunday, June 12, 2016 - 2 pm

SEEDTIME

On the History, Husbandry, Politics, and Promise of Seeds



Scott Chaskey is a poet, farmer, and educator. For a quarter century he has grown garlic, greens, potatoes, and sixty other crops for the Peconic Land Trust at Quail Hill Farm in Amagansett. He learned to garden in the Cotswolds and on the Penwith peninsula of Cornwall, England, where he lived with his family for 10 years. A pioneer of the Community Supported Agriculture movement, he is past president of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, and was honored as Farmer of the Year in 2013. He received the Long House Reserve "Gold Medal for Excellence in Horticulture" in 2002, and was a founding Board member of the Center for Whole Communities, in Vermont, and Sylvester Manor Educational Farm, Shelter Island, NY. Viking published THIS COMMON GROUND, a memoir, in 2005, and SEEDTIME, On the History, Husbandry, Politics, and Promise of Seeds, was released by Rodale in 2014. He lives in Sag Harbor with his wife, the poet Megan Chaskey, where they raised three children, and he is presently at work on a book about the sculptor, his father-in-law, William King.

HAH JUNE EVENTS

WORKSHOP AT CORNELL Wednesday, June 15th, see page 3 for details

FOG Friends of the Garden meets on Tuesday, June 28th (raindate is Thursday, June 30)

Save the Date: September 10 for our Karish Seminar



We have a wonderful program planned for this year's HAH Karish Seminar. One of the "founding mothers" of HAH - Elizabeth Lear - will lead us on a tour of four gardens that she and her partner Brian Mahoney have designed. This is a wonderful way to see examples of Lear + Mahoney Landscape Associates' fine and noteworthy body of work. We'll meet at the HAH library for a brief presentation and then take a chartered bus to all of the gardens, ending with cocktails in one of the gardens. We'll provide more details in our July newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talent in making the pre-view party and plant sale a success! I would also like to thank the hardy gardeners who ventured out in the rain to join us for an evening of auctions, raffles, plants, beverages and bites. Rain can NEVER truly dampen a garden party!

Because there is never a dull moment at HAH, the weekend after our major fundraiser we had an "after sale" of the few remaining plants AND an amazing garden tour arranged for us by our Local -Tour Chair, Pamela Harwood. Thank you to our gracious hosts for opening their gardens to our membership. Seeing such beautiful landscapes is inspiring.

HAH will continue to offer events throughout the summer months, a workshop, our summer garden party and perhaps another local garden tour! Look for our e-mails and visit our website, HAHGarden.org. If you have an event you would like to organize or want us to consider, please email me at HAHmember@gmail.com. Please, participate and volunteer!

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. **Voltaire

Happy summer,

Janet



HAH 2016

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SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY

The Southampton Rose Society was founded in 1976 by 6 Southampton ladies who were interested in growing roses and passing on information to residents on how to grow and maintain roses in their gardens. The first annual rose show was held in September of that year (as the club was too new to have a June show.) The SRS has been exhibiting roses ever since, much to the pleasure of the members, residents and visitors.

Our **40th Anniversary Rose Show** will be held in the former Parrish Art Museum building on Jobs Lane, now called the Southampton Arts Center. On June 11th, Silver trophies will be awarded to members of the SRS who chose to enter the show and exhibit their award winning roses. There is no admission charge and all are invited to enjoy the exhibition. **Viewing is from 12:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon on Saturday, June 11th.**

The SRS has also donated a magnificent Rose Garden to the village of Southampton, on the grounds of the Rogers Memorial Library, which was to honor our 25th Anniversary. It is the only free public Rose Garden on Long Island. It contains 350 rose bushes and is a "Jewel in the Crown" of Southampton. The Rose Society will also be marching in the Annual 4th of July Parade, so look for us as we hold our banner high!

Jim Berkrot

President, Southampton Rose Society

JUNE WORKSHOP ON SITE AT CORNELL

A workshop like no other I have organized and I am thrilled!

Please join HAH for a special “behinds the scenes” event at the Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center of Cornell University, followed by a private introduction to the magnificent Verderber’s Landscape Nursery.

When: Wednesday, June 15th at 11am

Where: LI Horticultural Research and Extension Center
3059 Sound Avenue, Riverhead, NY 1190

Followed by a 10 minute drive to:

Verderber’s Nursery, 459 Main Road, Aquebogue, NY 11931

What: We will be greeted by our Cornell Community Partner, Dr. Mark Bridgen, for a walk and talk about Cornell’s research and how it benefits our community. We will visit the expansive fields and spectacular gardens. This is one of those DO NOT MISS events!

We will continue our day at Verderber’s Nursery, a leader in the LI nursery trade for over 36 years. Following an introduction to the nursery we will have time to wander the grounds and have a snack. Verderber’s has graciously offered a 10% discount on all plant material to all who participate in this event!

On a personal note: as you plan your trip, you will notice that we will be passing by Briermere Farms, STOP and purchase a pie! You will not be sorry! I’m partial to the blueberry cream, but they are all fabulous.

Registration is a must:

Please register early to ensure your spot by sending an e-mail to HAHMember@optonline.net with Cornell in the subject line and let us know how many people will be in your group. Please register by June 10th. This event is open to all.

JANET

THE HAH 2016 GARDEN FAIR

A heavy, steady downpour on Friday evening's festivities did nothing to dampen the spirits or the enthusiastic buying and bidding by our attendees! We gardeners are a tough lot and know how to dress for any adversity in the weather.



Thanks to Janet Donohoe Ollinger and Don Cirillo for Chairing the Party and the Fair so well that NOTHING went wrong!

Thanks to Bettina Benson, Marie Di Monte, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank, Mike De Vito, Alicia Whitaker, and Vicki Bustamante for sourcing all the wonderful nursery plants! AND a big thank you to all those folks who gave plants dug from their own gardens - treasures all!



Terry Coppola, John Benson, Cornelia Bostwick, Charlie Savage, Pat Matheson and Ron Chapman rounded out the GARDEN FAIR Committee with well oiled skills in every department - always reliably and perfectly done!

Kudos to Carolyn Gemake and Susan Kennedy Zeller for setting up the Silent Auction of Planters so beautifully and keeping track of all the bids! AND a big cheer to all of you who made a planter for the Auction!! Beautiful, fun, brilliant and amazing creations all!



Huge thanks to all the volunteers!!! YOU make it all happen and run smoothly and SPECIAL thanks to Greg Wiseman for organizing the volunteers so that they knew where to be and what to do when.



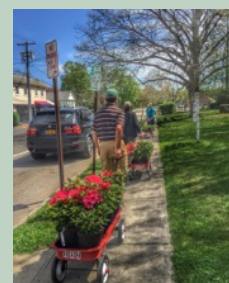
What a terrific team and fun group of people to work with and get to know better!

Pat yourselves on the back EVERYONE - you did a GREAT JOB!

AND THEN THE SUN CAME OUT!!!!

And, of course, thanks to all of you who came to the fair and bought PLANTS AND PLANTERS!

**You keep us going year upon year and now we are 30!!!!
HAPPY PLANTING AND GROWING EVERYONE**



Musings & Ramblings

George Biercuk

The calendar said Spring however.....

The much anticipated April arrival of the garden's resurgence was dampened, ironically, by a lack of rain and wildly fluctuating temperatures ranging from record highs to subfreezing lows. The garden, in some instances, responded as anticipated and in others entered the aptly named "Twilight Zone". In December some of us were totally enjoying the beach while others bemoaned the absence of snow and cold. Though the new year saw a continuation of this scenario, finally we got a taste of winter, albeit, thankfully, a brief one. Unfortunately it is now apparent that a piper has to be paid. Evidence is painfully plentiful.

Rhododendron siblings "Taurus" and "Grace Seabrook" are early bloomers. My first encounter with R. "Taurus" was on a client's property in windswept Amagansett over twenty years ago when we were still experiencing "traditional winters". The shrub was of substantial stature at that time and bloomed with robust vigor and that triggered my lust. Having located R. "Taurus" at the now defunct Roslyn Nursery I bought two because at that time in the garden's development I wanted a "back-up" "just in case". Shortly after, I came upon his sibling, "Grace Seabrook". They have thrived and still do. This spring, while the lawns have barely noticed the passing of Old Man Winter and, unfertilized, were as green as an Irish shamrock by May 1, they lagged when it came to blooming. When they begrudgingly began to flower it was apparent that something was wrong. The trusses, which have in the past had a diameter between six and eight inches and at least a dozen flowers, on each showed, at best, less than five flowers and the vast majority of the buds were DEAD, victims of radical planetary warming and an exacerbating "super" El Nino. The flower buds closest to the ground produced the normally expected flowers, obviously protected by snow cover from premature inducement to break dormancy.

R. "Rangoon" which always elicits comment because of its somewhat unusual foliage also was a heartbreaker. As the garden tour approached and the flower buds began to swell we looked forward to a glorious display. Unfortunately ninety-five percent of the buds were duds. Disappointment, well that is an understatement. His cheery light cherry flowers are always late early spring eye candy.

As to early season eye candy, Camellia "April Remembered" was a dieter's nightmare. Her flower buds, which began to show color by the beginning of the year, thus causing an inordinate amount of angst, delighted us with a plenitude of blossoms. April's vacillating temperature extremes did take a toll. Offsetting the occasional normal temperatures the near and subfreezing temperatures caused a number of opening flowers to burn around the edges. Maybe not "wow-wow pretty" but still gorgeous nonetheless. The flowers that opened after the destructive cold was no longer a player were stunning. A Home Depot find, C. kumasaka, which was heeled-in in a small pot for a couple years until the right spot could be found and produced several flowers annually while heeled-in, before finally being planted close to C. "April Remembered" last spring, had only one flower near ground level this spring. WHAT A FLOWER. It's a cheery light red/rich pink that plays wonderfully with C. "April Remembered". In a few years this is going to be a stunning spring time duo.

R. yedoense var. poukhanense (Korean azalea) was a tease extraordinaire. On May 1 her flower buds were light lavender candles poised to ignite, creating huge mounds completely studded with lavender bells. The week preceding the May 9 garden tour was initially forecast to have some warm days which we hoped would not cause her to peak before the tour. Responding to the turn in the weather the candles failed to ignite and we bemoaned the absence of their dramatic display throughout the garden. The visitors were able to visualize what the full impact would have been had the flowers been fully open since a few were open on the lower parts of the plants. The plants visually form overlapping triangles that carry the eye across the garden, especially when viewed from the deck. This technique can be used in any garden with the points being created using the same or similar plants or repeating the color using disparate plants.

The unseasonably cold April temperatures made for some unusual early May flower combinations. I can't remember another year when forsythia was still in bloom going into the second week of May. When we landed at JFK airport on March 24 the forsythia was just beginning to break bud. This aptly demonstrates how the ocean influences local growing conditions as opposed to those to our west. While the last of our daffodils were just deadheaded, on properties closer to the ocean they were just coming into full bloom. With the ocean remaining so cold so far into the new growing season, early spring growing conditions could be protracted as one gardens closer to the ocean.

There is a positive note that comes out of our mish mash of winter weather. Each autumn I leave the late flowering Salvia elegans "Golden pineapple sage" in the ground hoping they might over-winter and this year they have done just that. It will be interesting to see how they perform as compared to this year's plantings.

Garden on.

Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer.----Geoffrey B. Charlesworth



Pieris 'Flaming Silver'

Is Your Garden PRFCT?

By Edwina von Gal

Every spring, I cringe at the sight of yellow patches popping up on lawns across the East End. I'm not referring to dandelions, but the yellow pesticide application signs warning children and pets to stay off chemically treated properties.

Why cringe? Kids and pets can't read! And why would anyone want to create such a danger? Every year, Americans use 244 million pounds of toxic synthetic fertilizers and pesticides on their gardens and lawns. Many of those chemicals end up back in our bodies from direct contact and via the water we drink, cook, bathe and play in. Long Island's sole drinking water aquifer contains traces of over 118 pesticides, many of which are linked to cancers, endocrine disruption, and nervous system disorders. They are especially dangerous to pregnant women, children, and pets. And just one look at our local waterways last summer is a good indication of what excess fertilizer can do.

The good news is that you don't have to sacrifice beauty or your budget to go toxin-free. At the Perfect Earth Project, we're here to help you learn the basics of PRFCT (as we like to call it) maintenance. It's not difficult or any more expensive than what you're doing now.

Successful gardening always starts at the same place: the soil. Healthy soil is living soil, full of microbes and nutrients that support growth and resiliency. Chemicals kill soil microbes and set off a cycle of dependency on synthetic products to treat diseases and infections. Replace chemicals with a healthy soil and you'll be well on your way to PRFCTion.

After creating a healthy base, the basic elements of PRFCT lawn and garden maintenance are proper watering, correct mowing, and the right amounts and kinds of food. More details, from simple to serious, are available on our Earth Project website (www.perfectearthproject.org) and in our weekly PEP Tips email.

We ask you, the leaders of our local gardening community, to join us in our effort to raise awareness about the dangers of lawn and garden chemicals. If you're already PRFCT, share your success stories with us and with your neighbors. Write to us and we'll send you a Leif sticker—our pictogram for toxin-free places—to put on your mailbox, your car, or stick in your lawn.

If you have questions about going toxin-free, we welcome them at lawnexpert@perfectearthproject.org. We look forward to sharing your stories and questions in upcoming editions of this newsletter. With your help, Perfect Earth can work effectively to create a healthy and PRFCT environment for all to enjoy.

Edwina von Gal is a landscape designer, author, and the Founder and President of the Perfect Earth Project. She lives in East Hampton and is a member of HAH.

HAH welcomes articles from our larger gardening community here on the East End on concerns that we all may have about the modern horticultural world around us.



HAH 2016 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM

June 12 - Scott Chaskey - SEEDTIME, On the History, Husbandry, Politics, and Promise of Seeds

No lectures in July & August

September 11 - Scott Howe - Geology, Natural History and Art: The Parrish Museum's Landscape

October 16 - Marta McDowell - All the Presidents' Gardens

November 13 - Bruce Crawford - Small Trees for the Home Landscape

December 11 - Dennis Schrader - Tropical Immersion: The Costa Rica Garden Designed by Dennis Schrader

EAST END GARDEN EVENTS - JUNE 2016

PARRISH MUSEUM, www.parrishart.org, 279 Montauk Hwy, Watermill.

Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12 - Landscape Pleasures, symposium and garden tours. Tickets in advance.

BRIDGE GARDENS, peconiclandtrust.org, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton

Saturday, June 11, 10:00-11:30, What's a Buffer Garden, and Why Should I Care? \$10 per person, BG members free. Reservations requested. Rain or Shine.

MADOO CONSERVANCY, www.madoo.org, 618 Sagg Main St, Sagaponack, *Celebrating 50 years of Organic Gardening, Friday night and Saturday, June 17 & 18, Much Ado About Madoo, Annual Garden Market and Cocktail Party*

LONGHOUSE RESERVE, www.longhouse.org, 133 Hands Creek Rd., East Hampton.

Saturday, June 25, 4:30-7:00pm Planters: On & Off the Ground, Silver Anniversary

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY, OPEN DAYS PROGRAM, www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days. \$7 per person per garden. Buy tickets in advance for discounts. Check website for exact open time at each garden as they vary.

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 - 4:00, Several Gardens in East Hampton and Bridgehampton.

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 - 4:00, Four Gardens from Montauk to Bridgehampton.

ARF, <http://www.arfhamptons.org/events/garden-tour/> 30th Anniversary Garden Tour

Saturday, June 18, 11:00 - 5:00 - Garden Tour, gardens in Bridgehampton, Sagaponack & Wainscott, tickets \$85. Rain or Shine

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