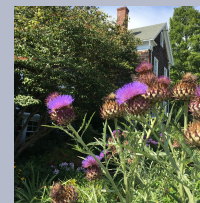




HAH Happenings

September 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, September 11, 2016 - 2 pm



Geology, Natural History and Art: The Parrish Museum's Landscape

Administrator, teacher and lecturer **Scott Howe** served as the Deputy Director for Administration and Institutional Advancement at the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill, New York until May, 2016 when he joined the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons (ARF) as its Executive Director. The study of Long Island's natural environment was an extension of Scott's study of the art history of the region and his work with the

Parrish Art Museum's landscape architects and contractors to establish a meadow of warm season grasses at the Museum.

Scott began his career as a teacher in the Peace Corps, serving in Cameroon, West Africa, and he has worked in nonprofits for the last 20 years. He received his B.A. with Honors in English from Washington and Lee University and he also holds an M.A. in Art History from the University of Texas at Austin and an Ed.D. in Art and Art Education from Columbia University's Teachers College.

ARF is the largest animal welfare organization in our region, and in 2016 it will adopt 1,500 homeless cats and dogs into loving homes. For Scott, ARF is the continuation of a career commitment to nonprofit organizations and their role in making our world a better place.

HAH September EVENTS

Saturday, September 10 - KARISH SEMINAR - see page 7 to register now!

Sunday, September 11 - HAH MONTHLY LECTURE - 2pm, at the BH Community House Hall, reception in the library afterwards - see above.

Saturday, September 17 - HAH WORKSHOP - 10 am at Bridge Gardens - Vegetable disease diagnosis and treatment, Dr. Margaret McGrath, see page 4 for details.

Tuesday, September 20, - HAH FOG - Friends of the Garden - 10 am - Join us to tidy up the garden.

Saturday, September 24 - **HAH YARD AND PLANT SALE - 9am - noon - outside and inside the HAH LIBRARY, see page 3 for details.**





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The light is changing, the crowds are thinning and HAH had a fantastic summer! Incredible garden tours, workshops and our summer party. The fabulous HAH team is always creating programs to enlighten, educate and have fun.

Heading into the fall I am looking forward to less physical work and more cerebral endeavors such as Book Group, Lectures and Roundtables. The **September 10th Karish Seminar** is going to be extra special this year so don't wait to secure your place on the bus! Marie Di Monte, our new Workshop chairperson, is putting together a number of Workshops that are going to be terrific starting with Dr. Margaret McGrath's **September 17th workshop** at Bridge Gardens where she will discuss disease management in the vegetable garden. Our **fall plant sale** is scheduled for **September 24th** so

as you are putting your garden to bed, don't forget to dig and pot up those extras!

Finally, I would like to extend a HUGE welcome to all of our new members. We are SO happy to have you as part of our amazing group of plant lovers and dirt diggers. Please, come to our events and let us get to know each other.

Happy Fall, *Janet*

HAH 2016

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Submissions must be received by the 10th of the month prior to publication. Please include NL in the subject line.

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Janet Donohoe Ollinger, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank, Susan Kennedy Zeller

The HAH membership is diverse and our members reflect that diversity in their pursuits beyond gardening. Recently, Susan Kennedy Zeller, HAH Librarian, past President, and long-time member and supporter of HAH, was honored by East End Hospice with the Spirit of Community Award. We are so very proud of her and so grateful to have her as a part of our community. Congratulations Susan!



HAH visits Nova's Ark Project in Bridgehampton. The work below is called 'Settlers'



HAH YARD SALE

Saturday, September 24

9 am - Noon

outside and inside the HAH LIBRARY



Donations: Bring your donations of books, gardening tools, containers, PLANTS, and anything else directly related to gardening to the Library on **SATURDAY September 10 or 17** between 10 AM and noon. Please completely **label all plant donations**. We love to READ mysteries but not have them in the garden!

Please only bring yard sale items and books in great condition!!!

SPECIAL SALE PRICE - DEER RESISTANT BULBS
40 bulbs for \$20 (5 each of the selection below)

We will have packages of 40 bulbs prepacked with 5 bulbs each of the 8 spring flowering beauties shown here. Great for experimenting or filling in those little bare spots.



Crocus chrysanthus
H. 4"



Crocus tommasinianus
Lilac Beauty H 4"



Galanthus nivalis
dble snowdrop H 5-8"



Scilla siberica alba
H. 4-5 "



Scilla siberica
Spring Beauty H 6"



Chinodoxa forbesii
H 5-6"



Chinodoxa forbesii
Blue Giant H 8"

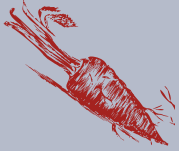


Eranthus hyemalis
Winter Aconite H 4 "

FALL LIBRARY HOURS: We will be open on Saturdays from 10-12 and most Tuesdays from 10-12.

We are still in great need of people to help STAFF the Library on Saturday mornings...at most you would only be there once a month! Perhaps you will be coming for a workshop or a Roundtable and can double as assistance in the Library. PLEASE email SKZeller@aol.com and put HAH LIBRARY in the subject line of the email. It is fun to do, not difficult to learn and you get first look at all the periodicals and new books!

IT'S A VEGETABLE REVOLUTION!



Where: Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchells Lane, Bridgehampton

When: **Saturday, September 17th at 10AM**

What: Join HAH, Dr. Margaret McGrath, Associate Professor at the Long Island Horticultural Research & Extension Center of Cornell University and Rick Bogusch, Manager of Bridge Gardens for a special look into the world of Vegetable gardening. Food is a current trend in horticulture and for many people it is their first "taste" of planting. A small herb garden, a couple of tomato plants and before you know it, you've planted a perennial border and shade garden! Bridge Gardens has 12 community vegetable plots as well as its own extensive vegetable garden that donates a large amount of fresh vegetables to local food banks.

Our experts will lead a walk through the vegetable gardens discussing what diseases we may encounter as home gardeners and what remedies will give us the largest harvest of the healthiest crops. This is a **MUST** for anyone who is a vegetable gardener or is thinking about planting vegetables.

Please sign up for this exciting workshop by emailing YES, to HAHmember@optonline.net with Vege in the subject line. Enrollment will be limited!

This event is **FREE** to HAH members and Bridge Garden Members, it will be \$5.00 for all of those not-yet-members.

See you in the Garden!

This is a community partner event with Bridge Gardens and the Cornell Cooperative extension!

CRUISE TO COSTA RICA IN FEBRUARY, 2017

HAH is offering a 7 day cruise to Costa Rica at a greatly discounted rate on a 5 star ship from February 11-18, 2017. Interested in joining us? We will be traveling with the Windstar Cruise line on the *Star Pride* vessel where there are only 212 people and all cabins are suites.

Lush and full of life, the coast of Costa Rica invites you to discover the beauty, wildlife and incredible flowers and fauna in this tropical landscape. **Dennis Schrader**, founder of **Landcraft Environments**, has invited us to visit his garden and spend the day with him when we stop in Quepos. You can read about Dennis' Costa Rica garden in *Garden Design* magazine, Early Spring 2015, issue #189 and Dennis will speak about his tropical garden at the HAH lecture on December 11, 2016.



Costs for this trip start at \$1599. per person plus tax and port fees. This cruise, **Naturally Costa Rica**, can be viewed on windstarcruises.com. Make your own air travel either into San Jose, Costa Rica or Liberia, Costa Rica. We will arrange for transfer to and from the airport to the cruise line. We recommend that people fly on Friday, February 10th to make sure that they will meet the ship on February 11, 2017 by 6:00 p.m. All money will go through HAH. Deposit of \$240 is required to book a cabin and refunds minus \$50.00 will be given until October 20th. We will try to put together people who would like to share a cabin. If you are interested, please call Estelle Rosen at 917-846-4160 or e-mail her at estellerosen@gmail.com for more details asap as the tour is filling quickly!

Musings & Ramblings - More This and That

George Biercuk

The *Clerodendrum trichotomum*. How they tortured us. Inertia-ours. Waiting, sometimes, is the right decision. Those bursting buds Bob saw in late spring were not quite phantoms nor universally dispersed. Seemingly overnight (early July), once the temps finally warmed and stayed above the fifties at night, foliar buds all along the parts of the still live tree, from base to crown, erupted into green motes that quickly developed into rapidly elongating branches because they were being supported by a root system vastly beyond the needs of the remaining live parts of the tree. During the month the live wood canopy rapidly expanded and I knew that we would have some of the intoxicating fragrance they're known for. There is, however, a side note.

Last year the trees bloomed stunningly, spreading their fragrance hundreds of feet. The berry display was magnificent. Each spring we weed out seedlings, a small price to pay. An early cultivation of the bed and subsequent hand picking of any lagging sproutings is usually all that's needed. Not so this year. While all beds, despite early cultivation, kept producing each's own weed, all but the *Clerodendrum* bed were in order with a subsequent hand weeding. That bed has been subjected to, so far, three intensive "weedings", each yielding thousands of seedlings. It's as though the mother plants somehow signaled that now was their progeny's time. They certainly are heeding the call. A few days after the last weeding in late July the seedling lawn was beginning anew.

A serendipitous strategically sprouted seedling, which I dithered about moving last autumn, located in a somewhat removed bed, at the ripe old age of four, showed the first flower buds out of all the *Clerodendrum* in the garden. The impertinence of youth! With the canopy in this area again closing in after the loss of several branches following storms Irene and Sandy I don't want to create too dark an environment.

This area, as well as the rest of the garden, is thriving in the modestly brighter light despite the drought. At the beginning of August we were short NINE inches of rain. It appears, that over the past several years, we are settling into a Mediterranean climate with wet winters and dry summers. There is a finite, though to our abbreviated lifespans it may seem otherwise, quantity of water available from the aquifers. It is imperative that we garden wisely so we can use WATER wisely!



This year we, and perhaps you yourselves as well, are amazed at the extraordinarily robust new growth on many trees and shrubs. *Rhododendron* 'Roseum elegans', for example, has growth exceeding twelve inches. On all our rhodos (the bud set for next year was clearly visible by late July) flower buds were developing on the tips of EVERY new branch. *Pieris* were showing "bud bumps" from which their flower panicles will soon emerge. *Daphne odora* 'Aureomarginata' was still growing with shoots in some instances already exceeding ten inches. The plant was happily galumphing along after having been "burned" during the winter of 2014/2015. At a client's, annual vinca, which had forlornly languished to the point where we were scrounging for replacements, put on in excess of six inches of new growth in less than ten days thanks to the heat wave, thus mimicking, in a very brief time scale, what was happening with our local temperate flora.

The cool spring which persisted into early summer (early July), coupled with the relatively benign winter, most likely resulted in this phenomena. The coolness, though, retarded the development and growth of some tropicals, as previously noted. Our *Caladium* "Candidum" corms, planted in mid-June, sat for weeks because the nighttime temps continued to fall into the fifties. This was the first time the corms took so long to sprout. We feared that they would rot sitting in wet soil for so long. Once the relentless heat arrived there were fitful signs of sprouting presenting unusually tiny leaves. Then the growth exploded. In less than two weeks, by late July (the latest ever for us), the pots were overflowing with gigunga leaves.

Interestingly, the corms we overwintered and then chucked into the compost because we thought they were desiccated beyond revival formed a glorious display. Never underestimate the power of life to persevere. Remember all those thousands of *Clerodendrum trichotomum* seedlings I wrote about earlier? They are taking perseverance to the extreme.

We are all going to have to attune ourselves to the nuances, subtle and not so subtle, attributed to climate change. The rapidly growing disconnect between gardenwise flora and fauna dependency is manifesting itself ever more profoundly. When spring blooming plants from the extreme ends of their growing range (northern vs southern in this case) geographically bloom opposite their normal sequencing and pollinating/foraging insects are active in what should be the heart of our local winter the red flags can't be waved any more vigorously. The scales, it seems, have begun their tipping against our heretofore ages long, centuries long, established gardening cycles.



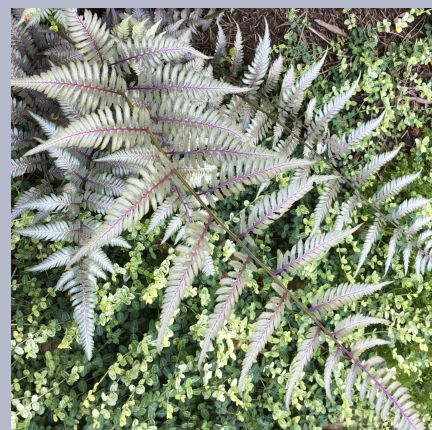
Following up on the *salvia* "golden pineapple sage" that overwintered in the roadside bed, as of early August they were lagging behind the current year's plantings in stature though the short stems were stouter. The myriad factors – cold, heat, drought - that were in play confuse the issue. The root systems are firmly anchoring the plants in roadside soil that strongly tends to the sandy side of sandy loam. Despite decades of leaf decomposition in the area, prior to our purchasing of the property, the resulting enrichment was visible only to about one quarter inch of dark sand quickly fading to yellow sugar sand. Much of the nutrients had leached through the sand though the carbon was sequestering in the sand. I guess the soil currently doesn't meet the criteria to be considered moderately fertile despite the addition of copious amounts of compost when planted.

As part of our deer deterrence efforts I broadcast Milorganite on the bed and grass strip. Everything except the overwintering *salvia* flourished. The grass strip has never been lusher, has only been watered twice during the drought and never showed any sign of browning, due, I surmise, to the Milorganites' 4% iron content and miniscule nitrogen content. The *salvia* obviously weren't as appreciative.

The beauty of the autumn garden awaits us. If your's fails to fully embrace this most colorful and vibrant season perhaps you should plan to do so this autumn when you can choose among Gaia's myriad selections. A well planned garden spans four seasons, from the pared down beauty of winter to the exuberance of the waxing, high and waning growing seasons. Remember, just because fashion (a human concept) says that the day after Labor Day is when winter woolies are to be donned, the garden follows Gaia's cycles and will continue to enthrall us for months to come if planned and planted appropriately.

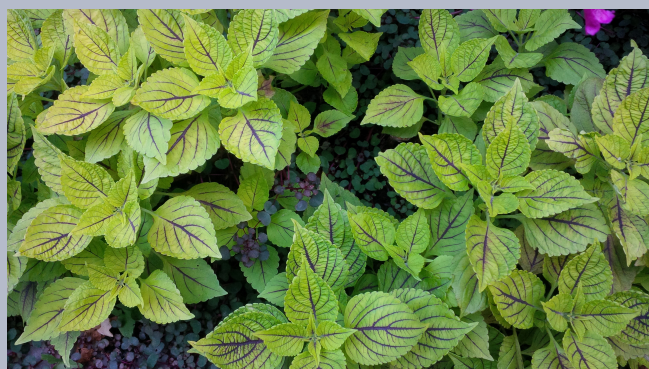
Welcome to Autumn.

Late summer offers up a time to appreciate the options for interesting foliage after the spring and summer floral extravaganza. It's time to be cool and calm again. These photos were taken on HAH tours in August/September 2015, by your editor.



Clockwise from upper left:

Landcraft Environments *Salvia argentea* and *Coreopsis*; Scott Arboretum *Rex Begonia* vine; *Athyrium niponicum* 'Pictum' a.k.a. Japanese Painted fern and *Euonymus koreanensis* 'Vanilla Frosting'; Seattle's Miller Garden mystery *Salvia*; Scott Arboretum *Coleus*; Landcraft vines; Miller Garden *Coleus* combo and others.



Paul Karish Seminar: Study Garden Tour with Lear + Mahoney Landscape Associates Saturday, September 10, 2016 - 1:00 pm

We have a wonderful program planned for our Karish Seminar. One of the "founding mothers" of HAH, Elizabeth Lear, will lead us on a tour of gardens that she and her partner Brian Mahoney have designed. This is a wonderful way to see examples of Lear + Mahoney Landscape Associates' body of work, and have a window into the thinking of talented designers. Many of us are knowledgeable about plants but often challenged on the matter of designing the garden. This will give us many ideas about using design as a way of solving problems in the landscape as well as enhancing the site and the relationships of the garden to the house.

We'll meet at the HAH library at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, for a brief presentation and then take a chartered bus to all of the gardens, including large estate gardens as well as a garden designed for a HAH member. We'll see gardens in Bridgehampton and Southampton, the office of Lear & Mahoney and end our tour at a garden in Noyac where we'll have wine and cheese in the garden before sunset. Our bus will then return us to our cars at the Community House. By using a bus, we'll avoid parking problems and ensure that we can stay on schedule. Ample parking is available around the Community House.

Elizabeth Lear and Brian Mahoney have extensive backgrounds in art, landscape architecture and architecture, Elizabeth Lear studied philosophy at Goddard College, art at The School of Visual Arts, and Landscape Architecture at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. She has been designing in the Hamptons since 1986 and was one of the founders of the Horticultural Alliance, helping to shape an organization that appeals to professional and amateur garden lovers. Brian Mahoney took his passion for gardening to Farmingdale State College. He then studied Landscape Architecture at the Ohio State University while continuing his education in Ornamental Horticulture. Upon earning degrees in both disciplines, he completed his apprenticeship in firms in New York City and Southampton, New York.

Paul Karish was a founding member of HAH who bequeathed funds to the organization for an annual seminar for the continuing education of our members. In addition to holding this annual event for our members, HAH also has raised funds for an annual scholarship fund in his name to support the college and professional education of serious students of horticulture.

Karish Seminar

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016

Registration Form:

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cost \$125 payable to HAH: Number in Party _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

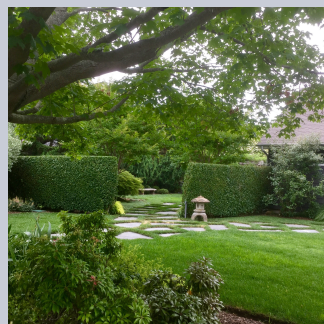
Send to: HAH, P. O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.

Attention: Karish Seminar

Call us at 631.537.2223 for questions.

Visit our website at www.hahgarden.org for information on all HAH events.

photos: Erika Shank



HAH 2016 - 2017 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM

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

January 8 - Betsy Pinover Schiff - The Sidewalk Gardens of New York

February 12 - Mary Woltz - Meeting the Bees' Needs

March 12 - Alex Feleppa - The Living Landscape of LongHouse Reserve

April 9 - Larry Weaner - Lawn Alternatives: Creating a Successful Groundcover

May 7 - Ruth Rogers Clausen - Essential Deer Resistant Perennials for Outstanding Gardens

June 11 - Edwina von Gal - Perfect Earth Project

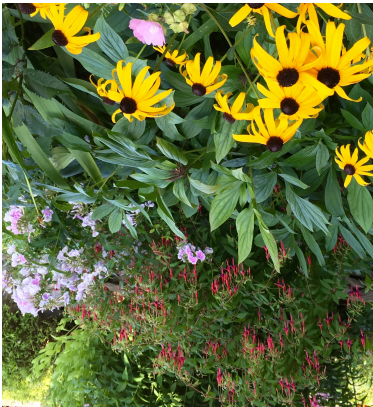
EAST END GARDEN EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2016

BRIDGE GARDENS, peconiclandtrust.org, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, open Wednesdays - Sundays, 10 am - 5 pm, Fridays until dusk. Free Lawn advice on Wednesdays, 2-5 pm, from lawn expert Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics. *Saturday, September 17, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Managing Disease in the Vegetable Garden with Meg McGrath see page 4 inside!* MADOO CONSERVANCY, www.madoo.org, 618 Sagg Main St, Sagaponack, open Fridays and Saturdays, noon - 4pm until Sept. 17.

LONGHOUSE RESERVE, www.longhouse.org, 133 Hands Creek Rd., East Hampton, open Wednesdays & Saturdays, 2-5pm

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY, OPEN DAYS PROGRAM, www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days. \$7 per person per garden. Buy tickets in advance for discounts.

Saturday, September 24, 12-4 pm - Cutchogue Garden of Arnold & Karen Blair, Peconic Bayfront haven for birds and plants.



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