



HAH Happenings

November 2016



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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

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at the Bridgehampton Community House

HAH Monthly Lecture - Sunday, November 13, 2016 - 2 pm



SMALL TREES FOR THE HOME LANDSCAPE

A longtime proponent of unusual and fun plants, **Bruce Crawford** had his own design/build garden design business for nearly 25 years that specialized in plantings for year-round interest. One of those gardens was published in Fine Gardening Magazine! Today, Bruce is the Director of Rutgers Gardens, the botanical garden for Rutgers University, and is an adjunct professor in Landscape Architecture at Rutgers University. His position as Director of Rutgers Gardens involves the management of the 180 acre facility, which includes designed gardens, woodlands and open fields. Open 365 days a year and with over 30,000 visitors a year, the emphasis is now focused on the creation of a new master plan for the Gardens. The Gardens will tell the story of plants over the past 400 million years, allowing the visitors to see these plants in seasonally attractive designs. Bruce also lectures frequently to various groups and for continuing education programs.

The HAH ANNUAL MEETING will take place on November 13, 2016 at 2 pm immediately preceeding the lecture at the Bridgehampton Community House Main Hall.

HAH 2016 ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM RESUMES ON SUNDAY MORNING,

NOVEMBER 6th, 11 AM - 1 PM, in the HAH Library

(PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL DATE AND TIME)

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- 1. THE NOVEMBER GARDEN: What Looks Good Now, What to Do this Month and What Not to Do!**
- 2. GARDEN TOOLS: GREAT ONES TO CONSIDER USING AND HOW TO MAINTAIN THEM**
- 3. GENERAL GARDEN QUESTIONS: Bring Them Along and Hopefully We'll Have Answers!**

See you then, Pamela Harwood, Moderator



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



November is membership renewal month! Because HAH is an ALL volunteer organization, all proceeds collected through membership or fundraising go to the most comprehensive horticultural programming on the East End. Lectures, workshops, tours, roundtables, horticultural library, book group, a fantastic website and newsletter, there is SO much bundled into your membership! Most importantly, HAH has developed an impressive network of people with interest and expertise in the art and science of horticulture. Many of our members are master level gardeners, but many are novice gardeners as well. HAH welcomes everyone! We realize that every person brings something important to the organization and we are happy to have you! As you fill out your renewal, consider upgrading your membership or giving a membership as a gift. Also, you will see a new line item on the renewal form; please consider a gift of education through a donation to the Karish Scholarship fund. I am proud of the work that HAH does and our reputation within the community, thank you for being part of our efforts!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Janet

Ilex verticillata - winterberry

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HAH 2016

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Alicia Whitaker	2017
Jeffrey Glick	2017
Elaine Peterson	2018
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Susan Kennedy Zeller

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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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George Biercuk, Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson



Proposed 2017 Officers and Board of Directors

The following slate of officers for 2017 and two directors (who will serve through 2019) will be presented for the membership's vote at the annual meeting on November 13, 2016.

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Alicia Whitaker	2017
Jeffrey Glick	2017
Elaine Peterson	2018
Mary Maran	2018
Rick Bogusch	2019
Lydia Wallis	2019

The Library Chairperson (who serves on the Board with a vote) is currently: Susan Kennedy Zeller
On occasion the board may appoint someone to fill an unexpired term if necessary.

Friends of the Garden

"No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member -
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds -
November!"

- Thomas Hood, No!

Some of us would very heartily say "No" to November, but it follows October anyway. This month marks the end of our gardening season and I'd very much like to thank our faithful volunteers who have not only braved the heat and the cold to tend our garden but have enjoyed themselves immensely, too: Bettina Benson, Cornelia Bostwick, Don Cirillo, Joan DiMonda, Marie DiMonte, Antone Hugel, Lynne Molnar, Heloise Pressey, Ginny Ward and Pat Wood. Very little would have been accomplished without you.

Our final meeting of FOG for this year will be Tuesday, November 8, at 10:00 AM. Please join us as we prepare the garden for its winter repose. VOTE FOR FLORA!

Thanks, Cathie Gottschalk

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2017

Yes, 2017. No misprint. The HAH is planning a unique Sunday meeting for October 15, 2017.

Topic: **"Putting your Garden to Bed for the Winter"**. The meeting will have a panel of experts: Elizabeth Lear of Lear and Mahoney Landscapers, Peter Bertrand on roses from the Southampton Rose Society, Robert Boyle of RB Irrigation Systems, and Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics (in partnership with Perfect Earth Project). The moderator will be Pamela Harwood. If you have been to the Saturday morning Roundtables, you know Pamela is terrific in leading a discussion and bringing all of us into the conversation.

We want the audience to interact with the Panel on such winter issues as which perennials and shrubs to cut back, what bulbs to dig up, evergreen protection, winterizing roses, fertilization, winter lawn care, irrigation and hoses, care of tools, etc. That etc. is for other issues you would like addressed. So, as you prepare your garden for winter this month and next month, e-mail to Pamela Harwood (pamharwood@aol.com) your questions and issues you would like the Panel to address. That is why we are putting this "Save the Date" notice in this issue and the next.

We will periodically remind you of this unique Sunday meeting. **Remember October 15, 2017.**

HAH Library Footnotes November 2016

Susan Kennedy Zeller

A remembrance: One of our own is missing! HAH and the Library lost one of their staunchest supporters when Suzanne Goell died September 12. Although she was a noted pianist and writer we knew her subtle humor and quiet efficiency in the Library. The first time I ran a book sale I questioned how in the world I could possibly evaluate the books. Hattie Edwards (our former excellent Chair) indicated, oh no problem! Just ask Suzanne. I did and we spent several hours then and other times together sorting and examining books. Her knowledge was prodigious and she was also an astute member of our Book Selection committee. She will be missed.

Book Sale: Thank you to everyone who donated books, assisted setting up and taking away and to all who purchased! Every dollar helps our Library and our programming that is done there. RIGHT NOW: donations will only be accepted during a couple of months each year. Watch the newsletter for when that will be in 2017. In the meantime if you are thinking of donating to HAH Library please store your books in a safe and dry place for us. We have no storage space that will accommodate books so we rely on our thoughtful Members to do it for us.

Advance Notice: Book Review Group: Mark your calendar as the return of the successful BOOK talks will begin on December 17 at 11 AM. This year they will be on the third Saturday of the month. Remember- Each presenter will be doing the reading for everyone so no need to prepare anything. Just come, relax, bring your own coffee, tea or whatever and munch a cookie or two we provide and enjoy your morning. Carolyn Gemake is Moderator so if you would like to be a presenter just call our office number - 631-537-2223- and leave your contact information or say hello when you come to the Library.

Need BULBS or other FALL Plantings? See our collection of catalogues in the holder beside our computer. You are welcome to use the computer for ordering OR copy any pages from any catalogue. Please just leave them in the Library so others may use as well.

Library Opening Hours: Winter. Every Saturday (except the Saturdays after Thanksgiving and Christmas) from 10 AM to noon and after our Sunday Lectures. As an extra convenience we are also open most Tuesdays 10-12! AND any time we have an event such as a Book Discussion Group, Workshop or Roundtable everyone is welcome to stop in! If you need a different special time just give us a call at 631- 537-2223.

HAH ROUNDTABLE

OCTOBER 8, 2016

Pamela Harwood

Our fall Roundtable season got off to a very lively start. Thank you to our attendees, including Mike DeVito, Lesley Gray, Howard Harris, Ellen Johansen, Marie Di Monte, Ruth Ferguson Richards, Peter Feder, Bob Luckey, Peter Dimsey and Virginia Dimsey, George Biercuk, Bettina Benson, and Elizabeth Walbrol. You all shared fabulous questions, answers, and suggestions. We covered such topics as the proper care of roses, suggested plantings for newly cleared spaces, wisteria that hasn't bloomed, when and how to prune climbing hydrangea and lagerstroemia (crape myrtle), creating your own free mulch by shredding leaves, protection of small trees and shrubs from deer damage when they rub their antlers during fall and winter, fall garden clean up, and the need for continued watering until a hard frost, especially after such a dry August and September.

But since there might still be some time for planting now or planning for next year, following is one of the handouts I distributed to attendees. If you have any additions, please let me know!

PLANTS FOR THE FALL GARDEN

FALL FLOWERS

Aconitum (monkshood)
Allium tuberosum (garlic chives)
Alstroemeria (Peruvian lily)
Anemone 'Honorine Jobert'
Aralia
Aster 'Purple Dome' (deep purple with yellow center)
Aster novi belgii (pale lilac with yellow center)
Aster tartaricus
Camellia (autumn blooming varieties)
Caryopteris x clandonensis (bluebeard) *
Chelone glabra (turtlehead)
Chrysanthemum
Cimicifuga ramosa (black bugbane or black snakeroot)*
Cimicifuga simplex*
Clematis virginiana
Clematis paniculata (sweet autumn clematis)
Clematis texensis (small, bell-shaped flowers)
Colchicum autumnale
Crocus speciosus
Eupatorium rugosum "Chocolate"
Eupatorium coelestium 'Wayside' (hardy ageratum)
Fuchsia magellanica (bush fuchsia)
Hamamelis virginiana (witch hazel)*
Helenium autumnale (sneezeweed)
Itea virginica (Virginia sweetspire)

Kniphofia (red hot poker)
Liriope muscari *
Nipponanthemum nipponicum (Montauk daisy)
Rabdosia longituba (trumpet spurflower) *
Physostegia virginiana (obedient plant) -self-seeds
Solidago (goldenrod) *
Skimmia Japonica* –male flowers begin in autumn
Tricyrtis hirta (toad lily)

CONTINUED BLOOMS INTO EARLY FALL

Buddleia (butterfly bush) * -self seeds
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (plumbago)*
Clerodendrum trichotomum*(harlequin glorybower)
Coreopsis (tickseed)*
Dahlia
Eupatorium purpureum 'Little Red' (Joe Pye weed)
Gaillardia (blanket flower)*
Gaura lindheimeri (Indian feather)
Geranium 'Rozanne'
Helianthus (perennial sunflower)
Hibiscus syriacus (rose of Sharon) -self seeds
Hydrangea macrophylla
Hydrangea paniculata
Lespedeza thunbergii
Perovskia (Russian sage) *
Rosa (hybrid teas and Knockouts can bloom until frost)
Rudbeckia fulgida (black-eyed Susan)
Sedum spectabile (stonecrop)
Tanacetum parthenium* (feverfew) - reblooms
Vitex *

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES *

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'
Chasmanthium latifolium (northern sea oats) -self seeds unless clipped in late fall
Miscanthus -self seeds unless clipped in late fall
Pennisetum alopecuroides (fountain grass) -self seeds unless clipped in late fall

BERRIES

Berberis (barberry) * -red
Callicarpa (beautyberry) *
Clerodendrum* –sapphire blue
Cornus florida (native dogwood) –red berries
Cornus kousa (dogwood) large, red drupes
Cotoneaster *
Ilex (all hollies develop red or black berries)
Nandina (heavenly bamboo)
Photinia pyrofolia (red chokeberry)
Phytolacca Americana (pokeweed) –native
Pyracantha (firethorn) *
Skimmia japonica –red berries on female plants
Taxus (yew) –red drupes

CHANGING FOLIAGE COLOR OF PERENNIALS AND SHRUBS

Ajuga * -bronze
 Amsonia (blue star) * -yellow
 Azalea -various
 Berberis thunbergii (barberry) * - beautiful, but on the invasive list
 Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (plumbago) * -red
 Clethra -yellow
 Cornus florida -bronze
 Cornus kousa (dogwood) -bronze
 Cotinus coggygria (smoke bush)
 Fothergilla
 Hamamelis virginiana (witch hazel)*
 Hibiscus syriaca (rose of Sharon) -yellow
 Hydrangea quercifolia (oakleaf) - bronze/red
 Hypericum (St. John's Wort) * - bronze
 Imperata (Japanese blood grass) * -red
 Lagerstroemia (crape myrtle) * - bronze
 Lindera benzoin (spicebush)* - yellow
 Miscanthus purpurea (flame grass) *
 Peony * -bronze
 Rhododendron PJM – bronze
 Rhus (sumac)
 Spirea 'Goldflame' *-red
 Vaccinium (blueberry) - red
 Viburnum -bronze - *deer resistant after flowering



Aster 'Purple Dome'



Imperata (Japanese blood grass) * -red

ATTRACTIVE DRIED BLOOMS, SEED HEADS, AND PODS

Agastache *
 Astilbe*
 Baptisia australis (false indigo) * -large black seed pods
 Echinacea (purple coneflower)
 Echinops (globe thistle) *
 Eryngium (sea holly) *
 Hydrangea (all varieties) –large, dried blooms
 Rudbeckia (black-eyed Susan) –self seeds



Rabdosia longituba (trumpet spurflower) *

SEMI-EVERGREENS OR SUB-SHRUBS*

Buddleia	Germander
Lavender	Perovskia
Salvia officinalis	Thymus

* = *Deer Resistant in my neighborhood in Bridgehampton*



Skimmia japonica (female)

Musings and Ramblings

George Biercuk

Mid-September and the early stages of the garden's winding down had begun. The drought's impact coupled with Hermine's winds, causing an early foliage drop, was exacerbated by an unanticipated copious rainfall. The slow drying of fallen foliage immediately transformed into fermentation, exuding a SOUR/somewhat sweet smell – not particularly autumnally pleasant. However the “stink” was overpowered by the unusually late blooming of *Clerodendrum trichotomum* which on October 1 still was opening fresh flower clusters with only the merest hint of the ensuing berries, the latest that has ever happened in our garden.

The especially unusual night-time warmth continued to encourage the garden toward high summer. Our shady pool even got warmer as the historical autumnal cooling failed to materialize. It could be best described as a “state of confusion”. Finally the brugmansia were gushing with flower buds! That first weekend of autumn the Canadians unleashed a blob of early season polar air upon us. Quickly routed back north, the garden, nonetheless, exhibited a revitalized freshness without any trauma visible. *Caladium* are our “canary in the mine” since they signal, when they begin “wilting”, that a temperature line had been crossed and now many tropics would begin to shut down. Remarkably, in early October the “mine” remained safe though the *C. candidum* leaves began to show “burnout” when the oldest leaves started to turn shamrock green, losing their predominately white coloration.

There's a bit of irony here in that while we had a relatively benign winter in early 2016 that segued into a prolonged cold spring/early summer, which resulted in a rather delayed emergence of *caladium* leaves, we now are experiencing, on the other side, a prolonged bit of summer. What is unnerving at this point are the forecasts for the upcoming winter. All predict a lot of snow for the Northeast but where we fall on the snow//ice/rain line is in question. As we have experienced in the past, when a benign autumn rapidly descends into winter, the shrubs especially, not having adequately hardened off, are ill-prepared for what is to come. Since predictions are for almost continuous precipitation, the worst scenario would be for us to fall within the ice zone.



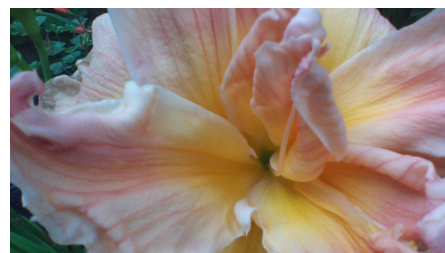
How is it that we perceive a plant to be a certain size when it has been growing in its space for a period of time and then when we decide to relocate it we are astounded by its actual size? Having procrastinated about where to plant shrubs purchased earlier in the year, several walks around the garden in late September finally gelled into a possible plan if, and only if, a new home could be

found for one road-blocking shrub. It was planted where it was because when it was purchased it was touted to retain its golden yellow color all year long on a plant that grew three or so feet at maturity. Now it had greatly surpassed that height yet somehow didn't overwhelm its surroundings, perhaps because its sun nestled presence and drooping, somewhat delicate, caressable foliage on a pyramidal shrub situated a bit uphill disguised the reality of its height, resulting in a positioning quandary in its new home. The shrub, *Chamaecyparis* p. 'Vintage Gold', close to eight feet tall, with a spread of over four feet, now resides in the front garden to the right and slightly behind an open structured *Cedrus atlantica glauca*. We envision a striking spring vignette when the cedrus' bright blue new foliage emerges, one that will last until autumn. There's room for another color to complete a triangle and when that's decided we'll select a shrub with the desired form, most likely weeping/round to complement the slightly pendulous forms of the cedrus and *chamaecyparis*.

In the former home of the *C. p. "Vintage Gold"* we've planted an Itoh peony that I found ridiculously priced on clearance at Home Depot (you never know what overlooked treasure you can find in those places) and an unnamed equally ridiculously priced tiny leaved dwarf *chamaecyparis* I stumbled upon in a corner of a nursery. The addition of a *Heuchera* 'Caramel' completes the space. Its uncanny how three plants, none over eighteen inches tall or wide can do that when the backdrop bones are good thus allowing us to “accessorize” the space anew. Completing the top of this “uphill” space is now a three foot Japanese temple, rescued from the clutches of *Ilex* 'Robin' on the other side of the garden, nestled within the embrace of a *viburnum* and pine.

Since we do not summarily expunge plants from the garden, delays in the execution of adjustments are sometimes protracted which, I think, pushes us toward more forward thinking about the consequences of any changes and how we can maintain personal control over the garden as both we and the garden age. Other than large tree work/removal and the opening and closing of the pool we do all the work, the most demanding being the autumnal leaf composting which this year is setting up to be a royal battle between us. To me the black gold that Gaia bestows upon us is “manna from heaven”. I can't imagine planting anything without incorporating this treasure into the planting hole.

The garden is entering a quieter phase. Enjoy.



Holiday Topiary Tree Workshop

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 10:00 am
John LoGerfo Library (HAH)



Join us for this fun event! We will be making unadorned Topiary Trees that will last for 2 months or longer if kept watered. Finished ht. approx. 16"

Please bring a pair of clippers. Deadline: November 30, 2016. Please make checks out to: HAH

Cost: \$ 20.00 HAH Members, \$ 30.00 non-HAH Members

Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Mail to: Lydia Wallis, 22 Charla Drive, Southampton, NY 11968

HAH 2016 - 2017 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM

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*

no lectures in July & August

EAST END GARDEN EVENTS

November - December 2016

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

Saturday, December 3 **Holiday Open House!**

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Annual Holiday Wreath Workshop**

MARDERS, The Garden Shop, 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton

Sunday, November 13, 2016, 10:00am -11:00am **Caring for Cactus and Succulents Inside**

Bridge Gardens, Madoo and LongHouse Reserve are now closed for visiting until Spring.

Acer palmatum "Aoyagi"



100% Recycled

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