



HAH Happenings

June 2017



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, June 11, 2017 - 2 pm

Turning PRFCT: The Evolution and Adventures of a Rational Naturalist



Hear how **Edwina von Gal**'s passion for biodiversity and the lessons learned during a lifetime of landscape design led to the creation of Perfect Earth Project, a rapidly expanding nonprofit organization promoting toxin-free land management around the world. Find out about the dangers of synthetic landscape chemicals and learn nature-based alternatives for your lawn and garden that provide beautiful, safe results at no extra cost. Take action, right in your own front yard and help spark an environmental gardening revolution.

Principal of her eponymous landscape design firm since 1984, Edwina von Gal creates landscapes with a focus on simplicity and sustainability for private and public clients around the world. She has collaborated with architects such as Frank Gehry, Annabelle

Sellendorf, Maya Lin, and Richard Meier, and her work has been published in many major publications. Her book Fresh Cuts won the Quill and Trowel award for garden writing in 1998.

In 2013, Edwina founded the Perfect Earth Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising consciousness about the dangers of toxic lawn and garden chemicals for people, their pets, and the planet. Perfect Earth Project educates homeowners and professionals in nature-based landscape management techniques that provide beautiful, safe results at no extra cost.

Edwina has served on boards and committees for a number of horticultural and arts organizations, and is currently on the board of What Is Missing?, Maya Lin's multifaceted media artwork about the loss of biodiversity. She received the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art's Arthur Ross Award in 2012, and is the 2017 recipient of Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts Achievement Award for the Visual Arts.

Photo credit: Inez van Lamsweerde and Vinoodh Matadin

SOUTH FORK GARDEN TOUR - SATURDAY, JUNE 3

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY OPEN DAYS PROGRAM -- opendaysprogram.org - Several gardens belonging to HAH members will be shown. **Pamela Harwood & Peter Feder, 371 Woodland Drive, BH, 10am-4pm.**

Levy-Barnett Garden, 31 Woodbine Drive, EH, 10am-2pm. Edwina Von Gal, 962-964 Springs Fireplace Road, EH, 10am-4pm (with a special family time program at 2.) Marshall Watson, 253 Kings Point Road, EH 10-5pm. Elaine Peterson & Richard Kahn, 224 West Lake Drive, Montauk, 10am - 2 pm.

Entrance fee is \$7 per person per garden. A discounted packet of tickets is available online.

All proceeds benefit the programs of the Garden Conservancy.

There is also a GC tour on JUNE 25 on the north shore of Suffolk County. Go to the GC website for details.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful. They are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul"

Luther Burbank

I am so pleased to report that the HAH Preview Party and plant sale were a huge success! The weather cooperated, the plant material was amazing, the containers donated by our community partners were unbelievable and a fabulous time was had by all! I cannot say how much I appreciate every single volunteer! I grew up in a family where "many hands, light work" was a mantra. I have to say even with our many hands it was a little more than light work, but so much FUN! It's a great time to get to know one another, to be part of a common goal and a community and to create something beautiful. We are already thinking about next year so if any of you would like to participate or have any ideas, it's never too early to let me know!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS! HAH IS NOT AN ALLIANCE WITHOUT YOU!

I'll see you in the garden,

Janet

HAH 2017

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

MAILING

John Benson

PHOTOS

George Biercuk, Janet Ollinger, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank, Michelle Simmons, Alicia Whitaker

HAH Library

Footnotes for June

The HAH Library will close for the July-August Hiatus in order to allow all members to enjoy their gardens! If you wish to take out a book, drop in after our June Lecture meeting and you can sign it out for the summer. Don't forget you can look up our book catalogue online on our web site and should you crave a title, email me and I will see what we can arrange.

Happy Gardening!

Susan Kennedy Zeller skzeller@aol.com

FOG

Please join the HAH Friends of the Garden

All are welcome to help tend the HAH Garden at the Bridgehampton Community House!

Our scheduled dates for the season will be

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

May 30 June 27 July 25 August 22

September 19 October 17 November 7

Rain dates are Thursdays of the same week.

Cornelia Bostwick cb8487@gmail.com

PAUL KARISH SCHOLARSHIPS for 2017

The HAH Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 Paul Karish Scholarships.

LARA FAYYAZ is a 2015 and 2016 Karish Scholarship awardee, a graduate of Southampton High School, and is now entering her junior year at Cornell University. She was a Garden Camp Counselor at Hayground Summer Camp and has volunteered with Slow Food East End. Because of her continued interest in food security, farming and sustainable agriculture, the Committee recommended renewing her scholarship. This semester she took “an entomology class to better understand what we, as gardeners, often view as our enemies. My love for horticulture has intensified as I’ve heard and read about plant adaptations formed in response to insect predators.”

DANIEL HARKIN will be graduating from Mattituck Junior-Senior High School and attending Pennsylvania State University next Fall. He plans to study Landscape Architecture. Daniel lived in Hungary until the sixth grade, when he and his family returned to the US. He has experience with both personal home garden projects and professional installations. In his essay he wrote “I aspire to create landscapes that make people want to get up and explore, rather than just view from a distance.”

JAKE McCARTHY is a senior at Southold Jr/Sr High School and will be attending SUNY Binghamton to study Environmental Science and Biology. He listed many community service experiences in his application, including beach clean-ups, conservation projects, and several crop gleaning activities for local homeless shelters and food pantries. The Committee was impressed with his work ethic and sense of humanity. As one of his references stated, “The world needs people like Jake to take care of it.”

Best wishes to all of our awardees!!

Susan Edwards, Chair

THE HAH GARDEN FAIR 2017



First pick of the plants- Friday nite



The DeCandidos admiring perennials



Plant advisor Lydia Wallis



Terry Coppola tending the Digs



Container by Alicia Whitaker



Bench and hat container by SKZeller



Pat Matheson pointing the way to the edibles



Mike DeVito & Mary Busch selling roses



John Benson & Mark Ollinger - musclemen having fun?



Happy Helpful Bartenders
Thanks guys!



Raffle takes and gives - Thanks all and especially Bettina!



Loyal supporters, thanks Alejandro and Rebecca

Social Media for Gardeners

Here are some sites for our reading and browsing pleasure when we're not out working in our gardens. This is not meant to be a comprehensive list, just one person's favorites:

Blogs / Email Newsletters (You can sign up for email delivery of the blog and all of those listed below)

Dirtier: Dianne B's blog / newsletter: www.diannebgardens.com

The Dahlia Papers: This is garden designer and writer Non Morris' blog: <https://thedahliapapers.com>

Travel in a Garden: Anna travels widely and shares photos of gardens around the world: <https://travelinagarden.blogspot.com>

The Lime Walk: Jenny Rose-Innes is an Australian gardener who also travels extensively and has a house in France: <https://thelimewalk.blogspot.com> Like many others, you'll also find her on Instagram.

Dirt Simple: Deborah Silver is a garden design and owner of an extraordinary nursery. She gardens in tough weather in Michigan: www.deborahsilver.com/blog

Flora Gloria: Lois Sheinfeld's blog. She's a rhododendron addict, among many other things: <http://www.floragloria.com/>

Growing with Plants: Matt Mattus' blog. This accomplished plantsman gardens near Worcester, Mass., and grows a tremendous range of plants in a cool greenhouse and in his gardens. www.growingwithplants.com

Instagram Accounts

@Josephvalentinephoto: a garden photographer and writer who has tends Juniper Hill in New Hampshire

@mccormickcharlie: a flower farmer and gardener who gardens on a rooftop in London and in a dreamy Dorset garden with his husband Ben Pentreath

@alemadoo: our very own Alejandro Saralegui of Madoo, who posts from Madoo and from his extensive international travels

@erikashank: HAH founding mother, accomplished photographer and gardener who usually posts from her Amagansett gardens

@arborboy: Alex Feleppa from Long House Reserve, who posts unbelievable wave photos as well as garden photos

@breillyllynch: Bridget Lynch, who cares for the gorgeous and vast gardens of Bunny Williams and John Rosselli in Litchfield County

@landcrafte: Dennis Schrader, who posts from the beautiful gardens he's created with Bill Smith as well as from their place in Costa Rica

@laboopsie: Paige Patterson, self-described plantaholic, gardener, writer, garden guru, flower cultivator and gatherer

@elainehpete: Elaine Peterson, gardener, astrologer, crafter. Many photos of her Montauk garden and other delights

Editorial note: This list was compiled by Alicia Whitaker whose Instagram account @awhitaker196 is also of great interest!

Musings and Ramblings

George Biercuk

An early April noontime. Recently home. Garden work, for the moment done. Basking, in a lounge chair, soaking up Sol's energizing tanning rays. Dozing on and off while reading my book club's latest. The daffodils, just to my left in full glorious bloom. A buzzing scratching at my semi-asleep brain. Bumble bees. I somewhat lazily look to my left. These very bulked up bees are ponderously working the flowers. I watch entranced as one penetrates a cup. I'm waiting. I'm waiting. Where did the bee go? Too relaxed to get up. Where is he? Okay this isn't Houdini and I certainly don't think it's Alice's famous rabbit hole nor a portal into an alternate universe/reality. The bee has to be here. There's only so much volume into which he can have disappeared. I was entranced. Others were also working the clump and also having prolonged, very intimate, encounters with these daffodils. Okay so I was a voyeur. Eventually the "primo" caught my eye as he emerged from his "delicatessen". Boy did he waddle about upon exiting until he got his bearings and groggily wandered off. I've never seen a flower worked so long. Ah ha. Timing.

Because of global warming flora and fauna are getting out of sync from their historical match-ups. Flora is more readily emerging earlier while fauna is much slower to adapt. This year though, after a mild winter through February, a cold March delayed flora. Fauna was ravenous but had to settle. Thus the long, intimate dalliance with the daffodil. There's another plant in our garden that, be it any time between mid/late winter through early spring, always attracts swarms of bees when in bloom. Mahonia. The bees are drunken crazy gathering the fragrant pollen. I'm also just crazy for the intoxicating lemony scent.

This out of synchronization is worrisome since the ecological balance in which we exist, that has evolved over millennia, is threatened. The early disconnect is primarily with mainly non-food flora but as the stress put upon bees, for example, intensifies and fruit trees are enticed into earlier and earlier blooming, while the threat of late killing frost persists, we face the prospect of reduced availability at substantially higher cost.

Not only are temperatures in a state of flux, precipitation patterns are vacillating wildly. The super abundance of drought breaking precipitation in California and across the southern states resulted in consequences far beyond reservoir/water table replenishment. How did you react to the five dollar head of lettuce? Flooding is anathema to successful crop production. Scarcity of product = what the market will bear and then some.

This year the persistence of cold Canadian air in our region, coupled with more than usual cloud cover, has also delayed the warming of the ocean which consequentially will hold back atmospheric and soil warming, yet further widening the disconnect. When the heat finally overrides the oceans influence "summer" will hit the garden like a bull in a china shop. Just as flora adapts best to gradually cooling temps before winter so is the heating-up side also true. Tender young emerging foliage, especially of in-home overwintered plants, needs time to harden-off to be able to withstand heat and sunshine just as we need time to gradually increase sun exposure in order to avoid a scorching sunburn (flora also burns if abruptly moved from indoors to outdoors) because there's no SPF 50 for flora other than an arboreal or structural canopy.

That canopy, though, can be somewhat fickle. As it changes over time there can be whole new scenarios playing out in the garden. Deepening or decreasing, it impacts that which grows beneath it. We were devastated when two seventy foot Oaks in very close proximity suddenly died several years ago. The change in sunlight, though dramatic, was to a great extent mitigated by the understory clerodendrums. When they succumbed it was as though the sun had supernovaed. Plants that for years had enjoyed early morning sunshine that transitioned into varying degrees of light through the remainder of the day now had to endure a protracted period of intensifying morning to mid-day sunshine with afternoon relief. Forward two years. With extra attention to watering necessitated by the increased sunlight and heat, this area has continued to do quite well. This May the payback was breathtaking. Rhododendron 'Virginia Richards', which was so-so languishing, erupted into a globe of enormous trusses of the most delicate light peach outer/darker hued interior flowering orbs. People entering the garden were immediately drawn to her commanding presence. Absent the loss of canopy I probably would have written her off as a plant to be forgotten.

With warmer temperatures promised we began bringing up the overwintering fuchsias from the basement and began the task of pruning them back. This is the sign for us that winter is finally behind us. The rest of overwintered plants would soon be joining them for another summer romp in the garden.



Happy Gardening.

HAH Tour to the New York Botanical Garden & Arthur Avenue

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$90.00 per person including luxury bus transportation, admission, gratuity
Lunch on your own

The New York Botanical Garden is an iconic living museum and, since its founding in 1891, has served as an oasis in this busy metropolis. As a National Historic Landmark, this 250 acre site's verdant landscape supports over one million living plants in extensive collections.

The main attraction for our visit this year is the breathtaking works of art by world-renowned artist **Dale Chihuly** which will be on view at NYBG in his first major garden exhibition in more than ten years in New York. **Chihuly** will showcase approximately 20 monumental installations and rare drawings and early works that reveal the evolution and development of his artistic process during his celebrated career. Set within NYBG's landmark landscape and buildings, this groundbreaking exhibition will be a must-see throughout the changing seasons from spring through fall.

We will arrive at the garden at approximately 10:30 a.m. and have time to explore the garden until 4pm (lunch will be on your own at the café right in the garden). Departure time for those not visiting Arthur Avenue will be 4pm.

For those wishing to visit Arthur Avenue, the bus will take you over at 2pm and will pick you up approximately 4:15pm at which time we will depart for home. Approximate time of arrival back in the Hamptons will be about 6:30 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Pickup: Bridgehampton Community House, School Street side: **8 a.m.**
Pickup: Hampton Bays at LIRR Station opposite 7-Eleven: **8:20 a.m.**
Cost: \$90 PP including transportation, admission & gratuity – Lunch on your own
Payment must be made by August 1, 2017

Registration Form:

Please sign me up for The New York Botanical Garden/Arthur Avenue tour on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Name(s) _____

Phone (cell preferred) _____

E-Mail _____

I would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$90.00 each.

Total Amount included _____

Please make checks **payable to HAH** and mail to HAH, P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, New York, 11932 **no later than August 1, 2017**. Attention: Travel

Pick up in Bridgehampton: 8:00 a.m. _____

Pick up in Hampton Bays: 8:20 a.m. _____

Call Bettina at 917.834.0228 or email at bbettina@optonline.net for questions.



HAH 2017 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM - BH Community House

June 11 - Edwina von Gal - *Perfect Earth Project*
no lectures in July & August

September 10 - Daryl Beyers - *Fabulous Fall & Winter Containers*

October 15 - Panel Discussion – *Putting Your Garden to Bed for Winter* - Elizabeth Lear, Peter Bertrand, R.B. Boyle, Paul Wagner

November 12 – Ellen Ecker Ogden – *The Complete Kitchen Garden*

December 10 – Jan Johnsen – *Serenity by Design*

All lectures are free to members, \$10 for not-yet-members. Memberships start at \$45.

LOCAL GARDEN EVENTS June 2017

BRIDGE GARDENS, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton , 631.283.3195 ext 19 or peconiclandtrust.org

Tuesdays, 2:30 - 5 - Lawn Care Expert Advice, Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics

Saturday, June 10, Organic Rose Care, Step 2, 10 - 11:30, \$5 per person, free for BG members, reserve please.

LONGHOUSE RESERVE, 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937 (631) 329-3568 longhouse.org

Open Wed & Sat, 2-5 pm. (closed June 10 for special event.)

MADOO Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main St, Sagaponack. www.madoo.org 631-537-0082

JUNE 16-17. MUCH ADO ABOUT MADOO, GARDEN MARKET, Get tickets online.

MARDERS, 120 Snake Hollow Rd., Bridgehampton, www.marders.com, 631-537-3700

FREE Sunday Garden lectures at 10:00 am: June 4, 'Right Plant Right Container', June 11, 'The World of Hydrangeas', June 18, 'New Thoughts for your Shade Garden', June 25, 'How to Use Evergreens'

PARRISH ART MUSEUM BENEFIT, LANDSCAPE PLEASURES, Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, parrishart.org

ARF BENEFIT GARDEN TOUR, Saturday, June 17, 11-5, EH village gardens, arfhampptons.org



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