



# HAH Happenings

## September 2017



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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

631.537.2223 [hahgarden.org](http://hahgarden.org)

at the Bridgehampton Community House

### HAH Monthly Lecture - Sunday, September 10, 2017 - 2 pm



#### Daryl Beyers Fabulous Fall and Winter Containers

The end of summer does not have to end your love for container gardening. In fact, it's fun and easy to create successful fall containers if you start with the right pot, soil, and plants suited for chilly weather. The transition from summer flowers to fall favorites adds weeks of color to the garden as displays of long-lasting, late-season plant combinations carry containers through Thanksgiving. We then turn to winter container designed to look great through the holiday season and that stand up to the snow and cold of the winter months.

Daryl Beyers, has over 20 years of professional landscaping experience specializing in residential garden design and development. As Coordinator of the Gardening Certificate Program at the New York Botanical Garden Daryl helps guide their curriculum and also teaches gardening and garden design classes to hundreds of students each year. While a staff writer, photographer and editor for *Fine Gardening* magazine he authored two special issues on garden design (*Great Gardens Vols. 1 & 2*) and more recently served as Contributing Garden Editor for *Martha Stewart Living*. His articles on gardening and garden design have also appeared in *Horticulture*, *HGTV Magazine*, and *Real Simple*. Daryl's landscape design and development firm, Daryl Beyers, LLC, is based in Fairfield County, Connecticut.

### 2017 HAH PAUL KARISH SEMINAR

#### Sunday, September 24

#### Ken Druse Day

#### Shade Gardening in the Age of Climate Change

9:30 am - Noon - Local Tour of Shade Gardens

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Lecture by Ken Druse

3:00 - 4:00 - Reception and SALE of Shade Plants from Glover Grown Perennials



SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Happy we who can bask in this warm September sun, which illumines all creatures, as well when they rest as when they toil, not without a feeling of gratitude.*

Henry David Thoreau

I hope everyone had a terrific summer. I would like to thank Pamela Harwood for the fantastic garden tours she organized and a special thank you to everyone who opened their garden to HAH, they were all special and spectacular! The summer party at Linda and Vincent Sclafani's was the perfect way to relax and catch up with all of our HAH friends, we are all so busy during the summer it was nice to spend an afternoon talking about gardens and plants and ideas. I loved their new raised beds and the tales of their trials with resident critters! Thank you Linda and Vincent for hosting a lovely afternoon.

This fall HAH is hitting the ground running! Our speaker series continues with Daryl Beyers from NYBG, there are workshops, our fantastic yard sale with treasures galore, the ever popular Round Tables will begin again and we have an extra special Karish Seminar, an event that you will not want to miss! Our committee chairs and members are always a source of inspiration, continually thinking of ways to bring together our gardening community, to educate all levels and to make it all seem effortless. If you have an idea or would like to be part of the process, please reach out to me and I will be happy to help you find your perfect niche within this amazing organization! It is fun, a great way to meet people, to share and to learn.



I'll see you in the garden,

*Janet*

### HAH 2017

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### A BUSY SCHEDULE AT HAH!

**Saturday, Sept. 9, Workshop: Trees Under Attack, 10 am**, see the last Newsletter or website for details.

**Sunday, Sept. 10, Monthly Lecture, 2 pm**, see page 1.

**Saturday, Sept. 16, HAH Library Book and Yard Sale, 9 am to noon**, See page 3.

**Sunday, Sept. 24, Karish Seminar, Ken Druse Day, Shade Gardening in the Age of Climate Change**, See page 7.

**Saturday, Oct. 7, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Workshop: Planting Bulbs for Spring Color**. See page 3.

### 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 rest of our season will be **Tuesdays at 10:00 AM**.

September 19 October 17 November 7

**Rain dates are Thursdays of the same week.**

Cornelia Bostwick

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# THE HAH LOGERFO LIBRARY ANNUAL FALL BOOK, PLANT AND YARD SALE

**Saturday, September 16th 9:00 am - Noon**

## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR HAH FALL BOOK, PLANT AND YARD SALE**

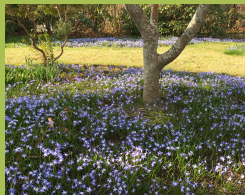
Opportunity Knocks. Every year we have an end of season sale giving everyone an opportunity to donate books, indoor and outdoor plants, gardening tools, containers and other garden related items in good condition. If you are dividing or digging up plants - pot them up for us (with identification please.) Garden and house plants welcome. Any other garden/plant/tool items in usable condition you no longer need are also helpful. Bring your donations to the Library during our regular open times/days in August and before September 10 please (although plants may also be delivered prior to 9 am September 16.) We are happy to give you a Tax donation form on request.

The SALE will take place September 16 from 9 AM to NOON in and outside the Library,  
School Street side of the Bridgehampton Community House..

**COME FIND SOME GENTLY USED TREASURES FOR YOUR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GARDENS!**



Library hours: Saturdays and Tuesdays 10 am to 12 pm, or by appt.



## **WORKSHOP: Planting Bulbs for Spring Color**

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

**1pm – 2:30 pm**

Please join us for a workshop in partnership with Summerhill Landscapes, Bridge Gardens and the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons.

Planning and planting for the spring garden starts now! Meet at Bridge Gardens for a workshop with the professionals at Summerhill Landscapes, and learn how to properly design with – and plant – a variety of bulbs that will provide early to late spring color to your garden.

Presentation will include information on sourcing, selecting and planting bulbs. Every attendee will receive some bulbs to take home. This workshop will be held indoors in the event of rain.

Location: Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton

\$10/person, free to Bridge Gardens and Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons members.

Space limited. Registration and Pre-paid reservations are required.

Reservations must be made through Bridge Gardens, 631.283.3195, as Summerhill will need to know approximately how many are attending in order to have enough bulbs for everyone.

# Musings & Ramblings

George Biercuk

The legacy of the winter of 2016/2017 & spring 2017 continued with surprises as the growing season progressed. The enduring cold, coupled with persistent rains, slowing the resurgence of Gaia's eco-system, both flora and fauna, resulted in some serendipitous surprises. And were they ever surprises! Yes, the mophead and lacecap hydrangeas finally, after at least four years of disappointment, bloomed with a vengeance that surpassed earlier peaks. Likewise the H. "Quercifolia", "Tardiva" and "Peegee". Yes, the spring shrubs bloomed with an abundance, both quantity and size, that, though somewhat delayed and protracted, nonetheless introduced us to some heretofore unseen color combinations of both flower and foliage. Yes, thankfully, for the most part, the canopy munching critters – gypsy moths and inch worms – were held in check by the cold, wet conditions of late May/early June. Yes, the irresponsible application of irrigation during a cold, wet late spring, led, in some instances, to totally wasted efforts concerning spring planted annuals (more later). Yes, the sheer volume and mass of all resurgent current season growth – perennial, shrub and tree – exceeded what we have experienced for many, many years, resulting in some dramatic pushback (pruning) on our part. Yes, the season unfolded so lackadaisically that ecological clues calendar-wise were way off the mark, obfuscating the steadfast unfolding of spring 2017, thus leaving us a bit disoriented as to the actual calendar date. Yes, the cold, albeit, dry conditions in early spring kept most fungal diseases in check, however, that changed as the season progressed wetter and symptoms began manifesting. Yes, we can now look back on the awakening season, filtered through slightly rose-colored memory, and the reality was, in fact, pretty awesome. It's vibrancy, effervescence and colorfulness was energizing and invigorating. Like a racehorse at the gate, we were chomping at the bit to get going and suddenly it was all upon us. Yes, as everything was unfolding, Gaia still toyed with us hydrologically. She gave and she withheld, the early withholding causing some stunting though subsequently she came to the rescue just in time. Yes, the fruits of everyone's labors ripened with abundance all around – the flowers boisterous, the peaches juicy, scrumptiously dripping with flavor, the corn sweet-oh so sweet.

But not to be forgotten are the surprises that emerged. Pushing the limit as far as keeping gardens looking attractive into late autumn, last year (we plan four season gardens so that clients can enjoy our extended autumns, though it means more frenzied bedding-down for us) we had to finally bed them down mid-November. Cutting down of perennials and large annuals to the root, yanking of smaller annuals and removal of leaf matter was priority one. Priming for Thanksgiving was a no brainer. All was done. Then fatigue/burnout set in. We were in the year-end "holiday" season and still the gardens evoked the time of Halloween exuberance despite sunset now coming ever-so-much earlier. Cursing our benevolence and vowing the annual "NEVER AGAIN" we pushed on with the final bedding downs. The final task was to be the digging up of all the canna roots. Well, there was rain, resulting in soggy soil and wet roots – not good conditions for pre-storage prep. Also it was getting colder, not freezing, nonetheless unpleasant.

I was already planning the upcoming year's planting schemes, envisioning where the overwintered canna tubers would be incorporated. Rain and our physical and mental fatigue, both resulted in the decision to let them go. Not long after, while I was finalizing 2017 orders and digesting the magnitude of the consequences of our decision, bellowing behind me, I stepped back, took a breath and said "what's done is done. They're toast". April's weather, upon our return, remained disagreeable. The envisioned early start to spring prep never materialized. Early May, with an impending garden tour, became a frenzied time. At last garden prep was able to begin in earnest. First thing, long handled pitchfork in hand, was the excavation of the decaying canna roots. The first one was tenacious (extremely tenuous), prompting surprise and a few choice words. When finally extracted, the roots, obviously very much alive, were showing the faintest hint of life at the growing tips. It was immediately replanted since the site was somewhat sheltered and, after the preceding winter of 2015/2016 which was most brutal and killed the few experimental "leave-ins", there remained viable pieces of canna root left in the ground that resprouted sparingly. The decision this year, wait and see. Planting proceeded around canna territory. Soon there were more signs of sprouting, meager at first. It didn't look promising. Canna like warmth and it was COLD. Almost begrudgingly, more tips broke the surface here and there. A brief hot spell got things going. By mid-July they claimed their strategic positions. Their leaves were huge, most likely because they had expanded into the native garden soil. They were claiming territory as quickly as running bamboo, their lushness tropical.

The cultivar, in this case, is important. In years past when we trialed some canna overwintering the cultivar was C. "Australia". Nothing of note ever came of this. C. "Pretoria" joined the undug last autumn. They are the ones that overwintered in EVERY spot. Only one C. "Australia" showed any life and when the others were dug up they were in an advanced state of rot. The lone survivor languished early on then, as the soil continued to warm, it experienced what we refer to as "the teenage growth spurt". I didn't know how much of the roots survived, nonetheless it bulked up nicely. Another serendipitous find was on the compost heap on another client's property. We were doing our usual spreading of current season compostables over fairly large area to facilitate the rapid breakdown of the material. One day toward

late July a spot of color caught my eye in an out of the way area. I was about to walk away when the angle of my perception changed. I thought I saw a flash of something reddish. I'd been past this spot I don't know how many times and had seen nothing worth noticing. As I approached the hint of color became more distinct. The "reddish" was in fact the flower on the corm of the non-stop begonia which was orange. The pot in which it grew in 2016 was dumped late season. Who would have expected that this tropical would survive our outdoor winter atop the heap without any protection?

Likewise, the five year old pots of *Begonia boliviensis* (we're down to two) overwinter in our basement totally neglected. When we begin to empty the basement of overwintered tropicals in early May and rediscover them again they are sprouting totally blanched spindly shoots which we expect to break off when we move the pots. Once outside in a shaded spot to prevent sunscald and soaked to rehydrate the corms they are again pushed into the background until we spot their newly forming flower buds on the still somewhat spindly stalks. Moved into dappled sunlight, they really blossom. The stalks thicken, sending out side shoots and seemingly overnight the plant erupts into a blaze of orange fireworks which lasts for months.

Now about the wasted effort/failure of some spring planted gardens that used a preponderance of annuals to carry floral color through the entire season. Remember, until late June it was mainly COLD and WET, far from the growing conditions to which tropicals (annuals to us) are habituated. Entered into this scenario, irrigation systems which are opened as early as possible, commonly early April (even late March if the temperatures are considered to be warm enough), and consequentially set to run on autopilot without any further consideration of and adjustment for actual weather conditions. One year a late April freeze resulted in the most enchanting ice encrusted landscapes which people were stopping to capture before they melted. Yes, there was a brief dry period when we had to water in mid-May but that was the only time as of when I'm writing this in early August. On August 5 a half inch rainfall alleviated the impending necessity, mainly in the few spots in our garden that receive the most sun. Since we are the "system" we can localize the watering to these specific areas unlike a zoned automatic system which cannot be adjusted to customize the watering to only the area needing it, even within a zone. Fortunately we're here full time to be able to do this. Plus we specifically created our garden in the shade which facilitates this. Trust me, we know that on a hot, humid, sunny day there's no better place to garden than in the shade.

Back in early July on a cool, rainy day, in a suppliers greenhouses looking for some fill-ins, I became aware of a somewhat frantic conversation. I assumed it was a rush for a new planting when the guy drove his truck to the entrance and started grabbing potted material like crazy. We went about our business. As we were paying the owner asked me if we had any problems with spring planted material that we had purchased from him. We assured him we hadn't, only that it was naturally sluggish due to the weather. Then he related that quite a number of his clients and sub sequentially their clients lost everything to rot because irrigation systems were left to run despite the clear and absolute LACK OF NEED! Literally, the plants drowned as the roots rotted. Also a friend queried me about his ailing tomato plants which he raised from seed. After a lot of back and forth I asked about his watering habits. There was the answer. Despite adequate rain he was hand watering and irrigating DAILY. Once he cut out the daily watering and backed-off on the irrigation his plants were spared their near fate: death. He tells me they're thriving and has promised some tomatoes.

I have written repeatedly (see above) that you or someone who works on your property has to be interactive with your irrigation system, as most of you have one. Besides wasting precious fresh water, you are subjecting your garden to potential diseases, increased need for chemical "cides" and even death not to mention advancing salt water incursion as the aquifer is overdrawn and fresh water RETREATS inland.

The schizophragma ascending the massive white oak that shades the pool ailed this season. At first I was upset but a nagging in the back of mind was wishing for its death. It was sucking all the moisture from the surrounding soil in an ever expanding circle making it increasingly difficult to grow anything in that zone. Its demise, which might require a helping hand (saw), will most likely be a boon to the area, which, not overly large, is essential to the "wilderness" ambiance of the entire landscape within which the pool is situated. The schizophragma climbing two other trees immediately adjacent to the pool, while healthy, were vastly less floriferous than in years past resulting in easier pool maintenance.

Fireflies in the evening. Embers, wafting through the garden. Recollections. Fleeting. Youth. Summer evenings trying to capture them in our hands. Not as prolonged a display as memories convey. Today, their numbers greatly diminished. What a tragic loss. Shame on us.

The season of ripening is upon us. Autumn's bounty and late season bloomers are about to burst upon the landscape. Enjoy Gaia's richness and riches.





## Summer 2017 HAH Garden Tours



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Thanks to Pamela Harwood for organizing the terrific local tours and for these photos.

And many thanks to all the people who shared their hard work so all of us could see the beauty in your gardens!



Gemake Garden



Gemake Garden



John van Sickle & Garden, above



Julie Burmeister Garden, center



Kathy Gray & Pamela Harwood at Conway Garden, right

## BULLETINS FOR GARDENERS

**Giant Hogweed has become a seriously dangerous menace in our area. Do not touch it, cut it or weed whack it. The sap can cause serious burns. For pictures and more information go to:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/animals/39809.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/39809.html)

Giant Hogweed Hotline 1-845-256-3111

[ghogweed@dec.ny.gov](mailto:ghogweed@dec.ny.gov)

Thanks to Susan Edwards for this alert!

**The lovely *Arum italicum*, Italian Arum, is now considered a new invasive.** It is apparently taking over acres of ground as a solid monoculture. If you have it in your garden, best keep an eye on self sowing. Thanks to Vicki Bustamante for passing this news along from Danial Atha at NYBG.





2017 HAH Paul Karish Seminar  
Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
**KEN DRUSE DAY**  
A Karish Seminar like no other!



**SHADE GARDEN TOUR: 9:30 am-NOON**

Please check in at the HAH Library located in the lower level of the Bridgehampton Community House, the entrance and parking lot is off of School Street. Check in will be from 9:30-10am. You will be given an event bracelet and instructions for a self-guided 3 Garden tour of spectacular gardens located within Bridgehampton, all with plantings that make the most of shade. The gardens will be open to Karish attendees from 10:00 am-noon.

Please enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many fabulous Bridgehampton restaurants.

**KEN DRUSE LECTURE: 2:00 - 3:00pm**

If you cannot attend the Garden Tour you may still check in for the Lecture at the entrance of the Main Auditorium of the Bridgehampton Community House. If you are already checked-in just present your event bracelet for admission. **This is our main event!**

**The incomparable KEN DRUSE will discuss **Shade Gardening in the Age of Climate Change.****

Ken Druse is a celebrated lecturer, and an award-winning author and photographer, who has been called “the guru of natural gardening” by the New York Times. He is best known for his 20 garden books published over the last 25 years. The Smithsonian Institute announced the acquisition of the Ken Druse Collection of Garden Photography, comprising 100,000 images of American gardens and plants, when he moved from his 1873 Brooklyn brownstone in 2013. He now gardens in New Jersey.

**RECEPTION, PLANT SALE: 3:00 - 4:00pm**

The event will continue with a lovely reception, book signing and a plant sale featuring curated shade plants from Glover Grown Perennials, with selections guided by Ken’s list of recommended shade plants. Proceeds from Ken’s book sales and the plant material from Glover are generously being donated to the Karish Seminar.

The Karish Seminar is one of two major HAH fund raisers during the year. All proceeds go directly to our educational programming and activities. Thank you to our volunteers and a special thank you to Jim Glover and Ken Druse.



**Karish Seminar**

**Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017**

Registration Form:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$125 per attendee payable to HAH: Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** go to this link to pay online: <https://squareup.com/store/horticultural-alliance-of-the-hamptons>

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](http://www.hahgarden.org) for information on all HAH events.

## HAH 2017-2018 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM - BH Community House

*All lectures are free to members, \$10 for not-yet-members. Memberships start at \$45. Please join us!*

**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*

**January 14** – Joseph Tychonievich – *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style*

**February 11**– Rick Bogusch – *Herb Blends & Spice Mixes: How to Make Them & How to Use Them*

**March 11** – Bill Noble – *Imaginary Gardens with Real Toads in Them*

**April 8** – Thomas Mickey – *America's Romance with the English Garden*

**May 6** – Diane Barthel-Bouchier – *Botanical Art: A Continuing Tradition*

**June 10** – Ken Greene – *The Wonder of Seeds*

**There are no lectures in July & August**

**September 9** – Lynden Miller – *The Designer's Eye*

**October 14** – Anne Haines - *Fragrant Plants*

**November 11** – Jane Garmey – *A Sense of Place – An inside Look at a Wide Variety of Private Gardens in Connecticut & the Hudson Valley*

**December 9** – Donald W. Hyatt – *Chasing the Bloom in the Southern Appalachians*

## LOCAL GARDEN EVENTS

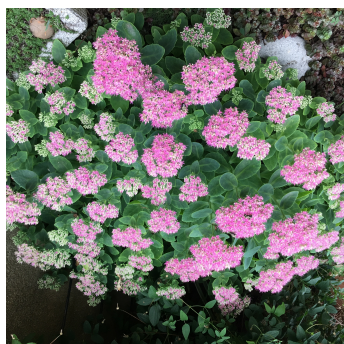
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**BRIDGE GARDENS**, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton , 631.283.3195 ext 19 or [peconiclandtrust.org](http://peconiclandtrust.org). Open Saturdays, 10-5 and Sundays noon-5. Tuesdays, 2:30 - 5 - Lawn Care Expert Advice, Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics is available to answer your questions.

**PECONIC LAND TRUST** has many garden related events around the East End, see their calendar at [peconiclandtrust.org](http://peconiclandtrust.org)

**MARDERS**, 120 Snake Hollow Rd., Bridgehampton, [www.marders.com](http://www.marders.com), 631-537-3700 FREE Sunday Garden lectures at 10:00 am: Sept. 10 - Vole,Vole Go Away; Sept. 17 - Fall Lawn Care, Fall Pruning & Putting Your Garden to Bed; Sept. 24 - Shopping the Fall Plant Sales

Sedum 'Carl'



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