



HAH Happenings

October 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, October 15, 2017 - 2 pm

Panel Discussion: Putting Your Garden to Bed for Winter

The HAH will present a unique Sunday meeting for October 15, 2017. The meeting will have a panel of experts: Elizabeth Lear of Lear and Mahoney Landscaper Associates, Peter Bertrand from the Southampton Rose Society, Robert Boyle of RB Irrigation Systems, and Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics (in partnership with Perfect Earth Project) will talk on preparing the garden for winter. 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 to hear addressed. So, as you prepare your garden for winter this month, e-mail to Pamela Harwood (pamharwood@aol.com) your questions and issues you would like the Panel to address.

Elizabeth Lear of Lear-Mahoney Landscape Associates is a past President of HAH and long time Program Chair at HAH and current Chair of LongHouse Reserve Garden Committee. Elizabeth 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.

Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics is a Board Certified Master Arborist, as well as a NYS Certified Nursery Professional with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He is also president of Soil Foodweb New York – a commercial soil-testing laboratory. Paul has over 15 years of experience in science-based organic tree, shrub and lawn care.

Peter Bertrand is a member on the Advisory Board of the Southampton Rose Society and also serves as their Education Chair.

RB Boyle of RB Irrigation, LLC founded his company in 1999 primarily focusing on the Hamptons. He's been an active member of the Irrigation Association of New York for seventeen years and currently serves as its President.

Free for HAH Members, \$10 for not-yet-members. This is a great introduction to a year at HAH. Come join us!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*The trees are in their autumn beauty, The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water Mirrors a still sky.*

William Butler Yeats

FALL, my absolute favorite time of year! I love the cooler temperatures, the lower humidity and the colors; oh the fabulous colors of fall! I am looking forward to all of the fall activities HAH has planned. We will resume our fabulous roundtables where, as a group, we can reminisce about the success and failures of summer 2017 and talk about the possibilities for next spring and summer. Expanding on the idea of a roundtable, our October lecture will feature an innovative format. Local experts in horticulture will come to discuss current topics in their areas of expertise. Please see our write up and think about questions that are important to you. YOU are the focus of HAH, what do you want to learn and what is important to you? Let us know and participate in our wonderful organization.



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.

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Bettina Benson, Elaine Peterson

REPORT OF THE 2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2018 for the membership's vote at the annual meeting in November:

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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.

At the general meeting of the membership in October, further nominations will be taken from the floor by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by a verbal or written consent of the nominee.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Rick Bogusch, Chair
Alicia Whitaker
Elaine Peterson
Cornelia Bostwick
Susan Edwards

A BUSY SCHEDULE AT HAH!

Sunday, Sept. 24

**Karish Seminar, Ken Druse Day,
Shade Gardening in the Age of Climate Change,**

See page 7 or go to our website for info! There may still be room for you! Don't miss this great day!

Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:00 am - noon, Roundtable

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

Sunday, October 15, 2 pm - Panel Discussion. See the frontpage.

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.**

October 17 November 7

Rain dates are Thursdays of the same week.

Cornelia Bostwick cb8487@gmail.com

HAH ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM RESUMES ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th 10am - NOON

Our topics will include:

1) VOLES! Since it has been the gardening and lawn topic of the summer, many calling it a cyclical epidemic, we will begin with a discussion of how to get rid of them as well as other pests.

2) A SUMMER LOOK-BACK: successes and challenges. Did you get inspiration from the garden tours?

3) QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

We look forward to seeing you on October 7th!
Pamela Harwood, Program Chair

HAH SEED EXCHANGE PROGRAM

As this is the time of year when, if not deadheaded, the flowers on your herbs, perennials, and vegetables will go to seed, we encourage you to collect, save, and label them to donate to HAH. We will begin to sell and/or exchange donated seeds in January.
Many thanks, Pamela Harwood



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 - Plant Predators

George Biercuk

March and September each usher in the waning days of their respective seasons. March can easily go either way – lion or lamb, while September doesn't give us a hearty taste of upcoming winter (thanks to the stored warmth in our surrounding ocean), however this year on the 1st we got a taste with temps generally in the mid to upper 40's and upper 30's in the Pine Barrens. Frost warnings were issued for inland areas just northwest of NYC. September 1st I worried that tender tropicals, such as caladium, which are extremely cold sensitive, would begin to shut down. Luckily it was only a 36 hour cold snap. No harm done. I wonder, though, if this portends the accuracy of The Farmer's Almanac forecast for the upcoming winter predicting bitter cold and five major snow events in the Northeast. Remember, we were spared unrelenting heat and humidity this past summer because of periodic southward surges of cool (here, in some other locals cold) dry Canadian air.

An old fashion winter might help with three MAJOR problems plaguing the local area- deer, voles/moles/mice and their blood sucking hangers-on, ticks. Mice, by far, are the preeminent reservoir of Lyme disease, while deer present its most visible face and are generally loathed because of the above ground destruction they cause throughout the ENTIRETY of the landscape. Voles, to my knowledge, have not been studied as to whether or not they are also reservoirs of Lyme disease since they don't try to cohabit with us in our dwellings, as do mice, preferring to decimate and ravage, subterraneanly, our gardens. This year, as a result of the mildness of the past winter, which admittedly was enjoyed by most, the voles, having access to the subterranean smorgasbord of delectable roots found in our gardens, continued to BREED (they put rabbits to shame) and exponentially, because of their numbers, mercilessly devoured our gardens. Many people bemoaned that no sooner had they planted then the voles destructively feasted. It's mind boggling how many hundreds (thousands) of descendants a pair breeding in early summer 2016 has resulted in.

There appears to be NOTHING that is effective for reducing their numbers short of an epic area wide flood that would drown ALL of them. Draconian as the aforementioned is there appears to be nothing we can successfully do small scale-wise to, if not eliminate, at least manage this scourge. Of the myriad upon myriad holes I have dealt with by inserting poison ASAP (stopping the immediate attack) thus allowing the plant to begin recovering, nonetheless weeks later the assault began anew with an intensified frenzy. A BIG part of the problem is the underground network of tunneling created by the moles and also used by the voles and mice. What really ticks me off, as I have mentioned in earlier articles, is what is happening to all that soil that I so laboriously hand dug to a depth of eighteen inches. Excavated mounds aren't evident so what are they doing with it? Sending it into an alternate universe Earth that has depleted and ruined its life giving soil and needs ours in hopes of restarting its ravaged ecology? Imagine moles trained/programed to mine our soil. Stay in your own universe, find your own fix and LEAVE MY SOIL ALONE!!!

Like any unrelenting, invading hoard with seemingly unlimited resources upon which to draw, they are marauding through the landscape, most visibly noticeable in gardens. Strategies for control? Forget about it. I used to tell people to get a cat, female because they're the hunters whereas the males enjoy the spoils of her hunt. Today we would need at least a dozen, for many, many months, to bring the infestation down to a manageable level. Then, consequentially, what to do with all of the cats? We have to be mindful of the resulting consequences of any "REMEDY".

Deer, as we all too well know, can destroy, overnight, a garden and longer term the understory of woodland spaces, devouring most everything up to a height of four feet thus threatening the woodlands rejuvenative capability. Now they are joined by exploding numbers of voles. There can be no hope of "resurrection" for a plant under such assault. A chewed down perennial crown potentially can reestablish depending upon when during the growing season the assault occurred. Early and mid/late, for differing reasons, seem to have the best survival rates barring any additional attacks. Early because there is ample time for resprouting and mid/late because they've stored their needed nutritional needs for the next growing season. Shrubs are a whole 'nother story depending upon type.

In our experience the absolute worst scenario is a vole/deer attack since that pretty much guarantees that there will be very little, if anything, left after their combined attack. Voles, having a seemingly bottomless appetite enjoy the offered smorgasbord, devour their favorite meal – roots, leaving the upper parts so as to torment us as they wither away. However, confining their destruction subterranean, we tend to forget about them when the garden is bedded down for the winter season. While the deer continue their extremely visible ravenous decimation through the winter no matter what its severity, mild or harsh, just the same, they eat and we focus our hatred on them. Underground things can be very different. In a mild winter when the ground doesn't freeze or in one with deep snow cover the voles are able to remain active and they are HUNGRY and BREED as we know so well over the past few winters.

Snow, historically referred to as "poor man's mulch", was, in the not too distant past, due to unreliably sufficient snow depth, supplanted by those of sufficient means, with, usually, salt hay which also embellished the garden with a certain "winter esthetic". This practice provided perfect winter hunting grounds for the voles because it was routinely applied incorrectly. Who wanted to wait until the ground sufficiently froze to a depth of several inches, which might not happen until sometime in January? Thankfully that practice has greatly waned. But, as global warming has pushed cold hardiness northward for us and we are tempted to plant material from the next zone or two higher we still have to deal with temperature vacillations from year to year. Enter into this advice offered in many a catalogue as to how to abet successful overwintering of these "marginal". APPLY A THICK MULCH. It helps to keep warmth in the soil, lessening the chance of death by freezing. What's been accomplished is that a nice warm, snug environment has been created in which voles can leisurely munch away on your protected plants while providing them with a deluxe breeding environment. Could we make it any easier for them to ravage our gardens since we are enabling them to breed year round?

Purported controls and deterrents have been around for years. Castor oil was hot years ago to control moles which, as I've noted, unintentionally, provide an underground road system and sanctuary lairs for voles as well as mice. Controlling moles might mitigate the vole/mice problem a bit. If you use one of mole deterrents make sure you start at a central inner point and continually work outward so that you drive the moles OUTWARD from the center of the garden otherwise you will only corral within an ever shrinking circle, driving them into a frenzy of ever concentrating tunneling. I'm aware that there are also vole deterrents available though I personally have not used any yet. I read in an e-mail newsletter that referred to a product called Plantskydd's Vole Repellent which was found to be effective. We'll have to try different strategies and share our successes and failures. Just as with deer strategies there's no single "one size fits all". The underground nature of their existence and marauding makes it difficult for us to concentrate our attack strategy in a particular area. They're here today, there in a day or so then perhaps back again sometime in the future.

And let's not forget the proverbial icon of fecundity - rabbits. Remember they can penetrate large mesh deer fencing, coming and going as they please. Their nests are so cunningly secreted that you can work with inches of one and not even know it's there. Their indiscriminate munching expands the zone of destruction created by voles and deer as they seem to eat everything. In a space where deer are excluded the winter the low browsing damage will be theirs. There's a product reported to repel rabbits but I don't know about its efficacy during winter. Liquid Fence Deer and Rabbit Repellent Granular claims that it can be applied year round, is rain resistant and protects low-growing flower beds, ground covers and lawns. After our ground cover azaleas were attacked again last winter we're going to be preemptive this winter and begin application as soon as the leaf cleanup is finished. Jake has been on the hunt and has had a few successes which will hopefully continue and aid in this war since the decimation of the fox population has led, in part, to the rabbit and vole surging populations. (As an aside the waxing and waning fox population used to be reflected in the corresponding numbers of pheasants. Today they're both absent in the landscape.) Our footprint has been heavy as we increasingly move into and onto the woodlands that are home to these critters.

It is becoming increasingly challenging to garden in this area what with global warming giving us a more benign climate that is favoring the plant predators. Voles breed exponentially year-round. Deer routinely have twins (I've heard some cases of triplets). And we are not alone. A friend in Rhode Island says that as soon as she plants, the voles devour. Her cats apparently aren't up to the task. Perhaps it's the opportune time to buy stock in plastic/silk flower manufacturers.

At the least enjoy autumn's coloration.

HAH AMARYLLIS PLANTING WORKSHOPS 2017

In conjunction with our public libraries, HAH provides youths in our local communities with free workshops on Amaryllis bulb planting. HAH provides all the materials: bulbs, soil and pots, and planting instructions, as well as instruction sheets with growing tips for participants to bring home with their bulbs. Volunteers from HAH help with the planting and everyone enjoys a great time!

If you can assist at any of these HAH sponsored learning experiences for children in grades K-3, please call our education chair, Terry Coppola, at 631-668-3022 or e-mail montaukdaisy668@aol.com. The program at each library lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Our schedule for this year is:

DATE	TIME	LIBRARY
Tuesday, October 17	tbd	East Hampton
Wednesday, October 18	tbd	Amagansett
Tuesday, October 24	3:30	Bridgehampton Child Care Center
Wednesday, October 25	3:30	Sag Harbor (Jermain)
Monday, November 6	4:00	Southampton (Rogers Memorial)
Tuesday, November 7	4:00	Quogue
Wednesday, November 8	4:00	Hampton Bays
Thursday, November 9	4:30	Westhampton
Friday, November 17	3:30	Montauk



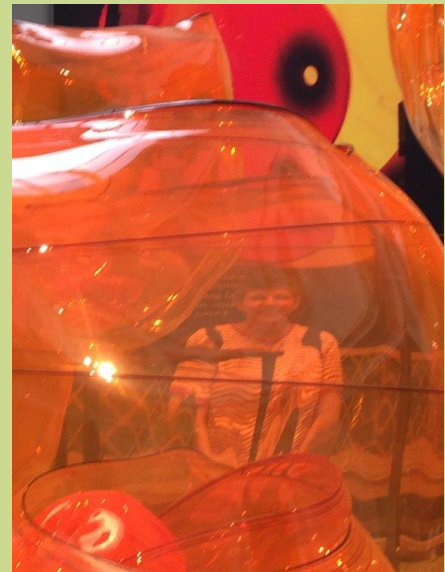
September 9, 2017 HAH Workshop

Thanks to Michael Gaines, President of CW Arborists for an onsite exploration of local trees and their current issues and threats. We were on the school bus for a good morning's study and plenty of time for Q and A. There is always more to learn about horticulture at an HAH workshop!



Thanks to Marie DiMonte for organizing our workshops recently. She is working on many more ideas, so keep an eye on the newsletter. See page 3 for info on our bulb planting workshop with Bridge Gardens. Watch for info on Lydia Wallis' next holiday workshop that will be on December 9th.

And if you have an idea for a workshop that you would like to take, please let us know! Thanks to Bettina Benson (and Marie) for the photos below from their visit to the wonderful Dale Chihuly Exhibit at the NY Botanical Garden this summer!



2017 HAH Paul Karish Seminar
Sunday, September 24th
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 for information

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!

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

October 2017

BRIDGE GARDENS, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton , 631.283.3195 ext 19 or 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

MARDERS, 120 Snake Hollow Rd., Bridgehampton, www.marders.com, 631-537-3700 FREE Sunday Garden lectures at 10:00 am: October 1 - How to Add Fall Color in Your Garden; October 8 - Bulbs. Bulbs, Bulbs!; October 15 - How to Use Silk and Dried Flowers.

SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY, Saturday, October 7, Annual Members Meeting & Luncheon, 11am-2pm, lecture by Edwina von Gal. Perfect Earth Project. Register online at southamptonrose.org

Salvia 'Santa Barbara'



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