



HAH Happenings

June 2018



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 10, 2018 - 2 pm

THE ART OF SEED STEWARDSHIP



If every seed is a story, then every plant is a work of art bringing seed stories to life. This presentation showcases a timeline of seed heritage up to the modern seed industry through elegant, humorous, and telling images from the Hudson Valley Seed Company's collection of antique seed catalogs and contemporary seed pack art. Through looking at and digging deeper into the artworks, learn about a diversity of seed stories and how seeds connect us to the natural environment, politics, history, food justice, and each other. Discover the history of seed diversity and the modern importance of ethical seed stewardship

along with beautiful and tasty varieties you can grow at home!

Ken Greene is founder of the first seed library in the country, a project he germinated in a small town library. Today, Greene helms the Hudson Valley Seed Co., a national seed company and regional seed farm devoted to ethically producing seed for home gardeners and farmers and celebrating seeds through art. Greene is on the board of directors for the Organic Seed Alliance and is co-director of Seedshed, a new non-profit organization focused on growing regional and cultural seed communities. Greene's efforts have been profiled in a range of publications including New Yorker Magazine, Washington Post, Martha Stewart Living, Vogue, New York Times, Heirloom Gardener Magazine, and NPR. He has given presentations for diverse groups including the Northeast Organic Farming Association, Culinary Institute of America, Seed Savers Exchange, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Omega Institute, Garden Clubs of America, National Heirloom Expo, and Sante Fe Farmers Market Institute.

THE HAH SEED EXCHANGE PROGRAM

continues before our Sunday lectures this spring

If you bring donations of plant seed packets (preferably your own, labeled with variety), you will receive another package for free. If you do not have any of your own seeds to donate, you can purchase packages for \$2.00 each.

Information for starting seeds indoors and outdoors will be available.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a wonderful Party, what a fabulous plant sale and what amazing people who put it all together! I would like to thank all of our volunteers!

THANK YOU TO: those who donated plants from their gardens and those who dug and potted the plants, the impressive people who acquired plants from the nurseries and growers, our cashiers and pullers, those who set up and moved tables, the students from Bridgehampton High School, the community partners and people who donated the fantastic planters for our auction, that person who showed up with pastries when we needed them most, the greeter who signed in the party guests with a welcoming smile, the bartenders who kept us hydrated, our vegetable consultant, the coordinator of all things container, the stylists who made everything look beautiful, the designer of beautiful invitations, our dirt digging photographer, the ruler of the fiefdom and his keepers of the plants, the drivers who picked up containers, builder of benches, mentors who pass on knowledge, the media maven, my wise counselors, the one who knows how

to maneuver through the bureaucracy with ease, the boss, the volunteer coordinator who made it look so easy, the person who tallies up the receipts at the end of the day, the knowledgeable members who helped novice gardeners make good choices, those who think outside of the box, the organizers of our pre-sale plant options, those kind people who showed up early and stayed late, the people who said "can I help?". **THANK YOU!**

I have A LOT of planting to do! I'll see you in the garden,

Janet

HAH 2018

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HAH JUNE EVENT CALENDAR 2018

Saturday, June 2, The Watermill Center Tour, 10 am

Sunday, June 10, 2 pm, Lecture, see p. 1

Saturday, June 16, Walk in the Woods to see Mt. Laurels, Montauk, 10 am

Tuesday, June 26, FOG, 10 am

Look for details on the above in the April Newsletter and at hahgarden.org

FOG - Friends of the Garden

Our 2018 schedule is Tuesdays at 10 am, raindate on Thursdays of the same week.

June 26 July 24 August 21
September 18 October 16 November 13
All are welcome to help in the HAH garden!

Thank you, Cornelia Bostwick

HAH Library Footnotes¹ June 2018

Susan Kennedy Zeller

Summertime when ...hopefully...our gardens are flourishing but we need just that one other piece of information! Drop into the Library for a book or view the many magazines and journals.

Although June is our last summer lecture until September we will keep the Library open most Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to Noon.

It is a great time to visit public gardens and we do have some passes you may borrow from the library for the following gardens. Just ask the Librarian on duty for one. Please remember to return!

Madoo Conservancy - open 12-4- Friday and Saturday

Bridge Gardens- a HAH partner- see their web site for opening hours- <https://peconiclandtrust.org/>

Scott Arboretum- see their web site for opening hours times www.scottarboretum.org

Brooklyn Botanical Garden- see their web site for information www.bbg.org

Longhouse Reserve- see their web site for opening hours www.longhouserreserve.org

New York Botanical Garden-see their web site for opening hours www.nybg.org

HAH Fall Book and Yard Sale: **Yes**, we will be running a book and yard sale - date to be determined, in early fall. Therefore you may bring garden book donations in good condition to the Library during August. Please hold off on other garden items until September as we have VERY LIMITED SPACE and do not want to clutter the Library.

Library Assistance is still needed to cover some Saturdays. If you can help, email SKZeller@aol.com and put HAH Library in the heading.

NOTICE

Susan Canaday, who has written articles on topiary for art and garden magazines is now preparing a book and would be glad to hear of local examples. Topiary is the art of clipping shrubs in formal, abstract and sometimes eccentric shapes.

Contact her at susancanaday@yahoo.com

REMEMBER

All newsletters are also posted on our website so they are available to return to at any time!

www.hahgarden.org

REMINDER

Sign up for these great HAH events!

Saturday, June 2, 10 am

Tour of The Watermill Center

see p. 7 in April newsletter
register by May 28

Saturday, June 16, 10 am

A Walk in the Woods guided by naturalist
Vicki Bustamante at Montauk's Point Woods
during peak Mt. Laurel bloom time
see p. 8 in April newsletter
register by June 9

HAH 2018 PREVIEW PARTY AND PLANT SALE

THANKS TO THE DEDICATION OF OUR MANY WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND TO A WARM,
DRY AND INVITING INTERIOR SPACE TO HOLD THE PARTY AND SALE -



IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! HAH THANKS ALL HELPERS AND BUYERS!!



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED CONTAINERS
FOR THE SILENT AUCTION
AND TO THOSE WHO BID ON THEM!!!



Everything is relative. Especially when it comes to humidity. What we find uncomfortable may be perfectly fine to some flora companions at both ends of the humidity spectrum. In our northeast location, surrounded by water, humidity tends toward the high side all year long. That's why, here in winter outside, cold air penetrates deep into our very being and summer leaves us dripping. Dry winter cold seems less uncomfortable. However there is also a point at which the absence of humidity becomes uncomfortable, especially in a desert winter locale. Interestingly there are plants that thrive in both situations, though the desert cold we visited isn't as deep as ours.

A mid-April visit to family in Albuquerque afforded us the opportunity to again view flora (growing in both locales), first seen last October, as it was awakening. The region has received no precipitation of any consequence since last October whereas we are six inches above our average precipitation as of late April. Humidity levels both indoors and outdoors were consistently in the low single digits. Spurred on by warmer temps than here (when we landed at 10:30 pm it was in the 70's / two mornings later on my 5am nine mile daily walk it was snowing) photinia, used extensively in their relatively new subdivision, was in advanced new growth. A storm north in southern Colorado ushered in cold along with extremely high winds. Houses are situated close and a photinia planted close to the gap was victim of cold venturi winds. The tender new growth was scorched on the downwind side. Our photinia, thankfully, due to winter's unrelenting grip, were just showing the first signs of bud break upon our return April 21. Interestingly the relationship between the daylight hours in Albuquerque (waning then waxing) were identical on both visits.

We were surprised to see *Cercis Canadensis* planted in the area. They were at peak bloom. We hadn't noticed them in October because leaf drop was well under way and the trees were young that we didn't recognize the structure. They use salvias native to the higher thus colder regions of Mexico and it's interesting to see how they develop into subshrubs which outshine our paltry yearly adolescent annuals.

Roses. A species of hybrid shrub rose is widely planted. They were absolutely glorious specimens loaded with buds (I did find one opened – single red). With single digit humidity and drip irrigation there is absolutely no chance of any foliar disease developing. In October I spied, over the ubiquitous property surrounding walls, what appeared to be hybrid teas. I didn't see them this time. *Perovskia* (Russian sage) was exhibiting extensive new growth. *Iris germanica* were in full bloom. *Wisteria chinensis* also perfumed the air where grown. Rosemary shrubs of enormous size were festooned with blue flowers.

Many plants similar yet landscapes so dissimilar. Albuquerque, ARID, though in the old sections there are trees of size, obviously intentionally planted for their ability to survive. In the surrounding uphill landscape the native flora topped out between two and three feet. Eastern Long Island WET AND HUMID. Lush. Lush not only in the vegetative sense but in the fragrances of moist earth and spring bloomers exuding their individual scents. I can't imagine relocating to such a place, not only for the paucity of precipitation but the almost total absence of depth of "soil" and enough land on which to garden.

The brief, but oh so cold deep freeze in early January, following record breaking warmth through December 2017, still is reminding us of its devastating impact on our gardens. *Juniperus virginiana*, in late April, began showing signs of winter kill. Some *J. chinensis* cultivars likewise began to show death. *Osmanthus goshiki*, somewhat tenderer than *O. heterophyllus*, had extensive internal leaf drop. Photinia (our plants were HARD HIT by the brutal winter of a few years ago) put out remarkable new growth considering they are still in recovery mode. Azaleas seem to have been especially hard hit. Apparently seemingly dead tips a month ago were only the tip of the iceberg. Now we find rapid death descending toward the roots. Talking with a friend in Rhode Island, she said hers were also in bad shape. The "hardy" gardenias were toast, between the cold and voles. *Cupressus leylandi* (A SHORT LIVED GARBAGE SHRUB THAT ONE SHOULD NEVER PLANT- GROWS FAST/DIES IN A FLASH) mimicked *J. virginiana* with death spread throughout the plant. Also be advised that they begin to "die up" from the root line early on. They are not a long term addition to any landscape. The remnants of the *Clerodendrum trichotomum* have finally died, but their removal is problematic as I'm writing. As Bob and I were walking the area a pair of birds were very boisterous. They were exploring a remarkably round excavation for a nesting site. Should they find Wainscott not to their liking, then the trees will finally be put toward compost. *Daphne odora aureomarginata* was perplexing. Flower buds opened sporadically along the stems and there appeared that there would be leaf break also. It will be weeks before we know her fate. She had grown into a mainstay late winter fixture in the garden and will be sorely missed if worse comes to worse.

On the bright side *Camellia* 'April remembered' bloomed spectacularly. Thankfully my worries about cold blasted flower buds were only that, worries. She has never bloomed so profusely and for so prolonged as this spring. Our other much younger camellias also flowered much to my surprise since my scrutiny for flower buds didn't reveal any. Guess I need an eye exam.

It's going to be an exciting, rewarding, perhaps challenging upcoming gardening season. Enjoy.

P.S. BE SURE TO READ ANDREW MESSINGER'S ARTICLE IN THE MAY 2/3 SOUTHAMPTON/ EAST HAMPTON PRESS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Garden Conservancy Open Days. \$7 per person, per garden, without Open Days tickets purchased in advance. Members can purchase a book of 6 tickets in advance for \$21. Nonmembers can purchase a book of 6 tickets in advance for \$35. More info: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days>

Saturday, June 2 - *The Garden of Arnold and Karen Blair*. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. 4560 Vanston Road, Cutchogue, NY 11935. *The Garden of Valerie M. Ansalone* 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. 86 Risa Court, Flanders, NY 11901. More info: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-10>

Saturday, June 30 - *Tranquility*. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. 42 Jesse Way, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766. More info: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-11>

REPORT on the HAH Bus Trip to Planting Fields Arboretum, Feller Garden

Alicia Whitaker

After an overly long winter and cold spring, it was a delight to step into gardens that feature trees and shrubs but also had plenty of blooms on a beautiful spring day. Estelle Rosen organized a bus trip on Monday, May 7 to visit Planting Fields Arboretum and the private garden of Marianne and Bruce Feller, expert growers of rhododendrons, conifers and Japanese maples.

Planting Fields Arboretum is the state owned and privately supported former estate of the William Robertson Coe family, a Gold Coast wonder with an impressive collection of trees as well as flower gardens. The park-like grounds were planned in collaboration with the Olmstead Brothers. Ancient Beech trees, flowering Camellias, yellow Magnolias, weeping cherry trees, a lilac walk and white wisteria standards blooming in the Italian Gardens were all highlights enjoyed by the group. A volunteer docent guided our visit and provided information about the history of the park as well as information about the plants.

The Fellers' garden is on Conscience Bay in Old Field, near Setauket, and has been gardened for twenty-eight years. Rhododendrons, conifers and Japanese maples were arranged on the north facing slopes surrounding the house as well as a flatter part of the site near the road. "Rare and choice" are words that apply to the collection, as Bruce Feller has become an expert in conifers and rhododendrons as well as a fan of Japanese maples. These three species make up the majority of the garden, with the exception of a small sunny spot planted with roses. Many rhododendrons were in bloom, but most of the color comes from foliage – yellow and blue conifers, as well as red and chartreuse Japanese maples. This tapestry garden provides color and interest in all four seasons, but we lucked out by being able to see it at this peak time for the rhododendrons.



HAH 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!

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

MORE EAST END GARDEN EVENTS

June 2018

Saturday, June 9 & Sunday, June 10 - Parrish Art Museum Landscape Pleasures Symposium. Symposium, Cocktail Party & Garden Tour. Tickets start at \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members. More info: <http://parrishart.org/LandscapePleasures2018>

Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16 - Much Ado About Madoo. Garden Cocktail Party celebrating Jane Iselin on Friday from 6:30 to 8:30. Tickets: \$200 for Madoo members, \$225 for non-members and \$125 for those under 30. 10% of all ticket sales benefit ARF Hamptons. Garden Market on Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. FREE. 10% of all sales to be donated to the Madoo Conservancy. 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. More info and to purchase tickets: <http://www.madoo.org/much-ado-about-madoo/> or email info@madoo.org or call (631) 537-8200

Saturday, June 23, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Cultural Landscape Foundation Garden Dialogues 2018: Bridgehampton, NY with Brian Sawyer at an estate on Sagg Pond. \$200. Address provided to attendees with the purchase of a ticket.

More info: <https://tclf.org/garden-dialogues-2018-bridgehampton-ny-0>

Saturday, June 23, 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Planters: ON+OFF The Ground IX at Longhouse Reserve. 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, \$10 for Longhouse members, \$20 non-members. More info: longhouse.org

Marders Garden Lecture Series. All lectures start at 10:00 am. FREE. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.

More info: marders.com

Sunday, June 3: Right Plant, Right Container

Sunday, June 10: The World of Hydrangeas

Sunday, June 17: Throw Me Some Shade

Sunday, June 24: Unusual Evergreens

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