



HAH Happenings

October 2018



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

631.537.2223 hahgarden.org
at the Bridgehampton Community House

HAH Monthly Lecture - Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 2 pm

Fragrant Plants for Your Garden



Anne Haines will speak about a wide variety of "*Fragrant Plants for Your Garden*." Although most garden plants are chosen for their visual appeal, fragrance is becoming an increasing focus of interest for gardeners. From aromatic herbs to sultry jasmine, this talk will focus upon the best plants that provide daytime and nighttime aromatic intrigue!

Anne is a Cook College (Rutgers University) alumna with a BS in Horticulture and MS in Entomology from the University of Florida. She owned and operated *The Book Tree*, a horticultural bookstore, for 10 years and *Deer Country Gardens*, a retail nursery specializing in deer-resistant plants. Anne's hands-on horticultural experience includes working at Princeton Nurseries and Mapleton Nurseries in Princeton, NJ and most recently at RareFind Nursery in Jackson, NJ for 9 years. She now gardens for private clients.

THE HAH YARD, BOOK AND PLANT SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9 am - 12 noon

Don't miss this great opportunity to buy gently used garden ornaments, pots, tools, garden books, bulbs, seeds and plants from members' gardens! It is the BEST SALE anywhere in the Hamptons this fall, if you are a gardener! COME ONE COME ALL! And look on page 3 to donate to the array!



The HAH Roundtable Program Resumes on Saturday, October 6, 2018 10 am sharp - Noon

*Refreshments Will Be Served *



Our topic will be

**"Water Features in the Garden: Varieties, Installation, Maintenance,
and the Plants that Complement Them"**

Several members who have lovely water features in their gardens will be on hand to discuss them and answer questions. So, if you have one, would like to consider adding one, or just like dreaming about having one, please join us! Moderated by Pamela Harwood



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HAH 2018

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DIRECTORS: (a director serves for a 3 year term)

Elaine Peterson	2018
Sarah Alford	2018
Rick Bogusch	2019
Erik Brockmeyer	2019
Jeffrey Glick	2020
Marie DiMonte	2020

On occasion the board may appoint someone to fill an unexpired term if necessary.

LIBRARY CHAIR (serves on the board with a vote)

Susan Kennedy Zeller

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE EDITOR

Elaine Peterson

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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, Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson

I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in. John Muir

We are in full HAH fun fall mode! The very popular "Current Topics in Horticulture" Roundtable discussion group, led by Pamela Harwood, will begin on October 6th at 10am. The Roundtable will be held on the first Saturday of the month at 10am throughout the winter.

The HAH fall yard sale is scheduled for October 20th 10am-noon. Please bring your donations to the library prior to that date.

To learn how to put a garden to bed for the winter, please join Friends of the Garden on Tuesday October 16th. 10am as they begin the process of winterizing our lovely community garden.

October is HAH renewal month! So you don't miss out on anything HAH, please find your renewal form in the mail and send it back as soon as possible!

I'll see you in the garden,

Janet

2019 Sunday Lecture Dates - 2 pm

January 13 - Matt Mattus - *Botanizing in the Land of the Blue Poppy – Yunnan & Western China*

February 10 - Michael Blakeney - *Gardening Doesn't Have to Stop: The 12-Month Vegetable Garden*

March 10 - Ed Bowen & Taylor Johnson - *Reconsidering the Cutting Garden?*

April 7 - Margie Ruddick - *Wild by Design: Promoting Life in the Designed Landscape*

May 5 - Jerry Fritz - *New & Exciting Perennials*

June 9 - Karen Bussolini - *Gardening with Kids: Opening Eyes & Doors*

Please note there are no lectures in July or August

September 8 - Lee Buttala - *Twenty Heirloom Varieties, Their Stories and Why they Belong in Your Garden*

October 20 - Renee Marsh - *Groundcover Plants – Beyond Pachysandra*

November 10 - Ian Ross - *The Essence of Flower Photography*

December 8 - Annie Novak - *Grow Up! Rooftop Farming*



FOG - Friends of the Garden

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

October 16 November 13

All are welcome to help in the HAH
garden!

Thank you, Cornelia Bostwick

HAH Library Footnotes₁ - October 2018

By Susan Kennedy Zeller

It's almost here....the HAH BOOK and YARD SALE!

Here is your chance to share your gently used garden items with someone else! Come and lend us a hand either before or during as well as take the opportunity to SHOP!

SALE October 20th between 9 am to noon (or sooner if we run out!!)

We will accept books anytime you wish to bring them and we are open. Gardening paraphernalia such as beautiful, clean pots, tools, plant seeds, bulb divisions, garden ornaments, etc. may be brought into the Library on the following dates. (Yes- you may request a tax deduction on your contributions! Just ask us for the form)

Delivery dates are....

October 6- Saturday (when you come for the Roundtable!) 10 AM to noon

October 9 -Tuesday between 10 AM and noon

October 13 Saturday between 10 AM and noon

October 14- Sunday deliver to the Library after the 2pm HAH lecture

October 16- Tuesday between 10 AM and noon

PLANT DELIVERY Friday, October 19 - 10 AM to noon... Saturday, October 20 - 8 AM

PLEASE...label all plants /bulbs with their correct name and color for all garden buyers ...and if you choose put your own name - our members love to know the original garden!

A reminder that we will be placing orders for new books soon so if you have a recommendation please let us know now! Library hours for fall shall be every Tuesday and Saturday 10-12, and after any meeting or workshop held in the Library. All HAH Members may sign out books. Not yet members may use the Library facilities.

The Olde Towne Garden Club Annual Luncheon

is to be held on **Thursday Nov 8** at The Vineyards in Aquebogue. Floral Design Program by Christine Saroka, Bayport Flowers. Doors open at 10:30 am for Chinese Auction. Program starts at 11:30 am. Tickets are \$45. To purchase either call Cornelia 631 283-1015 or send check to Olde Towne Garden Club, POB 2812, Southampton, NY 11969

HAH FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Yard, Book and Plant SALE - October 20, Saturday, 9 - 12 noon, HAH library- SEE LEFT!

Roundtable - October 6, November 3, December 1 Saturdays, 10 - 12 noon, HAH library

Book Discussion Group - December 15 Saturday 11-12 noon, HAH library,

Camellia Group Meeting - November 10 Saturday, 10 am, HAH library,

Workshop - Fall Walk in Montauk County Park October 27, Saturday, 10 am - see page 7

Workshop - Make a Fall/Thanksgiving Centerpiece, November 17, Saturday, 11:00 am, HAH Library with Lydia Wallis

REPORT OF THE 2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2019 for the membership's vote at the annual meeting in November:

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Marie DiMonte	'20
Elaine Peterson	'21
Erik Brockmeyer	'21

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,

Bettina Benson, Chair
Marie DiMonte
Carole Campolo
Lori Barnaby
Alicia Whitaker

HAH Seed Exchange

Sarah Alford

The HAH seed exchange and sale will begin again prior to monthly HAH lectures, starting in October.

Saving seeds from your own garden is a wonderful way to share your successful plants that thrive in our climate. Removing seed pods can also help control where and how many seeds you sow in your own garden for next year. Self-seeders can be a welcomed sign in the spring, yet when seeds scatter on their own, placement can be haphazard or much too plentiful. I often collect seeds to plant in undisturbed beds where seedlings can grow and later be transplanted, and then share the remainder of the seeds. After enjoying blooms, I marvel at the range of shapes of the pods that protect seeds.

September's newsletter offers details on saving seeds. To participate in the HAH seed exchange, bring prepared flower or vegetable seeds to the HAH in a jar or envelope. You can receive seeds in exchange for those you contribute. Or, purchase seed packets available for sale if you don't have any to share. It's interesting to see what other members are growing, and to try something new!



Share details to increase success rates when planting

Plant name

Year seeds harvested

Flower color

Height range

Bloom time/ time to maturity

Growing conditions: incl. sun/shade or drought tolerance

Planting requirements:

Need for cold stratification, soaking or scoring seeds

When sown

Depth sown



Some of the new additions to HAH seed offerings this year



Aquilegia canadensis
Calendula
Cleome
Cosmos
Digitalis
Echinops
Papaver
somniferum
(Danish flag
poppy)



Musings & Ramblings

George Biercuk

It was a season unlike any we had experienced in recent memory. With waning daylight hours increasing as we slid through August, the usual bursts of cooler and drier air from Canada never materialized as the month progressed. As September opened with a sweltering blast of hot, humid air the garden withered in many respects yet amazingly displayed signs of a second coming of spring, a worrisome situation.

Rhodendron 'Starry Night' commenced his late summer blooming in early mid-August. His luscious deep royal purple flowers, sporadic at first, were part of a vignette consisting of pure red lobelia cardinalis, coleus 'Olympic Fire' (mahogany toned centers bordered a golden butter), fronted by an electric pink geranium on the deck bench, backed by variegated pieris 'Evie', fuchsia 'Gardenmeister' (yellow orange), phlox in white and light lilac shades and hakonechloa. As the season segued into a hot early September the R. 'Starry Night's' flowering increased dramatically, more than in years before combined. Usually scattered, the plant was shrouded in an enveloping purple haze. Worrisome though was the amount of newly sprouted growth on both the pieris and rhodo, which that late in the season wouldn't have sufficient time to harden off before winter.

Reblooming Azalea 'Autumn Rouge', which last year was already in bloom the first week of September, wasn't showing any sign of bud break. When it finally bloomed it would make the perfect uphill backdrop for the fronting annuals consisting of red whopper begonias, rose (really light lavender) super Angelina's, a tall deep purple salvia (cultivar unknown), stromanthe and a variegated Salvia 'van houttei'.

Phlox paniculata, even when the first flowers are promptly deadheaded and the smaller second flush has passed, is usually finished for the season by early September. This year a third push was emerging by then. I attribute it to high summer heat persisting into September. Caladium which are very sensitive to colder temperatures were basking in nighttime temps in the mid to upper seventies, very much like the land of their origins. The tell-tale sign of green in the leaves of C. 'Candidum' when they are first subjected to temps below sixty weren't there. The pots were bursting with foliage from corms that expanded greatly over the season. These will probably be keepers for next year.

The high nighttime temps pushed late season growth in some unusual ways. Since spring we have been "weeding" clerodendron trichotomum seedlings throughout the season but there are always some that manage to hide in our dense foliage. They are master "hiders", blending ever so covertly into the landscape. With this past season's tropical weather lingering into September, as temperate plants were trying to initiate "winter mode", these plants raged on. Their extremely large foliage which masked their presence previously was their undoing as I was then able to locate their stems and yank them. They are a wonderful addition to the garden but enough is enough.

As to the super angelonia, I can't praise them enough. This was their first year trial for us and, as I've written previously, they are performers. The flower stems approached eighteen inches and did tend to flop toward the end of their life. Some were cut back to the base and others left. On some for the ones left new stalks sprouted near the horizontal bend and they were cut back to that point. On the plants which were cut to the base the resurgent regrowth was spectacular. Whether this was due to the tropical heat or "regrowth as usual" we'll have to wait until next year for the answer. Hopefully, this year, they will be a stunning addition to the autumn garden.

Again to weeding. Lobelia siphilitica. Worse than the like sounding "condition". It's lust invoking gorgeous blue flower spikes (we've had white ones also) in late summer blind one to its VERY dark side. Seed production is so prodigious that a single plant's output could probably produce progeny over many, many acres. Also the seed remains viable for years upon years despite soil cultivation and mulching. The basal growth remains small in early life but the roots form a tenacious soil clinging mass. Despite having been banished from gardens for the past three years it still requires eradication campaigns throughout the growing season. I have no idea how long complete eradication will take. The occasional "hider" that rears its pretty blue head is quickly disposed of.

Another nasty seeder is a hydrangea (cultivar unknown) rescued from a client during the early stages of our garden's development. Until a few years ago it was happy to just bloom. Then seedlings began to appear sporadically. This year, almost lawn dense, the soil is covered with seedlings which are easily cultivated out but still it's a pain. The plant is ok but we don't need the extra work so it's time to go bye-bye. Cleared space = new plants.

We're well into the autumn planting/reorganizing season. The early month rains helped plants initiate their winterizing. Plan where to add autumn interest for next year - it's a wonderful season on the east end.



THE HAH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Thanks to Michael Longacre for hosting the HAH in his beautiful garden!!!





Fall Walk in Montauk County Park

Join us for a guided walk led by

Naturalist and Native Plant Expert, Vicki Bustamante

Saturday, October 27th at 10am (Rain Date, Sunday, October 28th at 10am)

Montauk County Park comprises 1,100 acres of pristine lands. This walk will take us through the Montauk grasslands, following some of the footsteps of the Montaukett tribe. The top of Squaw Hill offers breath taking vistas of Block Island Sound, Oyster Pond, and as far as the lighthouse. Plants will be pointed out and discussed along the way as we wind our way to the shore of Oyster Pond, designated by the NY Natural Heritage Program as the best example of a coastal salt pond community.

This will be a casual walk with plenty of stops to pause to look at plants, birds and vistas. It is recommended to wear comfortable hiking clothing. Tick precautions should be made. Bring water and snacks if desired.

Directions: Drive East on **Montauk Highway** and continue past the town of Montauk. Make a **left** onto **East Lake Drive**. Drive 1 mile north and make a **right** turn onto **Melchionna Road**, at top of hill **bear left** through the chain link gate and fenced in area of the GATR site.

Cost: \$5 Members \$10 Non-Members

All proceeds will benefit Third House Nature Center

Registration form: Please sign me up for the Montauk Walk event on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

Name(s) _____

Phone (cell preferred) _____

E-Mail _____

I would like to purchase tickets at: \$5 Member _____; \$10 Non-Member _____

Total Included \$ _____

Please make checks payable to HAH and Mail to HAH, P. O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932

Questions: Call Marie DiMonte at 631-728-0292 or Email osprey23@optonline.net

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!*

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 LOCAL AND NYC GARDEN EVENTS

October 2018

New York Botanical Garden 20th Annual Landscape Design Portfolio Lecture Series: Time, Place & Story: Design at the Crossroads. Lectures are from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue (38th Street), New York, NY 10016. \$23 for NYBG members, \$26 non-members. For more information and to register: <https://www.nybg.org/event/landscape-design-portfolios-lecture-series-time-place-story>

Monday, October 1 - Charles Birnbaum: Change and Continuity

Monday, October 15 - Beka Sturges: Giving Voice to the Land

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm - 20th Annual Celebration of the Long Pond Greenbelt. South Fork Natural History Museum, 377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. FREE. Register at: (631) 745-0689.

For more information: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/20th-annual-celebration-of-the-long-pond-greenbelt>

ALL Peconic Land Trust Events below, including those at Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, BH, NY 11932, register at: (631) 283-3195 or events@peconiclandtrust.org. More info: peconiclandtrust.org

Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Bridge Gardens, Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice. FREE.

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 am - Bridge Gardens, What to do with all those Green Tomatoes? \$5 for BG members, \$10 non-members. Rain or shine.

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

Sunday, October 7, Bulbs, Bulbs, Bulbs

Sunday, October 14, Using Silks and Drieds

Wednesday, October 24, 6:00 pm - Renewal of the Blue Garden. Reception and illustrated talk by Sarah Vance. New York School of Interior Design, 170 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021. \$30 for Garden Conservancy members, \$35 non-members. For more information and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/blue-garden-new-york>



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