



HAH Happenings

April 2019



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, April 7, 2019 - 2 pm

Wild by Design: Promoting Life in the Designed Landscape



When the New York Times' Anne Raver wrote about well known landscape designer **Margie Ruddick** receiving a summons from the City of Philadelphia - for growing weeds in her own front yard - Margie received countless letters of support from gardeners. With the publicity her wild reforestation/vegetable garden project garnered, she discovered a whole new world, the world of wild gardening. Margie's work tries to bring gardening and landscape architecture back together, to understand landscape design as a process that engages places that are in flux, and to memorialize those moments when the flux coheres in beauty and resonance. It is not just the life that wildlife habitat brings to the landscape, it is the life that gardening promotes - engaging with the soils, plants, creatures - that makes the difference between showcase and domicile.

Margie will talk about strategies for creating multi-layered, rich landscapes that she lays out in her book, *Wild by Design*, - Reinvention, Restoration, Conservation, Regeneration and Expression - as illustrated in her projects from large urban waterfronts to tiny back yard gardens. These are principles for creating landscapes that are both wild, full of life, and also clearly designed by human hands. Winner of the 2013 Smithsonian's Cooper Hewitt National Design Award in Landscape Architecture, Margie is internationally renowned for integrating the highest level of design with ecological purpose. Dwell Magazine identifies her as a "Landscape Design Icon" and Elle Décor names Margie as one of five landscape designers "who are reshaping our world."

Margie's transformative larger scale projects include New York City's Queens Plaza and her Urban Garden Room, the signature green space at the Bank of America Building at Bryant Park in New York that has been recognized in books and online as one of the great urban spaces in New York.

HAH **APRIL** CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 am, FOG

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 am, HAH Roundtable, in the HAH Library, see page 4 for details.

Sunday, April 7, 2:00 pm, HAH Lecture, in the big hall at the Community House, Bridgehampton, see above.

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am, Camellia Group spring meeting, in the HAH Library. See p. 4 for details.

Tuesday, April 30, 10:00 am, FOG

Roundtables are free & open to all. Lectures are free for members and \$10 per person for not yet members.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Gardeners,

We have now turned the corner on winter and are beginning to see many old friends emerging in our gardens. This is a month when flowering bulbs reign. Note to self: plant many more daffodils and minor spring bulbs next fall. The good news is that local nurseries sell many potted bulbs, so if the voles obliterated your tulips or you are missing daffodils where you need them, you can plant them now for immediate results and have future blooms.

Yellow is the color of April in my book, and one of the best ways to see thousands of daffodils in bloom is to head to LongHouse for their Rites of Spring Season Opening on Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Paige Patterson (@wildgardenstyle on Instagram) recommends a trio of yellow-blooming plants for early spring color – Hamamelis intermedia, Cornus mas (Cornelian Cherry) and Forsythia intermedia, and makes a strong case for why we need yellow in our winter-weary gardening lives.

We at HAH will be busy getting ready for our annual Garden Fair on May 17 and May 18. Cross your fingers that we won't have the downpours we've had in some prior years, as our offerings will be on the lawn at the Community House as well as inside. But we've learned that intrepid gardeners will come early for the best plant selections even if it is pouring. You can help us by sharing plants that need to be divided or deaccessioned from your garden – members' digs are always a special feature of our plant sale. See page 3 for details about how to do it.

Being out in the garden now means that we'll see many returning migrants as well as once again hear the dawn chorus as birds announce their territories. Bliss to hear while we prune, plant, and clean up the garden.

Happy Spring,

Alicia

HAH 2019

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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

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Ernest Cavallo, Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson

Friends of the Garden (FOG)

Looking forward to seeing you in the HAH Marie Donnelly Garden this year. Anyone interested in helping us wake up the garden is welcome!

Our first meeting will be

Tuesday, April 2 at 10 am

Monthly dates for the season are

***April 30, May 28, June 25, July 23,
August 20, Sept 17, October 15 and
November 5.***

***We always meet on Tuesday mornings
at 10 am unless it rains. Rain Dates
are Thursday of the same week.***

Thank you, Cornelia Bostwick

SAVE THE DATES!

2019 HAH GARDEN FAIR

at the Bridgehampton
Community House

*We'll have all kinds of **PLANTS FOR SALE***

*Annuals, Perennials, Shrubs, Trees,
Roses, Natives, Edibles, Tropicals, Deer
Resistant and many loved by bees and
butterflies*

PREVIEW PARTY

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 6-8 pm

\$50 in advance, \$60 at the door

*With an amazing Silent Auction of beautiful,
planted containers on Friday evening, made
by members, local designers and nursery
professionals*

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9AM - 1 PM

The Plant Sale continues!

Free Admission for all

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

HELP at the Garden Fair!

Sign up at the HAH office or email us at
hahmember@optonline.net or go to the
website hahgarden.org to find the volunteer
form with the times and jobs when you are
needed to help either Friday or Saturday.

There are many kinds of jobs at different
times each day.

Our volunteer coordinator will be in touch to
confirm when and where we need your help.

It's lots of fun, you'll meet great people who
love plants as much as you do and you will
learn more about the plants as you work
with them!



PLANT DONATIONS FOR THE FAIR

One of the most important contributions you can make is a donation of potted plant material from your own gardens, labeled correctly. Here are some easy guidelines:

Containers – clean clay or plastic, 1 qt. minimum

Potting – complete potting at least two weeks prior to sale so plants can acclimate. Make sure there is a strong root system to support the plant.

Label – make one label for each variety of plant you bring. We will make more labels on the day of the Fair if necessary. Include the botanical and common names along with the cultivar, growing conditions, mature plant size, and bloom time and color and if deer resistant.

Care – Protect your newly potted plants from sun and wind and be sure they do not dry out. Always ask yourself if you would buy these plants yourself or give them as gifts!

Please bring them to the Fair site on Thursday or Friday morning. THANK YOU!!

Camellia Group Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 am at the library of the HAH in Bridgehampton. Here are some photos of a Camellia show I recently attended in California. While our blooms will not be as numerous, I am sure they will be just as impressive.

I hope to see you there, Bridget Decandido



HAH Roundtable Program Continues Saturday, April 6, 2019 10am until Noon

"1) Assessing and Repairing Winter Damage in your Garden and 2) Spring Pruning Tips"

As always, we welcome ideas and questions from attendees, on topic and off topic.

Moderated by Pamela Harwood

Looking Ahead to the May 4, Roundtable at 10 am

HAH member Michael Longacre will speak on Succulents. Michael has grown many kinds in his greenhouse and often donates an array of them to the HAH Garden Fair each year. Beautiful and expertly grown, they are a specialty found on our Connoisseur Table.

Hats off to HAH member Lesley Gray for these shots of the Philadelphia Flower Show!



NATIVE PLANTS

Text and Photos by Pamela Harwood



Acer rubrum



Eupatorium purpureum



Aster divaricatus



Lobelia cardinalis



Vaccinium corymbosum

Despite one of the few snowfalls we've had this winter, we had great attendance at the March 2nd Roundtable, and I thank Rick Bogusch, the Manager of Bridge Gardens and an HAH board member, for being on hand to share his knowledge and answer questions. Although Bridge Gardens does not have a dedicated section for native plants, he has increasingly incorporated them in the borders. Attendees agreed that a mix of natives and exotics is their preference.

It can be a challenge determining what we consider a "native" plant: is it just native to the East End, Long Island, New York State, the Northeast, or North America? I used a variety of sources to get listings and found that there is a lack of consistency and thoroughness regarding which plants are included in each category. Hard copies of 2 lists were provided: one is from the Native Plant Center in Valhalla, NY and is for the Northeast region, and the other and more specific listing is from PlantNative.Org and is for Long Island, Delaware, and Southern New Jersey. This list gives common names, Latin names, height, ideal conditions, and other comments. Interestingly, other than berries, there are not many fruits and perhaps no vegetables native to Long Island other than the wild greens we think of as weeds.

We went around the table and identified which natives we had in our own gardens and which ones offer some standout features. The most common natives in our attendee gardens are *Acer rubrum* (red maple), *Juniperus virginiana* (Eastern red cedar), *Prunus serotina* (wild black cherry), *Clethra alnifolia* (sweet pepperbush), *Hamamelis virginiana* (American witch hazel), *Vaccinium corymbosum* (highbush blueberry), various *Asclepias* (butterfly milkweed), *Rudbeckia hirta* (black-eyed Susan), *Echinacea* (purple coneflower), *Lobelia cardinalis* (cardinal flower), *Lobelia syphilitica*, *Solidago* (goldenrod), and *Lindera benzoin* (spicebush), to name a few. Regarding this latter plant, I brought up the fact that many gardeners do not realize that many plants, including many natives, are "dioecious," meaning a male and a female are required to have both flowers and fruits. Many growers and nurseries do not identify this on the labels of the plants they sell. Attendees received lists of dioecious native plants of Long Island and the Northeast.

Of course, what roundtable would be complete without a discussion of which plants are eaten by deer and rabbits and which are mostly not eaten. Rick mentioned that local deer ignore *Ilex opaca* or American holly. This broadleaf evergreen grows 15-30 feet, likes full sun to part shade, and has striking red berries beloved by birds. This is great news because all other hollies are susceptible to deer in the winter months. A few other natives that deer tend to leave alone are *Arisaema triphyllum* (Jack-in-the-Pulpit), *Podophyllum peltatum* (mayapple), *Polygonatum biflorum* (Solomon's seal), and native ferns and grasses. But unfortunately, most native plants are eaten by deer.

Here is my own experience of "pros and cons" of native plants:

PROS: Require little watering; no fertilizer necessary (although Rick pointed out that he always gives even new natives a start in life with regular watering and fertilizing); feeds wildlife like birds, caterpillars, butterflies and other insects; don't need winter protection; reseed (also see cons). **CON(CERN)S:** Some who plant natives, especially landscapers, still use fertilizers; natives are not necessarily deer resistant; still subject to insect infestations and disease (aphid eggs on *Asclepias* and rust on *Solidago* (goldenrod), cankers on black cherries); many do not have showy blooms; many do not bloom until late summer or fall; insects and caterpillars destroy host plants as they feed on them (example: parsley and dill from swallowtail caterpillars; *Asclepias* from monarch caterpillar); they must be planted in the conditions in which they were meant to thrive, e.g. dry soil in full sun or moist and rich soil of the woodland floor; limited evergreens, such as Eastern Red Cedar (subject to apple-cedar rust), Atlantic White Cedar, American Holly, Pines; and some are invasive, such as trumpet vine (*Campsis radicans*) and they reseed; can be floppy.

BOOKS IN THE HAH LIBRARY

Long Island Native Plants for Landscaping: [A Source Book](#) by Karen Blumer; [Native Perennials: North American Beauties](#) by Brooklyn Botanic Garden; [Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening and Conservation](#) by Donald J. Leopold; [Native Plants for North American Gardens](#) by Allan M. Armitage; **HAH LIBRARY FILES:** "Native"

WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION

<https://www.peconicestuary.org/whatyoucando/peconic-friendlyplantdatabase> (individual photos and info, but no one listing)
<https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>
<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/the-best-plants-and-trees-to-plant-for-birds-a-starter-list/>
<https://www.ecobeneficial.com>

NURSERIES AND PLACES TO VISIT: Most of our local nurseries now offer some native plants. Jay Hunt noted that NYBG has 5 acres of native plants.

From HAH member Ernie Cavallo's posts on Snowdrops, March 2019

HAH goes to see Ernie's snowdrops - (Many thanks to you, Ernie and Arthur!!!)

Since I returned from England in mid February, I had been fretting about my snowdrops, concerned about the weather and dithering about opening my garden. December and January were warm, and all the early snowdrops were out. While I was in the U. K. enjoying the warmest day ever in February, the snowdrops in Long Island were frozen in suspended animation. So while trying to decide what to do, I put on my imaginary best clothes and perused my imaginary estate and decided, "we should open on March 9." Fortunately my imaginary official photographer was there to catch the moment.



Well, there is a slight resemblance. Back to reality....

Despite four days of below freezing weather the first week in March, the 9th dawned clear and warm. So I led the tours and Arthur served the tea.

About forty people came. I did three loops around the garden. Anyone could jump in at anytime and jump out whenever the urge for tea and cookies overcame the urge to see another clump of small white flowers. Here is one that headed for the house only to be waylaid by Rodmarton or maybe Regulus.



Who could resist Rodmarton?

Or Regulus



Hey. We were over here looking at Mrs. Macnamara

Mrs. Macnamara



Eventually I joined the group for my just reward. Nothing like a good chocolate chip cookie and hot tea with new friends and old acquaintances.

Thank you all for coming.
All best to you,
Ernie & Arthur

P. S. Many thanks to Herta Frawley and Robyn Keegan Corsello for the photos, and His Royal Highness Prince Charles for the inspiration.



HAH Tour to the Hudson Valley Monday, June 10, 2019

Please Join us for a tour at peak bloom time of the Beatrix Farrand designed Bellefield Gardens and Stonecrop Gardens – the garden of Anne & Frank Cabot, Founder of the Garden Conservancy and Luncheon at the Culinary Institute of America

Time: 7am Pick up at the Bridgehampton Community House
 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton (School Street side of building)
 7:30 am Pickup at the LIRR Station, Hampton Bays
 Good Ground Road (across from 7-Eleven)

We'll start our day with a delicious three-course luncheon at the **Culinary Institute of America's** Caterina de' Medici restaurant in Hyde Park, NY.

After lunch we will visit **The Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield** – a public garden set around the elegant 18th century Bellefield Mansion – one of very few gardens made by this extraordinary designer of the early 20th c. still in existence. The garden had been neglected until 1993 when a group of local citizens recognized the significance of the landscape and began an effort to bring the garden back to life. The garden is an ongoing restoration effort and is a stunning display of perfectly composed borders set off by vine-traced walls and clipped hemlock hedges. It is located at the **Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site** in Hyde Park. www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org

Next we visit **Stonecrop Gardens** – Originally the home of Anne & Frank Cabot, Stonecrop became a public garden in 1992. At its windswept elevation of 1,100 feet in the Hudson Highlands, the gardens cover an area of approximately 15 acres and comprise a diverse collection of gardens and plants including woodland and water gardens, a grass garden, raised alpine stone beds, cliff rock gardens and an enclosed English-style flower garden. Additional features include a Conservatory, display Alpine House, Pit House and an extensive collection of choice dwarf bulbs. <http://www.stonecrop.org>

Cost: \$100 Members & Non-Members - Payment must be received by May 1.

Registration Form:

Please sign me up for the Hudson Valley Tour on Monday, June 10, 2019

Name(s) _____

Phone (cell preferred) _____

Email _____

Pick up: Bridgehampton: _____ Hampton Bays: _____

I would like to purchase tickets at: \$100 _____ Total amount included _____

Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to: HAH, P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932 Attention: Tours. **Payment must be received no later than May 1, 2019.**

Questions: Call Bettina Benson at 631.728.1981 or Email: bbettina@optonline.net

HAH 2019 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!

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

MORE LOCAL GARDEN EVENTS April 2019

Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. www.madoo.org or email info@madoo.org or call (631) 537-8200.

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Winter Walk in the Garden. FREE.

Sunday, April 7, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Winter Lecture Series: Andy Brand. \$20 for Madoo members, \$25 for non-members.

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Tree Pruning Workshop with Wayne Cahilly. Free, check for space. Co-sponsored by East Hampton Garden Club.

Peconic Land Trust events. For more information and to reserve space: peconiclandtrust.org or email events@peconiclandtrust.org or call (631) 283-3195.

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Care and Cultivation of Hydrangeas. Summerhill Landscapes, 6 Shaw Road, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. \$10/person. Prepaid reservations required and space is limited. Rain cancels.

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The Vegetable Garden, Step 1: Seeds and Soil. Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, free for BG members, \$5 non-members. Reservations .

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Rites of Spring season opener, Longhouse Reserve, 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, free for Longhouse members, \$15 non-members. To register: (631) 329-3568. More info: longhouse.org.



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