



HAH Happenings December 2019



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
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at the Bridgehampton Community House

HAH Monthly Lecture - Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 2 pm



Grow Up! Rooftop Farming

Explore the hidden world of rooftop farming with **Annie Novak**, author of The Rooftop Growing Guide: How To Transform Your Roof into a Garden or Farm (Ten Speed Press). Green roofs, greenhouses and container gardens are "growing up" on buildings around the world. With Ms. Novak, learn more about the nuances of each landscape and how you can re-imagine the possibilities of your own local skyline.

A passionate educator, author Annie Novak is the co-founder of the *Eagle Street Rooftop Farm* in Brooklyn, New York, the first commercial green roof farm in the country. An employee of the New York Botanical Garden since 2005, an experienced farmer, and the Director of Growing

Chefs, a nonprofit dedicated to food education, Annie's work in agriculture has been featured on the *The New York Times*, *Martha Stewart Show*, and, in her own words, in the *Atlantic*, among other publications. She is currently writing and illustrating a non-fiction book about nocturnal bird migration.

Praise for *The Rooftop Growing Guide*: "If your vegetable garden happens to be on your roof, Annie Novak is the genius for your place. Novak, who is passionate about "people, plants, food politics," is a co-founder and the head farmer of the nation's first commercial green roof farm, in Brooklyn." -- *The New York Times*
"[A] blueprint to reimagine thousands of underutilized acres in urban environments." — Will Allen, MacArthur fellow and author of *The Good Food Revolution*

"Annie Novak explores every imaginable detail of how to turn any community's acres of unused rooftops into deliciously productive gardens." - Chef Rick Bayless, chef/owner of *Frontera Grill*, *Topolobampo*, and *XOCO* Chicago

HAH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Lecture - December 8, 2 pm, in the BH Community House, main hall, see above.

HAH party to follow the lecture 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Roundtable - Saturday, December 14, 10 - 12 noon, HAH library, see p. 3

Book Review Group - Saturday, December 14 12 noon - 1:00, HAH library, see p. 3.

HAH Workshop - Hypertufa Garden Troughs, Saturday, January 11, 2020, 1-3 pm. See p. 7

PLEASE RENEW NOW FOR 2020 - it is easy to do at <https://squareup.com/store/horticultural-alliance-of-the-hamptons> and THANK YOU!



HOLIDAY PARTY



The Annual HAH Holiday Party immediately follows the monthly lecture Sunday, December 8, 2019. We ask that all members attending bring a dish of finger food - either sweet or savory. Please be sure it is covered and ready to serve. As always, wine, apple cider, coffee and tea will be provided.

Please come and enjoy the company!!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

It's just early days in meteorological winter, which begins on December 1, but soon we will have the Winter Solstice on December 21, and the days will begin to lengthen. I always have a hard time with the short daylight we have right now, but holiday lights and celebrations are a balm against the darkness. And before we know it, we will notice the lengthening of the days.

December has too much going on for us to start planning our spring gardens. We can use this time to recover from the work it took to put our gardens to bed, and enjoy the pots of paperwhites and amaryllis we will have blooming inside. Not to mention the opportunity to fashion our evergreen pots, garlands and wreaths. All good amusements! This is also the time to keep our bird feeders full, and we can perhaps overlook the marauding squirrels. Think about hanging suet cakes or peanut butter pine cones for the birds – the fat gives them an edge on freezing winter nights. Don't forget to provide a source of water for the birds – if it keeps freezing, just refill the vessel when you can, or get a simple heating coil.

Please come to our holiday party and lecture on December 8. It's fun, we turn out to be amazing cooks as well as gardeners, and Lori Barnaby orchestrates a number of volunteers in creating our own winter wonderland in the community house. We've had a wonderful year and 2020 is shaping up to be even better.

Happy holidays,

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.

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John Benson

PHOTOS

Rick Bogusch, Mary Busch, Rebecca Chapman, Elaine Peterson

HAH Approved 2020 Officers and Board of Directors

The following slate of officers for 2020 and two directors (who will serve through 2022) was approved by membership vote at the annual meeting on November 10, 2019.

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HAH ROUNDTABLE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 , 10 am -12 noon
in the HAH LoGerfo Library

TOPIC: FAVORITE NATIVE PLANTS - Following up on Doug Tallamy's talk at the Karish Event, our Roundtable will include HAH members who grow native plants and will share information about their favorites. Please join us. Moderated by Pamela Harwood

Saturdays 🌿 January 4 🌿 February 1 🌿 March 7 🌿 April 4 🌿 October 3 🌿 November 7 🌿 December 5 🌿 2020

BOOK REVIEW GROUP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019
in the HAH LoGerfo Library
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm



We have the Book Reviews starting in December, usually at 11:00 am the third Saturday of each winter month and we meet for an hour. **This month only, however, we are starting at 12 noon.**

If you have not been before, we do them in a unique way. You are NOT expected to have read any of the books being reviewed, though you may certainly do so if you have the time! Instead each presenter does the reading for you and recommends...or not. It is a nice, easy way to make discoveries and chat during the winter.

This month our reviewers, their books and authors are as follows. Please join us and hear reviewers report on what they read and thought about it. Ursula Thomas will moderate our discussion. This looks to be an interesting collection of topics that will stimulate ideas for next year's garden plant choices.

Ernest Cavallo: The Galanthophiles, Hamer and Kilpatrick

Judy Freeman: The Front Garden, New Approaches to Landscape Design, Mary Riley Smith

Alicia Whitaker: The Scentual Garden: Exploring the World of Botanical Fragrance, Ken Druse

The dates for the other Book Review Group meetings this winter are as follows. Please consider reading something that interests you and signing up for one of these dates. Email Ursula at uschieeh@yahoo.com if you wish to participate by reviewing. And all are welcome to attend.

Saturdays 📖 January 18 🌲 February 15 🌳 March 21 🌴 2020

Tax Deductibility of Dues

According to the IRS, 100% of a *Student, Individual, or Family/Dual* member's dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution since the HAH is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

Members in the *Contributing, Supporting, Patron, Donor, and Benefactor* categories should deduct \$10 from their dues for each guest they bring to lectures; the rest is tax deductible. *Patron, Donor, and Benefactor* members whose dues exceed \$250 have already received the required written acknowledgement in the form of their 2019 HAH membership card.

Membership dues constitute a tax-deductible contribution to the extent permitted by law. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please consult your tax advisor.

Preview Party – Friday, May 17, 2019

Tax Deductibility of Ticket Price

If you attended the Preview Party all but \$20 of your contribution is deductible for tax purposes. This amount represents the estimated cost of food and wine served at the party in consideration of your contribution. If you did not attend the Preview Party but made a donation as a Friend of the HAH, your entire contribution is tax deductible. For those individuals who contributed \$250 or more as a Community Partner or Special Friend of the Preview Party, a written acknowledgement was mailed to your home address as required by law.

Report on November's Roundtable: **Great Groundcovers**

Susan Brackett

Reliable, unusual groundcovers that work well in our area's gardens were November's Roundtable topic. Everyone had favorites and shared hand-on experience in this follow-up to Renee Marsh's talk. Most groundcovers take some patience and attention to get established. But we have all have found plants that spread well, are not invasive, keep down weeds, preserve soil moisture, can replace lawns and provide beautiful continuity though the garden.

Reliable evergreens for shade and semi-shade include European ginger (*Asarum europeum*), perennial evergreen geraniums (*Geranium macrorrhizum*) with spring to summer flowers, and *Vinca minor* 'Gertrude Jekyll' with white flowers. The blue flowered vinca is an old faithful. Hellebores also thrive here. Their leaves survive most of the winter and self-seeded offspring transplant well. Deer avoid vinca and hellebores.

Favorite perennials are *Heucherella* (a cross of *Heuchera* and *Tiarella*), creeping phlox, dwarf goat's beard, perennial plumbago (blooms August through October) and dwarf Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum humile*) which tolerates heavy shade. Black scallop was a favorite ajuga (*Ajuga reptans*), though some ajugas spread more than many gardeners like. *Heuchera* seem to be short lived and are loved by voles, but the plants have survived well in decorative metal planters that can overwinter outdoors.

Waldsteinia fragaroides (barren strawberry) is a deciduous native plant that likes semi-shade. It has glossy leaves and yellow flowers in May. This is not the invasive false strawberry (*waldsteinia ternata*), with its tiny bitter red berries.

Ferns are fabulous. Most like shade and moist, humus rich soil, but not fertilizer. Some ferns spread aggressively, but Autumn fern (*Dryopteris erythrosora* 'Brilliance'), cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea* - a native fern) and Japanese painted ferns stay within bounds. Deer mostly avoid ferns.

Moss has proven to be a great replacement for grass lawns in shade. Just stop liming and watch it grow if you are in our very acid oak woods. One important tip: do not overwater.

Epimediums have been very successful. They spread by rhizomes, like dry shade and their thick roots seem to discourage voles. The Sulphureums with large, purple-streaked leaves are favorites for ground covering quickly, but there are many varieties to choose among. Two good sources are Karen Perkins' [Garden Visions](#), a mail-order source in Massachusetts, and Oliver Nurseries in Fairfield, Connecticut. Both have beautiful websites.

This is just a taste of our vibrant discussion. Do less work. Use less commercial mulch and fewer chemicals. Try some of these favorites.



White Pine - *Pinus strobus*

The only native pine in eastern North America with needles bundled in fives, *Pinus strobus* or white pine played an important role in United States history.

When the first colonists arrived on American shores, vast forests of white pines covered land from the New England coastline west to the Great Lakes and south to Georgia. Trees in these virgin forests grew straight and tall, often reaching one hundred fifty feet or more, and were prized by the British Royal Navy for ship masts. Royal preserves were set up and penalties enacted to prevent random cutting of trees. These preserves and penalties added fuel to the fires of discontent that led to the American Revolution.

After independence, the desire for white pine lumber sent colonists west to the Wisconsin Territory, thereby helping to settle the Midwest. Because its lumber is easy to work and can be turned into products from matchsticks to crates, floor boards and ship masts, white pine remained the most important timber tree in North America for over one hundred years.

Exploitation and introduced diseases like white pine blister rust have caused white pine's vast range to greatly shrink and its economic importance to diminish. Virgin stands are extremely rare or non-existent, but large second-growth forests are numerous thanks to the species' ability to reseed itself aggressively in old abandoned fields. According to the U.S. Forest Service, white pine is one fiftieth as abundant as it was in pre-Columbian times.

Today, we're more likely to encounter white pine as an ornamental than out in the woods. Easily transplanted and fast-growing, it prefers fertile, moist, well-drained soils, but can also be found on dry, rocky ridges, the edges of swamps and the sandy soils of East Hampton. It thrives in sun, but tolerates some shade.

Pyramidal in youth, white pine develops a graceful, informal outline composed of horizontal and ascending branches as it ages. It is subject to breakage in strong winds and often sacrifices branches in storms. Sometimes, white pine weevil will kill a tree's leaders, giving it a shrub-like appearance known as "Cabbage Pine."

Weevils are just one of the dozens of insects that feed on white pine. They in turn provide food for the many bird species that frequent white pines. They and many small mammals feed on the tree's seeds and constitute a rich community of animals that depend on white pine for food and shelter.

Deer will browse white pines, but only when they are desperate for food and there is nothing else available. Usually, they leave trees alone.

Because white pines are intolerant of air pollution, they are indicators of clean air, so breathe freely if you have healthy trees around you. Also intolerant of heat and drought stress, one wonders what will happen to the species as climate warms.

If you want to see a white pine forest full of majestic second-growth trees, visit Peconic Land Trust's Wilson's Grove Preserve, forty-five acres of native woodland with trails for the public. (Check out the Land Trust's website for more information: peconiclandtrust.org)

Or visit Bridge Gardens and take in the classic beauty of a tree that has grown without other trees around it for over fifty years. You won't be able to miss it or the hedge of white pines that towers above the southern boundary.

Rick Bogusch



Learn to Identify Your Local Trees

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am to Noon - Tree ID Trail Hike with the Southampton Trails Preservation Society. Meet at the Long Pond Greenbelt Nature Center, 1061 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Tpk. for a moderately-paced 3 mile hike along the William Sickles Tree ID Trail with views of Crooked Pond, Deer Drink and Long Pond. Leader: Bill Schildnecht, (631) 725-2888. For more information: <http://southamptontrails.org/calendar.html> or email: info@southamptontrails.org

Save- the -Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020!

Watch the HAH Newsletter for another trail walk in Montauk this winter led by naturalist and native plant propagator, Vicki Bustamante. Vicki will lead us through a new Tree Trail that's in formation now in Montauk County Park. February is the perfect time to explore Montauk's fabulous native areas that have been preserved in park land. The hunters have departed, the ticks are at a minimum and the weather is usually a bit milder than deep winter. Skunk cabbage, lovely moss carpets, lichen covered rocks and branches will welcome you with a light touch of spring to come, amidst glorious woodlands.

HAH Amaryllis Program 2019

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your assistance with the Children's Amaryllis Program. There is nothing quite so rewarding as showing children the joys of working and living with plants. It is a universal way of communicating easily across the ages - everyone loves growing and smiling and learning something new! Thanks also to our local libraries for sharing their time and space with us in producing this much loved program every fall season.

Marie DiMonte, chair



HAH Workshop

Make it Yourself Hypertufa Garden Trough

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Time: 1pm – 3pm

(Snow Date – Saturday, January 18, same time)

Workshop limited to 15 people - Materials Included



Join us again for a fun workshop creating your own Hypertufa Garden Trough – this time around we are suggesting that you bring your own container but we will have containers available for you to choose from. The Hypertufa mixture is lighter than using traditional cement which will make it easier for you to pick up and move around your garden.

After creating your trough it will need one week to dry and set. Storage will be at the Community House and you will be able to pick it up the following Saturday.

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 1pm

Location: John LoGerfo Library, Bridgehampton Community House, School Street Entrance

Materials: All materials needed are included in the cost of the workshop. Please bring your own plastic gloves and an apron.

Cost: \$25 Premium Members: \$35 Members; \$45 Non-members

Payment must be made by January 2, 2020



Registration Form:

Please sign me up for the Hypertufa Workshop on Saturday, January 11, 2020

Name(s) _____

Phone (cell preferred) _____

E-Mail _____

I would like to purchase tickets at:

\$25 Premium _____

\$35 Member _____

\$45 Non-member _____

Total Amount included _____

Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to HAH, P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, New York, 11932 no later than January 2, 2017. Attention: Workshops

Questions: Call Marie DiMonte at 631.728.0292, e-mail osprey23@optonline.net

HAH 2020 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!

January 12 – Julie Moir Messervy – *The Designer's Way: Creating Gardens (and Lives) of Beauty and Meaning*
February 9 – Chris Woods – *Gardenlust: A Botanical Tour of the World's Best New Gardens*
March 8 – Stephen F. Byrns – *Untermeyer: A Garden for the World*
April 5 – Tony Avent – *My Favorite 100... Perennials I Wouldn't Garden Without*
May 3 – Lois Sheinfeld – *Outstanding Trees for the Home Garden*

June 14 – Bill Cullina – *What do you Mean I'm Not a Perennial?! Native Shrubs & Small Trees for Perennial Companionship*

There are no lectures in July or August

September 13 – Lori Chips – *Troughs: Gardening in the Smallest Landscape*

October 18 – Judith Tankard – *Gardens of the Arts & Crafts Movement*

November 8 – Margery Daughtery – *Battling Diseases in the Garden*

December 13 – David Culp – *A Bountiful Year: Six Seasons of Beauty from Brandywine Cottage*

MORE LOCAL AND NYC GARDEN EVENTS

December 2019

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

Sunday, December 1, 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Umberto Pasti, Eden Revisited: A Garden In Northern Morocco. \$20 for Madoo members, \$30 non-members. To purchase tickets: <https://www.madoo.org/calendar-event/umberto-pasti-lecture-and-book-signing>

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Merry Madoo. Roasted chestnuts and marshmallows in the templum barbequeum, caroling, wreathmaking, a few of our favorite vendors and, of course, Madoo-grown paperwhites make for the best holiday fair in the Hamptons! FREE.

Sunday, December 8, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Bridge Gardens - Holiday Wreath Making Workshop with Diana Conklin. \$40 per person, which includes materials and light refreshments. Bring your own work gloves and clippers. Prepaid reservations required and space is limited. Rain or shine. 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. Register at: (631) 283-3195 or events@peconiclandtrust.org. More info: peconiclandtrust.org

Sundays, December 8 and December 15 -- Marders Wreath Making Workshops. Morning session from 10:00 am to 11:00 am or afternoon session from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. \$85 for adults, \$65 for children; all materials provided. Prepaid reservations required and space is limited. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: marders.com To register, call (631) 537-3700 or email: info@marders.com

Tuesday, December 17, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Farming in the Concrete Jungle: Ben Flanner. NYBG, Ross Lecture Hall, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458. \$29 for NYBG members, \$35 non-members. Register at nybg.org



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