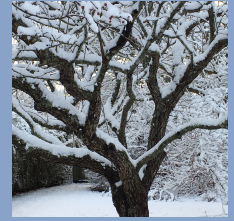




HAH Happenings January 2020



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HAH Monthly Lecture - Sunday, January 12, 2020 - 2 pm



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The Designer's Way: Creating Gardens (and Lives) of Beauty and Meaning

Julie Moir Messervy

Throughout her long career as a garden and landscape designer, author, and presenter, Julie Moir Messervy has always sought to create landscapes that resonate with beauty and meaning. In this talk, she shares the principles and processes she lives by, for visioning, designing, and building personal and private landscapes. Using her firm's projects as case studies, she interweaves personal stories with design theory and perspectives, as well as before and after photos and tips that apply to creating a beautiful garden and living a joyful life.

Julie Moir Messervy's vision for composing landscapes of beauty and meaning is furthering the evolution of landscape design and changing the way people create and enjoy their outdoor surroundings. With over three decades of experience, nine books, and numerous high-profile lectures, Messervy is an innovative leader in landscape and garden design theory and practice. Messervy's most recent book is [New Landscaping Ideas That Work](#) (The Taunton Press, January 2018).

Messervy studied landscape design with eminent Japanese garden master Kinsaku Nakane in Kyoto, Japan, first as a Henry Luce Scholar, and then as a Japan Foundation Fellow. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College and Master of Architecture and Master in City Planning degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Messervy is the principal of Julie Moir Messervy Design Studio (JMMDS) in Saxtons River, Vermont, creators of public and private gardens around the country. With their Home Outside® landscape design app and award-winning Home Outside online design service, Julie and JMMDS are pioneering new ways to bring good landscape design to homeowners everywhere.

HAH CALENDAR OF EVENTS - January 2020

Roundtable - Saturday, January 4, 10 - 12 noon, HAH library, see p. 3

Workshop - Hypertufa Garden Troughs, Saturday, January 11, 2020, 1-3 pm, see Dec. issue for details

Lecture - Sunday, January 12, 2 pm, in the BH Community House, main hall, see above.

Book Review Group - Saturday, January 18, 11:00 am, HAH library, see p. 3.

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at <https://squareup.com/store/horticultural-alliance-of-the-hamptons> and THANK YOU!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Gardeners,

It's not only a new year, it's a new decade. This past one flew by – this decade will be no different. What it makes me think about is the need to think long term about our gardens and landscape. Are we planning for 2030 as well as today? I find it hard to focus beyond ten years, but we probably should be thinking about 2050. Are we choosing plants that will support pollinators, birds and wildlife as well as being beautiful? Are we thinking about rising water levels and how they'll affect our coastline as well as our private spaces? Are we planting trees that will thrive in their original locations to reach their genetic full sizes? These are some of the things I'm trying to think about as well as my short-term plans for the garden. I avoided doing the tally of successes and failures at the end of 2019 so I could focus on the holidays and plant the last of the bulbs. Now's a good time to start thinking about what would make a big difference, a bit before I get seduced with the seed and plant catalogues that are on their way if not here already.

I'm thrilled that Julie Moir Messervy will be speaking to us this month, as she helps people to focus on the spirit of the garden and our deeper needs, as well as the plants and design. Hope to see you at our January lecture.

Happy garden dreams,

Alicia

HAH 2020

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THANK YOU!

The Amaryllis Planting Program was a great success. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who gave their time and talents to the event in this very busy Holiday season. It is members such as yourselves that make the HAH so special and it is indeed a pleasure working with you.

Susan Brackett, Mary Busch, Rebecca Chapman, Terry Coppola, Susan Edwards, Norma Giorgetti, Diane Herold, Dee LaDuke, Janis Murphy, Janet Ollinger, Mark Ollinger, Jill Thayer, Alicia Whitaker.

A very special thank you also to Lydia Wallis for conducting our Candle Ring Workshop on November 30, 2019, for sharing her considerable knowledge and expertise with us and, in addition, sending us home with very impressive masterpieces.

Happy New Year to all!

Marie Di Monte

Special thanks also to Susan Brackett for her years of serving on the board! She will continue to help with the library and be our office manager as she has done so well now for several years. Thank you thank you, Susan!!!!

HAH ROUNDTABLE
SATURDAY, January 4, 10 am -12 noon
in the HAH LoGerfo Library

TOPIC: It is time to start planting seeds already! Please join us for a discussion about seeds and seed catalogs. See Sarah's article on seed catalogs on the next page and bring your own suggestions for others and particularly information about what ones are your favorites and why. What are your experiences with growing from seed?

Moderated by Pamela Harwood

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



BOOK REVIEW GROUP
SATURDAY, January 18, 2020
in the HAH LoGerfo Library
11:00 am - 12:00 pm



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.

Betty Pasteur: Bringing Nature Home, How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants, Douglas W. Tallamy

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

Susan Kennedy Zeller: Trees in Art, Charles Watkins

January...Brrrr. What could be better than popping into a nice cozy library and participating in the Book Talk Roundtable? We had a really good time at this winter's first one in December. Remember...you do NOT read the book. The presenters do all the reading for you and give their evaluation. But... If you love to read...why don't you contribute your evaluation of any garden oriented book of your choice? Read something interesting? Just email Ursula at uschieeh@yahoo.com and give her your name and title and availability. Or feel free to call Susan Kennedy Zeller at 917- 447-1198 or email SKZeller@aol.com. We had a really interesting assortment of different garden books by December's readers. But even if you do not want to present your own book selection do come and listen.

Looking for something new to be inspired by? As we purchase new books we check them into the Library and for a time have them clustered on our window sills and they ...as well as our regular holdings...may be checked out by HAH members anytime we are open. The Library Winter Hours are still Tuesdays 10-noon , Saturdays 10-noon and always after all Sunday lectures and any Workshop, Roundtable or Book Group event.

One of the best ways to keep the chill away is to READ A BOOK!

The dates for the Book Review Group meetings this winter are as follows.

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

HAH Annual Holiday Party - HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Thanks to Lori Barnaby and helpers for the lovely decorations and to Erika Shank for the photos!



Planning for 2020 – Seed Catalogs

By Sarah Alford

Wintertime may be quiet for gardening but planning from the warmth of a favorite reading chair, instead of kneeling in the dirt, can be a welcomed change of scenery. For me, the aroma of lemongrass simmering in a pot of soup offers inspiration as I flip through seed catalogs and brainstorm about next year. Lemongrass was an impulse add to the herb garden, and it freezes easily to enjoy in cooking through the winter months.

It may seem early to think about your 2020 garden, however it is necessary to plan ahead for perennials, annuals or vegetables that may require more time to germinate and mature.

The catalogs listed below are available in the HAH library. If you receive extra copies of your favorite catalogs, please feel free to drop them off to share with other HAH members. We'd love to know which catalogs you like.

- **Gurney's Seeds**
- **Kitchen Garden Seeds**
- **Prairie Moon Nursery**
- **Select Seeds** – includes heirloom

Rick Bogusch of Bridge Gardens always creates unique combinations, and I appreciate how he incorporates herbs into ornamental gardens.

Rick's tried and true catalogs for vegetables are **Johnny's Seeds**, **Fedco** and **Territorial Seeds**.

For annual flowers: **Select Seeds** for herbs: **Richters** for natives: **Prairie Moon Nursery**.

Most seed catalogs are also available online.

Ilex opaca - American Holly

When I gardened upstate, in Zones 4/5, I envied family and friends who gardened in Zones 6 and warmer because of the hollies they could grow. Yes, I could grow blue hollies, the Meserve hybrids, if winter sun, wind and deer were avoided, but somehow they just didn't compare to American holly or the many Asian and European hybrids I admired in New Jersey and Long Island.

Officially hardy in Zone 5, American holly (*Ilex opaca*) never grew well for me upstate. On Long Island, where it is native, this holly is easy to grow, despite its intolerance of harsh winds. Perhaps that's why we often find it here along woodland edges and the perimeters of protected swamps.

From Massachusetts to Florida, American holly usually grows from 15 to 30 feet tall and 10 to 15 feet wide, though it can grow taller and wider. In youth, it has a conically pyramidal outline that slowly becomes irregular and picturesque with great age.

Like all hollies, American holly is dioecious, meaning there are male and female plants and both are necessary for fruit production. Its small, dull-white, 4-petaled flowers bloom in late spring and are a favorite of honey bees and other pollinators.

No doubt, the first settlers along the east coast valued its evergreen leaves and bright red berries as good omens and symbols of enduring life in the midst of winter and gathered boughs to decorate houses during the Christmas holidays, just as they had gathered the leaves and berries of English holly. They also prized its dense wood for inlays and marquetry on fine furniture.

Today, American holly is mostly valued as a landscape tree. Though not considered to be as attractive as other hollies, with their shiny, dark green leaves, American holly has one advantage over its Asian and European cousins: deer do not eat it. I know some of you out there will disagree, but in general, it remains untouched, even in winter and even when sited along trails daily used by deer. A highly variable species, varieties with atypically lustrous leaves and abundant berry production have been selected and propagated from cuttings and grafts. Both the National Arboretum and Rutgers University have had breeding programs and introduced selections like 'Jersey Prince,' 'Jersey Princess' and 'Merry Christmas.' These are generally preferred for planting over dull-leaved seedlings, though seedlings often grow faster than varieties and are more commonly available in the nursery trade. Both seedlings and varieties resent transplanting in large sizes and can take 2 years or more to recover.

Even though it has a preference for moist woods and forest bottomlands, American holly tolerates a wide range of soil conditions, including coastal dunes, but it does not like its roots to be waterlogged. Plant in full sun or part shade for best results. It's a great tree for woodland gardens, but too much shade causes foliage to lose density.

Insect pests include holly leaf miner and scale among others and various leaf spot diseases can be a problem. Birds love the fruits in winter, so consider planting 2 or 3 or more as a natural, year-round screen that will bring color and joy to your winter garden and provide food for our feathered friends.

If you want to see American holly growing in the wild, you may visit one of Peconic Land Trust's preserves in Amagansett, like Silver Beech or High Point. We have them at Bridge Gardens, too, but none are mature. You don't even have to come into the Gardens to see them. There are a couple dozen planted a few years ago in the woodland buffer along Mitchell Lane and they are big enough to see during a drive-by. We planted a few more this year inside the gates and we have some very small, but thriving varieties along the south border.

Rick Bogusch



REMINDER - HAH WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Make It Yourself Hypertufa Garden Trough 1 - 3 pm

See the December issue for full details and a registration form (if you can't find your hard copy, remember it is always available online at our website hahgarden.org) This is a fun hands-on workshop, so sign up asap - we need to know how many are coming by January 2! Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty!

Metro Hort's Plant-O-Rama 2020

Tuesday, January 28, Plant-O-Rama, A Symposium, Trade Show and Jobs Fair at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. For more information and registration instructions: <https://www.metrohort.org/calendar/plant-o-rama>

Symposium: Morning session from 8:45 am to 11:00 am, Afternoon session from 12:45 pm to 3:00 pm. Keynote speakers: William Bryant Logan: *Tree Jazz*. Margaret Roach: *A Way to Garden: Cultivating Connections*. \$65

The following are FREE and open to the public without preregistration:

Horticultural Trade Show from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. 40 exhibitors including specialty nurseries and wholesale growers, horticultural products and pottery suppliers, soil and compost companies, and more.

Breakout sessions:

10:30 am to 11:15 am -- New Books from Regional Garden Communicators

11:45 am to 12:30 pm -- Inside Out: The New Houseplant Revolution

1:15 pm to 2:00 pm -- Starting a Garden Business for Next-Gens

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (weather permitting) -- Tree Walks at Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Jobs Fair from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. 35 exhibitors promoting jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities.

Save-the-Date: Tree Trail Walk on Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 10 am!

Watch the February 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 Workshop

From Plankton to Whales – Why our Waters are Worth Saving

Saturday, February 8, 2020
10:00am – 12:00pm



Location: The HAH LoGerfo Library at the Bridgehampton Community House,
Entrance on the School Street side of the building just off the parking lot.

Chris Paparo, “The Fish Guy”

Born and raised on Long Island (New York), Chris Paparo has been exploring the wilds of the Island for over 30 years. As the owner of Fish Guy Photos, he is a wildlife photographer, writer and lecturer who enjoys bringing public awareness to the diverse wildlife that calls the island home. His passion for coastal ecology, fishing and the outdoors led him to obtain a BS in Marine Science from LIU/ Southampton and he currently manages the new Marine Sciences Center at the Southampton campus of Stony Brook University.

An award winning member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the New York State Outdoor Writers Association, Paparo is a freelance writer for several fishing and wildlife related publications. Although his work tends to focus on marine life, everything in the natural world is fair game. Follow Paparo's adventures on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Vimeo and YouTube at @fishguyphotos or by visiting his website at www.fishguyphotos.com

Cost: \$5 members \$10 non-members Payment to be made by 2/1/2020

Please sign me up for the “From Plankton to Whales” Workshop on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at the HAH LoGerfo Library.

Name(s) _____

Phone (cellpreferred) _____

E-Mail _____

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

Total amount: _____

Questions: Call Marie DiMonte at 631-728-0292 or Email osprey23@optonline.net
Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to HAH, PO Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932,
Attention: Workshops, **no later than 2/1/2020.**

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

January 2020

Friday, January 17, Toxic Free Landscapes: A Professional Seminar, hosted by Lake Agawam Conservancy 10 am - 2:30 pm, FREE event - rsvp and more info here <https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/PKkA6WqhNgJQQJUDIM46>

Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Wave Hill Lecture Series. Heroes of Horticulture - Americans Who Transformed the Landscape: A Horticultural Lecture by Barbara Paul Robinson. New York School of Interior Design, 170 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021. \$27 for Wave Hill members, \$30 non-members. For more information and to purchase tickets: <https://www.wavehill.org/events/heroes-horticultureamericans-who-transformed-landscape-horticultural-lecture-barbara-paul-robinson/>

Thursday, January 30, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Deborah Nevins: East End, Long Island (part of The New York Botanical Garden's 20th Annual Winter Lecture Series: The Garden Came First). Ross Lecture Hall on the NYBG campus. \$32 for members, \$35 for non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.nybg.org/event/2020-winter-lecture-series/>



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