



HAH Happenings

July 2020



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

at the Bridgehampton Community House

HAH Virtual Tour – Mastering the Art of Flower Gardening with Matt Mattus

Thursday, July 16th at 10am

HAH has scheduled another unique program for our members. Join **Matt Mattus** on **Thursday, July 16th at 10am** for a garden tour and slide presentation followed by a quick Q&A as he debuts his newest book Mastering the Art of Flower Gardening (Cool Springs Press, March, 2020.) Learn about uncommon, antique or rare annuals you can try as well as new tips on mastering some common flowers including perennials, biennials and tender plants for all seasons.

Matt, also the author of Mastering the Art of Vegetable Gardening (2019), lives and gardens in his Worcester, Massachusetts garden which has been featured in *Martha Stewart Living*, *Better Homes and Gardens* as well as on his popular blog Growingwithplants.com. Matt is past president of the North American Rock Garden Society, Vice President of the 175 year old Worcester County Horticultural Society and sits on the board of the Tower Hill Botanic Garden.

This special presentation will be made utilizing ZOOM technology which will be provided by Matt. This means that you can link up and see the presentation on your own computer, laptop or smart phone in the privacy of your own home. This is interactive – you will be able to ask questions following the talk.

This service is free for HAH Members. If you are interested in participating, simply advise Bettina Benson at hahmember@optonline.net or reply via return email – be sure Matt Mattus is in the subject line. By replying to the email, this allows us at HAH to capture your email address which will, in turn, allow us to contact you. Prior to the event, we will send out the link provided by Matt so that you can remotely participate. You will be able to log into the platform 10 minutes prior to start time so that we can attempt to troubleshoot issues if you are a first time user of Zoom.

This is an event for HAH members only. Please do not share link information via social media, including Facebook and Twitter. We don't want 'zoombombers' to crash our session.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Lecture Series 2020

In lieu of our cancelled lectures for spring/summer, HAH has accessed the Cornell Cooperative Extension Zoom programs. These are available if you are a member of HAH and they are scheduled every other week on **Wednesdays at 10 am** through the end of September. If you would like a little more detailed information on each presentation, please go to the Cooperative Extension Suffolk County website <http://ccesuffolk.org/gardening/speakers-bureau>. A blast email will be sent two weeks prior to each presentation announcing the event which will allow members to respond if they want to participate. The day prior to the event, participants will be notified with the link. Any questions? Please contact Bettina Benson at hahmember@optonline.net

July 8	Gardening with Deer
July 22	Bring Hummingbirds to your Garden
August 5	Go Wild with Native Plants
August 19	Fifty Shades of Green Lawn
September 2	Pollinator Gardens
September 16	Shade Gardens
September 30	Gardening by the Sea





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

We are living through an extraordinary time – a global pandemic and a time of huge upheaval in our communities after a series of horrific killings that have highlighted systemic racism. All of us who are fortunate to have the peace of our gardens, no matter how large or small, have found significant comfort and solace during this time. HAH welcomes a diverse community of fellow garden lovers who strive to learn more about horticulture. Gardening is not and should not be the province of the privileged and we can help more people in our communities to enjoy and benefit from gardens and gardening.

HAH stands with the broader East End community, and beyond, against racial injustice and police brutality. Please let us know your thoughts— we don't have all the answers and need to listen and learn to connect.

Best regards,

Board of Directors, Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

HAH 2020

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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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A FUNDRAISER FOR THE HAH!!

ORDER FORM for SUMMER DIGS on page 3

All orders will be filled by July 31, 2020 on a first come basis. Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to: Lydia Wallis, 22 Charla Drive, Southampton, NY 11968. Mail orders only accepted.

You will be notified of a day, time, and place (Southampton) to pick up your order. Completed orders will be placed in driveway with your name on it. Masks are a must when picking up your order as volunteers will be present.

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We appreciate your order, especially since we could not have our Garden Fair this year and thank you very much. Stay well.

JULY 2020 HAH Plant Sale from the “Digs”

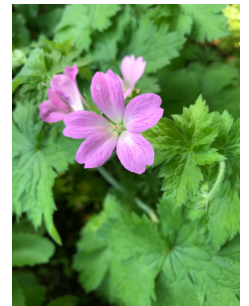
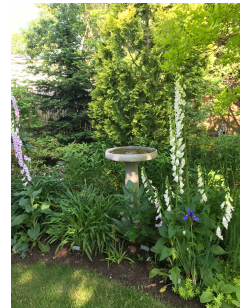
Plants listed in **red** \$10, all other plants \$5

Chair, Lydia Wallis

Number indicates how many plants are available.

* Indicates more plants are available and can be dug to order.

- 04 *Anemone x hybrida ‘September Charm’ pink flowers, beautiful green buds, 3’ - 4’
- 03 Anthriscus sylvestris ‘Ravenswing’, 2.5’, white, striking black foliage, from Marie Donnelly
- 06 *Astilbe x arendsii ‘Avalanche’, white arcing flower, fragrant, leaflets wider than most astilbe. Good garden plant. ►
- 04 *Chives
- 09 *Chrysanthemum ‘Venus’, pale pink, daisy like, fragrant, pretty cut, from Marie Donnelly
- 04 Chrysanthemum, double yellow, 2’, fragrant, pretty cut, flowers measure 2” across
- 01 Epimedium ssp. nova ‘Spine Tinger’, yellow, unusual cultivar with leaves resembling holly leaves
- 08 *Epimedium x perralchicum ‘Frohnleiten’, yellow, some epimedium are clumpers and some are spreaders. This one is a spreader and makes an excellent ground cover.
- 03 *Euphorbia dulcis ‘Chameleon’, Spurge, chartreuse, burgundy leaves, 1’
- 05 Foxglove, mixed colors (white, pink or rose) , 5’ – 6’, biennial ►
- 03 Geranium maculatum ‘Espresso’, lavender, chocolate leaves, 18”
- 02 Geranium phaeum ‘Samobor’, lovely purple & lavender flower with variegated leaf, 2’
- 12 Geranium x oxonianum ‘Claridge Druce’, pink, 18”, from Marie Donnelly
To quote Marie, “This is a good geranium.” ►
- 08 Hemerocallis ‘Fairy Tale Pink’, 24”x 5.5”, M, pink self w/green throat, Stout Medal Winner, the highest award a hem can receive
- 03 *Hemerocallis ‘Milk Chocolate’, 26”x 5”, M-La, milk chocolate, award winner
- 01 Hemerocallis ‘Persian Plum’, 30” x 6”, E, mauve plum w/lime gold throat, tetraploid (dbl. amt. of chromosomes), award winner
- 03 Heuchera ‘Green Spice’, Coral Bells, white, variegated leaf
- 03 Heuchera micrantha ‘Palace Purple’, Coral Bells, white flowers, burgundy leaves
- 05 *Heuchera, green leaves-pretty foliage forms lovely clump, cream flowers, 12”
- 01 Itea virginica ‘Henry’s Garnet’, Virginia Sweetspire, 3’-4’ arching shrub, white fragrant flowers, beautiful fall colors of red, orange, and gold, persisting into early winter
- 08 Leucanthemum x superbum ‘Becky’, white Shasta Daisy, does not require staking
- 03 Lillium lancifolium, Tiger Lily, recurved petals, orange w/black dots, 3’-4’
- 03 *Persicaria amplexicaulis ‘Firetail’, 2’-3’, red, (non-invasive), adds interest to floral arrangements
- 01 *Phlox paniculata ‘David’, white, 3- 4’, mildew resistant, fragrant
- 02 Pinellia ternate, Green Dragon, green
- 19 *Sedum ‘Autumn Joy’, These are large plants in 2.5 gal. pots; 3 smaller pots at \$5 each. Pink to rose, attracts lots of bees and butterflies, terrific in a planter or accent in garden. Good mass planted as well or used like low hedge. ►
- 01 Sedum ‘Mediovariegatum’, cream (not white) variegation
- 08 Siberian Iris, 2’, blue
- 01 Siberian Iris ‘Orville Fay’, sky blue, M La, hybridized by Currier McEwen, Award winner
- 04 Stachys monieri ‘Hummelo’, rose/lavender, 1’-1.5’
- 02 Styx japonica, white, ultimately 20’ tree, these are 2’
- 04 Zizia, yellow, 4” pots with numerous seedlings, looks like yellow Queen Anne’s Lace



We asked members what they have been doing in their gardens during the lockdown period and here's what some of you have been up to this spring.

ZEALOUS PRUNING

I've gone wild with pruning! I love that we can take brush to the Southampton dump for free from April 15 to May 31. They compost it. This holly bush was extremely neglected. It's branches were like tangled yarn. I love my little, very sharp, tree saw for thick branches, and my very long handled clipper and tree saw for high ones. A sharpening file and eye protectors from an early Jackson Dodds pruning workshop are also essentials. I could fit four baskets of clippings in the back of my little Honda, and made seven or eight trips to the dump with baskets piled high. An added bonus - I got to see other humans there!



Sue Brackett, Watermill

LAWNCARE UNDER COVID 19

I love my Ego Power battery operated lawnmower!

Back in April, when Phou, who had been cutting my lawn for over 30 years, informed me that he couldn't work for Ms. Erika this summer because his helper was stuck in Columbia, I panicked. Practicing self isolation I couldn't possibly interview someone new and give instructions on how the lawn in a garden consisting of all these garden rooms needed to be taken care off with a walk behind mower. So, I made the decision to do it myself. After all, if Elaine Peterson can do it I should be able to also.

In came a state of the art Ego mower. I had seen a demonstration of Ego products at Bridge Gardens a couple of years ago. It is awesome and quiet and performs beautifully. I do a little at the time at the end of the day, taking a leisurely walk through the garden pushing a lawnmower. I can pause and admire what's in bloom at the same time. And cutting at 4" has been really beneficial.

Being the sole caretaker of a one-acre high maintenance garden, some areas are looking a bit shaggy, just like my hair. Hopefully the grass will stop growing at this insane rate soon. The required edging is another story.

Erika Shank,
Amagansett

photo: Carlos Sandoval



Ernie Cavallo of Watermill organized his vintage sprinkler collection and conducted an online survey among friends to see which one was the favorite. The Cowboy won!

VICTORY GARDEN

This spring, I found myself teaching my middle school students about World War I and the Great Depression during the worst time I had ever seen in our country. The similarities between then and now and the opportunities for discussion were abundant. Lucky for me... so was free time for my husband. One of the few positives during the months of March, April, and May was that my husband had the time to design for me the victory garden of my dreams. On the south side of our house in an area that had once been home to a makeshift greenhouse, and much longer been the place where plants fried in the hot sun, my husband created a new outdoor space filled with raised beds, room for assorted pots, an outdoor seating area, and a fenced-in garden for veggies and our pandemic chicken coop.

Since the installment of the new garden space and our raised beds, we have been growing lettuce, herbs, peppers, tomatoes, radishes, peas, leeks, carrots, and more. Our fenced-in garden space is home to blueberries, potatoes, cucumbers, onions, and daylilies that found themselves displaced due to the new raised beds. The site is lined with light-colored gravel and illuminated in the evenings by solar lights and LED lights nestled in the Rose of Sharon tree that still resides in the middle of the space. The only complaint I have about the space is that it doesn't have good internet service. So, for now, my dreams of holding Zoom meetings in my victory garden are just that...impossible dreams.

Despite that, the new space has been a wonderful refuge - a place for experimenting with growing and propagating new plants and a go-to salad bar. Victory gardening has definitely been a wonderful way to pass the time during quarantine, and the possibilities for expanding the capacity of the victory garden in the future are endless.

Valerie Hanley, Water Mill



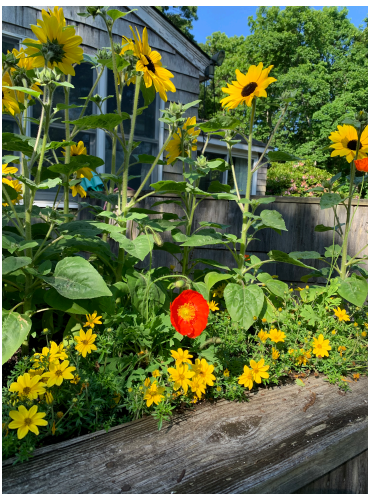
'What I've Been Doing in My Garden During the Lockdown'

Since we were quarantined, and all the nurseries were closed its been a little tricky to work around the restrictions. I had to hold back on installing client's gardens, the bi-annual Container Exhibition at Long House was cancelled, and no one could predict the season. So, in my own garden surroundings I focused on the simple joys and purpose of growing things and observing the beauty of our natural environs.

The pansies, daffodils, and tulips which my daughter and grandson purchased at a roadside stand early in April have been replaced with simple flowers and herbs in containers. We planted Sunflowers for the birds, lots of herbs which are fun to harvest as you cook and lots of pumpkin seeds are in the ground so we can watch them grow.

Now that restrictions are loosening and lots of New York City homeowners are living out here full time I notice the nurseries and garden centers are extremely busy. The enthusiasm for gardening is exploding and offers relief from the stress of our times. We are lucky to have our gardens!

Elizabeth Lear, Southampton



RENEWING THE 'BACK 40' (& Myself)

There were cigarette butts and hand-rolled marijuana joints tossed from neighboring windows. Dangling wires of bygone cable companies hung like nooses. Encrusted pigeon poop formed a lunar landscape. No real estate agent would even show me this god-forsaken terroir. But little did they know, gardening is about solving problems.

Yet even I would not have predicted that my efforts could hide black tar walls and bitumen floors enough to become a major attraction in a small secret garden that circumnavigates an equally tiny apartment. Still, after all these years, 'The Ramble' needed renewal. NYC's Coronavirus spring, 2020 gave me uninterrupted hours to garden the way I am happiest: no deadlines, no distractions and endless submission to details. Besides, what's the rush when days could be filled with the meditative side of gardening?

I took my time dividing densely packed astilbes with my new HoriHori, a tool that I had been considering buying for years. With energy and ease I then tackled the hostas and the ferns. I wacked back parthenocissus vines to the baseline but hand-plucked out the little leaf thalictrum, seeding everywhere. Ultimately I lifted up and repositioned the suggestion of a path made from assorted shapes of bluestone, foraged from dumpsters on urban demo sights. And once again, emerald moss and brilliant aquamarine marbles successfully mimicked a rill when the recirculating AC condense lines were dripping. On the hottest summer days, my 'Back Forty' is the coolest place in an urban garden that grows fifteen stories above the second busiest crosstown bus route in the city.

But my other major garden project: attempting to review, organize, and refile (or delete for once and for all!) libraries of garden-related photos in preparation for my new IG account could not have been accomplished without Alicia W, who so kindly and generously coached me.

Abbie Zabar, Manhattan



**Anthony Coron and Jonathan McCann have been appreciating the beauty of nature.
Photo of Sag Harbor sunset by Anthony. WOW!!**

Succession Planting in the Vegetable Garden

Rick Bogusch, Erik Brockmeyer

As we approach mid-summer, our vegetable gardens may be looking tired. Many of the crops we planted in the early spring have been harvested while others are at, or even past, their prime. To maximize what you are able to harvest from your vegetable garden, it's time to think about succession planting. Here are some ideas for what you can plant now to enjoy in the late summer and through the fall:

Beets and **Carrots** can be planted from July through mid-August for fall harvest. It's recommended that you sow seed directly since these roots crops generally don't transplant well.

Beans can be direct sown through mid-August. If you plant a crop as this newsletter arrives and another in mid-August, you can enjoy two additional harvests this year. **Peas** can be direct sown through late July and can be expected to yield one more harvest.

Broccoli, **Cauliflower** and **Cabbage** can be direct-sown now through late summer but if you don't have space just yet, Rick recommends getting a head start by starting seed in cell packs in July. Once the seedlings are 4"-6" tall they can be transplanted into your plot as space opens up.

You can do successive sowings of many herbs for a continuous harvest. Good candidates include **Basil** (look for disease-resistant seed and sow bi-weekly through early August), **Cilantro** and **Dill**. Herbs can be sown directly if you have space or else started in cell packs and transplanted.

Lettuce does not like the heat of summer so to avoid a bitter harvest, wait until at least mid-August before starting your next crop. An exception to this is some of the 'Batavian' (aka French Crisp) lettuces which have better heat tolerance; Rick likes and has had success with a variety called 'Muir'. You can direct sow seed or start it in cell packs and transplant out. The transplant method has the added benefit of allowing you to control your spacing and saves you the step of thinning out direct-sown plants.

Spinach and **Arugula** can be direct-sown from mid-August through late-September. The same goes for **Asian greens** (bok choy, tatsoi, etc.), **Chard**, **Collards** and **Kale**.

Even if you are feeling a little overwhelmed by your **Summer Squash/Zucchini** harvest at the moment, go ahead and plant another crop anyway! (You can always harvest the blossoms and stuff/fry them in order to cut down on the fruit the plants produce.) Plant seeds in cell packs or small nursery pots in early July and they'll be ready to plant out as your first crop finishes up.

One last thought: it's a good idea to replenish the nutrients in your soil with compost and/or an organic slow-release fertilizer at the time of planting since the soil will be depleted from your earlier crops.

Good luck and enjoy!



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!*

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

HAH Lectures for 2021

January 10 - Katherine Tracey – *Succulent Love*

February 7 - Evan Abramson – *Designing Biodiversity: Local Strategies for Pollinator Habitat Creation & Connectivity*

March 14 - Lois Sheinfeld – *Outstanding Trees for the Home Garden*

April 11 - Tony Avent – *My Favorite 100...Perennials I Wouldn't Garden Without*

May 2 - Susan Cohen – *The Inspired Landscape*

June 13 - Dan Hinkley – *From Shadow to Sun: the Making of Windcliff*

September 12 - Andy Brand – *Spectacular Natives, Beauty & Biodiversity of the Northeast*

October 17 - Bill Cullina – *What do you Mean I'm Not a Perennial?! Native Shrubs & Small Trees for Perennial Companionship*

November 14 - Holger Winenga – *New Plants at LongHouse Reserve*

December 12 - Roxanne Zimmer – *igarden – Using Your Cellphone as a new Gardening Tool*

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