



HAH Happenings

October 2021



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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

at the Bridgehampton Community House

On Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm
please join us for a lecture via ZOOM
by William Cullina

What do You Mean I'm Not a Perennial?!? **Native Shrubs and Small Trees for Perennial Companionship**



Most folks are familiar with the concept of the mixed border - perennials, annuals, shrubs and evergreens blended together in a seamless composition year-round. It sounds good in theory but transplanting this concept into a real garden is more difficult than it seems. Not all woody plants mix well with perennials and annuals for several reasons, including differing soil and fertilization needs, incompatible growth habits, aggressive root systems, or fear of crowds. This said, there are a number of native shrubs and small trees that mix wonderfully with herbaceous perennials and annuals. Many can even be cut back every year or two just like their non-woody neighbors to control their size and promote flowering and vigorous growth. In this talk, Bill Cullina will profile his favorite fifty "natural mixers," focusing native woody plants that bring, form, texture, color and wildlife to the perennial garden.

William Cullina (kul-EYE-nuh) is the F. Otto Haas Executive Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to this he was the President and CEO of Coastal Maine Botanic Garden for eleven years. Cullina holds degrees in plant science and psychology, has been working in public horticulture for 25 years, and has extensive experience in horticultural and forestry research, and commercial nursery production.

A well-known author and recognized authority on North American native plants, Cullina lectures on a variety of subjects to garden and professional groups and writes for popular and technical journals. His books include, Wildflowers, Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines, Understanding Orchids, Native Ferns, Mosses, and Grasses, and Understanding Perennials.

More HAH Sunday Lectures for Fall 2021 at 2pm on ZOOM

November 14 - Holger Winenga – New Plants at LongHouse Reserve
December 12 - Roxanne Zimmer – Celebrating Olmstead's Parks for All

LOOK inside for more HAH events this month:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Summer may be over but let's hope that we have our usual wonderful fall, with warm days, cool nights, and soft ground for planting the many bulbs we've ordered. Even as temperatures fall in November, the ground is usually open enough to allow for root growth of trees and shrubs that we can plant now, in October. A good time to be busy outside. And inside, as this is a great time to start scented geranium cuttings.

We have made progress in installing the new sound system in the Community House – it will be ready for us when it's safe and comfortable to gather together inside. In the meantime, we have lots of programming for the fall and winter on Zoom – Roundtables, Book Group, and Workshops as well as our monthly lectures. We keep a close eye on what's happening with Covid in our community.

Enjoy your time in the garden,

Alicia

FOG – Friends of the Garden - The gardening dates for fall 2021 are Tuesdays at 10am (Rain Dates are Thursday of the same week) - October 19, and November 16.

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PHOTOS this month

Sue Brackett, Pamela Harwood, Irwin Levy, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank

REPORT OF THE 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2022 for the membership's vote at the annual meeting in November:

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Written nominations for 2022 from the general membership must be accompanied by a verbal or written consent of the nominee.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,
 Janet Donohoe Ollinger, chair
 Susan Brackett Joan DiMonda
 Jeffrey Glick Michael Longacre

Carpinus caroliniana American hornbeam

Rick Bogusch, Director, Bridge Gardens

If you are an admirer of subtle beauty, American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*) deserves your attention. A member of the birch family, this small understory tree can be found throughout eastern North America.

A slow-grower, reaching 20-30 feet tall and wide in as many years, American hornbeams are often multi-stemmed like a large shrub and have an appealing, rounded shape, similar to that of Japanese maple. They prefer moist, fertile soils and are found naturally in damp woods, ravine bottoms, valleys and along streams. Favoring partial shade, they will grow in full, deep shade, too. Though they do best under ideal conditions, hornbeams are also easy to grow in average soils with average moisture and may be more adaptable than many think.

American hornbeam blooms in spring and has male and female catkins that are noticeable only with close inspection. Female catkins become papery clusters of wing-like bracts enclosing small, seed-sized nutlets. A pale green, these numerous clusters stand out attractively against hornbeam's dark green leaves. Leaves are narrowly oval, 2-3 inches long and finely toothed. In fall, they often turn yellow and orange and red.

Perhaps hornbeam's most attractive feature is its smooth, thin, dark blue-gray bark, which covers its multiple trunks and large branches. Like arms with flexed muscles, trunks and branches are fluted with many sinewy, vertical ridges and are a standout in the winter landscape.

With no serious pests or diseases, American hornbeams are low-maintenance and useful for naturalizing along a woodland edge or planting in a shady lawn or near a shaded patio. Plant small, containerized or balled and burlapped trees in spring. Though hornbeams grow slowly, if kept constantly moist and fertilized annually for a few years, they will achieve size more quickly. Unlike its more well-known European cousin, *Carpinus betulus*, American hornbeam does not respond well to hard pruning and is not a good candidate for a sheared hedge.

Centuries ago, when forests were more common, hornbeam wood was used for bowls, tool handles and ox-yokes, because it is so hard and dense and can be polished to a bright sheen.

HAH Workshop Saturday, October 23, 2021, 10am

"Methods to Properly Plant Trees and Shrubs"

Introducing Peter Feeney of Summerhill Landscapes, Inc.

The Workshop will be held at Summerhill Landscapes, 342 Town Lane, Amagansett

Rain date - heavy rain only: Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 10am

Light drizzle will not cancel October 23

Peter Feeney, Senior Account Executive, Summerhill Landscapes, a graduate from the Waterford Institute of Technology with an Honors degree in Horticulture and Landscape Management, will head our Workshop demonstrating various techniques to successfully plant trees and shrubs. Workshop will be outdoors, on-site at Summerhill, in the open air. Wear boots and, if necessary, bring appropriate rain gear.



Registration Form:

Please register by Wednesday, October 20, 2021 by returning the form below to HAH, POB 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932 or by email to HAHMember@optonline.net. Please be sure to include your cell number.

Name(s) _____

Phone (cell preferred) _____

E-Mail _____

There will be no charge for this workshop.

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

Plant Sale Benefitting HAH
October 9, 2001, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
At the home of Lydia Wallis, 22 Charla Drive, Southampton
CASH OR CHECKS ONLY

Perennials:

Amsonia tabernaemontana, blue
Anemone x hybrida 'September Charm', pink
Anthriscus sylvestris 'Ravenswing', chocolate-purple ferny foliage, lacy white umbels
Astilbe 'Avalanche', white
Begonia Grandis, pink
Columbine, navy & white bicolor, 18"
Hemerocallis:
 'Anzac', red, 28" x 7", HM
 'Bubbling Brown Sugar', gold, cinnamon eyezone, 27"x 5.5", tet., HM
 'Buddha', 30"x5", Black red, green throat, AM, HM
 'Dark Vader', 29"x6", Maroon red, yellow-green throat
 'Dame Rumor', 34"x6", red and orange bitone
 'Orange/Gold Bitone
 'Fulva 'Flore Pleno', beautiful double orange w/red markings
 'Milk Chocolate', 26"x5", Milk Chocolate, HM
 'Sella d'Oro', 10'-12", golden yellow
 'Southern Sunset', 28"x5.5", rose shrimp self
 'Yellow Crystal', 30"x6", tet., yellow, HM
 'Yesterday Memories', 19"x6.5", pink, green throat, multiple awards
 Pale peach, red eyezone, green throat, miniature
 Red
Heuchera, green leaf, cream flower
Hostas: 'Frances Williams', 'Baby Bunting', 'Gracillima', 'Dragon Tails', 'Blue Mouse Ears', 'Kabitan', 'Curly Fries', 2 unnamed
Lobelia siphilitica, blue cardinal flower
Peonies, rose pink bomb
Phlox paniculata 'David', white
Phlox paniculata, pink
Sedum 'Autumn Joy', pink to rose
Siberian Iris 'Concord Crush', 32", tet., double blue violet, award winner
TB Iris, burgundy/gold, lavender/blue, pink/lavender, Historic Iris
TB Iris 'Russet Wings', 24"-30", gold, copper, Historic Iris
TB Iris, 'Vanity', Pink, coral red beard, 36", Dykes Medal

Woodies:

Clerodendrum trichotomum 'Harlequin Glorybower', white, red sepals w/blue berries
Cornus mas, Cornelian Cherry, 15'-20', yellow, sun/part shade
Koelreuteria paniculata, Goldenraintree, clusters of sm. yellow flowers, June-July, 25'-40'
Osmanthus
Sassafras albidum, yellow, beautiful fall foliage

**The Olde Towne Garden Club Annual Luncheon
is to be held on Wednesday November 10
at The Vineyards in Aquebogue
Floral Design Program by Erin Meaney, Topiaire, Southampton
Doors open at 10:30AM for Chinese Auction, Program starts at
11:30AM
Tickets are \$50
To purchase either call Cornelia 631 283-1015 or send checks to
Olde Towne Garden Club POB 2812 Southampton, NY 11969**

**HAH Community partner, The Bayberry
Nursery, 50 Montauk Highway,
Amagansett, will be holding their
'Annual Yard Sale'
on Columbus Day weekend,
October 9, 10, 11, 2021,
from 9am to 5pm daily.**

THE (VIRTUAL) HAH ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM RESUMES

Join Us on Zoom — Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 10am to 11:30am

Plants to Make Your Late-Summer Garden Dazzle

If your garden was looking past its prime by August and still looked tired in September, you might consider adding plants that look their best and bloom in late summer. This Roundtable will give you the information you need to extend the blooming season and keep your garden looking full of life, including with lots of birds and insect pollinators that are drawn to these late-season flowers.

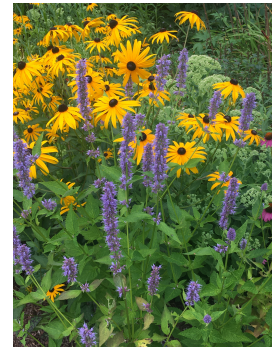
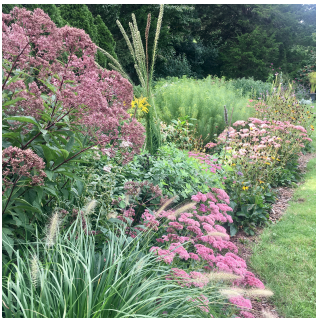
October is a good time to re-assess your garden while you can see all your plants in place (unlike spring when so much has not yet come up and you forget what is where!), garden centers are more likely to have these late-season plants in stock, and some may be on sale. The cooler temperatures will also enable plants to establish themselves before the hard winter frost and spring.

HAH member Pamela Harwood will present an extensive selection of August/September standouts, and we are very fortunate to welcome back **Brian Smith, Vice President of the Long Island Native Plant Initiative**, who will walk us through his own list of late-season-blooming plants that are native to Long Island. Both presenters will “screen share” photographs of these wonderful selections.

While in-person gatherings are restricted, our sessions will be held on Zoom. The day prior to the Roundtable date, members will receive an email with the Zoom link to enable you to log on to the program. It's best to log on about 10 minutes early to enable the host to let each attendee enter the meeting so we can begin on time. We hope you'll join us to learn, ask

questions, and give advice to others. As always, we'll save time for questions from the floor about this and other topics. See you on October 2nd!

Photos by moderator,
Pamela Harwood,
of her own late summer garden



Holiday Amaryllis Planting Program

The HAH is again sponsoring a Holiday Amaryllis Planting Program that is offered free of charge to our local Libraries with participants for up to 15 children per Library, grades K-3rd. The HAH provides bulbs, containers and soil and we then help the children plant bulbs and send them home with after care instructions. It is lots of fun. A few wonderful Volunteers to help out would be most welcome and appreciated. At this time, it is anticipated that programs will be in-house at the Libraries.

Please contact Marie DiMonte, (631) 728-0292 or email at osprey23@optonline.net if you would like to participate. Thank you.

Dates are as follows:

11/1/21	4:00pm	Monday	Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton
11/2/21	4:00pm	Tuesday	John J. Jermaine Library Sag Harbor
11/4/21	4:00pm	Thursday	Hampton Library, Bridgehampton
11/4/21	4:30pm	Thursday	Quogue Library
11/9/21	3:30pm	Tuesday	Montauk Library
11/10/21	4:00pm	Wednesday	Amagansett Library
11/16/21	4:00pm	Tuesday	Bridgehampton Child Care Center
11/17/21	4:30pm	Wednesday	Westhampton Library
11/18/21	4:00pm	Thursday	Hampton Bays Library
11/18/21	4:00pm	Thursday	East Hampton Library

Product Review: The Tick Suit by Irwin T. Levy

Greetings to my fellow HAH members. Perhaps you recall my article about the personal tick wars I wage in the June edition of the HAH Newsletter. In the months since, I've pulled a number of lone star ticks off my body, thankfully without negative health ramifications; my inspection process found them early. I'm pleased to report that finally, I have something that levels the playing field: The Tick Suit. Essentially, The Tick Suit is like a one piece Tyvek coverall that provides excellent protection in the demilitarized zone, the garden that is. The Tick Suit is made of ultra comfortable, very soft, lightweight cotton. For added protection, I apply insect repellent with deet on The Tick Suit as well. I often wear just a T-shirt and shorts underneath in hot weather, something I would never have considered in my previous suit of armor. As the accompanying pictures illustrate, it has a hood (ticks love to climb) that protects the back of your head, a favorite tick hiding place. The front zips up high, forming a very tight, yet not uncomfortable bond, with only your face exposed. Tight elastic at your ankles, and a slot to slide your foot into eliminates the need to pull your socks over the cuff; super comfortable and seemingly impossible for our nemesis to gain entry. Same at your wrists, and you secure it between your thumb and index finger, and wear your gloves atop. Note the convenient pocket for your phone, pruners or whatever else you want to carry. In the garden, the quality, lightweight cotton moves with you freely. I've stretched, kneeled, dug, planted, mulched, pruned, climbed up ladders to saw limbs and all else gardening in total comfort. Most importantly for me is the renewed sense of confidence working deep within my garden's ornamental grasses, berberis, brush piles and all other ideal tick habitats. To summarize, Life is often about risk vs benefit. While nothing is 100% foolproof, wearing The Tick Suit greatly minimizes the risk of a tick attaching itself to your body.

Conclusion:

Cost: \$140

Where to buy: <https://theticksuit.com/>

Overall Rating: FIVE STARS ★★★★★ and highly recommended!!



Introducing the HAH Tree Initiative Logo

Joan DiMonda

In the April 2021 HAH Happenings Newsletter, the HAH Tree Initiative was introduced to the membership. The article stated the Alliance's determination to create a multi-year initiative that would focus on restoring the tree canopy in the local area. This effort is part of a global movement to address reforestation and deforestation.

The Tree Initiative Committee began a quest to create a logo that would be placed alongside articles and pictures in the newsletter that would promote the Tree Initiative. Where placed it would alert the reader that this pertains to the Tree Initiative.

Several designs and shapes were considered but after months of working with artist KC Witherell, our logo was created. The oak leaf and acorns pay homage to author Doug Tallamay, whose research on the value of the oak tree has touched the interest of a multitude of gardeners worldwide.



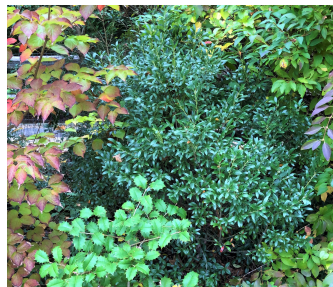
***Ilex glabra* - Inkberry - native, evergreen and widely available**

By Sue Brackett

I was buying *Ilex glabra*, or Inkberry, long before I knew anything about native plants. Its soft rounded shape and glossy dark green leaves blend easily with flowers and shrubs in a border or woodland garden. As an evergreen, it gives structure to the winter garden. The elliptical leaves are about 1 inch long. Small white flowers (loved by bees) appear in June and July, and black berries (loved by birds) appear in September and October. With time, the plants can get leggy, but regularly pruning the top helps to keep the base of the plant full. 'Compacta' and 'Shamrock' are easily available cultivars that grow to about 6 feet, and don't send out suckers as do species plants in the wild. *Ilex glabra* is said to be deer resistant, but my deer nibble on mine - especially the new growth. Spraying does help.

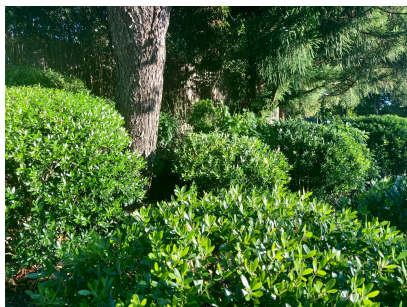
In nature, Inkberry grows in wet, sandy woodlands, especially around swamps and bogs, throughout the East Coast. It is considered reliable and easy to grow in the garden, in medium to wet soils, in sun or part shade. It does best in moist, acid soil in full sun. In *Native and Near Native: An Introduction to Long Island Plants*, Albert Hostek says it can be sheared into a formal hedge and is easy to propagate from August cuttings of the current season's growth.

The only place where my Inkberries have done poorly is very shady and dry, under locusts and cedars. But some of the locusts came down last year, letting in more light, and with this year's rain, even those sorry plants are sending out new growth. Maybe a hedge is in my future.



Left to right above:

- *Ilex glabra* in a new native plants garden created by The Southampton Garden Club at the fire station on St. Andrews Road, in July.
- At the Mimi Meehan natives garden, maintained by The Garden Club of East Hampton, in mid-April.
- My *Ilex glabra* in a sunny border, with a volunteer American holly.
- In September, evergreen leaves with berries which will turn black.



Ilex glabra hedging photos by Erika Shank

MORE PROGRAMS OF INTEREST THIS MONTH

In Person

Tuesday, October 5, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice. FREE. Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. For more info: peconiclandtrust.org

Virtual

Tuesday, October 5, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Brooklyn Botanical Garden presents Kim Eierman on Native Plant Selection: What You Need to Know to Get it Right. \$40 for BBG members, \$44 for non-members. For more info and to register: <https://classes.bbg.org/CourseStatus.awp?&course=21FAEGARNPS>

Programming from Mt. Cuba Center

Saturday, October 9, 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Show-Stopping Autumn Perennials. \$19. For more info and to register: <https://mtcubacenter.org/event/show-stopping-autumn-perennials/>

Saturday, October 9, 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. How Dead & Dying Trees Support Wildlife. \$19. For more info and to register: <https://mtcubacenter.org/event/how-dead-dying-trees-support-wildlife/>

Saturday, October 30, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Bill Cullina on Perfect Partners: The Coevolution of Flowers and Their Pollinators. \$19. For more info and to register: <https://mtcubacenter.org/event/perfect-partners-the-coevolution-of-flowers-and-their-pollinators-online/>

Thursday, October 14, 2pm. Garden Conservancy Virtual Talk: Envisioning Landscapes - The Transformative Environments of OJB with James Burnett. \$5 for Garden Conservancy members, \$15 for non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-envisioning-landscapes>

Four Thursdays, October 28 to November 18, 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Longwood Gardens presents Asian-Inspired Garden Design. \$129. For more info and to register: <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-performances/events/asian-inspired-garden-design-online-class>



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