



HAH Happenings

January 2022



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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at the Bridgehampton Community House



**On Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 2:00 pm
please join us for a lecture via ZOOM**

Andy Brand

After The Flowers Have Faded: Plants with Fabulous Foliage

Flowers always get most of our attention when we are selecting plants to add to our landscapes. But most plants only flower for a short period of time out of the year. It is the foliage that we will be looking at the entire growing season. Join Andy as he explores a broad diversity of awesome plants whose leaves will shine in the garden.

For 27 years Andy Brand was employed at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden, CT, where he was the nursery manager. In March 2018, Andy joined the staff at the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden as Curator of Living Collections. His responsibilities include plant selection, introducing new plants to the Garden's collection and maintaining plant records and labels. In November 2021, Andy was named Director of Horticulture there.

Andy is past President of the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association and is an avid naturalist. He is a cofounder and past President of the Connecticut Butterfly Association. He has put his interest in native plants to use as a volunteer for the New England Plant Conservation Program where he has helped monitor historical sites of endangered native plants. He has spoken to groups throughout the northeast on a range of topics including native plants, new and unusual ornamentals, butterfly gardening, butterflies and their life histories, and increasing biodiversity in landscapes. Andy, along with his wife Michelle, lives in Bristol, Maine. Andy also has a Facebook page, *Seeing Nature: Observations from New England*, dedicated to native flora and fauna.

January Events with HAH on ZOOM

(Please watch your email for the Zoom links the week of the event.)

Saturday, Jan. 8, 10:00 am, Roundtable, see p. 4

Saturday, January 15, 11:00 am, Book Group, see p. 3

Sunday, January 16, 2:00 pm, Monthly Lecture, see above

Wednesday, January 26, 11:00 am, Bonus Lecture, see p. 3





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow members,

There's no telling what the weather will be like when you read these words but one thing I know for certain is that the days are already getting longer -- a cheering thought when spring still feels far away! Another thing we can count on is that HAH remains active with great programming to look forward to as we start the new year: an informative Roundtable on seed starting, an inspiring lecture by Andy Brand, a Book Group that's sure to add a title or two to your winter reading list and a lecture by Adam Wheeler about witch hazels. Details about all of these programs appear in this newsletter and on our website.

We'll continue to do our programming via Zoom this winter (both to keep us safe individually and to do our part collectively to minimize the strain on the healthcare system). The Board is committed to return to in-person lectures at the Community House as soon as it's safe to do so and will continue to monitor the Covid situation and make adjustments as warranted. We do expect to be able to resume our Garden Fair and Preview Party this year and the Board has begun the planning and permitting process. Look for more info about that in upcoming communication but in the meantime go ahead and pencil May 13 and 14 into your calendar!

As your new President, I couldn't be more excited about carrying forward the momentum that the Board, under the leadership of Alicia Whitaker, has brought to our organization. To that end, in the coming weeks we'll be launching a brief member survey in order to better understand your priorities and how we can best serve you in the year ahead. Please respond and let your voice be heard! And until you can grab me in person at a lecture or garden tour, feel free to reach out via email anytime: erik4hah@gmail.com.

With all best wishes for a wonderful 2022,

Erik

PS: I want to acknowledge Elaine Peterson, whose term on the Board ended in December but who continues on as Editor of this newsletter that we all look forward to each month. Thank you, Elaine!

HAH 2022

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Janis Murphy	'24
Janet Donohoe Ollinger	'24

The Library Chairperson (who serves on the Board with a vote) is currently: Susan Kennedy Zeller

On occasion the board may appoint someone to fill an unexpired term if necessary.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Elaine Peterson

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John Benson

PHOTOS this month

Broken Arrow Nursery, Jane Corrarino, Janis Murphy, Elaine Peterson

IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound sadness that the Board of the HAH announces the death of former Board Member, Dr. Jeffrey Glick. Jeffrey was a gifted gardener, pianist, and doctor. He was known for his wit, intelligence, kindness and generosity. He leaves behind his husband, Greg Wiseman, an adoring family and a plethora of friends. Upon his death, Jeffrey gave one final legacy gift, Jeffrey and his family donated his organs. He will be greatly missed. We loved him 'Madly.'



Donations may be made to God's Love We Deliver, 166 6th Avenue, NY 10013.

If you would like to send a note:

Greg Wiseman, 17 Hidden Cove Court, Southampton, NY 11968

HAH Winter Book Group
Saturday, January 15, 2022 11am- noon

A very happy and healthy new year to all of our members. Our January book group is eclectic and exciting. You know the drill, brew a cup of tea and join us for an hour of books and plants and friendship.

The Soil Will Save Us: How Scientists, Farmers, and Foodies Are Healing the Soil to Save the Planet by Kristin Ohlson, presented by Pat Nadosy

The Thoughtful Gardener: An Intelligent Approach to Garden Design by Jinny Blom, presented by Carleen Borsella

Unearthing the Secret Garden: The Plants and Places That Inspired Frances Hodgson Burnett by Marta McDowell, presented by Alicia Whitaker

Book Group will take place via ZOOM. A link will be sent the week of the event.

Magical Witches of Winter: A Closer Look at the Genus Hamamelis

Wednesday, January 26, 11:00 am

Think you know witch hazel? Think again! Join Broken Arrow Nursery's Horticulture and Container Production Manager Adam Wheeler for this informative Zoom lecture and discover the magical and ornamental side of witch hazel. Adam will present a slide lecture that touches on the storied history, ornamental appeal and noted selections of these underutilized shrubs. Broken Arrow has one of the Northeast's premier collections of this outstanding genus and we can't wait to show you the amazing diversity now available.



Adam Wheeler started work at Broken Arrow in 2004 after completing his BS degree in Urban Forestry and Landscape Horticulture at the University of Vermont. Adam manages plant propagation, container production, mail order and the acquisition and development of new plants. He is a past recipient of the Young Nursery Professional Award from the New England Nursery Association. He loves to share his passion for plants through photography and educational outreach. As a result, he lectures widely on a variety of subjects and is also an adjunct lecturer at Naugatuck Valley Community College and the Berkshire Botanical Garden. In his spare time he enjoys cultivating his eclectic collection of rare and unusual plants, rock climbing and competitive giant pumpkin growing.

Please watch your email for the Zoom link.

THE (VIRTUAL) HAH ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM CONTINUES

Join Us on Zoom

Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10am - 11:30am

Propagating Your Own Plants from Seeds Indoors and Outdoors During the Winter and Early Spring

Moderated by Pamela Harwood

Growing your own plants from seeds can be one of the most rewarding as well as economical ways to add annuals and perennials to your garden. And what better time to do this than during the winter days that you are otherwise only daydreaming about when you will next be able to work in your garden again? I recall when, as a beginning gardener, I plunged in and started a variety of plants from seeds, and those became the backbone of my perennial herb garden, still thriving today. I still look at those herbs, and other perennials that I grew from seeds started indoors, with more pride than many of the other plants I purchased. In January and February each year I direct sow poppy and other annual plant seeds outdoors (amongst the most admired plants in my garden), and in early spring some annual and biennial herbs. And with advice and tips from our fellow gardeners, we can all start our gardening new year by giving this a try.

That is why I am pleased to announce that one of our own HAH members will help us do just that at our next Roundtable.

Dr. Jane Corrarino, who gardens in Setauket, NY, enjoyed a 40-year career in public health. After retiring, and with the pandemic altering her life, she decided to expand her gardening knowledge and skill set, which she has loved since childhood. Jane earned a Master Gardener certificate from Cornell, and is now a happy volunteer for them. Her volunteer action project for the Master Gardener program was to recreate a historically accurate colonial kitchen garden at the Ketcham Inn, a restored 1695 Inn/Museum in Center Moriches and on the National Register of Historic Places (Thomas Jefferson and James Madison stayed there in 1791). There are 3 gardens on site, including the kitchen garden, which contains herbs, vegetables and flowers all germinated from seed. In addition, they are restoring a boxwood garden and community garden on the site. And since Jane has said she welcomes anyone interested to visit the inn's gardens, I hope this will be one of our in-person Garden Tour destinations later this year.



So please join the Zoom Roundtable on January 8th, and if you have experiences of your own to share, or any other gardening questions, we welcome your input. A link will be emailed to you the week of the event.

IN MEMORIAM

We note with sorrow the passing of Margaret D. Sullivan, long time member of HAH and former board member. Marge played an active roll at HAH where she edited the HAH quarterly Bulletin, the predecessor to our more recent Newsletter. Marge's extraordinary garden has often been shown on our HAH tours.

Married for over 50 years to the late R. Peter Sullivan III, her devotion was remarkably selfless. Marge was the ultimate philanthropist and served the Southampton Village community, and beyond, tirelessly. Near and dear to her heart was the Southampton History Museum, The Southampton Garden Club, Garden Club of America, Foundation for Landscape Studies, the Battery Conservancy, and The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons.

Marge had a profound understanding of the challenges for public gardening. Through her innate sense of creating 'beauty in the garden' she made horticulture accessible for the masses. In New York City, Marge often brought people from varied backgrounds together to help on projects, ranging from the creation of a green roof at a Common Ground Residence for the homeless, to the garden in Riverside Park, to the emerging volunteer program of the Carl Schurz Park Conservancy. Marge was known for her kindness, openness, and willingness to dig in and help those who asked. She mentored countless trustees, gardeners, and volunteers over decades of serious dedication to community service.

Evening Primrose - *Oenothera Biennis*

Janis L. Murphy

Oenothera is a genus of about 145 species of herbaceous flowering plants in the Evening Primrose family *Onagraceae*. The plants are native to the Americas.

Oenothera biennis is a tall wildflower **biennial** with showy bright yellow flowers with crossed stamens clustering above gray-green foliage. 3 - 6' tall. Native on Long Island, it can be found by the roadside and in waste places in full sun. The early colonists learned about the plant's curative powers from the Indians and gave it several different names including **King's cure-all**. The Indians boiled leaves and stems of the evening primrose and used the liquid to heal skin infections. The thick, sweet root, which apparently tastes like a parsnip, was eaten long before potatoes were introduced.*



November 13, 2021, 9:52 am

Close-up with bee

November 20, 2021, 2:14pm

I first discovered this plant in my garden a couple of years ago. It arrived uninvited and took a liking to a sunny dry area with sandy soil. This year I enjoyed three plants which bloomed from mid-summer to November lasting long after the goldenrod had withered. The plants were slightly unruly-looking, about 2' - 3' high with an abundance of lemon yellow flowers, giving me an autumn show from my kitchen window. They are rather weedy for a flowerbed but look good from a distance. According to plant manuals, the flowers bloom at night and close by midday but mine seemed to bloom all day long. At night the flowers attract a variety of moths and other night flying insects which pollinate the plant.* The Sphinx moth is most likely the chief pollinator. Small mammals eat the roots and leaves. Birds eat the seeds and deer browse older plants. The blooms also attract hummingbirds. Clinical trials show the oil of this plant has many medicinal benefits. This species has a two-year life cycle with basal leaves developing the first year and flowers the second. Seeds can be gathered in October or November or a packet of 100 seeds can be purchased from plantflowerseeds.com for \$5.79.



Oenothera fruticosa, Narrowleaf Evening Primrose or Sundrops, is a **perennial** species of evening primrose, native to the Eastern US. It grows from 18" to 24" high, in full sun to part shade. It attracts birds and hummingbirds and has special value to native bees. A packet of 50 seeds is \$3.99 at paseseeds.com.

* Albert Hostek, Native and Near Native, 1976, Environmental Centers, Setauket-Smithtown, NY
Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center: wildflower.org

Photo by Mason Brock

Pinus rigida Pitch pine

Native to eastern North America from Maine to Georgia and west to Kentucky, pitch pine is the pine of the Cape Cod dunes, the New Jersey pine barrens and the pine barrens here on Long Island. On exposed sites, it is often twisted and dwarfed, but otherwise, quickly becomes a tree 40 to 50 feet tall. With straight trunk, it has irregular, horizontal branches and an outline that's open and roughly pyramidal in youth and asymmetrical with age.

The bark of young trees is dark and scaly. Mature trees have yellow-brown plates separated by dark furrows. Bark at the base of a tree can be 2 inches thick and corky, an adaptation to protect trees from fire. Needles are arranged in bundles of 3, start out yellow green and become dark green as they mature. As with most pines, flowers are male or female and insignificant, blooming in early spring. Pollinated by the wind, female flowers become clusters of 3-inch cones.

Often seen on the edges of coastal swamps, pitch pine thrives in acidic, low-nutrient soils, too dry for other plants. A pioneer species of disturbed sites, pitch pine forests are often succeeded by oaks and other hardwoods. Salt-tolerant, resistant to fire and wind, pitch pine, unlike other pines, can easily regenerate from roots and stumps. Requiring full sun, it is not tolerant of competition from other trees.

Pitch pine is rarely used in landscape plantings, but it is planted to reforest the dry, sandy, unproductive soils common along the east coast. An important tree for wildlife, its twigs, needles and seeds are eaten by many mammals and birds and its branches provide cover and nesting sites. Larvae of many moths and butterflies, like the pine elfin, feed on pitch pine needles and in turn provide food for many species of birds.

Pitch pine wood is rich in resin. Indigenous peoples used the resin or pitch medicinally and used the wood to make canoes. Though economically unimportant today, in prerevolutionary America, pitch pine resin was a major source of turpentine and axel grease and its durable wood was used for fence posts and rough construction.

Rick Bogusch, Director, Bridge Gardens



In the Shade of a Tree.....a book review

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert

Lois Ehlert is an iconic American author, illustrator and graphics designer who celebrates nature in all her stories. In Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf she introduces the life cycle of a sugar maple tree. Hasn't every child been fascinated by the twirling seed pods as they fall to the ground? The ones you splay at one end, lick and stick on your nose? A childhood memory wrapped in sheer joy! The book continues to describe the journey of those falling seeds to the growing roots, emerging buds and leaves and eventually to sapling ready for purchase or planting. A glossary covers more complex ideas and the final two pages instruct on how to plant a tree in your own backyard.

At age 8, Lois' mother taught her how to sew. The leftover fabric scraps were added to an art supply box to encourage creativity. Her father was a woodworker who allowed Lois time at his workbench to design using wood, nails and found objects, such as buttons, feathers, seeds and acorns. She went on to develop a life long love of collage. She delighted in cutting precisely and pasting onto paper. Her books became recognizable for their blend of bold graphics, use of vibrant colors and details of her cutting and pasting on watercolored collage pages.

Lois won many awards during her lifetime. Color Zoo, written in 1989, was her first book to become a Caldecott Honor Book in 1990. That same year Snowballs was awarded the Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year. She wrote Leaf Man in 2005 and it was awarded Honorable Mention-Outdoor Book Award in 2006 along with The Boston Globe Horn Book Award. If you hike at the Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island you will see the pages from Leaf Man enlarged, laminated and mounted as a guide to lead you on the trails. Such an unexpected delightful surprise!

In 2013, Lois illustrated Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Twenty-six rowdy colorful alphabet letters climb up the coconut tree and then tumble down. It is visually stimulating and raucous fun to read. Lois received the American Library Association Notable Children's Book Award and the Boston Globe Horn Book Award for this book. In 2013, then President Obama read the book to the young visitors to the White House Easter Egg Roll. It is that good! What a gift to the elementary classroom teachers of the world who would not think of teaching without it. Twelve million books were sold worldwide.

There is much to love in the words, pictures and art of Lois Ehlert. She passed away in May, 2021 at 86 years old from natural causes. Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of all who were fortunate enough to be touched by her creative genius.

Recommended grades: PreSchool to third grade
Reviewed by Joan DiMonda



Amaryllis Holiday Planting Program

A very special "Thank You" to our wonderful volunteers who conducted the Amaryllis Holiday Planting Program this year. This HAH program is offered to children at no cost to our local Libraries and to the Bridgehampton Child Care Recreation Center. It is members such as yourselves who give so freely of your time that make HAH such a great organization. This year's volunteers were Alicia Whitaker, Diane Herold, Rebecca Chapman, Susan Edwards, Ruth Ann Stanley, Jill Thayer, Adrienne Woodduck, Geoffrey Blatt, Mary Busch, Lori Barnaby, Janet Ollinger, Bettina Benson, John Benson, Erika Shank, Kathie McGintie, and Terry Coppola.

Thank you also to Midge Fowler of Fowler's Garden Center for the wonderful bulbs she so generously provided at a discount and to Pam Healy who took care of ordering the bulbs and supplies.

And we thank Sarah Alford for sharing her expertise and conducting the "Zoom" Wreath Making Workshop on December 5th. A creative time was had by all!

Marie DiMonte, Chair



More Horticultural Programs in January 2022

Thursday, January 13, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Native Species, Cultivars, and Selections (Online) presented by Uli Lorimer. \$30 for Native Plant Trust members, \$36 non-members. For more info and to register: <http://www.nativeplanttrust.org/events/native-species-cultivars-and-selections/>

Tuesday, January 18, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Greg Loades: The Modern Cottage Garden (Online). \$23 for NYBG members, \$26 for non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.nybg.org/event/2021-22-landscape-design-students-alumni-series/greg-loades/>

Wednesday, January 19, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Wave Hill 2022 Horticultural Lecture Series: New Aesthetics for Public Spaces (Online). \$18 for Wave Hill members, \$20 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.wavehill.org/calendar/wave-hill-2022-horticultural-lecture-new-aesthetics-for-public-spaces>

Thursdays, January 20 - February 10, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Wild Garden, Designed (Online). \$129. For more info and to register: <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-performances/events/wild-garden-designed-online-class>

Friday, January 21, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Gardening for Climate Change (Online). \$30 for Native Plant Trust members, \$36 non-members. For more info and to register: <http://www.nativeplanttrust.org/events/gardening-climate-change/>

Monday, January 24 & Tuesday, January 25, Plant-O-Rama Symposium 2022. Monday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Two Keynote Speakers, Jimi Blake and Abra Lee, on Zoom. Tuesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm: Trade Show, Jobs Fair, Breakout Speakers, Garden Walks, Garden Book Sale in-person at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. \$30. For more info and to register: <https://www.metrohort.org/calendar/plant-o-rama>

Thursday, January 27, 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Kate Orff: Mending the Landscape (In-person). NYBG, Ross Lecture Hall, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458. \$32 for NYBG members, \$35 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.nybg.org/event/22nd-annual-winter-lecture-series-adapting-to-a-new-climate/mending-the-landscape-kate-orff/>

HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2022 - Sundays at 2 pm

January 16 – Andy Brand – *After the Flowers Have Faded: Plants With Fabulous Foliage*

February 13 – Ruth Rogers Clausen – *Deer-Resistant Native Plants for the Northeast*

March 13 – Renny Reynolds – *Gardens in England & their influence on Hortulus*

April 10 – Thomas Christopher – *Nature Into Art – Lessons To Be Learned From the Gardens of Wave Hill*

May 1 – Andrew Bunting – *Belvidere: Evolution of a Plantsman's Garden*

June 12 – Jennifer Jewell – *Cultivating Place, How a Garden Culture of Care Strengthens Places and Their People*

September 11 – Lori Chips – *Troughs: Gardening in the Smallest Landscape*

October 16 – Lois Sheinfeld – *Outstanding Trees for the Home Garden*

November 13 – C. L. Fornari – *The 21st Century Flower Garden*

December 11 – Stephen Scanniello – *The Rose Garden Chronicles*

HAH Roundtable dates for 2022

Saturdays at 10:00, January 8, February 5, March 5 & April 2

HAH Book Discussion Group dates for 2022

Saturdays at 11:00, January 15, February 19 & March 19

HAH Montauk Hike with Vicki Bustamante, Saturday, March 12 at 10:00

Jim Jeffrey Camellia Friends, Saturday, April 23, 2022



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