

HAH Happenings June 2022



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

631.537.2223 <u>hahgarden.org</u> at the Bridgehampton Community House



On Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 2:00 pm please join us for an in person lecture by Jennifer Jewell

Cultivating Place, How a Garden Culture of Care Strengthens Places and Their People

In her presentation, Jennifer Jewell will explore the philosophy of **Cultivating Place**, her national public radio program and

international podcast, based on the belief that gardeners and gardens are powerful agents and spaces for potentially positive change in our world, helping to address challenges as wide ranging as climate change, habitat loss, cultural polarization, and

individual and communal health and being. She will explore how this power of gardens and gardeners is exemplified not only in her weekly program, but very specifically in the subjects of her two books: the horticultural women in leadership roles in the award-wining The Earth in Her Hands (2020), and the beautiful and innovative place-based gardens that celebrate western landscapes in <u>Under Western Skies;</u> Visionary Gardens from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast (2021) - with amazing photography by Caitlin Atkinson. All together, these resources and inspirations are blue-prints, or compass roses for how we can all grow our world better - and beautifully.



HAH JUNE EVENTS

Friday, June 3, Private Garden Tour, see your email for details and pre-registration requirement.

Sunday, June 12, Lecture, Jennifer Jewell, see above for details and bring your mask for this event at the Bridgehampton Community House main Hall.

Saturday, June 25, Private Garden Tour, see page 4 for details.

Please watch your email for announcements of other events this month.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

I need to begin by thanking each and every one of you for making our Garden Fair a tremendous success. From the Board members and dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during, and after the event, to those of you who came and shopped, we were thrilled with the support you showed for HAH and the return of this beloved event. Thank you all!

This month we are planning a return to in-person lectures at the Community House. Based on the info we have as I write this note, we believe it's possible to gather safely with the doors open and masks on. We are hoping to be able to record the lecture so those of you who are unable to attend, or who are uncomfortable in large indoor gatherings, can still hear Jennifer Jewel's talk. Please keep an eye on your email for any updates related to these plans as we get closer to June 12th.

I'll end here for now since I still have lots to do in the garden -- and I suspect many of you do as well.

All my best, Erik

HAH 2022

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PHOTOS this month

Susan Brackett, Janet Ollinger, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank, Greg Wiseman



Garden Fair Chair, Janet Donohoe Ollinger HAH President, Erik Brockmeyer HAH honoree, Rick Bogusch, Director of Bridge Gardens in Bridgehampton

HAH Plant Fair 2022 - Live and In Person!!

We did it, though a little rusty and minus the drinks and caterers, we were able to bring back a post-pandemic version of the HAH Garden Fair that offered plenty of social distancing and fresh air and plenty of glorious plants! Our plant procurers tried hard to find a great selection of wonderful, well grown plants in the peak of health.









You came out eager to buy and volunteer and smile and get on with gardening.



















Our auction donors gave us all some amazing containers to bid on! And maybe, best of all, was having fun together again!





HAH GARDEN TOURS 2022

Saturday, June 25th 10am

HAH Members and their Guests have the Special Opportunity to Tour Entwood Garden 100 Chase Court, Bridgehampton

Entwood is a seven-acre, parklike, walking garden developed over 25 years from a flat potato field into a series of garden rooms, expansive views, specimen plants and trees, and features intended to provide a sense of peace, wonder, and fun. Entering through an intimate, densely planted, English-style cottage flower garden, the visitor proceeds under an arbor past the owners' 1860 cottage to view a small, Japanese-style garden and koi pond. A second koi pond lies ahead hidden by a grove of cedars of Lebanon. Crossing north through the pond on stones set in the water, the visitor enters a large arboretum of unusual cultivars of magnolia, dogwood, sweetgum, Japanese maple, redbud, dove (handkerchief) trees, conifers, and many others. From shaded paths and shade gardens around the perimeter, views reveal a contoured landscape, a gazebo in the distance, and two large ponds. Looking down from the bridge crossing the first, you notice a wide variety of mature koi. Past the bridge, you will approach the gazebo, which is set in a circle of maples and surrounded by a secret path intended to delight those young at heart. Turning right you step onto a zigzag bridge through the "monkey jungle," to the back entrance to the garden. Turning right on the gravel driveway, you will pass dogwood and rhododendron shaded by native black cherry and red cedar. Following the driveway, you will see a rock garden behind an orchard on your right, with steps leading up to a golf tee, which provides the highest vantage point for the garden. A brief stroll downhill brings you to another large pond with even more colorful koi and most importantly by this time, a sitting area. From there, paths lead through shade gardens, past a swimming pool, to the last of the koi ponds, and back to your starting point.





Directions to any additional gardens in the area will be given at the sign-in table. Guests of Individual and Family/Dual Memberships will be charged \$10 per person. Guests must be accompanied by members.

POTS FOR POLLINATORS

Use pots to provide nectar and pollen for pollinators - bees, wasps, butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds, even if you have little space for a garden. We know that pollinator insects are in decline because of habitat loss, use of pesticides, climate change and invasive species. Every bit helps!

Why use containers:

- Great for small spaces. You can get a container to fit just about any space.
- Accessible for people with physical challenges.
- Portable and flexible they can be moved to follow the sun.
- You can customize the soil mix for the plants that you're using.

Potential challenges:

- Containers dry out faster and may require extensive watering.
- More fertilizer may be needed. Compost helps but additional fertilizer keeps the blooms going.
- A full container can be very heavy and hard to move.

General guidelines:

Bigger is better – more soil and more plants, including providing the critical mass of blooms that enable pollinators to find the plants. Try to use three plants of each type that you're considering for your design. Think "drifts", not "polka dots." You can use a false bottom if the planter is very large, to reduce weight.

Diversity is good: small trees, shrubs, bulbs, grasses, herbs, perennials, and annuals are all candidates. Include a variety of colors, sizes, shapes and scents to attract a variety of pollinators.

Use an organic soil mix and add compost to the mix as well as to the bottom of the pot, unless you are using plants that prefer lean soil, such as lavenders. Keep blooms going with fertilizer – soil gets depleted quickly.

There's lots of design flexibility — consider mixed plantings: thriller, filler, spiller, OR a group of pots with one variety in each pot. Also consider using climbing vines on a tripod or other support. Generally speaking, insects and bees are attracted to purple and blue flowers and hummingbirds are attracted to red flowers. You can do a monochromatic design – same color in different plants, or do a mix of colors.

Not all natives are pollinator plants and not all pollinator plants are natives. Use a mix that will provide blooms and sources of food from late spring into the autumn. When using perennial plants, know that species are typically superior for serving as host plants and sources of food than are cultivars. Choose plants with single flowers, not doubles.

Plan for continuous bloom throughout the growing season so that pollinators have food when they need it. If you use perennial plants, know that the bloom period is generally shorter than that of annuals, which are bred to bloom for several months.

Plant lists include recommended annuals and tender perennials that are known pollinator attractors as well native plants that can be used in container plantings. The list of natives has been prepared by Kimberly Simmen, who has a Native Plant Center in Lake Grove. You can learn more about Kimberly's offerings at KMS Native Plants, LLC.on Facebook and IG.

Pollinator Friendly Annuals

Agastache / Hyssop - Agastache

Sweet Alyssum – Alyssum or Lobularia

Black-eyed Susan-Rudbeckia Herta

Borage-Borago officionalis

Calendula-/ Pot Marigold - Calenda officionalis

Cigar Plant-Cuphea ignea

Cornflower/Bachelor buttons – Centaurea cyanus

Cosmos -Cosmos bipinnatus, Cosmos sulphereus

Helenium/Sneezeweed - Helenium

Lantana-Lantana camara

Lavender-Lavendula angustifolia, officinalis

Marigold- - Tagetes – (single forms)

Nasturtium-Tropaeolum majus

Nicotiana/Flowering Tobacco – Nicotiana alata

Pansy / Viola – Viola tricolor (early spring bloomer)

Petunia – Petunia xatkinsiana (single forms)

Salvias - Salvia officionalis (960 species!)

Snapdragon – Antirrhinum majus

Sunflowers - Helianthus

Mexican Sunflower – Tithonia rotundifolia (very tall)

Verbena (especially verbena bonariensis)

Zinnia- Zinnia elegans

Flowering Vines

Black-eyed Susan Vine – Thunbergia alata

Cardinal Climber/Cypress Vine – Ipomoea quamoclit

Moonflower – Ipomoea alba. (night bloomer / moths)

Morning Glory – Ipomoea purpurea. (many colors)

Cup and Saucer Vine – Cobaea scandens

Hyacinth Bean – Lablab purpureus

Scarlet Runner Bean – Phaseolus coccineus

Spanish Flag - Mina lobata

Two Blooms Were Stars at the April Meeting of the Jim Jeffrey Camellia Group.

Masumi Suzuki has always been one of our group's most generous and skilled gardeners. Many years ago, he gave out some camellia seeds from his garden. Our founder, Jim Jeffrey, propagated his seeds and gave out the seedlings. George Adams grew his successfully, and this year his plant produced beautiful, luminous pink-white blooms. (See the pictures.) Gardeners are amazing!

Our group had lots to show at the spring meeting on April 2 in the HAH Library. "Spring Promise" and "April Remembered" are two camellias that members again found reliable. But there are lots of other favorite plants, some whose names we have long forgotten. Two plants were in full bloom in April -- and still had flowers for the Plant Fair in May -- outside the HAH Library window: "Lemon Glow" and "Paulette Goddard".



"Lemon Glow" in the HAH garden

We talked about fertilizing (many of us fertilize lightly after flowering or not at all for established plants); the value of composting in late winter; and the importance of teasing out roots when planting to prevent girdling.

Our fall meeting will be Saturday, November 12, at 10 a.m. in the Library. We pick meeting dates when, experience shows, we are most likely to have lots of flowers on our plants. It worked in April. Join us whether you have camellias or not.

Sue Brackett and Julia Burmeister



"Paulette Goddard"



"April Remembered" in George Biercuck's garden



The stars of the meeting



We had lots of blooms

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

TREES by LINDA GAMLIN

An investigation of the fascinating world of trees, twigs and leaves. Eyewitness Explorer Series.

Curling up on the couch at 7:00 p.m. is a nightly ritual in our home as we prepare to watch JEOPARDY. This past Friday was no different except at the last moment I grabbed a small children's book about trees which I thought I could peruse during the commercials. It turned out that this little book was so charming and captivating that I read every word, deriving such pleasure that I missed the entire JEOPARDY show!

There are 26 two page chapters making for easy reading with beautiful photographs, cute cartoon characters, and experiments and activities to further enhance learning. I loved this book!

I actually learned many new facts myself. One of the reasons plane trees are often planted in cities is because the bark falls off regularly in flat scales revealing fresh bark underneath. The scales take away all the dirt and soot on the trunk, thus enabling the tree to survive in polluted cities. Who knew?

Honeybees fly from flower to flower drinking nectar and spreading pollen. Using their front legs they comb pollen into pollen baskets on their hind legs. Who knew?

Papery wings are attached to conifer seeds like little propellers. They carry the seeds away from the parent tree. If the seeds fall beneath the parent tree there will not be enough sunshine for them to flourish. Who knew?

Recommended for 3rd-12th graders. There are challenging vocabulary words that would be lost on some young children. However other children, regardless of age, would relish being exposed to the new vocabulary. You will make that decision.



Reviewed by Joan DiMonda

MORE LOCAL EVENTS IN JUNE, continued from the back page..

Saturday, June 18. Much Ado About Madoo. <u>Garden Market</u> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. FREE. <u>Garden Cocktail Party</u> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. \$270 for members, \$300 non-members. Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack, NY 11962. For more info and to purchase tickets: https://www.madoo.org/much-ado-about-madoo

Saturday, June 25, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. The Cultural Landscape Foundation Garden Dialogues 2022: Southampton, NY (address provided upon registration). \$100. This Garden Dialogue will be led by Diane Devore from Devore Associates and Declan Blackmore from Summerhill Landscapes. Refreshments will be provided. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more info and to purchase tickets: https://www.tclf.org/garden-dialogues-2022-southampton-ny

Marders Garden Lecture Series. All lectures start at 10:00 am. FREE. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: marders.com

Sunday, June 5: How to Design Pots & Planters

Sunday, June 12: Dahlias, Peonies & Cutting Gardens

Sunday, June 19: Caring for Roses Organically

Sunday, June 26: Gardening for Hummingbirds, Butterflies, and Pollinators

HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2022 - Sundays at 2 pm

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

SOME LOCAL - IN PERSON - EVENTS IN JUNE

Events at Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. To register for an event: (631) 283-3195 **or** events@peconiclandtrust.org. More info: peconiclandtrust.org

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28. 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice. FREE. Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Growing Dahlias. \$5 for BG members, \$10 non-members. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels.

Friday, June 10, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Screening of *The Gardener*. \$5 for members, \$15 non-members. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill, NY 11976. For more info and to register: https://parrishart.org/event/film-the-gardener/ Saturday, June 11, beginning at 7:30am. Southampton Rose Society Annual Rose Show & Rose Day. Morris Room at the Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Neck Road, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: https://southamptonrose.org/ 2022-events-schedule/

Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12. Parrish Art Museum Landscape Pleasures 2022. Saturday symposium from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Saturday evening Cocktail Party for Sponsor level ticket holders and above. Self-guided tours of gardens in Bridgehampton and Sagaponack on Sunday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tickets start at \$200 for members, \$250 for non-members. For more info and to purchase tickets: https://parrishart.org/event/landscape-pleasures-2022/2022-06-11/ Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Garden Masters: A Sculpture Garden in Bridgehampton, NY featuring Christopher LaGuardia of LaGuardia Design Group. \$250 for Garden Conservancy members, \$275 non-members. For more info and to register: https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/garden-masters-oceanfront-garden-bridgehampton

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