



# HAH Happenings

## July - August 2022



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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at the Bridgehampton Community House



### HAH GARDEN TOURS 2022

**Friday, July 8th 10 am**

**HAH Members and their Guests have the Special  
Opportunity to Tour  
Several Private Gardens in Southampton**

**The First Garden on this Tour will be that of  
Greg Wiseman  
17 Hidden Cove Court, Southampton**

Originally begun 20 years ago with Jeffrey Glick, this garden is full of established as well as new wonders. The first feature as one enters this property is the full-sun, deer-resistant garden to the right. A turn left along a path takes you to the first water feature: a koi pond and waterfall replete with wildlife. Continuing along the winding path through a gate and fence, Greg is creating a new woodland garden mix of native and non-native trees, shrubs, and perennials, following the removal of the lawn as well as 80 dead Eastern Red Cedars. Included are 40 different varieties of Japanese maples, each labelled so visitors may take note. Recently, an extensive second water feature has been added with a waterfall, pond, surrounding patio, and seating areas.



A third water feature is the swimming pool with separate water fountains and a patio that is home to a large collection of container plantings, many of which are stored during the winter in the home's basement greenhouse. Visitors are in for a real treat exploring Greg's wonderful garden.



**Check in at first garden before 11:00 am.**

**Directions to the several additional gardens on the tour 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.**



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

I am writing this message to you on the Summer Solstice -- the longest day of the year. While the days will gradually shorten now, there is still much summer to look forward to. I hope time in the garden will be a big part of the summer for all of you: enjoying the beauty and sanctuary these spaces offer to you, your family + friends, and our pollinators. Even -- maybe especially -- when you're feeling overwhelmed by the work of deadheading and weeding (and in my own case chasing away rabbits, moles, and voles!), remember how fortunate we are to have these spaces.

Thanks to the efforts of Pamela Harwood and the generosity of many hosts (*THANK YOU!!*), we've enjoyed a number of fantastic garden tours this year. Our next tour will be on July 8th (more details in this newsletter) and we're working on more so please keep an eye on your email for updates. If you would like to share your garden, please let us know.

As usual, our lecture program will pause in July and August while we enjoy our gardens and the myriad other events of summer on the East End. We'll resume in September and in the meantime I hope to connect with many of you on garden tours.

All my best,  
Erik

## HAH 2022

### OFFICERS: (an officer serves for a 1 year term)

President	Erik Brockmeyer
First Vice President	Erika Shank
Second Vice President	Rick Bogusch
Recording Secretary	Alicia Whitaker
Corresponding Secretary	Joan DiMonda
Treasurer	Bettina Benson

### DIRECTORS: (a director serves for a 3 year term)

Pamela Harwood	'22
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Michael Longacre	'23
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

**WEBSITE EDITOR** - Michael Longacre

**MAILING** - John Benson

### PHOTOS this month

Susan Brackett, Pamela Harwood, Irwin Levy, Janet Ollinger, Elaine Peterson



**Please watch your email for announcements of HAH events this summer, especially for tours in July and August that were not fully arranged yet at the time of this printing. There will be more tours!**

**And if we can, we will have our annual summer HAH member gathering in August. So watch your email for more HAH summer news.**

**And remember that the Friends of the Garden welcome volunteers on Tuesdays at around 10:00am on these upcoming dates: July 26, August 23, September 20, October 18 and November 15.**

**The HAH Garden, just outside of our office at the Bridgehampton Community House, is much appreciated by the general public as well as our members.**



## **Platanus occidentalis**

**Sycamore,**

**a. k. a. American planetree or buttonwood**



It's unlikely you'll ever plant a sycamore. In fact, many would recommend against it, even if you could find one to buy. Native from Maine to Minnesota and south to Florida, this is a massive tree and a messy tree, constantly dropping leaves, sloughed bark, twigs and hard, round fruits.

If you have a sycamore on your property and it's in the right spot, far away from gardens and landscaping near the house, you will come to appreciate your tree's majestic size and the visual appeal of its silhouette, especially in winter.

One of the tallest native trees, sycamores can easily grow 75 to 100 feet tall and 40 to 60 feet wide. Often hollow and many feet in diameter, trunks are massive. So are the wide-spreading branches which make up the roughly rounded crown.

Sycamore bark is layered and multi-colored. Scaly and warm gray at the base, it exfoliates higher up the trunk and from branches, exposing layers of gray, white and cream, visually striking when seen against the summer or winter sky. If not regularly removed, exfoliated bark accumulates in a thick layer at the base of the tree.

Sycamore leaves are large and maple-like. Emerging in late spring, they are dark green in summer before turning brown in fall. In moist springs, leaves are often infected with anthracnose, a fungus that causes the first flush of leaves to brown and drop, requiring the tree to produce a second flush in early summer. Anthracnose also affects developing twigs and leads to "witch's brooms" all along the branches, a disfiguring, but not fatal condition.

Sycamores bloom in April. Male and female flowers are contained separately in rounded structures on long stalks. Female flowers develop into round, fuzzy globes, aggregates of many small fruits. They ripen in fall and persist throughout winter, adding to the tree's visual appeal.

Though not a tree for the small property or for landscaping in general, sycamores are nevertheless impressive trees in a natural setting. They are at their best in moist, rich bottomlands and along rivers and streams. They support a large population of native insects, which in turn, help feed the birds.

Sycamore wood is sometimes used for furniture, crates and butcher's blocks, because it is hard, tough and difficult to split.

Rick Bogusch, Director, Bridge Gardens

## Douglas E. Dayton Arboretum, East Hampton Village

Irwin T. Levy

Recently, I led a group from the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society (EHTPS) to the Douglas E. Dayton Arboretum in the heart of East Hampton Village. This property, especially the most majestic copper beech I've ever seen, would be extraordinary wherever it was. The fact that it's adjacent to the municipal and long term parking lots between the downtown district and train station raises the wow factor even more.

I first learned of it in a letter to the editor in the East Hampton Star by Ralph Dayton, Douglas Dayton's son. Ralph described his father as being adopted by a local family in EH, and how he grew up during the Great Depression. Mr. Dayton earned full scholarships to Harvard and then Cornell Law School, ultimately practicing with a Manhattan Law Firm. But as Ralph described, his father's heart was really in East Hampton. He moved back, started a small law practice, and ultimately served as both Village Attorney and Mayor, all the while acquiring property surrounding his home off Newtown Lane.

As Ralph tells it, his father made a quality of life decision early on. He would work until 12, come home and have lunch with his wife, and spend the rest of the day in the garden. Horticulture was his passion. Mr. Dayton passed away at 77, while having lunch in his home, overlooking his gardens, which had grown to 3.2 acres. Ralph reflected on how he never met a happier man than his dad, and it certainly seems Mr. Dayton left the world on his terms.

As Ralph explained both in his letter, and to our EHTPS group that day, the property was purchased via the Community Preservation Fund. Ralph worked diligently with the town and village to create this arboretum, and envisions it as a place for birders, for families, for children, for community. He also expressed in strong terms that East Hampton Village may be the stewards, but the Arboretum belongs to us. With tears in his eyes and my own, Ralph spoke of how dedicating it to his father's memory has been the single greatest honor of his life. To quote Ralph, "Please enjoy your arboretum, and be sure to think of my dad when you do".





## Commemorative "Liberty Garden" Natives Host Wildlife, Especially Pollinators

Sue Brackett

To see native and pollinator-friendly plants in a beautiful perennial bed, visit the "Liberty Garden" created and newly renovated by The Southampton Garden Club in honor of the victims of September 11. The garden is outside the firehouse, 17 St. Andrews Road at the corner of Montauk Highway, in Southampton.

A huge, multi-branched, gray tree trunk is set on a rise as a focal point. New native shrubs, including evergreen *Ilex glabra*, give structure in winter. A magnificent *Magnolia* and pale yellow daffodils ("exotics") bloom together in April. Perennials introduced to support diverse, native wildlife, really shine throughout the summer. *Coreopsis*, *Salvia* and *Agastache* were in bloom and looking lush when I was at the garden on July 1, last year. These are all colorful plants that like sun, do well in a variety of soil types and tolerate dryness. The Garden Club found no need to amend their soil before planting. They are using an in-ground irrigation system now but plan to discontinue it once the plants become established.

A new bench has been installed to commemorate the twentieth anniversary. It is a wonderful place for contemplation and for appreciation of a lovely and innovative garden.





## HAH DONATES TREE TO BRIDGEHAMPTON SCHOOL



On Monday, June 13th, Pamela Harwood and Janet Ollinger represented the HAH during a ceremony at the Bridgehampton School for the planting of the Bur Oak tree donated by the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons. Students from grades 9-12 all contributed to planting the tree in memory of Zbigniew "Ziggy" Lutrzykowski, a beloved member of the Bridgehampton School family who passed away suddenly last fall.

"Ziggy had a love of gardening and tended the greenhouse garden with care and enthusiasm. He is sorely missed and we are so grateful to have this tree to honor and remember him always. He would have loved it."

The tree was planted on the east side of the main building, near the playground, where its canopy and shade will be enjoyed by students, staff, and all visitors as well as the pollinators and other wildlife.



## SOME LOCAL - IN PERSON - EVENTS IN JULY and AUGUST

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

**Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, and August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice.** FREE.

**Tuesday, July 12, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Garden Walk and Wine with Slow Food East End.** A guided tour of Bridge Gardens focused on the edible landscape. \$40 for Bridge Gardens and/or Slow Foods members, \$50 non-members. Space is limited, prepaid reservations required. Rain date is July 13.

**Friday, August 12, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Go FIGure!** Fig workshop. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels.

**Garden Conservancy Open Days.** Pre-registration is required for each garden. Capacity is limited and no walk-ins will be allowed. No paper tickets or cash payments will be accepted on-site.

**Saturday, July 9, times vary by garden.** 6 gardens in Mattituck, Water Mill, Bridgehampton and East Hampton. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-22>

**Saturday, July 16, times vary by garden.** 2 gardens in Cutchogue and Southold. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-20>

**Saturday, July 30, 10:00am to 4:00pm.** 1 garden in Shelter Island Heights. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-21> Also happening on Shelter Island on July 30th is the **Digging Deeper program, Unearthing the Stories of Sylvester Manor, 10:00am to 11:30am.** \$30 members, \$40 non-members. <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/digging-deeper-unearthing-the-stories-of-sylvester-manor>

**Events at Landcraft Garden Foundation**, 4342 Grand Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952. For more info and to register: <https://www.landcraftgardenfoundation.org/upcoming-workshops/>

**Thursday, July 7, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Local Entomology and Insect Collecting for Families.** Children FREE, Adults \$20, members \$15.

**Saturday, July 30, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Flower and Foliage Arrangements with Lilee Fell.** \$135 for members, \$150 for non-members.

**Saturday, August 6, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Hypertufa Planter Workshop.** Cost to be announced.

**Saturday, August 13, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Tillandsia Frames Social.** Cost to be announced.

**Marders Garden Lecture Series.** All lectures start at 10:00 am. FREE. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: [marders.com](http://marders.com)

**Sunday, July 10:** How to Deal with Moles and Voles

**Sunday, July 17:** Hydrangeas and Hydrangea Pruning

**Sunday, July 24:** How to Pot Hardy Succulents and Tropicals

**Sunday, July 31:** Dealing with Deer

**Sunday, August 7:** Raise Your Own Butterfly

**Sunday, August 14:** Cooking from the Garden

**Sunday, August 21:** Herbal Teas, Tonics, Tinctures & Salves Demo

**Sunday, August 28:** Adding Native Plants Without Sacrificing Beauty

**Friday, August 5. Southampton Rose Society Cocktail Party and Fundraiser.** 150 Halsey Neck Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. Tickets from \$300/person. For more info and to register: <https://southamptonrose.org/cocktail-party-fundraiser-2022/>

**Thursday, August 11, 11:00 am. East Hampton Historical Society Summer Lecture Luncheon with keynote by landscape architect Thomas Woltz.** Maidstone Club, 50 Old Beach Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937. Tickets from \$250. For more info and to register: [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTQ2Nzg3](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTQ2Nzg3)

**Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Bees and the Beekeeper.** Quail Hill Farm, Deep Lane, Amagansett. FREE. Rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/bees-and-the-beekeeper>



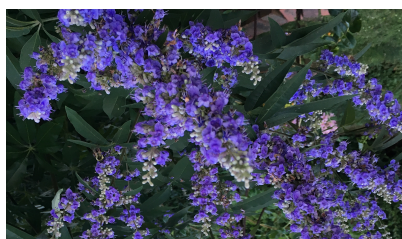
# HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2022 - Sundays at 2 pm

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*



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