



HAH Happenings

September 2022



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, September 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm
Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House
for a lecture by Lori Chips on
TROUGHS: Gardening in the Smallest Landscape

It is easy to become enchanted by troughs, and this talk will make it even easier. In this lecture both beginners and seasoned rock gardeners will find abundant inspiration plus many inside tips about the art and science of trough gardening. Learn about the many different planting styles, from the Classic Miniature Landscape to the Baguette, to the beloved Succulent Bowl. Find out how to use an anchor plant, a bun or cushion, a tiny groundcover or a cascading “drooler” to best effect.

Aesthetics and plant cultivation are uniquely intertwined in this garden form. Of course, practical things like soil, wintering over, and watering will be addressed. Come with your questions and your adventurous spirit. But most important, remember – Serious Gardeners have Serious Fun. And trough gardening is that!

Lori Chips has been committed to the exploration of alpine plants since her student days at The New York Botanical Garden. After graduating, she accepted the job as propagator for the Rock and Native Plant Gardens there. She has been Alpine Manager at Oliver Nurseries for over 20 years, expanding the rock garden collection and pressing the boundaries in the art and science of creating and planting troughs, a long-standing interest that holds a special place in her heart. Her book on the subject: Hypertufa Containers: Creating and Planting an Alpine Trough Garden was released by Timber Press in 2018.

She has taught classes at NYBG, lectured to the North American Rock Garden Society and written many articles for NARGS as well as Oliver’s over the years. As a botanical illustrator, Lori’s artwork has appeared on the covers of the NARGS Quarterly. (1999) She is the recipient of the Carleton R. Worth Award for horticultural writing. She has judged at the Philadelphia Flower Show as well as at smaller venues.

Lori lives and gardens with her husband Joe, without whom there would be less rock in the rock garden, and who is her unflagging partner, travelling to climb mountains, explore other gardens, and meet other like-minded gardeners.

Follow Lori on: Instagram: @lorichips

Oliver Nurseries Instagram: @olivenurseries

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Book signing will follow the lecture along with a special sale of troughs and plants.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



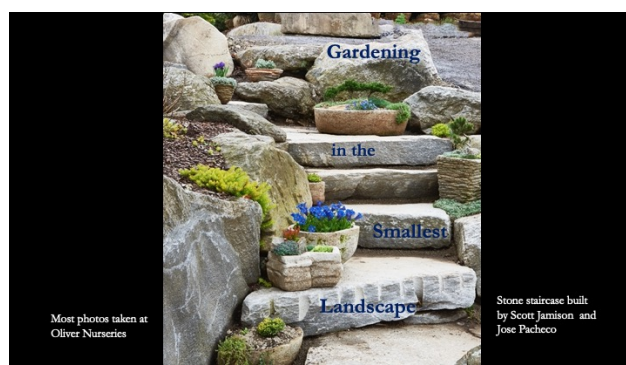
Dear members,

I hope you had a terrific summer! And while it's officially summer until the equinox on the 22nd, there's something about turning the page of the calendar to September that makes everything feel a little different. As a child, September meant the end of summer vacation and 'back to school'; it was not my favorite month of the year! As an adult, even though I still have trouble saying goodbye to summer, I greet this change with much more enthusiasm. If I'm honest, September is probably my favorite month of the year now. The light changes, the nights are cooler (but still full of that heavenly insect chorus that sings us to sleep), the crowds dissipate while the farmstands overflow. I especially look forward to the many changes in the garden as a whole new cast of characters (asters, dahlias, goldenrods, etc.) hit their stride. Savor all of it!

It's not quite 'back to school' at HAH but you'll certainly notice our activity level picking up again. We'll have a workshop, a garden tour, and a lecture... and that's just in one weekend! You'll find more details on those activities and others in the pages of this newsletter. As always, keep an eye on your email for last minute additions or changes that are finalized after this newsletter goes to print.

Before I end this note, I want to say a great big thank you to Rick Bogusch and our friends at Peconic Land Trust, especially Kathy Kennedy, for allowing us to have our Summer Party at Bridge Gardens a few weeks back. It was great catching up with so many of you in person and a real treat to gather in such a beautiful and well-loved location. Thank you!

All my best,
Erik



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PHOTOS this month

George Biercuk, Janis Murphy, Elaine Peterson

**FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN MEETS
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 at 10:00 am**

**Please come help us with the fall garden chores!
We'll show you what to do and you'll enjoy the
exercise and friendship.**

**A Special Walk in East Hampton Village
Led by Irwin Levy
President of the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society (EHTPS)**

**Friday, September 9, 2022, 10am
Rain or Shine**

Please join us for a walking tour exploring the rich history and horticultural splendor of East Hampton. As part of this moderately paced 2+ mile walk, we'll visit the gardens in East Hampton maintained by The Garden Club of East Hampton: The Clinton Academy, The Moran House, Mulford Farm and the Nature Trail on David's Lane.

We'll end up with a special presentation by Ralph Dayton at the Douglas E. Dayton Arboretum.

This Workshop will be led by EHTPS President and HAH member Irwin Levy.

We will meet at 10am in the long-term parking lot on Lumber Lane in East Hampton (located off Lumber Lane and Gingerbread Lane Extension and bordering Herrick Park).

If you arrive late due to trade parade traffic, call/text Irwin Levy 516-456-1337 to find out where to catch up with the group.

See you there!

Questions: Call Marie DiMonte at 631.728.0292 or Email osprey23@optonline.net.

**HAH Yard Sale Saturday October 8, 2022
9 am - 1 pm**

**On the Grounds of the Bridgehampton Community House, outside the HAH John LoGerfo Library
Montauk Highway at School Street, Bridgehampton, NY 11932**

We haven't held our annual yard sale in many years, however, we're back! It's time to start thinking about de-accessing your no longer used garden-related items - all proceeds benefit our John LoGerfo Library.

Please donate gently used items such as:

tools · garden ornaments · tuteurs · garden books · terra cotta or fiberglass pots

We'll also have plant material for sale:

Bearded & Siberian Iris · Buddleia lindleya · American Elm and more

Non-plant donations can be dropped off in advance at the HAH Library on Tuesday or Saturday mornings. Your own plant divisions, potted up and labeled, are also welcome, but must be brought to the community house on the day of the sale.

If you wish to help out at the sale, please email Bettina at hahmember@optonline.net

HAH Garden Tours 2022

George Biercuk and Robert Luckey

Water feature, Woodland/shade garden

Saturday, September 10th at 10am

George and Bob opened their garden to HAH members this past May. But as we know, gardens change with each season. HAH members and their guests now have the opportunity to see the garden in late summer with a fuller tree canopy, mature plant growth, annuals and tropicals, late bloomers, and changed or changing colors.

This four-season woodland garden under a high oak canopy shelters a collection of Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas, Kalmia, Pieris, understory trees, perennials, bulbs, and tropical plants in season. A mostly sunny rear corner contains a pool designed as a pond with a waterfall and is surrounded with plantings that peak mid-July through October. Winding paths and stone walls enhance a sense of depth and elevation change on a mostly flat acre. There is something in bloom every season.



18 Sayres Path, Wainscott

Please Park on the Street

Guests of Individual and Family/Dual Memberships will be charged \$10 per person. Guests must be accompanied by members.

IN THE SHADE OF A TREE...a book review

The Secret Life of TREES

Explore the forests of the world with Oakheart the Brave

Written by Moira Butterfield, Illustrated by Vivian Mineker

Oakheart the Brave, an ancient oak tree, tells the story of trees in a very magical and joyous manner. He begins with how he was “born” informing the reader that he was born when people carried swords and galloped on horseback through the forests. How much fun is that to think about? He uses riddles and legends from other cultures to acquaint the reader with trees around the world.

The 22 two page chapters explain how forests are awash in possibilities. How Spring brings greenness, rebirth, renewal and new life. Summer is for tree canopies spreading, butterflies fluttering and insects zooming about. Fall is for falling colorful leaves, fruits bursting forth and flocks flying South. Winter is about tree dormancy, animals hibernating and finding tracks in the snow.

Written in 2020, it covers the latest scientific research on the tree talking web and chemicals trees can emit for protection. The beautifully illustrated cover in blue and green conveys the secrets and spirit of the story inside.

Recommended for Grades 3-8

Reviewed by Joan DiMonda



SOME LOCAL GARDENING EVENTS in SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice. Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. FREE. More info: peconiclandtrust.org

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

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Marshouse - Garden of Edwina von Gal. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/garden-directory/edwina-von-gal-marsh-house> There

are also two Digging Deeper programs happening on September 17th: **Designing for Nature-Keeping: A Garden's Commitment Without Losing It's Looks, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm** (at Edwina von Gal's Marshouse). \$30 members, \$40 non-members. More info: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/digging-deeper-designing-for-nature> and **Mushroom Discovery Adventure, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm** (address furnished upon registration). \$30 members, \$40 non-members. More info: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/digging-deeper-mushroom-discovery-adventure>

Saturday, September 24, LongHouse Reserve Landscape Awards Luncheon 2022. For more info: <https://longhouse.org/pages/landscape-awards-luncheon-2022>

Friday, September 30, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Seasonal Planters with Horticulturalist Kerry Ann McLean. Landcraft Garden Foundation, 4342 Grand Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952. For more info and to register: <https://www.landcraftgardenfoundation.org/event/seasonal-planters-with-horticulturist-kerry-ann-mclean/>

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

Sunday, September 18: Making More, How to Divide Plants

Sunday, September 25: Choosing Plantings for Fall Color

Monarch Butterfly Crisis – Act Local

Alicia Whitaker

We all know that Monarch butterflies have been under siege, but the decline in their numbers has worsened to the extent that there's a 75%-95% decline in their population across North America. In late July, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) added the migrating monarch butterfly to its endangered list. Factors such as loss of milkweed (its host plant), extensive use of pesticides and herbicides, increasing climate change and weather extremes, and degradation and loss of wintering forests in Mexico are all contributing to their decline. They need our help more than ever.

Monarchs that migrate are particularly threatened. Monarchs ordinarily only live about 30 days, but a physiological change takes place with the gradual arrival of fall, with less sunlight and cooler temperatures. Migratory monarchs emerge and live about nine months, during which they migrate to Mexico, and then begin the journey back to the southern U.S. about mid- to late- February and March. Along the way, they breed and their offspring continue the migration. It's this population that we can see flying in groups along our East End coastline and roosting for night in trees near our beaches, starting at the end of August into early October.

What can we do as home gardeners?

1. Plant milkweed. This is the only food that monarch caterpillars will eat, and the only place female monarchs will lay their eggs. Plant milkweed that's native to our region, which probably means avoiding tropical milkweed. Swamp milkweed, *Asclepias incarnata*, is an attractive, easy-to-grow variety native to all but the most western areas of the United States. That's for the egg-laying and caterpillars. Most local nurseries now stock milkweed, and we can all find places to tuck them into our borders, container plantings, or into corners of our gardens that we are making more wildlife friendly. Some kinds of milkweed can look weedy – bite the bullet and plant it anyway in a place where the butterflies will find it and where it won't detract from your other plantings.
2. Plant pollinator plants. Adult Monarchs need to eat and pollinator plants provide important sources of nectar. Pollinator plants serve other pollinator insects and butterflies in addition to Monarchs. Go native where you can. Recent research has shown that gardens with diverse plantings provide food and shelter for a large number of types of pollinators and other wildlife. Remember that non-native annuals can be useful in extending the season with nectar for butterflies.
3. Don't use insecticides, herbicides, or pesticides. Even if they're "organic", they will kill pollinators, including Monarchs. There are other solutions for mosquitos and ticks. Make it clear to your landscaper that you don't allow spraying on your property. It may be that your garden is an insecticide-free island in a landscape dominated by spraying. We need to educate our neighbors, and Monarchs can be an "entry level" insect for people who are normally insect averse.

These are small measures that we can all take. And we know that they will add up if gardeners take action.

Photo: Monarch feeding on *Liatris scariosa*
Montauk, September 4, 2021



Joe-Pye Weed *Eutrochium spp*

Janis L. Murphy

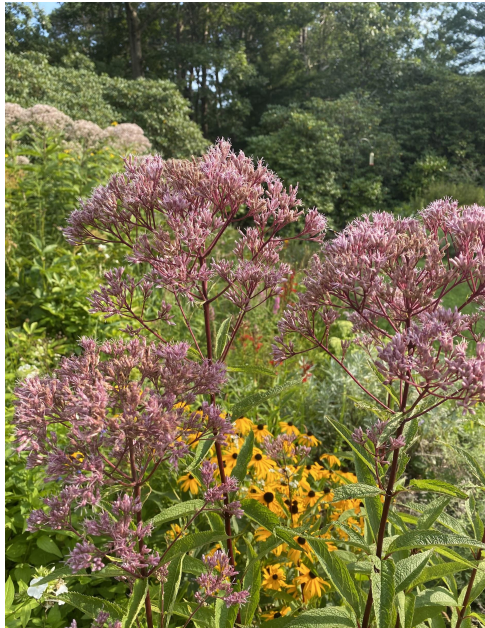
A handsome and bold native plant for the flower border!

Native to eastern and central North America, Joe-Pye weed is a herbaceous perennial which grows from 3' to 10' tall. It has smooth stems and the leaves are mostly lance-shaped, serrated, 4" to 10" long, ½" to 3" wide and arranged in whorls of three to six leaves. Misty pink to purple flowers bloom in midsummer and have little scent. The flower heads which have a matted, fringed appearance, appear in groups or clusters on the top of tall stems. They produce many seeds which ripen in October. Each one is furnished with a little parachute called a pappus.* While Joe-Pye weed favors moist soils and pond edges in the wild, it also makes an excellent addition to the flower border attracting bees and butterflies. It produces both pollen and nectar and attracts 41 species of caterpillars.**. It is a sturdy plant, requiring no staking and will spread into a large clump and self-seed. However it is not considered invasive and seedlings can easily be pulled out. Joe-Pye weed likes a sunny location and good moisture but will also survive drought.

Joe Pye was an Indian herb doctor who, in Colonial days, used the weed to treat typhus fever.* Joe-Pye weed was formerly known as *Eupatorium spp.*, but has been reclassified as *Eutrochium spp.* because the whorled leaves resemble more closely the physical structure of the latter species. However nurseries often use the old name, *Eupatorium spp.* There are five species in the *Eutrochium* genus: *dubium*, *fistulosum*, *maculatum*, *purpureum* and *steelei*, two are shown below:

Eutrochium dubium 'Little Joe' is a compact cultivar which grows to about 4' high. It flowers well and is very resistant to powdery mildew.

Eutrochium purpureum or purple or sweet scented Joe-Pye weed is a popular herbaceous perennial which can grow to 10' feet tall..



Eutrochium dubium 'Little Joe'
Photos taken August 9, 2022



Eutrochium purpureum with Monarch butterfly

*Albert Hostek, Native and Near Native, 1976

** Rick Darke, Doug Tallamy, The Living Landscape, 2014

HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2022 - 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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January 15 – Frances Palmer – *Life in the Studio*

February 12 – Catie Marron – *Becoming A Gardener: What Reading and Digging Taught Me About Living*

March 12 – Sara Cedar Miller - *Before Central Park*

April 16 – Fred Landman – *Sleepy Cat Farm: A Gardener's Journey*

May 7 – James Golden – *The View from Federal Twist: A New Way of Thinking About Gardens, Nature and Ourselves*

June 11 – Karl Gercens – *365 Days of Flowers*

No lectures in July or August

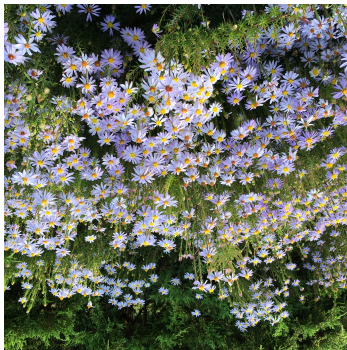
September 10 – Bridget Wosczyzna – *Introduction to the Plants You Should be Growing:*

Hardy and Tropical Aroids for Northeast Gardens

October 15 – Rebecca McMackin – *Brooklyn Bridge Park: Lessons in Constructed Ecology*

November 12 – Ulrich (Uli) Lorimer - *The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden*

December 10 – Scott Chaskey – *Soil & Spirit*



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