



HAH Happenings

October 2022

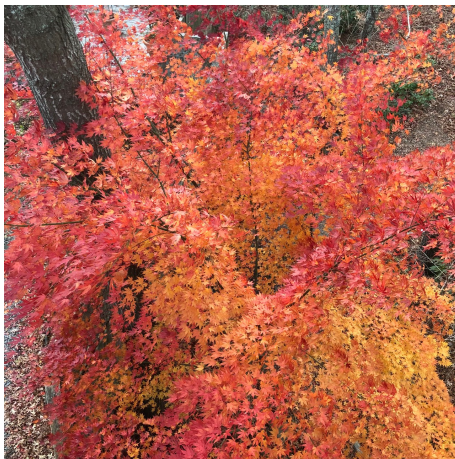


The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

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at the Bridgehampton Community House

On Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 2:00 pm

**Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House
for a lecture by Lois Sheinfeld on
Outstanding Trees for the Home Garden**



This lecture will focus on a choice selection of beautiful Japanese Maple cultivars and several resplendent, fragrant flowering trees that have been time-tested and flourish in Lois's organic garden. Included will be tips on organic plant care and successful natural methods of pest/disease/weed control.

A longtime member of HAH, Lois has been an environmentalist, educator, and organic gardener – on both coasts – for over 40 years. She served on the Environmental Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association and chaired the subcommittee on pesticide use. The American Rose Society gave her an Award of Merit for her writing on organic gardening and she wrote the garden column for Dan's Papers in the Hamptons.

She has also written for The Nation Magazine, New York Newsday, and Film Comment.

Lois has taught at New York University, and at Stanford University where she also served as University Ombudsman. Acting on her recommendations as Ombudsman, Stanford instituted a university wide program of IPM, ending haphazard, unsafe biocide use on campus; Stanford ended the policy of female exclusion from the all male Stanford Marching band and moved toward the equalization of support for male and female sports programs; and Stanford abandoned the Indian symbol as the University's mascot. She has also taught classes at The New York Botanical Garden, and Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and she has lectured for garden clubs and organizations in the tri-state area.

HAH October Events

October 1 - Roundtable- on ZOOM - 10:00 am - see page 3 and watch email for link.

October 8 - YARD SALE - 9-1 Outside the HAH Library at the Bridgehampton Community House, see page 3

October 16 - Sunday lecture - 2 pm - see above.

October 18 - Friends of the Garden meet at 10:00 am



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members,

This month we welcome back our popular Roundtable series with Pamela Harwood serving as moderator. There's more info on this month's discussion in this newsletter. The following Saturday we'll have a gardeners Yard Sale for the first time since 2018! Depending on your point of view, this is a great way to 'purge' gently used garden items that you no longer use/want or, if you're in a more acquisitional mindset, a great place to find new items for your collection. I can just about guarantee I'll come home with more than I'll drop off. (Oops!) I'm also looking forward to Lois Sheinfeld's lecture the weekend after. A timely topic since we all know the importance of adding more trees to our landscapes and since this is a great time of year to plant.

Finally, membership renewals will be in the mail this month. You can also renew online and save yourself a stamp in the process. In any case, use the arrival of the membership letter as a prompt to renew and ensure you don't miss out on anything HAH related in 2023.

All my best, Erik



HAH 2022

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Janis Murphy	'24
Janet Donohoe Ollinger	'24

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Elaine Peterson

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PHOTOS this month

George Biercuk, Gerry Giliberti, Janis Murphy, Elaine Peterson, Lois Sheinfeld

REPORT OF THE 2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2023 for the membership's vote at the annual meeting in November:

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At the general meeting of the membership in October, further nominations will be taken from the floor by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the general membership must be accompanied by a verbal or written consent of the nominee.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,
Bettina Benson, Chair

Janet Ollinger	Michael Longacre
Alexandra Eames	Patricia Matheson



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

The Yard Sale is an opportunity to share your gently used garden items with someone else. It is also an opportunity to shop, with unique finds and plenty of bargains among the donated items! All proceeds benefit our John LoGerfo Library.

Please donate gently used items such as: tools, garden ornaments, tuteurs, garden books, and terra cotta or fiberglass pots.

We'll also have plant material for sale: Bearded & Siberian Iris, Buddleia lindleyana, American Elm, chestnut, oaks, succulents, 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

MORE HAH EVENTS COMING THIS FALL

- **Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am via ZOOM - The Roundtable** returns moderated by Pamela Harwood. We will consider the challenges of drought and heat that we all experienced this summer and how we managed those challenges. Mark your calendars for more Roundtables this fall on November 5 and December 3. Watch email for ZOOM link.
- **FOG - Friends of the Garden** meets at **10:00 am on October 18** and the last meeting for the season will be on November 15.
- **Saturday, November 26 - Wreath Making Workshop** with Lydia Wallis. Watch for more details in Nov. newsletter.
- **Book Review Group** - This popular program will begin again at **11:00 am on Saturday, December 17** and continue on January 21, February 18, and March 18, 2023

Got Camellias? If so you're in the know. If not, why not?

Would you like to extend blooms in your garden? Have fresh, cut from the garden, flowers to decorate your Thanksgiving table? Possibly even a New Years gathering? Join us at our November 12 meeting for the discussion about *Camellia sasanqua* (autumn blooming camellia). With a blooming season extending from October into February (depending upon cultivar and weather conditions) there's a camellia for everyone. Don't let your garden meekly slip into a winter slumber.

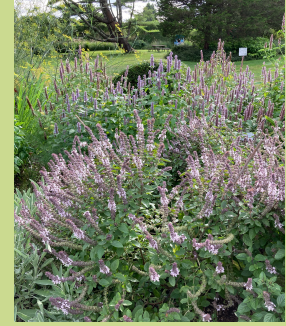
There will be myriad flowers on display.

The best time to establish camellias is spring planting in our area. Winter is the perfect time to explore the world of camellias (*sasanquas*- autumn blooming and *japonicas*-spring blooming) via the internet. dream the dream.

Hope you can join us on November 12 at 10:00 am in the HAH library.

George Biercuk

Many THANKS to Bridge Gardens and Rick Bogusch for hosting the HAH Summer Party in August. It was such a pleasure to see so many members in person again in a beautiful setting!



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

Backpack Explorer: Discovering Trees

Authored by the Editors of Storey Publications

What a delightful, action-packed, hands on field guide of a book about trees! Junior naturalists will enjoy fun information, creative activities, and imaginative questions. They will be encouraged to think about trees with all their senses whether in their backyard, neighborhood, local park or schoolyard. This is the fifth book in the best selling Backpack Series. Other titles include *On the Nature Trail*, *Beach Walk*, *Bird Walk*, and *Bug Hunt*.

Inside the front cover is a pocket holding a magnifying glass. Throughout the book are many suggestions on how to use the glass from viewing leaf veins to helping to count tree rings. A fold out journal provides a place to record tree findings and to draw what has been seen. A "Seek and Find" section, with 50 stickers, assists the child to track his/her discoveries by matching each sticker to the page where the object can be found.

Storey Publishing Company of North Adams, Massachusetts creates books that teach, inspire and promote self-reliance in their readers by encouraging them to be curious about what they see. Stop, Look, Listen, Touch and Smell are all inspiring topics in this book. Rubbing bark, creating patterns with leaves, designing leaf masks, hearing bird sounds and wind in the branches, gathering and sorting pine cones, the ideas are endless! If I was a child I would love this book.

Age: 4-8 years Grade: Pre-K to 4th grade

Reviewed by Joan DiMonda



MORE LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

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

Tuesday, October 4, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice. FREE.

Saturday, October 15, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Sustainable Gardening: Workshop & Book Signing with Vincent Simeone. \$10. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/sustainable-gardening-workshop-and-book-signing>

Saturday, October 22, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Autumn Open House. FREE but donations are appreciated. Reservations requested. Rain or shine. More info: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/autumn-open-house-2>

Garden Conservancy Virtual Programs, \$5 for Garden Conservancy Members, \$15 non-members.

Thursday, October 6, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Anna Pavord: The Seasonal Gardener. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-10-6-22-the-seasonal-gardener>

Thursday, October 20, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. James Golden: The View From Federal Twist. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-10-20-22-the-view-from-federal-twist>

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

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Floral Crowns with Josh Werber.

Saturday, October 15 + Sunday, October 16, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Stone Wall Making with Andrew Pighills.

Tuesday, October 18, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Dividing Perennials Workshop.

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

Sunday, October 2: Tips for Transplanting

Sunday, October 9: Orchids Care & Maintenance

Sunday, October 16: Choosing the Best Fall Bulbs for Your Garden

Sunday, October 23: How to Overwinter Dahlia Tubers

Sunday, October 30: Putting the Garden to Bed, Lawn Care & Fall Pruning

Saturday, October 1 to Sunday, December 18. A Celebration of Trees. Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: <https://www.southamptonartscenter.org/celebration-of-trees>

Sunday, October 2, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. The Cultural Landscape Foundation Garden Dialogues 2022: Water Mill, NY (3 gardens, addresses provided upon registration). \$200. This Garden Dialogue will be led by Christopher LaGuardia, Ian Hanbach, and Daniel Thorp from LaGuardia Design Group. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more info and to purchase tickets: <https://www.tclf.org/garden-dialogues-2022-water-mill-ny>

Saturday, October 15, 11:15am. Southampton Rose Society Annual Meeting and Luncheon/Lecture featuring Peter Ernst. The Meadow Club, 555 First Neck Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. \$125. For more info and to register: <https://southamptonrose.org/2022-events-schedule/>

Wednesday, October 19 to Sunday, October 23, Olmsted 200 Programming. October 19, Opening Reception. October 20-21, Olmsted Symposium: Situating the Residential Projects of the Olmsted Firm. October 22-23, What's Out There Long Island Weekend in Partnership with the Cultural Landscape Foundation. For more info and to register: <https://plantingfields.org/olmsted-symposium-2022/>

The Olde Towne Garden Club Annual Luncheon is to be held on Wednesday, November 9 at the Vineyards in Aquebogue. Floral Design Program by Rori Jones, auction and more. Doors open at 10:30, program starts at 11:30. Tickets (\$50) can be purchased from Cornelia at 631-283-1015 or cb8487@gmail.com Or send checks to The Olde Towne Garden Club, POB 2812, Southampton, NY 11969

SYLVESTER MANOR
80 NORTH FERRY ROAD, SHELTER ISLAND
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: 10 AM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH. RAIN DATE: NOVEMBER 15TH.
This beloved historic garden is in need of help to remove the invasive vines and multiflora roses that are choking its ancient boxwoods. Please email donnamdorian@gmail.com if you can attend.

Summer Visitors

Janis L. Murphy

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - *Archilochus colubris*. Worldwide there are over 350 species of hummingbirds and 115 genera. Family *Trochilidae*. The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only species found in Eastern US.

Value to the environment: Pollinates plants and disperses seeds.



While hummingbirds are important as pollinators and seed spreaders, it's fun to watch the aggressive little birds at a feeder. In the past, I placed these nectar feeders in adjacent flower borders and they were only moderately successful. This year I put one feeder near the kitchen window and the second on the other side of the house, away from any competing tall plants. The result was amazing: non-stop hummers: adult males, females and babies perched on top of the poles, they drank the nectar and chased each other away. They zoomed around the garden like mini-choppers and dived towards the cardinal climber flowers or hovered mid-air. It seemed to be all about the **location** of the feeders!

Male hummingbird at *Monarda* plant

Bat - Order *Chiroptera* - Over 1,400 species worldwide. The only flying mammal. Most are nocturnal.

Value to the environment: Eats mosquitos and other pests and insects, also moths. Pollinates plants and disperse seeds.

I hadn't noticed bats in my garden for many years so I was delighted when a visitor pointed them out on a warm summer night in early August, half an hour after sunset. Silhouetted against the dusk sky, they flew just above the treetops, swooped down, passed our house, disappeared and then reappeared making loops until it was too dark to see them. I watched out for them on a few subsequent evenings and was sometimes rewarded with a bat show. Other nights I was disappointed: maybe they weren't active until later when it was dark? They were probably **Eastern red bats, *Lasiurus borealis***, which roost on tree branches during the day, upside down, and hunt insects at night. In the winter, most eastern red bats migrate south and hibernate in tree hollows, tree trunks or on the ground covered with leaf litter.



Eastern red bats - photo from Quogue Wildlife Refuge

Very Early Spring Plants for Pollinators

Alicia Whitaker

In these waning days of summer, we can see many pollinators – wild bees, honey bees, bumble bees, hover flies, and wasps - feeding on the nectar and pollen in pollinator plants. They are literally fattening up ahead of winter. Insect pollinators will either hibernate or take shelter in hives and stay active and alive throughout the winter. What's astonishing is that when we have a warm spell and the first spring flowers bloom, we very quickly see bees, in particular, foraging. Early bloomers can provide a lifeline for pollinators when almost nothing else is available. Here are a few plants to consider and to plant now:

Crocus tomassinianus, a species (but not native) crocus is a very early bloomer and is not so attractive to squirrels and deer. It's the earliest bulb that appears in my garden, often on warm spells in February. "Tommies" should be planted in quantity – think 100, not 10 – and doing so will increase our chances of having many bloom. We all have tales of woe regarding our showier hybrid crocus, blooming a bit later, that are a favorite target for rabbits. *Crocus tomassinianus* naturalizes well with colors that vary from pale lavender to deep reddish purple.



Helleborus orientalis, or Lenten rose, is a late winter bloomer. It often blooms when snow is still present and has a long bloom period that continues into spring. They're native to Europe and Asia, and are an emergency source of food for insects if other native plants aren't blooming yet. Leaves, stems and roots are poisonous so they're not browsed by deer or rabbits. I have a few clumps planted against a hedge that are well protected and begin blooming in January and February, emerging after snow cover, even with tattered foliage that can be trimmed a bit later in the spring.



Salix discolor or Pussy Willow, a small species of willow, is a native plant. Pussy willows are among the very first to bloom, often in late winter. The fuzzy catkins are actually flowers. When in bloom they are covered with insects foraging on nectar and pollen. They're a delightful signal of the end of winter and beginning of spring. They need to be sited carefully as they easily become huge and thuggish, a problem solved by pruning. Avoid planting them near your water and sewer pipes, but they're perfect if you have damp area in your garden.



Hamamelis x intermedia, hybrid Witch Hazel, often blooms in February when almost nothing else is going on. The native witch hazel, *H. virginiana*, blooms in the late fall and is often a last way station for foraging pollinators. The winter blooming hybrids are nectar plants for bees and other pollinators and serve as a larval host for the Spring Azure Butterfly. These beautiful plants bloom in a variety of colors – yellow, copper, red - and are fragrant as well as beautiful. Win/win!

HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2022 - 2 pm

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, Cultivation and Kinship in the Web of Life*



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