



HAH Happenings

November 2022



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

631.537.2223 hahgarden.org
at the Bridgehampton Community House



On Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 2:00 pm
Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House
for a lecture by C. L. Fornari on
The 21st Century Flower Garden

The 21st Century Flower Garden is more than a bed of pretty flowers. These plants have a purpose! Random acts of kindness, privacy screening, celebrations, water conservation and pollinator pathways to name just a few...in addition to providing us with colorful blooms. Find out about changes in flower garden design and planting options, and how you might want to shake things up in your 21st century landscape.

C.L. Fornari is the author of eight books, including *Coffee for Roses* and *The Cocktail Hour Garden*. She's the host of GardenLine on WXTK, and co-host of the Plantrama podcast. She is a frequent speaker to groups nationwide, including green industry meetings, and has worked for a family-owned independent garden center for 25 years. C.L. grows vegetables, flowers, and numerous other plants at Poison Ivy Acres on Cape Cod. Connect with her at www.GardenLady.com

HAH Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 5 - Roundtable - 10:30-Noon - see page 4 for more info.

Sunday, November 13 - Annual Meeting and Lecture - 2 pm - see above.

Tuesday, November 15 - Friends of the Garden meet at 10:00 am, our last meeting for the year.

Saturday, November 26 - Wreath Making Workshop with Lydia Wallis - see page 5 for more info.

Saturday, December 3 - Roundtable - 10:30-Noon

Sunday, December 11 - Lecture followed by Holiday Party - 2 pm

Saturday, December 17 - Book Review Group - This popular program will begin at 11:00 am
and again on January 21, February 18, and March 18, 2023.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow members,

This month the transition from fall to winter accelerates. We'll turn the clocks back an hour and race to finish getting our bulbs in the ground (was anyone else overly ambitious with their orders or was it just me?). As the final leaves come off the trees and shrubs, it's an opportunity to study the structure of our gardens and start making plans for changes that can be implemented in the spring.

November is also a month to focus on gratitude. Among the many, many things I have to be grateful for are the dedicated, hardworking Board members and volunteers who help keep this organization going and all of you, the HAH community, for your engagement and enthusiasm. I'll be thinking of all of you this Thanksgiving.

All my best,
Erik



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Recording Secretary	Alicia Whitaker
Corresponding Secretary	Joan DiMonda
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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 Harder, Elaine Peterson

Proposed HAH 2023 Officers and Board of Directors

The following slate of officers for 2023 and two directors (who will serve through 2025) will be presented for the membership's vote at the annual meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

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SYLVESTER MANOR 80 NORTH FERRY ROAD, SHELTER ISLAND

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: 10 AM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.

RAIN DATE: NOVEMBER 15TH - 10 am

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.

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

Natural, Non-Toxic Vole Repellent

By Lois Sheinfeld

Some say when the earth comes to an end rats will be the sole survivors. My money is on voles. Voles are underground terrorists and my garden's Public Enemy No.1. They may look like cute, plump mice but these rodents are the spawn of the Devil and guilty of outrageously bad behavior. After burrowing under ground they are active day and night eating plants, bulbs, roots of trees and shrubs – most everything really, they aren't picky. Dogwoods, laburnum, styrax, edgeworthia, roses, camellias, azaleas, lespedezas, astilbes (Big-Mac for voles), epimedium, daylilies, woodland orchids, toxic hellebores and foxgloves, have been ravished and killed. I could go on and on. Nothing is safe.

Female voles as young as 4-6 weeks can mate throughout the year – that is, when they aren't eating. Once pregnant, gestation is only about three weeks, and each litter can have 3-6 young. (One reference said up to 10 young). Do the math: With that sort of reproductive ability they can, in a very short time, overrun a planet, much less a garden. Pretty darn horrifying.

What's an organic gardener to do?

Poisons and traps that also endanger beneficial wildlife (not to mention beneficial family members) are out of the question. I had some success with Sonic Molechasers that repel voles and other burrowing rodents with penetrating underground sonic sound at 15 second intervals. (Despite the name, moles are not my problem; they eat slugs, not plants, though voles are opportunists and will take over the moles' sub-soil tunnels). But Molechasers are powered by batteries and therefore useless in winter when batteries run out and can't be replaced. I was heartbroken one Spring – when the snow finally melted – to find several beloved camellia plants, loaded with buds, lying on the ground, rootless and dead.

There is a natural solution that works. Voles have sensitive skin and avoid tunneling through abrasive material. Since 2013 I've enjoyed great success repelling these underground terrorists by adding sharp particles of stone to the soil of new plants. First, mix a handful of stone with the soil on the bottom of the planting hole. Second, mix two handfuls of stone with the rest of the planting soil and fill in the hole around the plant. Finally, place a layer of stone around the base of the newly planted plant. My stone of choice is 3/8 Burgundy Red Chip purchased from Southampton Masonry, 1540 County Road 39, Southampton NY, phone: 631-259-8200. Protecting plants from predator damage is never ending. Experience tells me that nothing is foolproof at all times and in all circumstances. So with that caveat, I'm happy to say that this method has been working for 9 years and counting.

THE HAH ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM RETURNS IN PERSON THIS MONTH

Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 10:30am – Noon

There will be two big changes to the Roundtable for this session: first, we will meet in person again at the HAH Library and second, we will move the time up to 10:30am to give everyone a bit more time to arrive. And we have a great topic.

PEONIES

There are so many reasons to include Peonies in your garden. They are deer resistant, wonderfully fragrant, have beautiful blooms, are generally pest free, and are incredibly long-lived. Once planted, you will enjoy them for many years to come. When we first began our garden 30 years ago, Peonies were among our first plantings. My mother-in-law made divisions of several plants from her prized collection and transported them from New Jersey to our Bridgehampton property. In late spring they have been a focal point of our deer-resistant front garden ever since, still going strong.

So we're pleased to announce that HAH member **Susan Harder** will be on hand to speak to us about her collection of around 100 Peonies. Susan gardens in East Hampton. Our discussion will include:

- Dividing, transplanting, and planting Peonies. November is a very good month to do this work.
- Planting at the right depth and location to enable blooming
- Soil amendments
- Various varieties including herbaceous, tree, or a hybrid known as Itoh Peony
- Single, semi-double, and double flowers
- Staking methods to provide support while blooming
- Watering and mulching suggestions
- Avoiding and dealing with fungal and root rot issues



So please join us in person on Saturday, November 5th at 10:30am and, if you have varieties and experiences of your own to share, or any other gardening questions, we welcome your input.

Pamela Harwood, Moderator

Photographs: Susan Harder

Holiday Wreath Workshop

Saturday, November 26th

10:00 am, HAH Library



\$15.00/person to help defray costs

Please join us for this fun workshop and learn how to make a wreath the easy way. You will never purchase another ready-made wreath!

HAH will supply wreath forms, greens, ribbons, and decorations. If you would like to embellish your wreath, please bring some interesting greens from your garden. If you have a supply of white pine and a variety of pinecones, please bring them to use and to share. Holly doesn't last (neither does blue spruce or hemlock). Instead bring Osmanthus and we have artificial berries to add.

Please don't forget your clippers and gloves.

To register, please email Lydia Wallis: lydiapbw@optonline.net and cc Marie DiMonte: osprey23@optonline.net by November 19th at the latest.

Please send your check made out to: HAH
HAH, P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton 11932-0202

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

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

A Tree a Day - 365 of the World's Most Majestic Trees

Amy-Jane Beer



While browsing Southampton Books on Hampton Road I came across a charming book, A Tree a Day - 365 of the World's Most Majestic Trees, written by Amy-Jane Beer, an educator, writer and biologist, who has authored more than 30 books about nature. Xylem, stomata and photosynthesis are not considered in this book but rather the intersection of art, botany, folklore medicine, poetry and the rich history of trees are highlighted.

Each day of the year has one page with half text and half illustration. With award winning photography, classic art paintings and detailed illustrations, there is joy and excitement on every page. The timeless splendor and power of trees is illuminated throughout the 365 pages.

Dip in or out or spend contemplative moments each day discovering a new natural wonder. Attention is given to the role of creativity that is inspired by trees, from Klimt's birch trees to Shakespeare's Birnam Woods. If you need a gift for an upper elementary grade, junior high or high school student who loves nature, this is a fabulous choice.

Recommended for 4th-12th graders.

Reviewed by Joan DiMonda

NEW NAME for an old pest

In July of 2021 the Entomological Society of America renamed the "Gypsy Moth" to "Spongy Moth" due to the negative ethnic associations of the old name. The East End last had a big outbreak in the early 00's, but headlines about Spongy Moths are in our future, possibly soon, as the cycle for outbreaks is 10-15 years. Likely everything you ever wondered about Spongy Moths and their voracious caterpillars is covered on the NYS DEC webpage <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83118.html>



2022 KARISH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons is pleased to announce three new recipients of the Paul Karish Scholarship: Uma Comfort of Bridgehampton, Angelina Higgins of Greenport and Jordan Reed of Sag Harbor.

The annual scholarship is awarded to students of horticulture or related fields, on behalf of the Paul Karish Fund. Paul Karish bequeathed an education trust to promote awareness and excellence in the art and science of horticulture, a mission shared by the HAH. Since Paul Karish's passing in 1991, the HAH and its members have contributed to the fund in Paul's memory, to foster the tradition of horticulture on the East End. The annual merit-based scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and students currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per student. Paul Karish was a President of the Rhododendron Society and a founding member of the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons.

MORE GARDEN EVENTS - LOCAL OR VIRTUAL

Tuesday, November 1, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Hedge Pruning Workshop. Landcraft Garden Foundation, 4342 Grand Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952. FREE. For more info and to register: <https://www.landcraftgardenfoundation.org/event/hedge-pruning-workshop/>

Garden Conservancy Virtual Programs, \$5 for Garden Conservancy Members, \$15 non-members. **Thursday, November 3, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Cold-Hardy Fruit and Nuts.** For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-11-3-22-cold-hardy-fruit-and-nuts>

Thursday, November 17, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Stamps & Stamps: Style & Sensibility. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-11-17-22-stamps-stamps-style-sensibility>

Saturday, November 12, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Caring for Your Mature Trees and Shrubs: Guided Tree Walk. Led by Rick Bogusch and Jackson Dodds. Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. FREE. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/caring-for-your-mature-trees-and-shrubs-guided-tree-walk>

Events at Marders, 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: <https://www.marders.com/events>

Sunday, November 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am: Lecture & Demonstration: Potting up Paperwhites. FREE.

Sunday, November 20. Wreath Making Workshops. Morning session from 10:00 am to 11:00 am or afternoon session from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. \$125 for adults, \$85 for children between 10-12 (no children under 10); all materials provided. Prepaid reservations required and space is limited.

Ongoing through Sunday, December 18. A Celebration of Trees. Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. For up-to-date info on the many exhibition programs: <https://www.southamptonartscenter.org/celebration-of-trees>

Membership Renewals Mailed

As a calendar year organization, we mail renewal forms in late October for the year 2023. Included in this mailing you will find a comprehensive listing of the HAH Benefits of Membership. We are always updating this form, therefore, be sure to review carefully. Look for your renewal form and mail back early to continue receiving our monthly Newsletter and to be advised of upcoming events. You can also provide us with your email address so that you will be sure to receive timely reminders of the dates/times of lectures, workshops, roundtables, and special events. We will also need your email so that we can forward timely ZOOM links for virtual programs utilizing Constant Contact. Please be assured that we never share, or sell, our mailing list with other organizations.

Questions regarding Membership can be directed to Bettina Benson at HAHMember@optonline.net

HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2022 - 2 pm

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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