



HAH Happenings

April 2023



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, April 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House
for a talk by **Fred Landman** on
Sleepy Cat Farm: A Gardener's Journey



Fred and his wife, Seen Lippert, reside at Sleepy Cat Farm in Greenwich, Connecticut. After retirement from the business world, Fred went from a weekend aficionado to a full-time gardener. Over the past 20 years, the garden has evolved from a quaint suburban backyard to a 13-acre multi-faceted garden experience, including a stroll garden through a woodland with its own grotto, a meadow and sacred grove, a wetland with an elevated spirit walk, an iris garden and several formal garden rooms with reflecting pools and koi ponds.

Seen, a professional chef who spent over a decade cooking at Chez Panisse in California, stays close to the culinary world and helps plan the extensive vegetable gardens and uses for the fruit orchard's' abundance. Sleepy Cat Farm operates as a foundation and is open to groups on approved request, and for the Garden Conservancy Open Days members since 2007. Fred was elected to the Garden Conservancy's board of directors in 2020 and is also a member of the Friends of Horticulture Committee at Wave Hill in the Bronx.

HAH APRIL EVENTS

Saturday, April 1, 10:30 am - 12:00 - HAH Roundtable - in person at the HAH Library - see p. 3.

Saturday, April 15, 10:00 - Camellia Group Spring Meeting - in person at the HAH Library - see p. 4.

Sunday, April 16, 2 pm - Talk by Fred Landman of *Sleepy Cat Farm* - see above.

Saturday, April 22, 10 am - 12 pm - Earth Day walk in Historic Bridgehampton, see p. 4.

Sunday, April 23, 2 pm - 4pm - ZOOM presentation on "Effective Solutions for Dealing with Deer" - see p. 5.

HAH 2023 Garden Fair is coming...see page 2!!!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow members,

Happy Spring! There are so many highlights during this season but if I could only pick one it would be the arrival of daffodils. Daffodils make my heart sing in the spring! I love them and I am so grateful the deer do not so we can enjoy them "*tossing their heads in sprightly dance*" (Wordsworth) along roadsides and in gardens across the East End. Some of our members have really special collections and of course the display at LongHouse is a particular highlight. I hope you get out and enjoy whatever part of the season brings your heart the most delight.

April will be busy at HAH: our last Roundtable until the fall, not one but two lectures, the Camellia Group's spring meeting, an Earth Day walk in Bridgehampton, and Friends of the Garden will meet to take care of our garden. Read on for more details and keep an eye on your email for updates, Zoom links, etc.

April showers bring May flowers... *and our Garden Fair!* Invitations to the Preview on Friday, May 19th, will be in the mail shortly (but you can purchase your tickets on our website anytime). Please come! As always, we need your help as volunteers to make the Fair a success. Thank you to those who have already offered help and if you haven't signed up for a volunteer spot yet, please do! Many hands make light work... and you will have fun working alongside fellow members, surrounded by beautiful plants.

All my best,

Erik



HAH 2023

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The Library Chairperson (who serves on the Board with a vote) will be: Joan DiMonda

On occasion the board may appoint someone to fill an unexpired term if necessary.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Elaine Peterson

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PHOTOS this month - George Biercuk, Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson

HAH 2023 GARDEN FAIR

Preview Party - Friday, May 19 - 5-7pm

Garden Fair - Saturday, May 20 - 9am - 1pm

Watch the mail for your invitation!!

OR go to our website NOW and order your tickets at hahgarden.org/GardenFair

FOG – Friends of the Garden

Anyone who enjoys gardening is welcome to join.

The gardening dates for 2023 are Tuesdays

**April 4, May 2, May 30, June 27, July 25,
August 22, September 19, October 17 and
November 14**

We usually start at about 10 AM

Looking forward to seeing you in the Spring!

Cornelia Bostwick

HAH ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM IN PERSON AT THE HAH LIBRARY

Saturday, April 1, 2023 (no fooling!) at 10:30am – Noon

GARDENING FOR WELL BEING **Creating a Garden Sanctuary**

Does this sound familiar? While in the garden weeding, raking, planting, or doing any of the other myriad things it takes to maintain your special place, all the day-to-day cares recede while you are focusing on the tasks in hand. Or you are taking a break, or entertaining friends, and realize how relaxed and happy you are enjoying the sights, sounds, and fragrances that surround you. Sometimes you're not actually in the garden, but are dreaming about it and wishing you were there, feeling like that again. Aren't these some of the reasons why we love to garden and be in our gardens, or to visit the gardens of others?

What are the elements of a garden that maximize our enjoyment of them through sight, smell, sound, and touch? How do we create a garden that soothes our souls? That's what we'll discuss at our next and final Roundtable of this season. Topics include:



Pollinator Gardens: I will present a selection of plants, with a mix of native and non-native, that will attract lots of beneficial wildlife so we can enjoy the sights and sounds of butterflies, bees, and birds. Many of these are thankfully deer-resistant on the East End, so those will be noted.

Fragrance: Isn't it wonderful to stroll through a garden and enjoy the wonderful perfume of certain flowers? We'll discuss which plants provide flowers that exude this pleasing feature.

Among those are certain types of roses, and that's why we are so fortunate that member **Ernest Cavallo** (known to many for his marvelous collection of Snowdrops), will share his knowledge about growing David Austen roses, which unlike many hybrids still have intoxicating fragrances.

The garden can provide other soothing fragrances, including those from herbs, the smell of earth after a rainfall, and even freshly cut grass.

Examples of other garden features that can add so much to our well-being, and positively enhance our state of mind, and which will be discussed, are:

Water Features ♦ Soothing Sounds ♦ Privacy ♦ Seating Areas
Focal Points and Views ♦ Walking Paths
Color ♦ Sun and Shade ♦ Meditative Labyrinths ♦ Textures

So please join us in person on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 10:30am and if you have experiences of your own to share we very much look forward to hearing your stories. Other gardening questions are also welcome, as are guests.



Regards, **Pamela Harwood, Moderator**

Photos by Pamela Harwood

Camellia not Camilla

Royalty, Nonetheless

Heralder of warming spring. *Camellia japonica*s have been the reigning queen of more southern U.S. spring gardens for well over a century. Extensive breeding with extremely cold hardy camellias from the Korean peninsular decades ago has resulted in many cultivars well adapted to our region.

The snowdrops, hellebores, crocuses and hamamelis bravely bloomed in late winter/early spring. In the warming days of advancing spring *Camellia japonica* locally begin to bloom in their wondrous glory, exhibiting a kaleidoscope of flower forms and colors.



Join our April 15 meeting at 10am in the HAH library where a wondrous display of members' collections will be presented.

JOIN HAH Members for

An "Earth Day" Walk Down Main Street in Bridgehampton

Saturday, April 22, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Led by Julie Greene, Southampton Town Historian

Rain or Shine

Please join us for a special "Earth Day" walking tour down historic Main Street in Bridgehampton. Julie Greene, Southampton Town Historian, will speak at each of our stops, expounding on the rich history of Bridgehampton. This moderately paced walk will include stops at the Corwith Museum, the Revolutionary Marching Ground, the Rogers House and the Windmill on Ocean Road. The tour starts at 10:00am in the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons (HAH) Library in the Bridgehampton Community House, Montauk Highway, corner of School Street. See you there!

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



HAH guest, Maryann Arendt, and HAH Librarian, Joan Dimonda enjoyed the "welcome back to the library" mini celebration on Saturday, March 11. Twenty-two people registered for the event. After introductions and sharing of garden journeys, there was a tour of the library. Many games are played at celebrations and ours was no different. We played a garden game that got everyone up and talking to each other, great fun! A history of John LoGerfo rounded out the celebration. He was a brilliant visionary and we should all be proud to stand on his shoulders!

Joan Dimonda

**Don't miss this HAH ZOOM presentation on
Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

“Effective Solutions for Dealing with Deer” Presented by Brad Roeller

April is a prime time to talk about deer deterrent strategies as deer begin to transition from a primarily browsing animal to a grazing one. Brad Roeller, a Board member of Innisfree Garden, has spent 40+ years of gardening in deer country and has created an experimental “Deer Browse Garden”. He will share his findings about the environmental and biological factors which influence deer and their food choices so that you can implement informed strategies to deer-proof your landscape.

Zoom link will be e-mailed prior to the event. No need to pre-register.

SUFFOLK ALLIANCE FOR POLLINATORS (SAP)

We who are gardeners know about the global crises we are experiencing regarding the reduction of pollinators, the insect Armageddon, and overall threats to biodiversity. One of the things that we can do as individuals and communities in the face of these issues is to take action, beginning with three simple measures:

1. Plant native plants, especially pollinator plants
2. Reduce the size of our lawns
3. Eliminate the use of insecticides and pesticides

These are the actions called for by a new coalition of garden clubs, conservation organizations, master gardeners, libraries, and county legislators who want to make an impact in Suffolk County—the Suffolk Alliance for Pollinators (SAP). Not only do we need more pollinator gardens, we also need pollinator pathways that connect gardens to help foraging insects and birds thrive.

Roxanne Zimmer, of the Cornell Cooperative Extension, came up with the idea of pulling together the organizations and people who care about these issues to work together to support each other. This is a voluntary effort, a loose coalition and alliance, designed to complement the work of the Suffolk County legislator's Pollinator Pathway Task Force. The goal is to share resources, prevent “reinventing the wheel”, and find new ways to inspire and educate the non-gardening public so that we can create a robust Pollinator Pathway throughout Suffolk County.

The first organizing meeting took place in early February. Because Suffolk County is a large area, we broke into four groups to enable people who live close to each other to work together. A second meeting for the group as a whole will be held in person and virtually on March 25, with more work to come. Joan DiMonda of HAH and Marisa Nelson of the Quogue Wildlife Reserve are leading the team for the East End. Some of the organizations involved to date include the Peconic Land Trust, ChangeHamptons, Quogue Wildlife Reserve, Westhampton Garden Club, Save the Great South Bay, and Rewild LI, among many others. Stay tuned for more information about SAP; there will be many ways for interested HAH members to participate.

Alicia Whitaker

LATE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING IN THE GARDEN: OUTSTANDING PLANTS

Our March 4, 2023 Roundtable was held in person and we were thrilled to greet so many attendees in person. **Erika Shank** prepared a fabulous presentation on **spring ephemerals and early flowering bulbs, trees, and shrubs** with images projected on our large screen. As there were requests for a listing of the plants, we decided to share this with all members, although space prevents us from listing the cultivars, origins, and growing tips shared at the Roundtable. Thank you, Erika, for the following information. Thank you also to Lori Barnaby, who shared tips and samples for forcing branches of early spring-flowering trees and shrubs for early indoor displays. I took home a sample of a dormant cherry tree branch, my husband Peter used a vegetable peeler (tool tip!) to remove the bark from the bottom few inches, we placed the branch in a vase filled with warm water, and, voila, it's beginning to flower!

---Pamela Harwood, Moderator

"Ephemerals are a sublime gift to nature at the end of a long winter. They appear for a short time, harbingers of spring! These plants must grow, flower, be pollinated, set seed, and store energy within a few short weeks, all before the trees and shrubs leaf out and cast shade. They have their moment in the sun. They store enough food in their underground tubers, corms, or rhizomes to last until the following spring. They go dormant, and their foliage disappears from view shortly after they stop flowering. The natural habitat for most spring ephemerals is a woodland setting."



Anemone quinquefolia (Wood Anemone)
 Anemonella thalictroides (Rue Anemone)
 Arisaema triphyllum (Jack in the Pulpit)
 Caltha palustris (Marsh Marigold)
 Calypso bulbosa (Lady Slipper orchid)
 Cammassia leichtlinii
 Cardamine concatenata (Cutleaf Toothwort)
 Chionodoxa (Glory- of- the- Snow)
 Claytonia virginica (Shooting Star)
 Crocus tommasianus
 Deocatheon pulchellum (Shooting Star)
 Dicentra canadensis (Squirrel Corn)
 Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's Breeches)
 Eranthis hyemalis (Winter Aconite)
 Erythronium americanum (Trout Lily)
 Erythronium deus-canis (Dogtooth Violet)
 Fritillaria meleagris (Snake's Gead Fritillary)
 Fritillaria pudica (Yellow Fritillaria)
 Galanthus (Snowdrop)
 Hyacinthoides hispanica (Spanish Bluebell
 or Wood Hyacinth)
 Ipheion uniflorum (Spring Star Flower)
 Iris reticulata
 Jeffersonia diphylla (Twinleaf)
 Leucojum (Summer Snowflake)
 Lewisia redivia (Bitterroot)
 Mertensia virginica (Virginia Bluebell)
 Muscari (Grape Hyacinth)
 Pulsatilla patens (Pasque Flower)
 Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot)
 Stylophorum diphyllum (Celandine Poppy)
 Trillium erectum
 Trillium grandiflorum
 Tulipa clusiana

Early Herbaceous Perennials

Erica carnea (Winter Heaths)
 Primula veris (Cowslip)
 Primula grandiflora rosea (Himalayan Meadow
 Primrose)
 Primula malacoides
 Petasites japonicus (Butterbur)

MORE LOCAL EAST END GARDENING EVENTS IN APRIL

Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2. Rites of Spring: LongHouse Opening Weekend Celebration. LongHouse Reserve, 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937. For more info: <https://longhouse.org/collections/2023-events/products/rites-of-spring-opening-weekend>

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

Thursday, April 6, 2:00 pm. Curating a New Nature. <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-4-6-23-curating-a-new-nature>

Thursday, April 13, 2:00 pm. POP-UP WEBINAR: Piet Oudolf At Work. <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/pop-up-webinar-piet-oudolf-at-work>

Thursday, April 20, 2:00 pm. Black Flora: A Conversation About Inspiring Black Flower Farmers and Florists. <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-4-20-23-black-flora-a-conversation-about-inspiring-black-flower-farmers-and-florists>

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

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Spring Pick-Me-Up: Moss and Bulb Baskets for Indoors. \$108 for members, \$120 for non-members.

Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Start the Season Bright: Spring Containers to Wake Up the Garden. \$108 for members, \$120 for non-members.

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Invasive Plant Management: I.D. and Control Options. FREE

Friday, April 14. Madoo Conservancy opens for the season. Fridays and Saturdays from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. More info: madoo.org

April 14-16. Hamptons Doc Fest presents a 3 film series in celebration of Earth Day week spotlighting "All in for the Aquifer". For more info and to purchase tickets: <https://www.hamptonsdocfest.com/docs-equinox-2023>

Saturday, April 22. Southampton Rose Society Rose Planting and Pruning Session with Peter Bertrand. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: <https://southamptonrose.org>

Friday, April 28, 11:00 am. Southampton's Treasured Trees. (Online) FREE. For more info and to register: <https://www.southamptonhistory.org/event-details/southamptons-treasured-trees>

Saturday, April 29, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Spring Gardening School 2023. Suffolk County Farm, 350 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980. For more info and to register: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/ifobx/pbsj>

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, April 2: Dealing with Moles & Voles

Sunday, April 16: Caring for Roses Organically

Sunday, April 23: Dividing & Planting Overwintered Dahlia Tubers

Sunday, April 30: Are You Loving Your Houseplants to Death? Choosing, Care, & Maintenance.

HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2023 - 2 pm
At the Bridgehampton Community Center, Main Hall
2357 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton, NY

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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