



HAH Happenings

May 2023



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, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House

for a talk by **James Golden** on

The View from Federal Twist:

A New Way of Thinking About Gardens, Nature and Ourselves



James Golden, born in Mississippi though resident in New York City for most of his adult life, was a writer in the corporate world. Nearing retirement and embarking on what he happily calls *la vita nuova*, he moved to a property near the Delaware in western New Jersey to make a garden. When he began the garden, he also began a now well-known blog, **The View from Federal Twist**. <https://federaltwist.com/>

Over 20 years on, James is a celebrated garden maker and thinker whose garden, Federal Twist, has featured in numerous publications including The New York Times, Gardens Illustrated, the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, Horticulture, Elle Décor, Better Homes and Gardens, and in several garden books. On visiting Federal Twist for the American Gardens BBC film series, Monty Don, the British TV gardening celebrity, said “after over 50 years of gardening and visiting gardens, it made me rethink what a garden can be and do.” James recently published a new book on his garden—The View from Federal Twist: A New Way of Thinking about Gardens, Nature and Ourselves. Copies of his book will be available for sale after the lecture.

HAH ANNUAL GARDEN FAIR - MAY 19 AND MAY 20

As always, you will find a great assortment of plants for sale at great prices, carefully chosen from many fine local East End wholesale specialty growers as well as plants dug from HAH members' gardens.

- Annuals and Tropicals and Edibles
- Perennials and Vines (Clematis and Honeysuckle) and Roses
- Shrubs and Trees - an exciting array of choices
- Rare and unusual plants for the connoisseur - including succulents, delightful woodland gems, miniature specialites and lesser known varieties, many of which were grown by passionate HAH members for donation to the Fair.
- Natives - grown by Vicki Bustamante from seeds personally collected in the wild hereabouts!
- Deer Resistant, pollinator attractors, butterfly loved plants - HAH is eager to supply you with the best of these available in spring. We are much concerned about the continuation of a healthy, natural habitat for all of our native species, as are you!
- Come and talk with our knowledgeable volunteers to see what you can add to your garden for the health of our environment. Ask us questions. We are happy to help you make selections! **SEE PAGES 2-5 FOR DETAILS!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow members,

Our gardens will grow and fill in by leaps and bounds this month but we all know there's always room for more plants. Fortunately, HAH can help with that! Our Garden Fair on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 will have an incredible assortment of plants for you -- everything from Agastache to Zizia -- and tons in between. There are details about what we expect to be selling in this newsletter so you can start your wishlist. Shop with abandon, knowing that your new plants will enhance the beauty of your garden and that you'll also be supporting HAH, enabling us to continue providing the programming you enjoy so much.

At the Garden Fair Preview on Friday, May 19 we'll be honoring Elaine Peterson, our newsletter editor and past HAH Board member and President. I actually met Elaine before I was an HAH member, visiting her garden as part of the Garden Conservancy Open Days program. I've had the great fortune to return many times since and I am inspired every time: by Elaine's knowledge of plants, her sophisticated design eye, and her generosity (it's not unusual for me to leave with goodies from her garden). I consider Elaine a mentor and friend, and I am a better gardener for having her in my life. Elaine brings so much to our organization and we are lucky she shares her time and talent so generously. Please join us in celebrating Elaine... and treat yourself to the best selection of plants by purchasing your tickets to the Friday Preview at <https://hahgarden.org/gardenfair/>.

One last request: if you have any special pull with Mother Nature, please put in a good word for the weather the weekend of the Fair. I look forward to seeing you there!

All my best,

Erik

HAH 2023

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

President	Erik Brockmeyer
First Vice President	Greg Wiseman
Second Vice President	Janet Ollinger
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Marie DiMonte	'23
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The Library Chairperson (who serves on the Board with a vote) is: Joan DiMonda

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

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Elaine Peterson

WEBSITE EDITOR - Michael Longacre

MEMBERSHIP & MAILING - Bettina and John Benson

PHOTOS this month - Janis Murphy, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank, Ruth Ann Stanley, Greg Wiseman

The HAH GARDEN FAIR is open to all
- with free admission -
from 9 am - 1 pm on
Saturday, MAY 20
on the Grounds of the
Bridgehampton Community House
Come fill your cart with treasures dug
from local gardens and from fine
professional growers on Long Island.
You will be supporting the great year
round programs of HAH with every
purchase you make!

FOG – Friends of the Garden

Anyone who enjoys gardening is welcome to join.
 The gardening dates for 2023 are Tuesdays
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 there!

Cornelia Bostwick



At the Bridgehampton Community House
2357 Montauk Highway at School Street,
Bridgehampton

Please join us for our Spring
Garden Fair Preview
Friday, May 19, 2023
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Single admission \$50 in advance
hahgarden.org/GardenFair

\$60 at the door

Silent Auction of Beautifully Planted Containers
First Choice of All Plants for Sale

The Board of the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons is pleased to announce that we will be honoring **Elaine Peterson** at our Garden Fair Preview Party on May 19th! Elaine grew up amidst a family of devoted gardeners and her current garden in Montauk, created with her husband Richard Kahn, reflects her deep love and respect for the natural world. Together they have created an oasis that is not only beautiful, it offers a rich palette of plants, shrubs, and trees to support wildlife. Elaine has an innate sense of stewardship and values working with nature, gardening organically for the benefit of the environment and wildlife. An astrologer, Elaine is a keen observer of natural cycles on earth and in the heavens and applies these observations to practical use. She wrote about this on her former blog, *Moontauk*, and continues to publish *Gardening By the Moon* on the HAH website (see the Plant Info tab). Elaine joined HAH in 1987 and has actively volunteered since 2001 wearing many hats at HAH, serving on the board, as President 2013-2015, newsletter editor, and chair of perennials for the Garden Fair. She was the original designer of the current HAH website. Thank you, Elaine, from HAH!



HAH Garden Fair Silent Auction at the Preview Party

We have many planted containers and other garden-related items to tempt you at the HAH Garden Fair! Most are provided by our community garden partners, as well as by HAH members. Planted containers represent the mainstays of our offerings, but we also have a few unusual items this year, including the following:



- A cord of firewood, delivered and stacked at your home, donated by Jackson Dodds
- A mango wood planter with an organic shape donated by Landcraft Environments
- An antique garden column, with lovely patina, donated by Lori Barnaby
- An original drawing by author/artist Abbie Zabar
- A Gorilla Garden Cart, donated by Pat Matheson
- A first edition 1904 book about Gertrude Jekyll



Bidding begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19 and will close later that evening around 6:30 p.m.

Perennials at the Garden Fair

These are chosen from Glover Perennials' amazing inventory and there will be others added to our collection after our visit to the nursery the week before the sale!

Agastache foeniculum 1 QT
 Allium maximowiczii 'Album' 1 QT
 Allium senescens 'Mongolian Gem' 3 QT
 Amsonia 'Blue Ice' 3 QT
 Amsonia hubrichtii 3 QT
 Amsonia tabernaemontana 'Blue Star' 3 QT
 Angelica gigas 4 QT
 Aquilegia canadensis. 3 QT
 Asclepias incarnata ssp. pulchra..1 QT
 Asclepias verticillata 3 QT
 Aster laevis 4 QT
 Aster 'Purple Dome' 3 QT
 Astilbe 'Snowdrift' 3 QT
 Baptisia australis..3 QT
 Baptisia australis var. minor 3 QT
 Baptisia 'Pixie Periwinkle' 3 QT
 Baptisia tinctoria 3 QT
 Calamintha 'Compact Blue' 3 QT
 Calamintha 'Montrose White' 1 QT.
 Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'..Variegated Sedge 3 QT
 Ceanothus americanus 3 QT
 Cimicifuga racemosa 3 QT
 Clematis 'Betty Corning' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Bee's Jubilee' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Charmaine' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Diana's Delight' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Diamantina' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Etoile Violette' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Henryi' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Parisienne' 4 QT
 Clematis 'Sapphire Indigo' 4 QT
 Clematis 'The President' 4 QT
 Coreopsis 'SunKiss' 3 QT
 Coreopsis 'Summer Sunshine' 4 QT
 Delphinium exaltatum 3 QT
 Dianthus 'Greystone' 3 QT
 Dianthus plumarius 'Rose de Mai'..3 QT
 Dicentra spectabilis 6 QT 3
 Digitalis ambigua 4 QT
 Digitalis lutea 4 QT
 Digitalis 'Snow Thimble' 4 QT
 Echinacea pallida 1 QT
 Epimedium 'Domino' 3 QT
 Eryngium 'Blue Glitter' 3 QT
 Euphorbia 'Ruby Glow' 3 QT
 Fern Dryopteris erythrosora 'Brilliance' 1 QT
 Fern Athyrium otophorum Limelight Lady 1 QT

Fern polystichum polyblepharum...Tassel Fern 3 QT
 Geranium macrorrhizum..'Album' 3 QT
 Geranium 'Azure Rush' 3 QT
 Gillenia trifoliata..Bowman's Root 3 QT
 Heliopsis 'Bleeding Hearts' 4 QT
 Helianthemum 'Ben Nevis' 2 QT
 Helianthemum 'Wisley Primrose' 2 QT
 Helleborus 'Anna's Red' 3 QT
 Helleborus foetidus 3 QT
 Heuchera 'Guacamole' 3 QT
 Heuchera 'Paris' 3 QT
 Hosta 'First Frost' 3 QT
 Hosta 'Haddspen Blue' 3 QT
 Hypericum 'Hidcote' 6 QT
 Hyssopus officinalis 'Dwarf Blue'..3 QT
 Kalimeris 'Blue Star'..3 QT
 Kalimeris pinnatifida 'Hortensis' 4 QT
 Lavendula 'Hidcote' 3 QT
 Ligularia 'Pandora' 3 QT
 Lobelia 'Black Truffle' 3 QT
 Lonicera 'Goldflame' 4 QT
 Lonicera periclymenum 'Serotina'..Honeysuckle 4 QT
 Monarda bradburiana 3 QT
 Monarda fistulosa 'Newago' 4 QT
 Monarda 'Purple Rooster' 4 QT
 Nepeta 'Joanna Reed'..4 QT
 Nepeta x faassenii 'Walker's Low'..3 QT
 Papaver 'Royal Wedding' 3 QT
 Parthenium integrifolium 2 QT
 Penstemon 'Dakota Burgundy' 4 QT
 Perovskia 'Little Spire' 4 QT
 Rhododendron viscosum 3 QT
 Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low' 4 QT
 Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush' 4 QT
 Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Henry Eilers' 6 QT
 Salvia nemerosa 'Caradonna'..Garden Sage 3 QT
 Salvia nemerosa 'East Friesland' 3 QT
 Sanguisorba 'Lilac Squirrel' 4 QT
 Scutellaria serrata 3 QT
 Thalictrum 'Black Stockings'..Meadow Rue 6 QT
 Thalictrum 'Nimbus White' 6 QT
 Tulbaghia violacea 'Tricolor' 3 QT
 Vernonia lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly'.. 3 QT
 Veronica incana 'Pure Silver' 3 QT
 Wisteria macrostachya 'Clara Mack' 4 QT
 Zizia aurea..Golden Alexanders 3 QT

There will be many other perennials in the DIGS section that are from members' own gardens. These are local favorites, well adapted to our East End location.

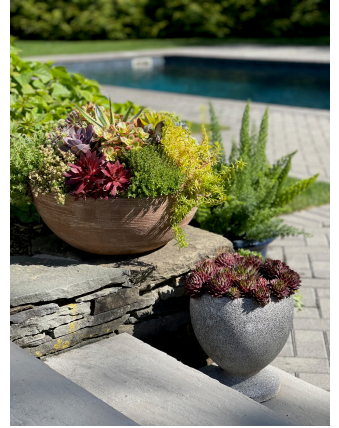
WHAT ELSE WILL YOU FIND AT THE FAIR?



HAH Board member, Ruth Ann Stanley, writes:

Here are 2 of my purchases from last year's fair. I was fortunate enough to win the beautiful succulent planter donated by Fort Pond Native Plants in Montauk in the silent auction. It created a stunning center piece in my garden and continued to change and delight all the way into the fall.

The other plant I loved was the *Amsonia tabernaemontana*. The ice blue flowers in the late spring/early summer attracted pollinators, and the foliage provided an interesting texture thereafter.



Our wonderful Garden Fair will be back this year in "Full Bloom"! "Rain or Shine" –those red wagons will be available, ready for you to fill up. Come early for the best selection.

Fabulous annuals from Landcraft Environments and Beds & Borders will be available not only to enhance your gardens but to bring a smile to the faces of all those pollinators out there anticipating the feast. We'll have annuals from "A to Z" - Agastache, Angelonia, Felicia, Nicotiana, Salvia, Zinnia - all in spectacular condition, begging to be popped right into the ground or into containers waiting to be filled. We look forward to seeing you and will help with answers to any of your questions and we thank you profusely for supporting our one and only fund raiser of the year.

Marie DiMonte, Annuals Chair



HAH board member, Greg Wiseman, writes:

There's an old adage that the best time to plant a tree is 10 years ago. Over the years I've purchased many trees at the HAH Plant Fair. My absolute favorite of all time is *Acer palmatum* 'Mikawa yatsubusa' dwarf Japanese Maple. I fell in love immediately with the tight packages of emerald green leaf clusters that densely cover the branches. What I didn't expect is that because of its erratic branching habit, it also has amazing winter structure and interest after all of those leaves turn a beautiful orange in fall and then drop to reveal the beautiful architecture. Since buying the tree as a little three-foot sprite,

it has grown over the years to a 15 foot tall statement. I can definitely say, that the best time to buy this tree was many years ago. Join us at the Plant Fair and find your favorite tomorrow tree!



SOME LOCAL EAST END GARDENING EVENTS IN MAY, 2023

Thursday, May 4, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. Garden Conservancy: The House of a Lifetime: Collecting Northern Morocco Memories with Umberto Pasti and Ngoc Minh Ngo (Online). \$5 GC members, \$15 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-5-4-23-the-house-of-a-lifetime-collecting-northern-morocco-memories>

Friday, May 12, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Southampton Rose Society Children's Mini Rose Planting & Art Workshop. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: <https://southamptonrose.org>

Events at Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. For more info and to register: madoo.org

Friday, May 12, 9:00 am. Beginners Topiary Workshop with Darren Lerigo. \$150

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am. Advanced Topiary Workshop with Darren Lerigo. \$150

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

Saturday, May 13, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Your Vegetable Garden, Step 2: Planting for Summer Harvest. Suggested donation of \$5. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/your-vegetable-garden-step-2-planting-for-summer-harvest>

Tuesdays, May 16, 23, & 30, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice. FREE.

Saturday, May 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Suspended Beauty: Mounting Epiphytic Ferns and Orchids. \$98 for members, \$108 non-members. Landcraft Garden Foundation, 4342 Grand Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952. For more info and to register: <https://www.landcraftgardenfoundation.org/event/suspended-beauty-mounting-epiphytic-ferns-and-orchids/>

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, May 13, times vary by garden. 3 Gardens in East Hampton & Wainscott. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-24>

There is also a Digging Deeper program on this date: **The Garden's Development and Evolution, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.** \$30 members, \$40 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/digging-deeper-the-garden-s-development-and-evolution>

Saturday, May 27, times vary by garden. 3 Gardens on the North Shore. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-25>

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

Sunday, May 7: Caring for Roses Organically

Sunday, May 14: Starting, Growing & Caring for Herbs and Vegetables

Sunday, May 21: Not the Usual Suspects: Designing and Creating Containers with Tropicals

Janis Murphy writes:

I just had this nice surprise in my "woodland" garden: *Sanguinaria canadensis* 'Multiplex' the double form of Bloodroot purchased at an HAH plant sale from Bettina Benson a few years ago.

Watch for more woodland delights on the Connoisseur's Table at the HAH GARDEN FAIR, MAY 19 - 20.



HAH LoGerfo Library News

Many thanks to all the HAH members and guests who attended one of the three mini-celebrations in March. It was truly a great pleasure to visit with old friends and of course make new acquaintances.

At the last mini-celebration, I was asked to publicize my talk about John LoGerfo, for whom our library was named. I had been curious about him and with some digging around, and with tremendous assistance from Elaine Peterson and Erika Shank, a picture emerged of a very intelligent, knowledgeable, dedicated and determined individual. The following are my remarks from the mini-celebration.

John LoGerfo was a medical technologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in NYC in the 1950's. He received a faculty appointment in the Biology Department at C.W. Post on Long Island in 1958. He remained at Post for 30 years and won the Dean's Award for Exceptional Contribution in Education at the School of Health Professions. He initiated many of the programs taught at the school of health professions...nutrition, nursing, nuclear medicine, health administration, community health cytotechnology, and radiologic technology.

Each year he received major grants for Post that were used for laboratory development, state of the art equipment, new courses, new instructors and fellowships for students. Because of his efforts the health care system in the New York area and elsewhere included many C.W. Post alumni in leadership positions in hospitals, research centers, and universities. John received his Doctorate in Education from Columbia University at this time. Even in retirement he continued to be involved in education. He was associated with Southampton College, where he offered programs in another of his strong interest areas, horticulture.

John retired to Sag Harbor in about 1987 and it was at this time that his life intersected with two fellow gardeners from Amagansett. Neighbors who liked to chat over their common fence about horticulture, **Bill Shank**, an architectural designer, and **John Whitney**, a garden designer and horticulturist, decided they wanted to develop more connections with the East End horticultural community. John came up with idea of a not-for-profit organization which would include a library and study opportunities. John Whitney and John LoGerfo enthusiastically pursued the idea of a horticultural library. There were no funds for such a venture so John LoGerfo took it upon himself to fund raise by conducting a simple yard and plant sale. As time went on the sales expanded as did the membership and the library. John LoGerfo became Education Chairman.

Within a short time a first meeting at St. Ann's Church attracted a dynamic group of men and women dedicated to fostering the art and science of horticulture on the East End. HAH grew quickly...a newsletter was started, a quarterly journal was added and highly respected professional speakers were brought east for lectures. Everything that was accomplished was done by members volunteering their time and energy in pursuit of a common passion for plants and gardening.

In 1988 the library wish list requested about 10 horticultural magazines and about 100 books from the public. HAH rented a small, delapidated room on the north side of the community house. Members volunteered to scrape the paint off all the walls. In 1994 HAH moved to the present room and built bookcases and storage facilities. It was renovated in 2013. Through donations and purchases the library had about 3000 volumes by 2015. It is one of the largest libraries of its kind on Long Island.

Nearly 37 years later, most of the work at HAH is still done by volunteers from the membership. Needless to say, we stand on the shoulders of many former dedicated members with a great vision.



John and Diana LoGerfo at Bodnant Garden, 1992, on a HAH Tour

Joan DiMonda, HAH Library Chair
2023

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

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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