



# HAH Happenings

## July - August 2023



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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631.537.2223 [hahgarden.org](http://hahgarden.org)

at the Bridgehampton Community House

**Watch your email for the details on HAH local garden tours this summer...  
There will be some wonderful gardens to see!**

### POTS FOR POLLINATORS

Please join Alicia Whitaker and Joan DiMonda on July 18 at 4:00 pm for a Zoom presentation and discussion on "Pots for Pollinators." We will discuss general principles of design for attractive containers, and present a variety of natives and pollinator-friendly annuals that you can use in a pot, window box or other small space. Thoughtfully planted containers can be "pit stops for pollinators." Joan DiMonda will present a list of local resources for native and pollinator-friendly plants.

A Zoom link will be sent prior to the event - no need to pre-register.

See pages 4-5 in this newsletter for a preview, so you can prepare any questions you have for them.

### HAH Annual Summer Party (for HAH Members Only) Sunday, August 20 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

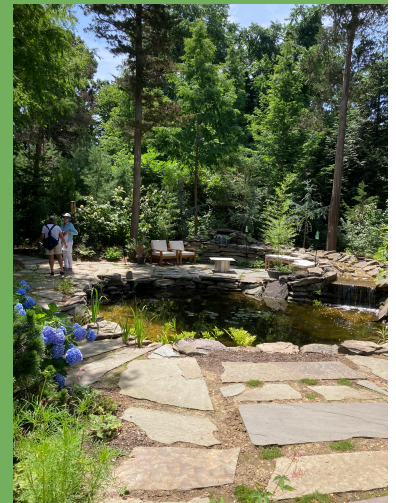
Hosted by Board Member Greg Wiseman at 17 Hidden Cove Court, Southampton, NY 11968



We ask that each member bring one plate to share -- sweet or savory dishes that can be eaten as finger food. Wine, lemonade, and water will be provided by HAH.

Please keep in mind that no refrigeration can be provided and please complete preparation and assembly at home.

We hope you will join us for as much time as you are able to on August 20th!

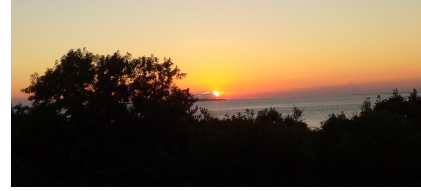




## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea,  
Drink the wild air's salubrity..."  
-Emerson



Dear members,

I wish you all a wonderful summer! Here's to warm days filled with family and friends, fun and flowers. May your gardens be full of color and the gentle buzz - and flutter! -- of pollinators.

As usual, our lecture program will pause in July and August while we enjoy our gardens, the beach, and the myriad other events of summer on the East End. This includes our local garden tours. Thanks to the efforts of Pamela Harwood and the generosity of many hosts (THANK YOU!!), we'll visit many fantastic gardens that are sure to delight and inspire you. The tour schedule is still being finalized as this newsletter goes to press so please keep an eye on your email for announcements and updates as the summer goes on. And as always, a quick plug: if you would like to share your garden, please let Pamela or me know.

I look forward to connecting with many of you on garden tours and at our Summer Party.

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
Recording Secretary	Alicia Whitaker
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Ann Stanley
Treasurer	Patricia Matheson

#### **DIRECTORS:** (a director serves for a 3 year term)

Marie DiMonte	'23
Michael Longacre	'23
Erika Shank	'24
Valerie Hanley	'24
Pamela Harwood	'25
Rick Bogusch	'25

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 - Gerry Giliberti, Janis Murphy, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank

### FOG – Friends of the Garden

Anyone who enjoys gardening is welcome to join us at the HAH garden at the BH Community House.

The gardening dates for 2023 are Tuesdays  
**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



**Ernie Cavallo, Pamela Harwood, and Ron Marcello at the HAH tour of Ernie and Arthur's garden on June 20, featuring their beautifully fragrant collection of David Austin roses.**



## HAH Member Tree Stories



HAH member **Janis Murphy** sent this story from her garden in June:

"I came upon this robin's nest while pruning the lilacs: the tiny bodies of the chicks heaved as they breathed. Then I heard a loud screeching nearby, so I quickly took the photo and left, pleased to have made this special discovery."

**Gerry Giliberti** tells his story of **Searching for Jacaranda:**

"My first encounter with the elusive Jacaranda was about 20 years ago. A musician friend of mine asked me to chaperone and help out on a Beatle tour group going to Liverpool and London. An added bonus was that I was able to play music with my musician friends in some of the Liverpool pubs the Beatles had played in. One of those pubs was The

Jacaranda Club. It was just a name and didn't mean much to me. Twenty years later on a Safari trip to Tanzania this purple leafed tree made its appearance as we drove through the countryside. Its vibrant purple stood out against the mostly brown vegetation and native flora. When I asked the driver what that purple tree was the mystery was solved.

Jacaranda mimosifolia / Family- Bignoniaceae

Also known as blue jacaranda, black poui, Nupur or fem tree."



**Erika Shank** tells us that adjacent to the Springs property which has been the Marder family compound since the 1950's there is a foundation now called **The Folly Tree Arboretum** which was founded by Tucker Marder in 2013. Each tree has a story and it is great fun to tour it with Tucker to learn about them. From their website we learned that it **"is a cultural archive of trees dedicated to fostering an exuberant environmental ethic through art and science."**

Located at 741 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton  
phone: 631-680-7677

[info@follytreearboretum.com](mailto:info@follytreearboretum.com)

[www.follytreearboretum.com](http://www.follytreearboretum.com)



# POTS FOR POLLINATORS

Alicia Whitaker

Use pots to provide nectar and pollen for pollinators – bees, wasps, butterflies, moths, bats and hummingbirds- even if you have little space for a garden. We know that pollinators are in decline because of habitat loss, use of pesticides, climate change and invasive species. Every bit helps! Think of your containers as “pit stops for pollinators.”

## General Guidelines:

- **Not all natives are pollinator plants and not all pollinator plants are natives.** Use a mix that will provide blooms and sources of food from late spring into the autumn. When using perennial plants, know that species are typically superior for serving as host plants and sources of food than are cultivars. Choose plants with single flowers, not doubles.
- **Bigger is better** – more soil and more plants, including providing the critical mass of blooms that enable pollinators to find the plants. Think “drifts”, not “polka dots.” You can use a false bottom if the planter is very large to reduce weight.
- **Diversity is good:** small trees, shrubs, bulbs, grasses, herbs, perennials, and superstar annuals are all candidates. Include a variety of colors, sizes, shapes and scents to attract a variety of pollinators.
- **Use an organic soil mix and add compost** to the mix as well as to the bottom of the pot, unless you are using plants that prefer lean soil, such as lavenders. Keep blooms going with fertilizer – soil gets depleted quickly. *Don't use potting soil with moisture control or fertilizer.*
- **There's lots of design flexibility** --consider mixed plantings: thriller, filler, spiller, OR a group of pots with one variety in each pot. Also consider using climbing vines on a tripod or other support. Generally speaking, insects and bees are attracted to purple and blue flowers and hummingbirds are attracted to red flowers. You can also do a monochromatic design – same color in different plants, or a mix of colors.
- **Plan for continuous** bloom throughout the growing season so that pollinators have food when they need it. If you use perennial plants, know that the bloom period is generally shorter than that of annuals, which are bred to bloom for several months.

## Any questions?

Call Cornell Suffolk **Horticulture Hotline**

(631) 727-4126. M-F, 9am-noon

## Resources:

**Homegrown National Park-** [homegrownnationalpark.org](http://homegrownnationalpark.org) Doug Tallamy's organization – lots of resources

**Xerces Society** - [xerces.org](http://xerces.org) – Has extensive information about pollinators and a very good plant list

**Pollinator Partnership** – [pollinator.org](http://pollinator.org) – Excellent general information, plant lists

**Long Island Native Plant Initiative** – [linpi.org](http://linpi.org) – Good advice, plant lists, sources

**Perfect Earth Project** – [perfectearthproject.org](http://perfectearthproject.org) – How to build a healthy ecosystem on your property

**Two Thirds for the Birds** – [234birds.org](http://234birds.org) – Helping birds by planting more natives

**National Wildlife Organization Native Plant Finder** – [NWF.org/nativeplantfinder](http://NWF.org/nativeplantfinder)

**Suffolk Alliance for Pollinators** – <https://ccesuffolk.org/gardening/suffolk-alliance-for-pollinators-sap>



**Recommended Native Perennials (long bloom period, do well in a pot)**

Columbine- *Aquilegia*  
Purple Coneflower – *Echinacea purpurea*  
Beardtongue—*Penstemon digitalis*  
Coreopsis – *Coreopsis lanceolata*, *coreopsis tinctora*  
Milkweeds – *Asclepias tuberosa*, *Asclepias syriaca*, *Asclepias incarnate*  
Joe-Pye Weed – *Eutrochium purpureum*  
Cardinal Flower – *Lobelia cardinalis*  
Wild Bergamot – *Monarda fistulosa*  
Mountain Mint – *Pycnanthemum muticum*  
Anise Hyssop – *Agastache foeniculum*  
Showy Goldenrod – *Solidago speciosa*  
New England Aster – *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*

**Superstar Annuals (very long bloom period, not necessarily natives)**

Agastache – *Agastache/Hyssop*  
Alyssum or *Lobularia*  
Black Eyed Susan – *Rudbeckia hirta*  
Calendula – *Calendula officinalis*  
Cigar Plant – *Cuphea Ignea*  
Helenium – *Helenium*

Lantana – *Lantana camara*  
Lavender – *Lavendula angustifolia*  
Marigold – *Tagetes* – single forms  
Nasturtium – *Tropaeolum majus*  
Nicotiana / Flowering Tobacco – *Nicotiana glauca*  
Petunia – single forms  
Salvia – *Salvia officinalis* (960 species)  
Snapdragon - *Antirrhinum*  
Sunflowers – *Helianthus*  
Mexican Sunflower – *Tithonia rotundifolia* (very tall)  
Verbena-especially *Verbena bonariensis*  
Zinnia – *Zinnia elegans*

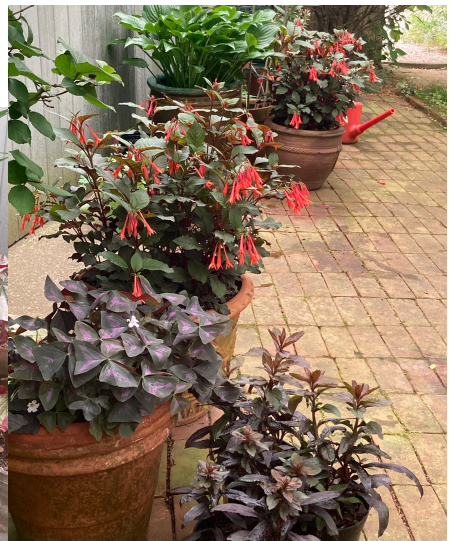
**Flowering Vines**

Black-eyed Susan Vine – *Thunbergia alata*  
Cardinal Climber – *Ipomoea quamoclit*  
Moonflower – *Ipomoea alba*  
Morning Glory – *Ipomoea purpurea*  
Cup and Saucer Vine – *Cobea scandens*  
Hyacinth Bean – *Lathyrus purpureus*  
Scarlet Runner Bean – *Phaseolus coccineus*  
Spanish Flag – *Mimulus lewisii*

**Fuchsia 'Gartenmeister Bonstedt'**

This is one of my favorite annuals for containers.  
It blooms heavily from early summer until frost, and hummingbirds seek it out for nectar.  
This Fuchsia has an upright habit, produces numerous pendant clusters of salmon-pink flowers that are tubular in shape. The foliage is a satiny bronze-green with striking reddish purple veins. Native to the West Indies.

Erika Shank





## 2023 Karish Scholarship Awards Announced

The Karish Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that two winners of 2023 awards have been selected. The annual scholarship is awarded to students pursuing horticulture or related fields, on behalf of the Paul Karish Fund. Paul Karish, a President of the Rhododendron Society and a founding member of the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons, bequeathed an education trust to promote awareness and excellence in the art and science of horticulture. Since his death in 1991, the HAH and its members have contributed to the fund in Karish's memory, to foster the tradition of horticulture on the East End. To date, HAH has sponsored 47 grants totaling over \$70,000. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Almost all recipients are local high school graduates or have ties to the five East End towns. Their interests include subjects such as farming, food production, environmental science and landscape architecture.

**UMA COMFORT** - a current student at Cornell University, and a graduate of Bridgehampton High School, Uma was awarded a grant last year as well. A lifelong farm resident "experiencing the challenges and blessings of being a part of an agricultural family," Uma is well versed in horticultural sciences. While in high school, Uma created a project addressing issues of food insecurity in New York City. Her solution was to populate the unused rooftops of city buildings with greenhouses. Her inspiration came from rooftop growing businesses such as Gotham Greens. Given the strength of her application in 2022 - and a continuing interest in horticulture and its related fields, Uma received a renewal scholarship award of \$1000.

**LOGAN WEI** - Logan is a senior at Southampton High School and plans to attend Penn State next year to study Landscape Architecture. He writes "My love for plants and horticulture really began with my frequent trips to Longwood Gardens when I was very young. I loved the order of everything and the organized beauty. I realized from living here, that the natural and haphazard beauty of beach grasses and plantings natural to our area and environment are equally as beautiful and important. I know that the local government agencies have difficulties keeping our green spaces and that many properties are not sticking to the requirements and need re-vegetation. I love the idea of teaching homeowners how to respectfully beautify their yards and landscapes and preserve what's left of our fields and beaches and green spaces." That philosophy, and two very strong Letters of Recommendation, earned Logan a \$1000 grant.

## LOCAL EAST END GARDENING EVENTS - JULY/AUGUST 2023

**Events at Bridge Gardens**, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.

**Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice.** FREE.

**Friday, July 21, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Landscape Alternatives to Protect Coastal Ponds.** FREE. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/landscape-alternatives-to-protect-coastal-ponds>

**Saturday, July 22, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Medicinal Plants and Their Traditional Uses.** \$20/person. Space is limited, prepaid reservations required. Rain cancels. <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/medicinal-plants-and-their-traditional-uses>

**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, July 8, times vary by garden.** 4 gardens on the North Fork. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-27> Also happening in Mattituck on July 8th is the **Digging Deeper program, Bold in the Northeast: Designing with Tropical and Tropical-like Plants on the North Fork, 10:00am to 11:00am.** \$30 members, \$40 non-members. <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/digging-deeper-bold-in-the-northeast-designing-with-tropical-and-tropical-like-plants-on-the-north-fork>

**Saturday, August 26, Digging Deeper: Mushroom Discovery Adventure, two sessions: 10:00am to 12:00pm & 2:00 pm to 4:00pm.** \$30 members, \$40 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/digging-deeper-mushroom-discovery-adventure-2>

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

**Saturday, July 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Stepping Up the Display: How to Showcase Plant Collections.** FREE but registration is required.

**Saturday, August 5, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Making Your Own Hypertufa.** \$135 members, \$150 non-members.

**Saturday, August 19, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Honey Harvest with Chris Kelly, Promise Land Apiaries.** \$30 members, \$35 non-members.

**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, July 9: Choosing & Using Native Plants**

**Sunday, July 16: Making More Plants: Taking Softwood Cuttings**

**Sunday, July 23: Dealing with Deer**

**Sunday, July 30: Gardening for Hummingbirds, Butterflies & Pollinators**

**Sunday, August 13: Cooking from the Garden**

**Sunday, August 20: How to Kill a Tree: Things You Should and Shouldn't Do with Your New Plantings.**

**Sunday, August 27: Repelling Rabbits & Getting Rid of Groundhogs**

Events from Peconic Land Trust. To register for an event: (631) 283-3195 or [events@peconiclandtrust.org](mailto:events@peconiclandtrust.org). More info: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events>

**Thursday, July 6, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Growing and Enjoying Elderberries in the Home Garden.** Ag Center at Charnews Farm, Southold. \$10/person.

**Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Wildflower Garden and Nature Trail Walk.** Hallock State Park Preserve, Riverhead. FREE.

**Thursday, August 24, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Making Elderberry Syrup.** Ag Center at Charnews Farm, Southold. \$10/person.

**Wednesday, August 30, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Gardening for Pollinators at Winds Way Farm, Laurel.** \$20/person.

**Thursday, August 31, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Bees and the Beekeeper.** Quail Hill Farm, Amagansett. \$5 suggested donation. Rain cancels.

**Thursday, August 10, 11:00 am. East Hampton Historical Society Summer Lecture Luncheon: Stephen Sills in conversation with David Netto: Making Houses, Gardens, and a New Book About Both.** Maidstone Club, 50 Old Beach Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937. Tickets from \$250. For more info and to register: [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTc4OTk3](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc4OTk3)

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

*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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