



HAH Happenings

October 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, October 15, 2023 at 2:00 pm

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House

for a talk by **Tony Piazza** on

Native Plant Communities in Landscape Design

Having grown up in the rural settings of upstate New York in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, Tony is innately informed by nature and natural settings. After receiving his formal education at Cornell University and honing his design skills at various companies, he founded **Piazza Horticultural** in 1998. Because of his reputation as a first-class plantsman with a strong eye for design, the firm steadily grew to what it is today – a pioneer in the field of environmentally sound design and maintenance practices. Leading a team of 30 members in the field and office as well as a stable of proven related service providers, he approaches all projects with confidence and pride.

Tony lives and gardens in Southampton Village and is deeply involved in his community. He is the award-winning designer of the East Hampton Village bioswale project – a groundbreaking public awareness project that was one of the first public/private partnerships, creating a model for other villages to aspire to regarding water quality issues. He also sits on many boards and committees including: LongHouse Reserve Garden Committee, Parrish Art Museum Landscape Committee, The Watermill Center Contributing Artist, Children's Museum of the East End Board Member, Perfect Earth Project Board Member, Southampton Village Planning Board and Water quality Committee, Southampton Town Agricultural Advisory Committee, Surfrider Foundation Member, and NOFA Certified Organic Land Care Practitioner.

Join us for a ZOOM presentation on
"NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS FOR LANDSCAPING"
Presented by BRAD ROELLER
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Please welcome back Brad Roeller, a Board member of Innisfree Garden, who will be speaking to us on his favorite native trees and shrubs suitable for landscaping in our region. Fall is the perfect time for planting and Brad will advise on how best to establish your plants for placement in the landscape.

A handout listing the plants and shrubs will be made available.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The fallen leaves in the forest seemed to make even the ground glow and burn with light...

Malcolm Lowry, October Ferry to Gabriola

Dear members,

As I write these words in late September, the leaves on my neighbor's Cornus florida have already begun to color up. In my neighborhood, the native dogwoods are always the first trees to respond to the shortening days and cooler nights -- they augur the brilliant display we have to look forward to in October. Of course at this point in the year, I eagerly anticipate the beautiful tapestry of color up in the trees and focus less on what happens when those leaves fall to the ground. That's when the fun of gardening can turn into the chore we call yardwork. Not as happy-making! Fortunately, we now know it's important to be less fastidious in our fall cleanup, leaving some leaves for overwintering wildlife. These days I rake, then shred, leaves that fall on the lawn and walkways, and leave the rest where they've landed. Not only does this lower the pressure I feel during "yardwork" season, it's a perspective that has transformed these less-fun chores back into gardening: knowing I am sustaining the good critters that will populate my garden next year and also generating leaf mould that improves the soil.

Enjoy the fall -- and your fall gardening! -- and I look forward to seeing you at our many HAH activities this month!

All my best, Erik

FOG – Friends of the Garden - Anyone who enjoys gardening is welcome to join. The fall gardening dates for 2023 are Tuesdays, October 17 and November 14. We usually start at about 10 AM. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Cornelia Bostwick

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MEMBERSHIP & MAILING - Bettina and John Benson

PHOTOS this month - Valerie Hanley, Pamela Harwood, Erika Shank, Greg Wiseman

REPORT OF THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2024 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 floor must be accompanied by a verbal or written consent of the nominee.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Michael Longacre, Chair
Valerie Hanley
Greg Wiseman
Bettina Benson
Olivia Motch



HAH YARD SALE

Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



You are invited to join us at our annual yard sale, on the grounds of the Bridgehampton Community House, outside of the HAH John LoGerfo Library, on the corner of Montauk Highway and School Street in Bridgehampton.

This is an opportunity to share your gently used garden items with others for the benefit of the HAH Library. Please donate items such as: tools, garden ornaments, tuteurs, containers, garden books and magazines. Non-plant donations can be dropped off at the HAH LoGerfo Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

There will also be pots and plants to purchase. If you donate a plant please be sure it is potted and labeled. Your plant divisions can be dropped off on the day of the sale beginning at 8:30 a.m.

You will find a place full of unique finds and plenty of bargains among the donated items. Looking forward to seeing you.

Joan DiMonda, Library Chair

GardenFit

GardenFit is the national public television show with co-hosts avid gardener Madeline de Vries Hooper and her personal fitness trainer Jeff Hughes. Their program is a fusion of destinations, gardening and self-care that emphasizes that the most important tool in your garden is your body. Their mission is to enable you to take care of your body while taking care of your garden. They also visit many very special gardens throughout the United States. It is a wonderful website that is super informative.

Visit www.gardenfit.fit to see all the episodes and to sign up to receive Tips of the Month.

The Olde Towne Garden Club Annual Luncheon
is to be held on Wednesday, November 8 at
The Vineyards in Aquebogue

Floral Design Program by Cathy Seeliger, Roses & Rice, East Quogue
Doors open at 10:30 AM for Chance Auction/Wine-Liquor Raffle/50-50
Program Starts at 11:30 AM

Tickets are \$60

To purchase Tickets either
contact Cornelia at 631-283-1015 or cb8487@gmail.com

Or send checks to The Olde Towne Garden Club
POB 2812 Southampton, NY 11969

HAH Roundtable Program

New Season Begins In Person at the HAH Library

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 10:00am – Noon

Dahlias, Alliums

And other spectacular tubers, bulbs, and corms
That Need our Attention This Month



As I strolled through the gardens we were fortunate enough to visit this summer as part of our tour program, I was dazzled and inspired by the beauty and variety of so many plants, but in particular I found myself focusing on dahlias, the extraordinary variety, and the many ways they were planted and displayed. And, perhaps like you, I made a mental note that next season I would plant additional colors and selections in my garden. I also realized, in choosing the topic for our October Roundtable, that this is the time when those of us who already have dahlias and other tender perennials need to think about storing them for the winter. I'm often asked what I think is the best method for doing this, so it seems a perfect time for that discussion!

Earlier in the season, I also enjoyed an expanding collection of Alliums, especially the freedom we have in placing them in our gardens because of their reliable deer resistance. Now is the time to plant alliums and other bulbs so that we may enjoy them next spring, so learning about the cultivars available to us and where to buy them is also a great topic for October. There are also hardy, summer-blooming alliums and their edible and also hardy cousins, chives, which are beautiful when in bloom and delicious to use in meals.



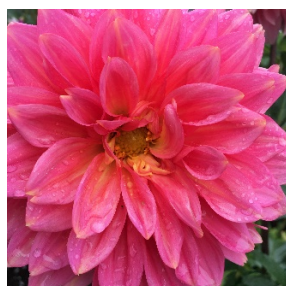
As always, we will have experienced gardeners on hand to share their knowledge. If you have feedback, input, and questions of your own to share about these plants, we very much look forward to hearing your stories. Other gardening questions are also welcome, as are guests.

By the end of the program, if there are attendees who have additional gardening questions, feel free to stay a while longer and talk to one of our knowledgeable members.

So please join us in person on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at 10:00am.

Look forward to seeing you, **Pamela Harwood**

Photos by Pamela Harwood



The HAH September Garden Tour introduced its members to two more amazing works of landscaping and plant love!



Stacey Fredericks and Jonathan Cohen Garden



Ron Marcelo Garden

Photos: Erika Shank

MORE LOCAL GARDEN EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2023

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

Tuesdays, October 4 and 10, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Paul Wagner Lawn Care Advice. FREE.

Saturday, October 21, 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/bridge-gardens-autumn-open-house>

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

Thursday, October 19, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Garden: Exploring the Horticultural World. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-10-19-23-garden-exploring-the-horticultural-world>

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

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Topiary: Art of the Clipped Form \$108 for members, \$120 non-members.

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

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Fall Plant Sale.

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 1: Color in the Fall Garden

Sunday, October 8: Caring for & Choosing Orchids

Sunday, October 15: Bulbs -- Adding Color to Your Garden Next Spring

Sunday, October 22: How to Overwinter Dahlia Tubers

Sunday, October 29: Putting the Garden to Bed, Lawn Care & Fall Pruning

Events at Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Living Landscapes Conference: Understanding the Ecological Benefits of Ornamental Horticulture. \$85/person. For more info and to register: <https://ccesuffolk.org/events/2023/08/14/living-landscapes-conference>

Sunday, October 22, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Outstanding Plants for the Fall Walking Tour led by Vincent Simeone. \$25/person. Rain or shine. For more info and to register: <https://plantingfields.org/happenings/fall-lecture-series-outstanding-plants-for-the-fall-landscape-walking-tour/>

Plant Trees and Shrubs in Autumn!

Greg Wiseman

You're likely aware of some of the benefits of trees and shrubs including benefiting wildlife with their flowers, fruit and sometimes sap. You probably know that they sequester carbon dioxide and also provide shade to homes reducing the need for air conditioning. They're also simply beautiful and help us feel more relaxed when we're in their presence! Many people, however, don't know that autumn is the best time of year to plant trees and shrubs. In addition to being beneficial to us, since tree prices are often reduced 50% by our local HAH garden center partners, planting now is also beneficial for the tree. Autumn planting allows the tree to established more efficiently and quickly.

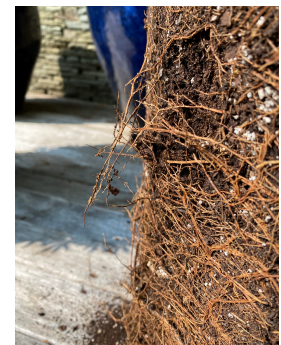
Many people assume that spring tree planting is best. It's very tempting because the trees delivered from the grower often look their best and are likely blooming. But, the soil temperature in spring is cool and not conducive to root growth. By the time the soil warms up, the weather has turned hotter and likely drier. The tree hasn't yet had time to establish new feeder roots and has to survive those hot dry conditions for the entire summer. In addition to cool soil temperatures, there's another reason root growth is slow in spring. The first priority of trees in spring is to send its energy into blooms to produce fruit/seeds. The second priority for energy in spring and summer is the growth of leaves and to extend branches for this year's growth. Root growth doesn't get prioritized until late summer and autumn. Root growth will continue until the soil temperature gets to about 50F. Just like it takes a while for the soil temperature to warm up in spring, it takes a while for it to cool in autumn so the roots will continue to grow for many weeks. That means it's time to plant those trees and shrubs! Now!!

When selecting a tree or shrub to plant, I've found they often have an easier time getting established if they are dug from the field and sold as "balled and burlapped" as opposed to container grown. Digging the tree from the field disrupts their roots so they are stimulated to start growing new roots as soon as they are dug. Container grown plants don't get the stimulation to grow roots until you bring them home and take it out of the pot. If you do purchase a container grown tree or shrub, it's important to break up the roots to stimulate growth. If there are any roots circling the edge of a potted tree, it's critical to break up that circle by cutting the roots. The tree trunk will eventually expand toward that circle of roots and they will have matured into thick primary roots. When the trunk presses against that mature root, it begins to constrict the bark to a thin layer that can't support the large tree above. This "girdling" of the tree trunk will eventually kill the tree well before its natural lifespan.

The other thing you can do to assist the roots and overall health of the tree is to apply mycorrhizal powder directly onto the roots prior to planting. Mycorrhizae are a fungus that is naturally occurring in soil. The fungus has a symbiotic relationship with the tree roots and help the tree draw nutrients from the soil that the root system would not be able to access otherwise. This fungus-plant alliance stimulates plant growth and accelerates root development.

It's also important to properly prepare the hole for planting. Tags on the tree usually describe the recommended size (2-3 times the size of the root ball) and also depth (root collar just above the eventual level of the soil). What the tags on the tree seldom suggest is digging a square hole. While it's not typically a problem in the sandy loam of the East End, a square hole can be very beneficial in hard clay or soil that has been compacted by construction or heavy foot traffic. When the growing roots of a tree hit the edge of a hard wall, they're inclined to take the path of least resistance and grow along the edge in a circular path. That inhibits the roots from extending far from the tree to find moisture and nutrients. When growing roots hit the wall of a square hole in hard soil, they're more inclined to grow straight into the wall rather than along the wall.

For further tips on hole preparation, fertilization and watering in your new tree or shrub, check out the Tree and Shrub Planting Guidelines on the HAH website under the Plant Info tab. Photos here from left: root bound container growth, circling roots and stimulated roots.



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

October 15 – Tony Piazza - *Native Plant Communities in Landscape Design*

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*

HAH Lectures 2024

January 14 – Deborah Chud - *New Perennials: A Love Story* - ZOOM

February 11 – Dan Benarcik – *Design Principles of the Pros that can be Applied to the Home Landscape*

March 10 – Dan Jaffe Wilder – *Kill Your Lawn*

April 14 – Susan Barton – *Sustainable Landscaping*

May 5 – Abra Lee – *Conquer the Soil*

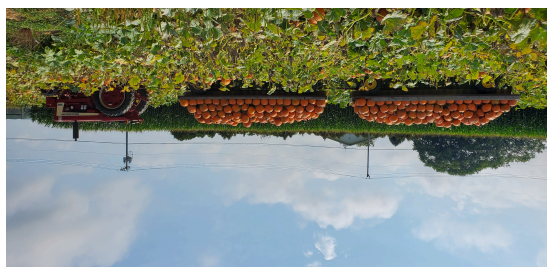
June 9 – Jenny Bakshi – *Botanical Latin*

September 8 – Darrel Morrison – *Beauty of the Wild*

October 13 – Jeff Epping – *Gravel Gardens – Gardens that Rock*

November 10 – Michael Hagen – *Native Plants for the Rock Garden*

December 8 – April Gonzales – *The American Chestnut*



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