



HAH Happenings

July - August 2024



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

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!

July 14 in Water Mill

July 20 in Southampton



HAH Annual Summer Party (for HAH Members Only) Sunday, August 18 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hosted by Library Chair Joan DiMonda at
11 Lake Drive, 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 18th!

Introducing Mary Woltz, Founder of "Bees' Needs"

Saturday, September 14, 2024, 10am

At Quail Hill Farm, Amagansett

There will be no fee for this Workshop.

Bees' Needs is an artisanal honey company founded by Mary Woltz. The honey she produces is raw, unheated and unfiltered and comes exclusively from her hives at 10 locations where it is seasonally extracted and bottled. Her honeys have earned 6 Good Food Awards. Since we will be with the bees, there will be an opportunity to have a taste of their honey.

At our Workshop, Mary will introduce us to the bees and emphasize the importance of bees as pollinators. She will provide context for the plight of the honey bees and share her experiences with these incredible animals and discuss why we should care and how we can help.

Mary's honey is available for sale at the Quail Hill Farm.

RECOMMENDED: Bring sunglasses, wear light clothing and use tick protection.

Do not use any perfumes that might irritate the bees.

DIRECTIONS: Meet at Quail Hill Farm at the Deep Lane entrance.

Use the parking area across from the Deep Lane entrance.

Look for the HAH signage.

REGISTRATION: Please register at hahgarden.org/tickets



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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—or know someone who would share theirs—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 2024

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PHOTOS this month - Joan DiMonda, Elaine Peterson, Lydia Wallis

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 2024 are Tuesdays

July 2, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 22 and November 19

We usually start at about 10 AM

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Cornelia Bostwick

REMINDER HAH Workshop

Monday, July 15, 9 am sharp, rain or shine.

Aboard the R.V. Peconic

**A 3-hour cruise exploring coastal ecology in
Shinnecock Bay**

**The trip is nearly full so check online at
hahgarden.org/tickets
to see if there is still room. Details are in last
month's Newsletter.**

**BIG THANKS to our
FRIENDS
for your support of our
2024 Garden Fair!!**



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Kudos.....

To those of you who participated in the 2024 Digs! We reaped over 1,000 beautiful, healthy plants which all sold with the exception of a small handful. WOW!

Of note are the 23 members who signed up for Digs, those members who dug plants from their own gardens, those who donated their gardens for a Dig, those who volunteered their trucks for transport, those who donated extra pots, those who dug and potted plants and then cared for them at home until our Garden Fair, and those of you who helped set up, lugged heavy tables around and helped price.

The Digs tables were loaded with quality plant material because of you. Presented were a lovely and varied selection of home-grown plants for sale. No wonder they almost sold out.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and I look forward to working with you all next spring.

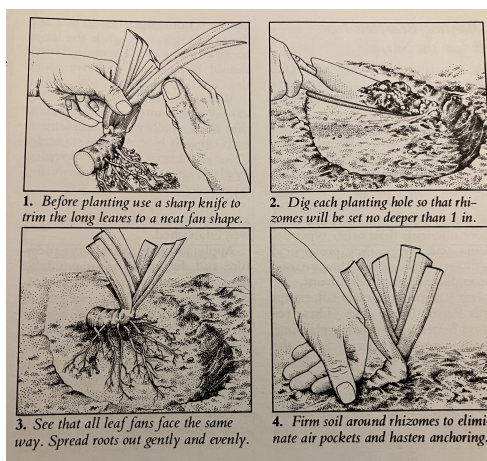
Lydia Wallis, Digs Chair

Tall Bearded Iris or TB's (Iris germanica)

- When a clump of TB's becomes crowded, they cease to flower, or flower very little. This occurs about every three to four years. The American Iris Society recommends the ideal time for dividing TB's is July because TB's go dormant shortly after flowering. Reblooming TB iris do not go dormant as spring blooming iris do, however, it is still the best time to divide them as well.
- Dig your clump and rinse off all soil with a garden hose. Cut smaller rhizomes off center rhizome. If you notice soft rot, cut that away as well, the remainder of the rhizome will survive. Remove withered leaves by peeling, retaining only healthy, fresh foliage. Discard the interior piece, any pieces with soft rot and withered leaves into the trash, not the compost heap. Each cut should have one or two fans. Trim healthy foliage into a fan shape about 6" tall. Leave rhizomes with cut exposed to sun for several hours or overnight until the cut end "heals" over.
- Prepare a wide shallow planting hole creating a mound in the center of the hole and place rhizome on top of the mound. Spread roots out evenly down the sides and back of the mound. Firm soil around the rhizome to eliminate air pockets and hasten anchoring. The top of the rhizome should not be more than one inch below the surface of soil. (In cooler climates, the top of the rhizome should be exposed.) Water thoroughly and often for the first three weeks until plants become established.



Iris 'Vanity'



- TB's require good drainage and full sun. They are heavy feeders so apply 5-10-10 fertilizer in early spring and again about one month after the blooms have faded.

- TB's require consistent watering if they are to rebloom. Too much water and the rhizomes will rot. Water all iris deeply during drought periods.

- Keep an eye out for the iris borer which causes more damage to iris than any other pest. The iris borer moth lays its eggs in dead iris leaves in the fall. The eggs hatch in spring and work their way into the iris leaf. The larva tunnel through the leaf and work their way into the rhizome. The best preventative is sanitation. Remove dead leaves from the previous year's growth in February/March and destroy.

- TB's may not bloom the first spring after planting, so don't be discouraged.

Lydia Wallis

JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS IN OUR AREA

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

- **Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, and August 13, 20, & 27, 3 pm to 4:30 pm. FREE Landscape Advice with Paul Wagner.**
- **Saturday, August 24, 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Pick It and Pickle It: Preserve the Summer's Bounty.** \$20/person. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain or shine. <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/pick-it-and-pickle-it-preserve-the-summers-bounty>

Saturday, July 13, times vary by garden. Garden Conservancy Open Day of gardens in Jamesport, Mattituck, and Mt. Sinai. 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. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/suffolk-county-ny-open-day-32> Also happening in Mattituck on July 13th is the **Digging Deeper program: Topiary: Art of the Clipped Form, 10 am to 12 pm.** \$30 members, \$40 non-members. <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule/digging-deeper-topiary-art-of-the-clipped-form>

Garden Conservancy Virtual Programs, \$5 for members, \$15 for non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/virtualevents>

- **Thursday, July 11, 2 pm to 3pm. The Secret World of Philadelphia's Private Gardens.**
- **Thursday, July 25, 2 pm to 3 pm. Shrouded in Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands.**
- **Thursday, August 8, 2 pm to 3 pm. A Short History of Flowers: The Stories that Make our Gardens**

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

- **Saturday, July 27, 11 am to 2 pm. Ester Kislin: Glazing Terra Cotta.**
- **Wednesday, July 31, 10 am to 11:30 am. Garden Tour with Jim Glover of Glover Perennials.**
- **Friday, August 2, 11 am to 12:30 pm. Painting with Petals with Kerry Ann McLean.**
- **Saturday, August 3, 10 am to 1 pm. Garden Design: 3 Lenses with Dennis Schrader, William Smith, and Kerry Ann McLean.**
- **Saturday, August 10, 11 am to 2 pm. Ester Kislin: Ceramic Flower Making, Part 1.**
- **Saturday, August 17, 11 am to 2 pm. Ester Kislin: Ceramic Flower Making, Part 2.**
- **Saturday, August 31, 10 am to 12 pm. Promise Land Apiaries: Chris Kelly and the LGF Honey Harvest.**

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 14: The Unending Battle—Fighting Pests & Fungus**
- **Sunday, July 21: Building A Hummingbird Garden**
- **Sunday, July 28: Planting for a Fabulous Fall Garden**
- **Sunday, August 11: Houseplants: Choosing the Best—Their Care and Maintenance**
- **Sunday, August 25: Gardening with Wildflowers**

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

- **Friday, July 26, 9 am to 11 am. Healthy Lawns, Healthy Bays! Minnow at the Galley Ho, New Suffolk.** FREE.
- **Thursday, August 15, 11 am to 12:30 pm. Walking Tour of Summerhill's Farm at Stony Hill.** FREE. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain date is August 22nd.
- **Thursday, August 15, 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Making Elderberry Syrup.** Ag Center at Charnews Farm, Southold. \$10/ person. Space is limited, prepaid reservations required. Rain or shine.
- **Saturday, August 17, 10 am to 11:30 am. Bees and the Beekeeper.** Quail Hill Farm, Amagansett. \$5 suggested donation. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels.
- **Friday, August 23, 3 pm to 5 pm. Gardener's Mistakes—What To Do and Not Do.** Winds Way Farm, Laurel. \$10/ person. Space is limited, prepaid reservations required. Rain or shine.

Events from the Southampton Rose Society. For more info: <https://southamptonrose.org/2024-events/>

- **Sunday, July 7, 4 pm to 6 pm. Member Garden Party.**
- **Friday, August 9, 5:30 pm to 8 pm. Cocktail Party & Fundraiser.**

Thursday, July 18, 2pm to 4 pm. Southampton Garden Club presents the Best of British Gardens Flower Show. The Muses at the Greek Orthodox Church, 111 St. Andrews Road, Southampton, NY 11968. FREE. For more info email event co-chairs Linda Fraser (lindafrasergca@gmail.com) & Barbara Page Glatt (bpglatt@gmail.com).

2024 Karish Scholarship Awards Announced

The Karish Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that three winners of 2024 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 49 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.

TAYLOR ATWELL - An East Hampton High School graduate, Taylor interns with Third House Nature Center in Montauk. Her responsibilities there include conducting comprehensive research and analysis, delving into the complexities of the ecosystem, and identifying potential threats to its health and stability. "Participating in the Third House Nature Center Internship has allowed me to take tangible action to address my concerns about climate change and environmental degradation in our community. By conducting research, engaging the community, and advocating for conservation efforts, I am proud to contribute to the ongoing fight to protect our natural habitats and ensure a sustainable future for future generations."



Taylor is planning to attend Villanova University to study Statistics and Environmental Science. Her dedication to the environment and very strong letters of recommendation have earned her a \$1,000 scholarship.

GRACE ZEHIL - At Southold HS Grace has also attained high ranking in her class, with many AP courses and has been recognized as a scholar/athlete. In Grace's own words: "I am the secretary of the environmental club and have actively participated in Nurdle Patrol, a citizen science project led by the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas, Texas. We take samples of our water and it gets tested for nurdles, a very small plastic pellet used in the manufacture of plastic products. This spring, I plan to intern for Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program as a lead Site Coordinator for horseshoe crab monitoring. The data collected from this community citizen science program will help with the conservation of horseshoe crabs and migratory shorebirds, and is published in scientific journals."

Unique to our applicants to date - Grace is also exceptionally involved in the Naval Junior ROTC program - where she was one of 23 cadets worldwide to receive the Legion of Valor with the Bronze Cross for achievement.

This combination of academic, athletic, volunteer, and leadership skills prompted us to award Grace \$1,000 in support of her interest in Marine Science at college.

LEAH FROMM - This salutatorian of East Hampton HS student is headed to Cornell University this fall to study Plant Sciences. Her advisor writes "Over this last summer, Leah tested the effects of *Pseudomonas psychrotolerans* [a bacterial endophyte - if that means anything to you] on traditionally grown butterhead lettuce by inoculating plants in a soil environment. Moving into her senior year, Leah has decided to expand her research to include microgreens, rather than just hydroponic plants. As the eastern end of Long Island is traditionally an agricultural county, this research is critical to our community as it may result in the development of a bacterial endophyte product which can be utilized on farms to enhance the growth of their plants. Recently, Leah presented this research at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair, where she was awarded the first-place grand award, earning herself a spot at the International fair this May. Our entire science department could not be prouder."



In Leah's own words, "I began working with a mentor from the Institute for Applied Learning and Research, a branch of Virginia Tech. Before I met Dr. Lowman, I didn't realize that the study of plants could be a real job; I always thought growing plants was more of a hobby. Over time, I realized how fascinating plants truly are, whether they are being grown traditionally or hydroponically. I have spent three years researching various methods of growing plants with bacterial endophytes. This research not only interests me, but it is very clearly the beginning of a solution to major world issues, such as food insecurity and lack of farmland. Throughout my research, I have found that the specific bacterial endophyte I used caused lettuce plants to grow more than usual, a finding that could be invaluable to the farming industry. My long-term goal is to create a company that utilizes bacterial endophytes in a product that can be used to promote plant growth and increase crop yields. This product could be applied to hydroponic systems in greenhouses across the globe, aiding in the fight against world hunger by helping small farms to grow more food, so that they can feed more people.

I've spent three years working with hydroponic plants, traditional plants, microgreens, local farms and any other imaginable disciplines within plant sciences, so I can say with confidence that I can't picture myself going into a field that does not involve plants. More specifically, my long-term career goal is to obtain a Ph.D. in this field, so that I can spend my adult life researching plants, to help fight world hunger. Pretty ironic for a girl without a green thumb."

We are awarding Leah \$3,000 toward her continuing education at Cornell.

We have some very exceptional young people in our area and we are happy to be able to help them move ahead in their education! Congratulations and good luck, everyone!

The Karish Scholarship Committee of HAH

Wednesday, September 25, 6 pm to 8 pm. An Evening with Dr. Michael Dirr. Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771. \$25/person. For more info and to register: <https://plantingfields.org/happenings/an-evening-with-dr-michael-dirr/>

Thursday, September 26, 8am to 4:30 pm. Cultivating with Purpose: Exceptional Woody Plants for Today's Landscape a day-long conference featuring Dr. Michael Dirr, Lynden Miller, and Vincent Simeone. Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771. \$200/person. For more info and to register: <https://plantingfields.org/happenings/cultivating-with-purpose/>

HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2024 - 2 pm
At the Bridgehampton Community Center, Main Hall
2357 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton, NY

No lectures in July or August

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*

New Moon 🌑 July 5 evening, August 4 morning

First quarter Moon 🌒 July 13 evening, August 12 morning

Full Moon 🌕 July 21 morning, August 19, afternoon

Last Quarter Moon 🌘 July 27 evening, August 26 morning



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