



HAH Happenings

October 2024



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 13, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House
for a talk by **Jeff Epping** on **Gravel Gardens:**
Gardens for Our Changing Climate

In these challenging times of climate change and global warming, environmentally conscious gardeners are looking for better ways to garden. Water guzzling, chemically dependent, pollution causing lawns are unsustainable and can be replaced with so many better alternatives. One great option is earth-friendly gravel gardens that require little water, no fertilizer or other chemicals, no organic mulches and require less time and money to maintain. Don't be fooled by the name, these gardens are as beautiful as they are resilient and support a myriad of native fauna.

Jeff Epping founded Epping Design & Consulting in 2009 and recently retired after 28 years as Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin, where he practiced and preached environmentally conscious gardening. Whether for a home garden or corporate campus, his innovative designs put plants at the forefront to create beautiful gardens that celebrate the region, nurture nature, and fulfill one's innate desire to connect with the natural world.

A native of southern Wisconsin and a University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate, Jeff holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Ornamental Horticulture. He regularly lectures on great garden plants and designs for northern gardens. His garden designs have been featured most recently in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Martha Stewart*, *Fine Gardening* and *American Roots*. He is currently working on a gravel gardening book with Timber Press, set for release in early 2026.

 **HAH YARD SALE** 

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 - 9:30am - 12:30pm

Please come to our annual Yard Sale on the grounds of the Bridgehampton Community House and inside the HAH Library. Enter from the convenient Parking Lot at the back of the building on School St.

Here is your opportunity to donate gently used items - tools, plant shelves, pots and containers, and other garden related items - for the benefit of the HAH LoGerfo Library. Non-plant donations may be dropped off at the Library during open hours, Tuesdays and Saturdays, between 10 am - 12 pm.

There will also be some plants to purchase from member's gardens. If you donate a plant, please pot it and label it. These plant donations may be dropped off on the day of the sale beginning at 8:30 am.

If you can assist on the day of the sale, please email Joan at hahmember@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you!

Joan DiMonda, Library Chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. — Camus

Dear members,

I can't believe it's October! While it feels like May was just last week (perhaps that has something to do with the fact that I have one or two acquisitions from the Garden Fair that still need to go in the ground?) it has begun to look and feel like autumn in the garden. A time of transformation wrapped up in a climax of some of the most vivid colors, scents, and flavors of the calendar.

At HAH this month we welcome back our popular Roundtable series with Pamela Harwood serving as moderator. There's more info on this month's discussion on page 3. The following Saturday, October 12th, we'll have a gardeners Yard Sale and then on Sunday the 13th we have our monthly lecture. I look forward to seeing you at one or all of them.

Finally, membership renewals will be in the mail this month. You can also renew online and save yourself a stamp. In any case, use the arrival of the membership letter as a prompt to renew and ensure you don't miss out on anything HAH related in 2025.

All my best, Erik

HAH 2024

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President	Erik Brockmeyer
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Second Vice President	Janet Ollinger
Recording Secretary	Alicia Whitaker
Corresponding Secretary	Marie DiMonte
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Valerie Hanley	'24
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Pamela Harwood	'25
Michael Longacre	'25
Kathie McGinty	'26
Alex Sipkes	'26

The Library Chair person (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 - Sarah Alford, Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson, Lydia Wallis, Alicia Whitaker

REPORT OF THE 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2025 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 2025 Nominating Committee,
Janet Donohoe Ollinger, Chair
Alex Sipkes Greg Wiseman
Bettina Benson Olivia Motch



HAH Roundtable Program

New Season! In Person at the HAH Library

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 10:00am – Noon

Inspiration from our Garden Tours

Sharing Ideas and Learning More

It's been a wonderful year for HAH local garden tours. We've visited over 20 gardens so far this year, some on grand properties and others in smaller spaces. What they all have in common is the love and appreciation all our hosts display for creating and maintaining gardens -- choosing the design, the plants, and the hardscaping, caring for them as they grow and mature, creating and enjoying places for tranquility and entertaining, and helping the environment in the process.

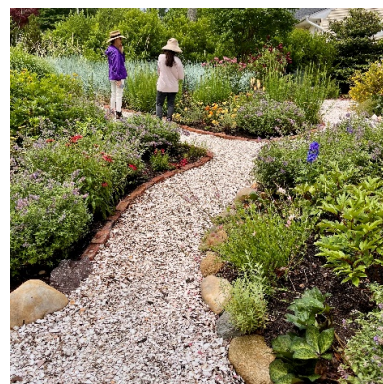
The other party to all this loveliness is we members (and new members!) who participated in the tours this season, in good weather and less good weather (although I must say that we were spectacularly fortunate to have experienced sunny days during most of our tours), taking long walks and observing so much.

That is why it occurred to a number of us that having a Roundtable session devoted to sharing what we learned and enjoyed most about this season's tours, both as visitors and as hosts, would make a really interesting and enjoyable discussion.

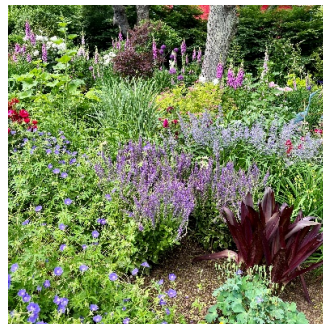
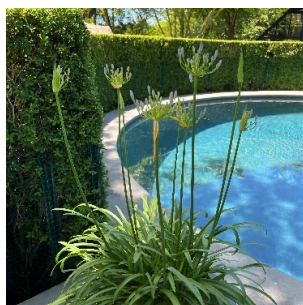
For those who did not have the opportunity to attend some or all of these tours as well as those that would like to see a selection of the scenes again, we will present a slide show of some highlights.

Here are just a few of the topics we'd love our members to share:

- Did you see any plants you'd never seen before? Would you like to know more about them, and would you like the opportunity to purchase them?
- Are there plants that thrived in these gardens but not in yours? Would you like to know how to care for and position them?
- We saw some wonderful design elements, including hardscaping and ornaments. Are there ideas that you particularly admired?
- Want to know where to purchase that wonderful greenhouse?
- Did you see familiar plants but want to know the names and varieties and their preferred conditions?



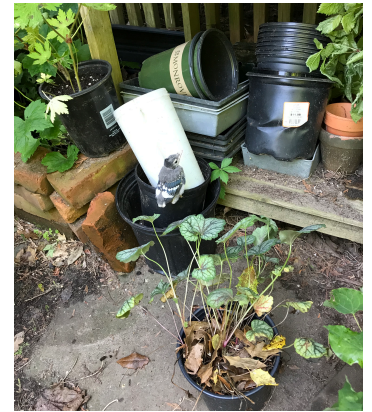
At the end of the program, if there are attendees who have gardening questions about other topics, you'll have the opportunity to raise them, or please feel free to stay a while longer and talk to one of our knowledgeable members. I hope to see you on October 5! -- **Moderated and with photos by Pamela Harwood**



LOOKING AHEAD – DIGS 2025

While you are putting your gardens to bed, please consider dividing some plants for the HAH Garden Fair. Plant material can be wintered over in your vegetable garden, cold frame or against your garage covered in leaves. This will save a great deal of time in the spring. *Donated plant material is 100% profit.* Thank you so much. Here are some tips:

Division of plants: Water plants thoroughly the day prior to dividing. Fibrous-rooted perennials, like helenium and phlox, can be difficult to divide since both the crowns and shoots form a solid mass. After lifting the clump, try to pry apart with garden forks. Plants with extremely tough and woody crowns, like amsonia, can only be divided with a saw and loppers. Fleshy rooted plants, such as hostas and daylilies, are easily divided by hosing off as much soil as possible and gently working the roots loose. I have cut them apart very successfully with clippers. Trim off older, woodier portions as well as rotten or dead roots. Be sure there is a strong root system to support each division.



Containers: Plant divisions in clean plastic pots, minimum 1 qt. size. Be consistent with pot size for the same plant; pricing will be faster and easier on sale day.

Potting: Line the base of the pot with a piece of newspaper covering the holes. Put some potting soil in the pot and gently tap it down. Position the plant centrally in the pot with the roots resting on the soil and continue to add soil to within 1/2" of the rim. The base of the plant should be level with the soil line. Tap the pot several times and firm the soil gently with your fingers to anchor the plant. Water well. Add more soil if needed. All roots should be covered with soil.

Label: with as much accurate information as you can. Use garden reference books (not catalogs) for correct names of plants and their spelling. Include botanical, common and cultivar names, size, color and conditions for growing.

Lydia Wallis, Digs Chair, lydiapbw@optonline.net

‘This Place is For the Birds!’:

Native Plants and other things birds look for in the landscape, and why they need to be there.

**Joyann Cirigliano, Senior Coordinator of Bird-friendly Communities,
Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center, CNLP, NWF-CWLP**

Third House Nature Center – THNC

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM -3:00 PM

**Bird Lecture, followed by a 1-1.5 hour walk from Montauk’s historic Third House,
located off Route 27, entrance just west of Deep Hollow Ranch.**

Many property owners and landscapers want to help the planet by adding native plants to their managed landscapes. Sadly, because of habitat loss, climate change and other issues, which are covered in the presentation, our wildlife numbers are in steep decline. Becoming a good environmental steward by designing and installing eco-friendly, attractive, environmentally functional landscapes can help restore balance and create safe harbors for wildlife in otherwise sterile locations. By blending aesthetics and ecology, with thoughtful consideration toward plant selection, habitat factors and gardening practices, landscapes that are both attractive and environmentally functional can be created. Please bring any questions, your curiosity and an open mind.

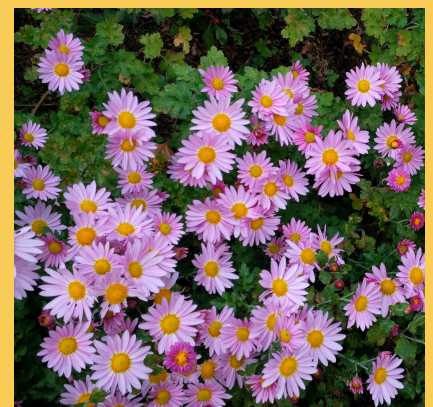
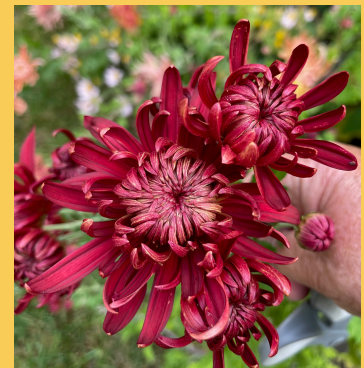
Chrysanthemums:
Beautiful Varieties for Home and Garden
Naomi Slade and Georgianna Lane

For many of us, the chrysanthemums that are ubiquitous in grocery stores and farm stands in the fall are a guilty pleasure or an object of scorn. But over the past decade or so, perennial chrysanthemums have become more popular and more available. Who doesn't love 'Sheffield Pink' and her sisters in the coral and pink color ranges? And some of us have become addicted to the heirloom chrysanthemums – so called football mums and the like – that are semi-hardy in our climate but worth the effort to grow for their splendid forms and colors that open so late in the season.

Naomi Slade has written the definitive guide to these lovely plants, that are an enormous consolation after dahlia season is over. This book covers the history and botany of these flowers as well as their culture and care. The heart of the book are profiles and Georgianna Lane's luscious photos of more than fifty different types, drawn from commercial floristry types, exhibition varieties, and hardy chrysanthemums. I have grown about fifteen varieties, but this book is now dog eared with many more on my 2025 wish list. See if you can resist 'Fort Vancouver', 'Mocha', or 'River City'!

Many of the varieties profiled are difficult to find in local nurseries or from online sources. The most reliable source for me has been the well-respected *Kings Mums*, <https://kingsmums.com/>, an online only source that sells cuttings that are shipped in late spring for potting up and eventual planting in the garden. There is now a huge demand, and King's has sold first to former customers, with orders opening in early January. If you're interested, get on their list sooner rather than later. In the meantime, go to your favorite local garden center to see if you can snag a 'Sheffield Pink' (seen here below, right corner) that will bloom soon, is hardy in our gardens and can be divided easily in the spring.

Alicia Whitaker



OTHER LOCAL GARDEN EVENTS OCTOBER 2024

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

- **Tuesdays, October 1 and 8, 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Paul Wagner Landscape Advice.** FREE.
- **Saturday, October 5, 12 pm to 3 pm. Bridge Gardens Autumn Open House.** FREE but donations are appreciated. Reservations requested. Rain or shine. More info: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/autumn-open-house-3>
- **Saturday, October 19, 11 am to 1 pm. The Organic Winter Garden—What To Do Now.** \$10/person. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. More info: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/the-organic-winter-garden-what-to-do-now>

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

- **Thursday, October 3, 2 pm to 3 pm. Garden Politic in Nineteenth-Century America.** For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-garden-politic-in-nineteenth-century-america>
- **Thursday, October 31, 2 pm to 3 pm. Visionary: Gardens and Landscapes for Our Future.** For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-gardens-and-landscapes-for-our-future>

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

- **Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. A Chill in the Air: Dried Floral Wreaths for Fall.**

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

- **Saturday, October 5, 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 6: Making More—How & When to Divide Plants in your Garden
- Sunday, October 13: Not The Usual Suspects—Getting Beyond Tulips, Daffodil & Allium Bulbs
- Sunday, October 20: How to Overwinter Dahlia Tubers
- Sunday, October 27: Putting the Garden to Bed & Lawn Care

Events from Peconic Land Trust. For more info or to register for an event: peconiclandtrust.org

- **Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 11 am. Berries for Birds.** Ag Center at Charnews Farm, Southold. \$5/person suggested donation. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain or shine.
- **Saturday, October 26, 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Harvesting, Drying, and Using Medicinal Herbs.** Ag Center at Charnews Farm, Southold. \$10/person. Space is limited, prepaid reservations required. Rain or shine.

Third House Nature Center, 1929 Montauk Highway, Montauk, NY 11954.

- **Saturday, October 5, 2 pm to 4:30 pm. This Place is for the Birds: Native Plants and Other Things Birds Look for in the Landscape and Why They Need to be There.** 1 hour talk followed by a 1.5 hour walk. For more info: <https://www.thirdhousenaturecenter.org/post/this-place-is-for-the-birds>

THE BEE'S NEEDS

Thank you to beekeeper, Mary Woltz, for showing us all about honey bees and their hard working, honey filled lives!



HAH Sunday Lecture Programs 2025 - 2:00 pm

January 12 - Merlin Sheldrake - *A Conversation with the author of 'Entangled Life'*

February 9 - Carolyn Summers -
Native Plants: From the Wild to the Garden

March 9 - Heather Holm - *Native Predatory Wasps - Their Role as Pollinators and Beneficial Insects*

April 13 - Sam Hoadley - *Knockout Natives*

May 4 - Beronda Montgomery -
Lessons from Plants on Human Thriving

June 8 - Noel Kingsbury - *Planting Wild Style Gardens - What We Need to Know*

September 7 - Nick McCullough - *American Roots*

October 19 - Katherin H. Kerin -
Innisfree: Lessons in Slow Gardening

November 9 - Signe Nielsen -
Little Island: More than Meets the Eye

December 14 - Stephen Searl - *Sylvester Manor*

The Olde Towne Garden Club Annual Luncheon

Wednesday, November 13 at The Vineyards in Aquebogue

Program by Erin Meaney, Topiaire Flower Shop, Southampton

Doors open at 10:30 AM for Chance Auction/Raffle

Program Starts at 11:30 AM

Tickets are \$60

For tickets and more info 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 Dates Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Saturdays, 10 am to noon

2024: October 5, November 2, December 7

2025: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, October 4, November 1, December 6.

HAH Winter Book Group 2024-2025

Saturdays, 11 am to noon

2024: December 21

2025: January 18, February 15, & March 15

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At the Bridgehampton Community House, Main Hall
2357 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton, NY

October 13 – Jeff Epping – *Gravel Gardens – Gardens for Our Changing Climate*

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

December 8 – April Gonzales – *The American Chestnut*

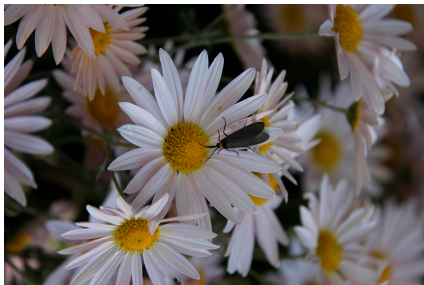
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New Moon  **Oct. 2 afternoon**

Full Moon  **Oct. 17 morning**

First quarter Moon  **Oct. 10 afternoon**

Last Quarter Moon  **Oct. 24 morning**



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