



HAH Happenings

November 2024



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

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at the Bridgehampton Community House



On Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Please join us
at the Bridgehampton Community House
for a talk by **Michael Hagen**
on ***Native Plants for Small Spaces:***
Rock Gardens, Containers, Crevices and Troughs

With ever growing interest in creating pollinator gardens and providing ecological services in our gardened spaces, how do we address this in urban and suburban settings with limited space for an expansive meadow or woodland or when steep and rocky terrain precludes conventional landscaping. Drawing on native plant communities with rich selections of easily grown species and their select cultivars we can still easily create aesthetically pleasing combinations for the porch, patio and small yard.

Michael Hagen is Curator of the Native Plant Garden and the Rock Garden at New York Botanical Garden, and an Institutional Conservation Officer for the Center for Plant Conservation. He previously served for almost 13 years as Staff Horticulturist at Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring, NY and was Garden Manager at Rocky Hills, in Mt. Kisco, a preservation project of the Garden Conservancy. He is an adjunct professor at Westchester Community College where he lectures on Sustainability, Native Plant Propagation and Gardening with Native Plants.

The Camellia Group annual fall meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16th at 10am in the HAH Library. Everyone is welcome regardless of your experience growing camellias! Please bring your fall blooming blossoms, if you have some, to show others.

Julie Burmeister

Mary Woltz, owner of "The Bees Needs" did a wonderful and informative Workshop for us on September 14, 2024. As part of her research, Mary is very interested in knowing what members might be growing in their gardens that are particularly attractive to bees. Please forward your observations and list of plants to Marie DiMonte, osprey23@optonline.net. She will compile a list, forward it to Mary and we will print the results in a Newsletter early next year in plenty of time for you to consider using some of these plants in the 2025 plans for your garden.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow members,

A November checklist:

- Come to the Roundtable on the 2nd!
- Turn your clock back an hour on the 3rd!
- VOTE on the 5th!
- Join us at the Community House on the 10th for HAH's Annual Meeting and to hear Michael Hagen's lecture!
- Check out the Camellia Group's Fall Meeting on the 16th (if you're a camellia newbie, this is the place to start!!)
- Join the Friends of the Garden for the last session of the year on the 19th!
- Plant some bulbs (there's always room for more!) or sign up for our Amaryllis workshop on the 23rd!
- Renew your membership and consider giving a gift of membership to a friend as you look ahead to the holidays!

Particularly in these tumultuous times, I am grateful to have the sanctuary of my garden and the friendship and camaraderie of our HAH community. Both are positive forces in my life and I hope in yours as well. Thank you all and Happy Thanksgiving!

All my best,

Erik

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Elaine Peterson

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MEMBERSHIP & MAILING - Bettina and John Benson

PHOTOS this month: Erik Brockmeyer, Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson

Proposed HAH 2025 Officers and Board of Directors

The following slate of officers for 2025 and two directors (who will serve through 2027) will be presented for the membership's vote at the annual meeting on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

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HAH Roundtable Program

In Person at the HAH Library

Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 10:00am – Noon

November in the Garden

What to Do (and maybe not do) this Month to Prepare for Winter

Moderated and with Photos by Pamela Harwood

How beautiful our gardens were still looking all throughout October! With late-blooming annuals, some perennials still in flower, mild weather, and the first signs of fall foliage color, we could put off thoughts of winter. But November is among the busiest and most important months of the year for garden work. It's also the time of year when we read differing advice as to what we should do or not do in our gardens to prepare for the winter months. HAH to the rescue! It's a perfect time to get together and share ideas about the pros and cons of various approaches. And there are also certain tasks that everyone agrees must be done now to save plants for next year and to keep your garden healthy. Here are some topics we'll discuss:

- Should we leave everything in place to **provide shelter for pollinators?**
- Should we clean up to avoid harboring **voles, moles, other rodents, and fungal diseases?**
- Is there a middle ground, and if so,
 - **What to selectively cut back now and why**
 - **What to leave in place until spring and why**
 - **What to bring inside** for overwintering
- **Pruning:** we'll describe the various tasks that fall under this umbrella term, what to do now, and what should or might wait until spring
- **Dividing and Transplanting**
- Which plants should I leave for **winter interest?**
- **Fallen leaves:** how to put them to work in your garden instead of throwing them away
- **Composting:** the ultimate garden recycler and what to add or not add
- **Collecting and saving seeds:** a how-to primer
- **Protecting Evergreens and some woody shrubs**
- **Winterizing garden hoses, irrigation, birdbaths, planters, furniture, and ornamental features**
- **Fertilizing and mulching**
- **Great tools that make it all easier**

Sometimes the answers are clear - such as what not to prune now so you don't lose spring blooms, and which plants should be removed so they don't rampantly self-seed - and other times the answers are not so clear, according to one's own aesthetics and goals. We welcome all samples for show and tell.

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

Looking forward to seeing you on November 2nd!



Notes on Propagation

By Lydia Wallis

Have you considered propagating plants for our annual Garden Fair? Propagation can be achieved in a number of ways including division, layering, cuttings, grafting and seed. Many of you are already propagating from seed and division but it might be fun to try some cuttings.

September through December is the ideal time to take cuttings of broad leaf evergreens. Here are some suggestions of good plants to choose from: ilex, buxus, abelia, camellia, evergreen azaleas, elegans, euonymus, evergreen cotoneasters, leucothoe, osmanthus, pieris, pyracantha, viburnum and rhodies.

Conifers would include chamaecyparis, arborvitae, metasequoia, bald cypress, taxus (true yew), cephalotaxus (false yew) and cryptomeria. Most of these do best if mature wood is included at the base of the cutting. This wood is usually red colored as opposed to the terminal blue or green stem color.

Deciduous plants propagate better in the spring. This is because once the leaves have fallen from deciduous plants photosynthesis no longer takes place. That means no further food is being made available for growth and rooting is essentially stopped.

The easiest deciduous plants most likely to root include vines, ground covers, buddleia, caryopteris, calycanthus, barberry, deutzia, forsythia, hibiscus, callicarpa, clethra, hydrangea, hypericum, kerria, crepe myrtle, ligustrum, spirea, weigela, lonicera, philadelphus, roses, vitex and willows.

Why not have some fun this winter and give it a try?



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Just as it takes a whole village to raise a child, it takes lots of members to conduct a **Garden Yard Sale**. A big thank you to everyone who parted with their own garage items or plants and, of course, a big thank you to everyone who came shopping and made purchases. All profits benefit the LoGerfo Library.

As in all awards ceremony, there are many people to thank and this event is no different. Special thanks to Lori Barnaby, Caroline Cassa, Katrina Vanderlip, and Joan Wilson. They volunteered their time and it was so greatly appreciated. Special thanks and appreciation to Lydia Wallis for her expertise in both pricing and selling, the former a stressful experience, made easier with a partner!

Many thanks to the plant participants, Pam Harwood, Peter Feder and Michael Longacre for providing a wonderful assortment of plants, shrubs and trees. Mariah Whitmore, of Whitmore Nursery in East Hampton, surprised us the most with her gracious and generous supply of rose bushes.

Many thanks to Jane Iselin for sending Katja Patchowsky, associated with the SUNY Farmingdale Urban Horticultural and Design Department and NYBG. Many of our books found a home for use in her classrooms.

Last but not least, Erik and Michael, who with their keen knowledge of technology kept us all connected and aware of times and dates, accompanied with pictures of special items. Phew! I think that is everyone but if I missed someone, my apologies.

Joan DiMonda, Library Director

HAH Holiday Workshop



**Saturday, November 23, 2024
10:30 am, HAH Library**

This year we will be planting the beautiful amaryllis 'Hot Lips', a trumpet shaped flower that is an intense cherry pink (almost red) with a white starburst. This is a miniature Christmas Flowering type of amaryllis. Flowers are 3"-4" blooming on 8"-14" stems. They are festive and beautiful.

To sign up, please go to the following link: hahgarden.org/tickets. \$20/member, \$30/non-member, to help defray costs.

Any questions, please email Lydia Wallis at lydiapbw@optonline.net.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

As we transition to online registration for workshops and other special programs, a few things to keep in mind...

- Whether paying for a program or registering for a free one with a \$0 cost, you need to complete the checkout process.
- You will see an on-screen confirmation and receive an email confirming your purchase or registration that includes the event details. If you don't see an email in your inbox check your spam/junk folder. The confirmation comes from "dm-noreply@promote.weebly.com."
- If you don't receive a confirmation email, follow up immediately with an email to HAHmember@gmail.com.
- If you can't attend a program you registered for, please let us know as soon as possible by email to HAHmember@gmail.com so we can make the spot available to someone else.

FALL COLORS

Extending some warm color late into the fall garden is something to think about now for next year's planting in the spring. The flowers shown here are mostly annuals and the berries are on perennials. Many of these are available at our annual spring HAH Plant Fair. So take a look at some tried and true performers still pleasing in November right up til frost. These have made it calmly through 2+ months of drought this year, too, with only occasional assistance. Winners all - and a lot of bees agree!

Photos - top & bottom rows: Elaine Peterson center row: Erik Brockmeyer



Cosmos Pink



Tagetes Marigolds: 'Burning Embers', 'Lemon Gem', 'Tangerine Gem'



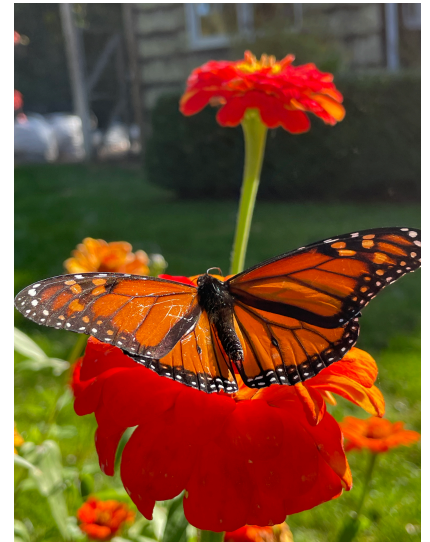
Salvia leucantha 'Santa Barbara'



Dahlia 'David Howard'



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Zinnia 'Benary Giant Orange'



Left: Beautyberry, Callicarpa dicotoma

Right: Iris foetidus; Ilex verticillata, winterberry



OTHER LOCAL GARDEN EVENTS NOVEMBER 2024

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

Saturday, November 2, 11:00 am to 12:30 am. Fall Pruning Workshop with Jackson Dodds. \$10/person suggested donation. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/fall-pruning-workshop>

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

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

Thursday, November 14, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Gardening, a Love Story: Creating Brush Hill. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-creating-brush-hill>

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

Saturday, November 23, 10 am to 1 pm. Leaving an Impression: Giftable Flower Fossil Ornaments.

Sunday, November 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am & 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Wreath Making

Workshop. Marders, 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. \$125 for adults, \$85 for children; all materials provided. Prepaid reservations required and space is limited. For more info and to register: <https://www.marders.com/events>

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*

HAH Roundtable Dates Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Saturdays, 10 am to noon

2024: 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

November 10 – Michael Hagen – *Native Plants for Small Spaces:*

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December 8 – April Gonzales – *The American Chestnut*

Please go to page 7 for our Calendar of programs for 2025

New Moon  **Nov.1 morning**

Full Moon  **Nov. 15 afternoon**

First quarter Moon  **Nov. 9 morning**

Last Quarter Moon  **Nov. 22 evening**

Clematis tibetana



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